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# Piedra Valley Ranch sells

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Piedra Valley Ranch, spanning more than 9,600 acres, is in the hands of a new owner.

A public relations firm announced the sale by brokerage firm Hall and Hall, stating, "Piedra Valley Ranch, a vast 9,600 acre retreat near Pagosa Springs, CO sold to Shawn Broussard, the CEO, president and founder of Service First Mortgage in Dallas."

The property was listed for \$33.9 million, with records from the Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder's Office indicating a sale price just under \$31.5 million.

■ See Piedra A8

# County assessor submits resignation

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Assessor Natalie Woodruff has officially submitted a letter of resignation to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

Woodruff submitted the letter on May 19, which the BoCC accepted at its work session held on June 1.

Woodruff states in her letter that Sept. 4 will be her last day.

In an email to The SUN, Woodruff explained that she is leaving office to move to a lower elevation for her husband's health.

Through her letter, Woodruff requested that the BoCC appoint Johanna Tully-Elliott to serve the remainder of her term.

■ See Assessor A8



Photo courtesy Sally Riggs

The Pagosa Springs High School class of 2021 gathers for the traditional class photo recently. The Saturday, June 5, commencement ceremony is slated to include the graduation of 84 students.

# 100 set to graduate in Saturday ceremonies

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

An anticipated 100 Archuleta School District (ASD) seniors will graduate in a pair of ceremonies Saturday, July 5.

## Pagosa Springs High School

The first of the day's ceremonies will be for Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS), with 84 students set to graduate in a ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium.

Due to continuing COVID-19 precautions, the ceremony will be by

invitation only, PSHS Principal Sean O'Donnell explained.

Each graduate, he noted, is allowed to invite up to 10 friends and family members to attend, and the current guidelines for outdoor events will be following, meaning individuals who are vaccinated against COVID-19 do not need to wear a mask, while masks are recommended for those who are not vaccinated.

PSHS's class of 2021 chose a motto befitting their final high school years: "Control the Controllable."

The senior class flower is the lavender, and the students chose "Break My Stride" by Matthew Wilder as their senior class song.

■ See Graduate A8

# County's second death among COVID-19 cases reported

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

According to San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), Archuleta County now has two deaths among COVID-19 cases.

A second death was recently reported via the agency's data dashboard.

SJBPH issued the following statement to The SUN: "An adult senior who was a resident of Archuleta County passed away from complications due to COVID-19 on May 19th outside of SJBPH's jurisdiction at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs."

"The death was first reported to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). SJBPH's disease investigation team conducts regular audits of data to ensure data is reported in a timely and accurate manner."

"SJBPH sends condolences to the friends and family. COVID-19 continues to spread in Colorado including more transmissible and severe variants and residents are strongly advised to get the COVID

■ See COVID-19 A8

# PAWSD board votes to support nominating Dry Gulch for a state park

By Joe Napolitan  
Staff Writer

After proposing to nominate the San Juan Headwaters Reservoir Project property, also commonly known as Dry Gulch Reservoir, as a state park during the San Juan Water Conservation District (SJWCD) meeting on April 9, board member Doug Secrist presented the idea to the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors during a meeting on May 20.

"Part of the nomination process is that all of the parties involved need to be on board with the concept," Secrist said during the meeting. "My purpose for coming to the board now is to bring this to you to see if it's something that you're interested in and to get the go ahead to

submit this nomination."

The SJWCD and PAWSD will be taking possession of the property in 2023 and are seeking means of managing it as neither of the two organizations are land management agencies, Secrist explained. The SJWCD considered managing it as a state park in response to a Colorado Parks and Wildlife initiative to identify specific areas around the state that might qualify for state park status.

"It falls within the criteria that the state is looking for for potential sites, and this nomination would only be a foot in the door to start the negotiations and discussions to get us on the radar," Secrist said. "It doesn't mean that we're committed to this becoming a state park, it would

■ See Park A8



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

The flag is raised and lowered to half-staff during a Memorial Day event at Hilltop Cemetery Monday.

# PSHS grad earns collegiate All American honors

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Ryder Searle, a 2014 graduate of Pagosa Springs High School, recently earned the distinction of being a first-team All American while representing Colorado Christian University (CCU) at the NCAA Division II national track and field championships.

Searle, a senior at CCU, earned the honor after placing eighth in the men's 10,000-meter race — an event a CCU press release calls a "grueling 25-lap race" — on May 27 in Michigan.

The press release notes that Searle posted a personal and school record time of 29 minutes, 22.39 seconds to place eighth and become the school's second ever track and field All American — following in his assistant coach's

■ See Honors A8



Photo courtesy Colorado Christian University

Ryder Searle competes at the national championships.

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# Business

## Plans developing for Fourth of July festivities

By **Mary Jo Coulehan**  
Pagosa Springs Area  
Chamber of Commerce

The year is flying by and various contingencies are already organizing activities for the Fourth of July holiday weekend. We're putting this information out now for your planning purposes. Here are a few activities to look forward to and plan for.

There will be a Fourth of July parade. Coverage of this event was mentioned in a previous SUN publication; however, we are still receiving lots of inquiries about this activity. The parade will be held on Saturday, July 3, at 10 a.m. Staging will occur at Pagosa Springs High School and lineup along South 6th Street. The parade will head out onto U.S. 160 and continue to Hot Springs Boulevard. The parade will then travel south along Hot Springs Boulevard and head back to the high school.

Applications will be available through the Town of Pagosa Springs' website, [www.pagosaprisings.co.gov](http://www.pagosaprisings.co.gov), or hard copies available at Town Hall. There is

no fee; however, you will need to get your forms into the town in advance to accommodate lineup of the floats.

The Chamber is preparing for the three-day Park to Park Artisan Market beginning on July 2 and ending July 4. More than 50 vendors are scheduled for this year. The vendors will be located in both Town Park and the athletic field across from Town Park. There is an array of fabulous handcrafted and popular commercial items to shop for. The fair will be held every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Red Ryder Rodeo will be back this year with the 71st annual rodeo July 2-4. Evening performances begin at 6 p.m. on July 2 and 3. On July 4, the rodeo will be held starting at 2 p.m. The rodeo takes place at the Western Heritage Event Center off of U.S. 84 and Mill Creek Road. Tickets will be available for purchase at the gate or online at [www.pagosarodeo.com](http://www.pagosarodeo.com). If you are interested in box seats, that information is also listed on the website.

Often the highlight of the holi-

day is the fireworks display. Barring any fire restrictions, the fireworks are scheduled to be held on the Fourth of July in the vicinity of Pagosa Springs High School. There are many places to observe the fireworks and we will present more information as the date and assurance of being able to shoot off fireworks draws closer.

The Pagosa Band, aka Pagosa Instrumental Society, will also hold its free patriotic concert on July 4 at The Springs Resort. People can view and listen to the music from Centennial Park (which is where the growing domes are located) or The Springs Resort property.

There is still plenty of time over the weekend to enjoy family and our great outdoors, along with servicing the many visitors that will be descending upon our community, as this is one of Pagosa's busiest seasons of the entire year.

### Numerous vaccination clinics available

There are numerous reasons why people haven't been vaccinated or are still wondering if they

should. However, availability of vaccines and clinics to issue the vaccine is not one of the reasons to put off getting vaccinated. As the public reduces wearing facial coverings and gathers in groups more, vaccinations are encouraged. There are several available clinics in the near future. The regular clinic on Thursdays will be moved to Pagosa Springs High School and run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This will be a Pfizer clinic. While walk-ins are welcome, appointments are also taken by going to <https://www.comassvax.org/appointment/en/reg/1596013201>.

If your business is interested in hosting a clinic for your employees or even just at your place of business, please call the Chamber at (970) 264-2360 so that we can put you in contact with the appropriate San Juan Basin Public Health representative to schedule such an event.

There are also the following agencies offering vaccines by appointment: Pagosa Medical Group, Axis Health, Pagosa Springs Medical Center and City Market.

## Medical center receives clean audit

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD), which operates as Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) received a clean audit for 2020.

The USJHSD Board of Directors heard a report on the audit from Kami Maztek and Clint Moquist of Dingus, Zarecor and Associates, an auditing firm that specializes in health care, at the board's meeting on May 25.

Maztek opened the presentation by explaining that the USJHSD had received an unmodified opinion

—“the best opinion you can get.” The audit report indicates that there were no “deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.”

Following the audit presentation, board members Mark Zeigler and Kate Alfred, who sit on the Finance Committee, both indicated that they couldn't have asked for a better result.

The board unanimously approved a resolution accepting the audit.

### Financial indicators

Maztek and Moquist presented several financial indicators to

the board, showing how PSMC's operations and finances as of Dec. 31, 2020, compared to the 2019 “benchmarks” from different categories of hospitals as well as PSMC's 2018 and 2019 figures.

Those categories include all Colorado hospitals, critical access hospitals (CAH) in the western U.S., all hospitals with fewer than 50 beds, all hospitals with less than \$90 million in revenue, and all hospitals with less than \$80 million in revenue.

Moquist focused on the comparison with the CAHs, stating it is a fairly good comparison.

When questioned by board

president Greg Schulte later about why that category is a better comparison than rural hospitals, Maztek explained that the rural hospitals include larger centers with 80-100 beds that happen to be located in rural areas, while the CAH category includes only CAH hospitals, which have 25 or fewer beds.

The first financial indicator touched upon by Moquist was total margin, which is the change in net position divided by total revenues.

The presentation given at the meeting explains that the ratio reflects profits from “both operations

■ See Audit A6

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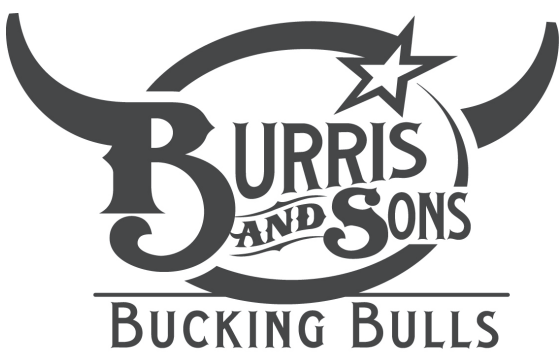
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# Education

## School board to consider 2021-2022 budget Tuesday

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On Thursday, May 27, Archuleta School District (ASD) Finance Director Mike Hodgson gave the Board of Education its most in-depth look yet at the district's 2021-2022 budget, which it is anticipated to approve next week.

Hodgson began the presentation by indicating he had changed the budget's format to be more informative.

Hodgson continued by outlining what was not yet included in the budget (with those things expected

to be included by the board's June 8 meeting), outlining raises for teachers and other staff included and discussing factors that could affect the budget, such as the Colorado Legislature still being in session.

Hodgson noted that, in giving raises, the highest salary on each of the school's salary schedules was increased by 2 percent, with the dollar amount of that increase then given to everybody on that schedule. There is also a step increase being added and the scale has been expanded so that salaries are not capped as quickly for teachers at

the top end of the schedule.

If more money comes down from the state, he added, the district could amend the budget to give larger raises because the state's retirement system was increasing the employee pay-in by a half a percent.

Hodgson also discussed a matter currently before the Legislature that the Colorado Supreme Court has ruled on — HB21-1164, titled Total Program Mill Levy Tax Credit.

That, Hodgson indicated, could mean schools can raise the mill levy without a vote of the people as is required by the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, also commonly called TABOR.

"It's not as broad as that," he clarified. "It's very narrowly focused."

Hodgson further explained that the matter was a Colorado Department of Education mistake from several years ago that lowered people's taxes and the legislation is a correction to bring the mill levy back up over a period of time, with the goal of having all districts at 27 mills.

"The bill requires the department of education to adopt a correction schedule to begin phasing out the tax credits in the 2021 property tax year. The correction schedule must apply consistently to each affected school district; must require each district's tax credit to phase out as quickly as possible, but by no more than one mill per year; and must ensure that the tax credits are fully phased out in 19 years," a bill summary on

the Colorado General Assembly's website states.

ASD is currently at 21.014 mills, Hodgson explained.

"It's a bad deal for our local taxpayers," he told the board, adding that he had not received an answer on what the additional funding would be used for, but that he had upcoming meetings about it.

Hodgson then walked the board through the draft budget, pointing out where the budget is likely to change and other items of interest.

The proposed budget anticipated a General Fund starting fund balance of \$10,101,131, which is \$147,093 less than in the 2020-2021 budget, and forecasts \$16,647,528 in revenues — \$794,757 more than the 2020-2021 budget

Revenue, he noted, is up \$694,000 despite the district's allocation to Pagosa Peak Open School.

The beginning fund balance and revenue combined are budgeted to total \$26,748,659 for the General Fund.

The proposed budget forecasts \$17,646,516 in total expenses, leaving a proposed deficit of \$998,988.

"That's a big number," Hodgson acknowledged, explaining that the budget is proposing \$1.2 million in capital expenditures such as air handling in the middle school and new boilers at the high school.

Hodgson noted he feels comfortable with the onetime expenditures.

The draft budget shows reserves of \$9,102,143 for the General Fund.

The proposed budget shows the



Photo courtesy Archuleta County Sheriff's office

Nicole Bartz stands with Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez. Bartz received the County Sheriffs of Colorado scholarship for Archuleta County.

## Nicole Bartz receives County Sheriffs of Colorado scholarship

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez is pleased to announce that Nicole Bartz is this year's recipient of the County Sheriffs of Colorado (CSOC) scholarship award for Archuleta County.

CSOC, Colorado's state sheriffs' association, offered a total of 30 awards of \$500 each this year to deserving high school and college students in Colorado to fund higher-level educational expenses for the 2021-2022 academic year.

A citizens' committee selected the winner from each county. Committees made their selections based upon criteria established by CSOC, including leadership, merit, character, involvement, purpose

and need. Applicants were required to be full-time, legal Colorado residents who planned to attend a Colorado university, college or trade school.

CSOC established the scholarship program in 1978. Since then, this effort has continued as a meaningful expression of the sheriffs' confidence in and respect for education and training. Monies for the program are derived, in part, from the CSOC honorary membership fund, which consists of contributions from individual citizens and businesses each year.

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## Celebration

### Hayley Mitchell

Hayley Mitchell, of Pagosa Springs, was recently initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Mitchell was initiated at Colorado State University.

Mitchell is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify,

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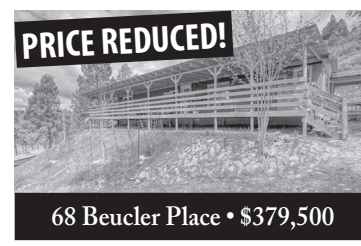
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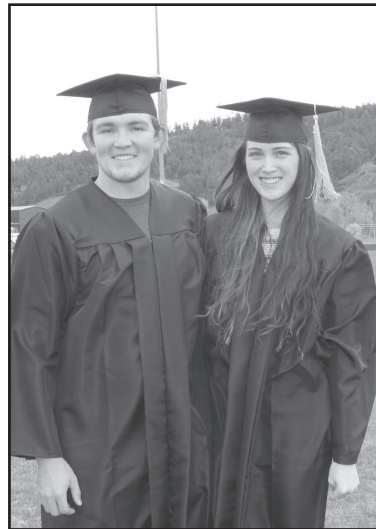
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In annual tradition, the Pagosa Springs High School Class of 2021 gathers for the cap and gown class photo recently. There were plenty of other snapshots taken with teachers and friends during the photo session.

## Budget

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following district totals across all funds: a beginning fund balance of \$10,617, revenues of \$24,558,669, expenses of \$25,552,437, a deficit of \$993,768 and reserves of \$9,623,444.

Hodgson also noted there are a number of vacancies throughout the district, explaining that the budget will likely need to be revised in January when it is known what level of candidate the district hires for each position.

Hodgson also noted the rise in grant funding coming to the district, explaining the district used to see about \$1.2 million annually in grant funding, but next year it will be about \$5.8 million due to COVID-related funding.

The draft budget shows an an-

icipated \$9,006.72 in per-pupil funding from the state after the state's Budget Stabilization Factor is figured in, which Superintendent Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza noted is about \$150 more than the state average.

Hodgson then walked the board through budget summaries for each school.

Those pages show per-pupil funding for each school (excluding Colorado Preschool Program funds) as follows: \$8,872 for the elementary school, \$7,347 for the middle school, \$8,741 for the high school, \$2,936 for the Pagosa Family School and \$8,594 for the San Juan Mountain School.

Later in the presentation, Hodgson pointed out to the board that San Juan Mountain School is bud-

getted for a significant increase in staffing, going from 3.2 full-time equivalents to 6.5 to add additional teaching, counseling and administrative personnel.

LeBlanc-Esparza noted that the alternative high school opened thinking it would have 20 students, but had 50.

The school, she noted, serves some of the district's most at-risk students.

"They definitely need more staffing," she told the board.

As the presentation continued, Hodgson further pointed out throughout his presentation that the district is paying for a large technology update to replace older devices, and the budget includes funding for an assistant finance manager.

After presenting the draft bud-

get, Hodgson reported where ASD ranked in terms of salaries according to a salary analysis that looked at, among other categories: the base salaries for new teachers (22nd), the max salaries for those with a bachelor's degree (75th), the max for the whole (50th) and the 26-year earning potential (70th) for the 178 districts in Colorado.

The budget is anticipated to be considered for adoption at the board's June regular meeting, scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, in the middle school library.

The draft budget is available for inspection in the district administration office or can be accessed via meeting agendas at: <https://go.boarddocs.com/co/asdco/Board.nsf/Public>.

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## Project

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signed and no assurance of deed restrictions sets a precedent.

"[If we approve this] we're signaling the free market that we're willing to work with them to address one of our most profound needs at this time," Posey stated. "If we turn this down, then we're doing precisely the opposite. We're telling the free market, 'We don't care what you come up with, we're not going to go along with it.'"

Under the premise that the application meets the highest intent of the LUDC and the goal to provide affordable workforce housing, Posey then moved to invoke Ordinance 942, which states that the town council may issue waivers for the purpose of encouraging flexibility and variety in land development.

The motion passed with Adams, who indicated he was conflicted, abstaining and one nay from Commissioner Chris Pitcher.

### The missing middle and need for private projects

During a town council work session later that week, on May 27, Town Manager Andrea Phillips offered a presentation about the housing crisis that outlined a need for private projects in Pagosa Springs.

In her presentation, the "missing middle" is defined as "an income group between 80-120 percent [area median income] often reflecting a housing category that is forgotten because there are limited government support programs to subsidizing the housing, and incomes are below what is needed to obtain banking loans commensurate with rising housing prices. This range equates to incomes between \$43,920 and \$64,680."

"That's a lot of the town employ-

ees," Phillips said. "Those are folks who are really struggling. They make too much to qualify for low-income housing but not enough, especially in this rising housing market, to purchase a home or even utilize local rental housing because there's really not a lot of inventory."

Phillips went on to explain that housing prices are increasing dramatically due to a lack of inventory while building becomes increasingly unaffordable due to rising material costs.

According to a Trading Economics model the current price of lumber is roughly \$1,330 per 1,000 board feet, compared to \$360 one year earlier. The same model projects prices will be around \$980 in June 2022.

Phillips also pointed out that developers and builders are struggling to find enough workers to do the projects as many of them are three to four years from completion.

In addition, she stated, Pagosa Springs is a very high-demand market due to its appeal as a beau-

tiful place. Using public-private partnerships to accomplish goals, she added, will be critical.

"There are a lot of low- and very low-income units being constructed or are already constructed," stated Phillips. "We're really not seeing a whole lot in that 'missing middle' bracket, so that might be an area where the town might want to focus. Deed restrictions should go along with any type of waiver or public-private partnership. We'd want to make sure for a minimum period of time that the units will remain affordable for their intended purpose."

Phillips noted in her presentation that the town has already implemented supportive policies by offering unit density bonuses and fee waivers for private projects such as the development at 180 Lewis St.

Hudson pointed out that the town council will be a part of the discussion of whether or not Brown's shipping container project will be approved.

"You've recently passed an ordinance where you can waive cer-

tain conditions that are in the LUDC," Hudson said. "Your LUDC is designed ... to make Pagosa look more attractive. I think we're in a situation where we can't keep that momentum going. We need to look at an LUDC that encourages what George Brown is trying to do rather than discouraging it."

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# Sports



## 71st Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo set for July 2-4

By Lisa Scott  
Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo

The Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo is celebrating its 71st anniversary. Cowboys and cowgirls from various states will compete for prizes and prize money in this sanctioned rodeo series. The rodeos are July 2 at 6 p.m. and July 3 at 6 p.m., and July 4 at 2 p.m., and presented at the Western Heritage Event Center arena and grounds.

This traditional American rodeo is a must-see event. More rodeo information is available by visiting the website, [www.pagosarodeo.com](http://www.pagosarodeo.com), or calling (970) 264-2730. Tickets are available online on the website and at the gate prior to the event. A limited number of box seats are available and can be purchased by calling (970) 749-3492 after June 10.

Traditional rodeo events are presented with a variety of exhibition events to make a varied and entertaining American rodeo experience. Each performance begins with an impressive grand entry with flags waving from westerners on horseback. The rodeo clown offers a variety of comedy throughout the event.

Cowpokes, 6 years and younger, will test their strength and stamina by riding a sheep as long as they can hold on in the mutton bustin' event. This contest is held daily



Photo courtesy Diana Talbot

**Bull riding is one of the most popular events at the Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo, which celebrates its 71st anniversary this year.**

with 10 new contestants each leaving the arena with a special trophy and the overall winner receiving the authentic rodeo belt buckle. See the website for how to register.

While there were rodeos in Pagosa Springs dating back into beginning of the century, the first Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo was in 1949. In 1948, a group of local ranchers organized an effort to start a regular

named rodeo series for this town. The initial group of volunteers included Glen Edmonds, Fred Harman, Daily Hott, Leon Montroy, Terry Robinson and Babe Shahan, to name a few. They collaborated with the owner of the rights to the Red Ryder registered trademark to brand this rodeo with the cartoon character that is so famous in this region.

In 1949, the first rodeo was held

at the site of the current Ross Aragon Community Center. Photographs show how automobiles were placed in a large circular formation to create the boundary of the rodeo arena. Spectators stood behind the cars.

Later that year, the committee advertised and sold stock in the rodeo organization, named Pagosa Springs Enterprises, and raised \$15,000. With these proceeds, approximately 40 acres of land was purchased for the expressed use of hosting the annual rodeo. That initial site continues as the current facility on the corner of U.S. 84 and Mill Creek Road. Construction of a rodeo arena with wood boards and woven wire was accomplished just prior to the 1950 Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo. Over time, the structures that exist on the rodeo grounds today were constructed as additional stock was sold for the purpose of raising money and creating a supporting membership.

For over 70 years, this organization has been run by local dedicated volunteers, funded with individual and business donations from the local community, and continues to be an independent, self-sustaining and successful entity.

In the mid-1990s, the organization obtained its nonprofit status and renamed the organization the Western Heritage Event Center whose mission is to provide an annual three-day Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo as well as a year-round venue for education and training for youth and equestrian events for Archuleta County. The Western Heritage board is dedicated to preserving the history and traditions of the American West.

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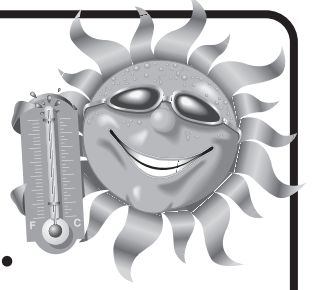
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## SOCCER

### Lady Pirates sail past Lake County

By Clayton Chaney  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team traveled to Leadville on Friday, May 28, to take on the Lake County Panthers.

The Pirates won the match by a score of 7-1, and now have an overall record of 2-2 on the season.

The Pirates currently sit in second place in the Southwest League with a league mark of 1-1.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason explained that the high altitude of 10,000 feet in Leadville posed a potential issue for the game, but the team was able to arrive early enough to get warmed up and slightly acclimated to the higher altitude.

He mentioned that the Pirates were "pretty upbeat, and ready to play when the whistle blew."

He added that the team had a well-organized attack throughout the whole game.

"That was great, first time seeing them do that so well," Kurt-Mason added.

He explained that the Lady Pirates were able to keep their shape and transition smoothly from the offensive part of the field and back into the defensive part of the field.

The first goal of the game came in the sixth minute, when Samaya Dunn de Pulido scored from inside the Panthers' penalty box from an assist from Lauren Monterroso.

Nicole Bartz knocked in the second goal in the 12th minute.

Kurt-Mason explained that the goal came off a build-up play in which Monterroso played the ball to Bartz for a one-touch shot that went into the upper corner of the goal.

In the 23rd minute, the Panthers conceded a hand-ball penalty on the edge of their own penalty box.

Kurt-Mason explained that Monterroso was able to score off of a successful set-piece play.

"It was really cool to see that work," Kurt-Mason said.

Dunn de Pulido scored her second goal of the game in the 25th minute, assisted by Bartz on a through pass that allowed Dunn de Pulido to beat the last defender and score.

Kurt-Mason commented on Bartz and Dunn de Pulido's performances, saying, "They were working really well together."

The Panthers' only goal of the game came from an own goal by the Pirates in the 38th minute.

Kurt-Mason explained that a cross was sent into the Pirates' pen-

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Photo courtesy Becky Jacobson

**Tucker Jacobson, 13, shows off his newly acquired belt buckles. Jacobson finished the 2020-2021 Colorado Junior High School Rodeo season at the Colorado State High School Rodeo finals in Craig, Colo., recently. He placed reserve champion in bareback steer riding and third place in bull riding. He also qualified for National Junior High Rodeo Finals in Des Moines, Iowa, June 20-26.**



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## BASEBALL

# Pirates look to close league play on a high note

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team is looking to end the regular season on a high note with next week's rematch against the Alamosa Mean Moose.

The game between the league opponents will be the third of the season, with the teams previously meeting in nonleague tournament action in Salida and in a league game in Alamosa.

This time, the teams will meet on the Pirates' field at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8.

The Mean Moose currently sit second behind Bayfield in the Intermountain League (IML) with a 3-1 league record and 8-4 overall record.

Pagosa is fourth in the IML with a 2-5 league record and 4-9 overall record.

Coach Mike Remlinger noted the team will be looking to bring its main components — hitting, pitching and fielding — together to be successful.

"I still feel like if we could just put that all together for the whole game, we can play with Alamosa," he said, adding that the team is aiming to tighten things up this week.

The coach indicated Tyler Bowdridge, who has "been pitching great," will take the mound for the Pirates Tuesday.

Four of Pagosa's league losses came in a pair of doubleheaders over the last week.

On Saturday, the Pirates hosted the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers for a doubleheader, dropping the first game 9-6 and the second 14-5.

The Panthers took the first lead in the day's opening game, scoring one in the second, but the Pirates were able to tie the game in the bottom of the third.

Cortez tacked on another three runs in the top of the fourth, but Pagosa again tied it by scoring two in the fifth and one in the sixth.

The Panthers brought five around in the top of the seventh to take a 9-4 lead. The Pirates scored two in the bottom of the inning, but were unable to complete the rally, leaving them with a 9-6 loss.

Pagosa's six runs came on seven hits, which included a home run by Hunter Pouyer, a pair of doubles from Kaison Clifford, and doubles from Tyler Bowdridge, Timmy Hittle and Triston Iguchi.

Clifford scored two runs for Pagosa, with Pouyer, Cooper Evans and Gavin Hart each scoring one.

Pouyer, Clifford, Evans and Hittle each had an RBI in the game.

Bowdridge and Rhead Kay combined to allow nine runs on nine hits and 11 walks while striking out six.

Cortez had two errors in the game, while Pagosa had none.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Hunter Pouyer jogs home, where his teammates are waiting, after hitting a home run in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader with the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

Following a lunch break, the teams were back on the diamond.

This time, the Panthers took a 4-0 lead before the Pirates brought a pair of runs around in the bottom of the second inning.

Each team brought a run around in the third before the Panthers broke the game open with a five-run fourth and a two-run fifth.

The Panthers added another two runs in the top of the seventh.

Pagosa scored two in the bottom of the seventh, but were unable to close the gap, leaving them with a 14-5 loss.

Pagosa logged seven hits in the game, with Pouyer, Clifford, Hittle, Carson Young-Martinez, Cole Reis, Braylon Cotts and Iguchi each knocking a single.

Taylor Cotts, Luke Wortman, Hittle, Young-Martinez and Iguchi each scored in the game, while Clifford, Reis, Braylon Cotts and Iguchi each had an RBI.

Taylor Cotts and Clifford combined to allow 14 runs, 11 earned, on 16 hits and three walks while striking out seven.

Pagosa committed two errors in the game while Cortez had none.

On Tuesday, the team hit the road for Bayfield for a doubleheader, but returned home with the Wolverines having improved their IML record from 4-0 to 6-0.

Bayfield held a 6-0 lead in the first game before Pagosa's first and

only run came around in the top of the third, and the Wolverines went on to add another five runs in the fourth to secure an 11-1 win.

Pagosa had four hits in the game, with Pouyer, Clifford, Taylor Cotts and Hittle each knocking singles. Cotts scored the Pirates' lone run, with Hittle receiving the RBI.

Kay pitched much of the game for Pagosa, allowing 11 runs on eight hits and five walks while striking out two.

Pagosa erred three times in the game, while the Wolverines committed two errors.

The Pirates got off to a better start in game two, with Pagosa taking a 1-0 lead in the third inning while holding the Wolverines scoreless until the fourth.

Unfortunately for the Pirates, Bayfield scored seven in the fourth. Pagosa scored another run in the fifth, which was countered by three Bayfield runs in the bottom of the inning.

Neither team was able to score again, leaving Bayfield with a 10-2 victory.

Bowdridge logged three of Pagosa's seven hits in the game, and Pouyer crossed home twice to lead the Pirates offensively.

Taylor Cotts and Clifford combined to allow 10 runs, five earned, on eight hits and two walks while striking out seven.

Pagosa committed five errors in

the game. Bayfield had none.

"In the second game I felt like we swung the bats really well," Remlinger said, crediting Bayfield's defense and highlighting a pair of plays in particular. "If those had gone the other way, I think we take the lead and it definitely could have been a different outcome."

The coach also pointed out that the team didn't let a bad inning get it down.

"Yesterday we played really well," Remlinger said, noting that there was one inning in each game where the team played poorly.

He added that the team was able to bounce back and play better after the bad inning, whereas previously "We were done for the game."

The coach called it a "great sign." "I thought we did a really good job pitching," Remlinger said. "I think the results ... could of been much better if we'd have played better defense, and so I think the numbers reflect a little poorly on our pitchers, but I feel like they did a pretty good job yesterday."

Remlinger further highlighted the play of Bowdridge, Taylor Cotts, Kay, Clifford, Pouyer and Young-Martinez.

"I felt like everybody yesterday for the most part played well," the coach said.

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## Soccer

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alty area where a Pirate defender deflected the ball right into their own net, bringing the score to 4-1 at half time.

Nika Hinger scored the Pirates' fifth goal in the 73rd minute by controlling the ball out of the air from a pass from Monterroso.

Kurt-Mason explained that Hinger controlled the ball and scored from about 20 yards out by sending the ball to the top left corner of the Panthers' goal.

He also commented on Hinger's performance, saying, "She was amazing."

He noted that this was Hinger's first time playing in the midfield and "she did everything right."

He mentioned that the team as whole did a good job of controlling the ball out of the air and that had a big influence on the Pirates' ability to control possession throughout the game.

"Everybody stepped to the ball when it was coming," Kurt-Mason said.

Two minutes later, in the 75th minute, Camilla Gostynski scored the sixth goal for the Pirates from an attempted clearance of the ball by a Panther defender that fell right to her feet just outside the penalty area.

Bartz scored the last goal of the game on a breakaway in the 80th minute.

"It was a happy day for the Pirates," Kurt-Mason said.

He also praised Bartz on her performance in the midfield.

"She played really well there," Kurt-Mason said.

The Pirates had a total of 24 shots

and goalkeeper Trista Tully made five saves on the day.

The Pirates will travel to Alamosa today, June 3, to take on the Alamosa Mean Moose at 4 p.m.

This is the second matchup between the two teams this season. The Mean Moose won the first matchup 1-0 in overtime in Pagosa Springs.

Kurt-Mason explained that he hopes the Pirates will be able to take advantage of the space on the wings of the field and do a better job of stepping to the ball, compared to their previous matchup with Alamosa.

He also mentioned that the Pirates have improved on their shooting since the last time they faced

Alamosa.

"We're more mature now; we take shots when we can," Kurt-Mason said.

The Mean Moose currently sit in first place of the Southwest League with a league mark of 2-0.

The Pirates will then be at home at Golden Peaks Stadium Tuesday, June 8, at 4 p.m. to face the Bayfield Wolverines for the second time this season.

The Wolverines currently sit in third place in the Southwest League with a league mark of 0-2.

Kurt-Mason explained that the first-place team from the league will move on to the state playoffs.

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## Psalms 23

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# TRACK

## Pirates set PRs, qualify for state meet

By Joe Napolitan  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, May 29, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track team made its way home after taking second on the boys' side and third on the girls' side at the Mancos Bluejays Invitational.

"I think it went really well. There was some disappointment, but overall it was a beautiful day," coach Connie O'Donnell said.

The coach shared that many students achieved personal records and are currently ranked in the top 18, a leaderboard that determines who is qualified to attend the state meet.

"Jordan Lindstrom is in the top 18 of the high jump and she had a personal record of 4 feet, 10 inches on Saturday," said the coach. "Aiden O'Donnell had a 4-inch PR in high jump so now he's tied for 11th in the state."

Evan Raymond is currently ranked in the top 12 in both shot put and discus and will likely qualify for the state meet, according to the coach. Raymond placed third in discus with a distance 127 feet, 4 inches and third in shot put at 44-02 on Saturday.

The girls' 4x200-meter relay is in 19th place, but the coach is hopeful that when all of its runners are healed the time will improve.

"Our girls' short relays ran their fastest time so far and that was even without Chantell Caldwell, who is nursing an ankle injury," the coach said. "I'm excited to get her back in there so it will be even faster."

In the 4x100, Caldwell was replaced by Reece Peterson. In the 4x200, Hadley Phillips substituted in, and received the trackie of the week award for her attitude and performance.

"When Annabelle Parker got hurt, Hadley gave up some of her open events to step into the relays," the coach said. "She did it without even hesitating, and it was really nice to have somebody to fall back on who did a really good job."

The coach added that Aiden O'Donnell was the boys' trackie of the week for improving his personal record in high jump by 4 inches.

"The disappointment is that



Cam Hinger bounds over a hurdle at Saturday's Mancos Bluejays Invitational. The Pirates' next meet will be at home on June 12.

Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

Cam Hinger ran an amazing 110-hurdle race," said the coach. "It was so perfect, no stutters, everything was so well put together and it was his fastest time ever, and then we found out that the wind reading was too high and it won't count for placement in the top 18."

Hinger placed first in the 110 hurdles with a time of 17.25 and first in the 300 hurdles with a time of 43.32.

The coach clarified that if the wind was coming from behind an athlete at more than 2 mph, the time does not count. The wind during the 110-hurdle race was 2.2 miles per hour.

Parker placed seventh in the girls' 100-meter dash with a time of 14.08 seconds with Peterson moments behind in eighth in 14.33.

Lexie Valdez took eighth in the girl's 200-meter race with a time of 30.52.

Chloe Crabtree took eighth in the 400-meter with a time of 1:15.41, with Emma Grant in ninth

at 1:15.73.

Lucy Taylor took ninth in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:08.04 and eighth in the 1,600 in 7:08.20.

Nell Taylor took third in the 800-meter with a time of 6:03.73.

Annie O'Donnell placed ninth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 1:03.38, eighth in the high jump at 4-0, and fourth in the triple jump at 28-2.5.

The Pirates took second in the girls' 4x100-meter relay with a time of 56.25.

In the girls' 4x200 relay, the Pirates placed second in the girls' 800-meter sprint medley with a time of 2:15.80.

In the girls' 4x400, the Pirates placed second with a time of 4:45.30.

Lindstrom took second in the girls' high jump at 4-10.

Molly Graham placed third in girls' discus with a distance of 28-1.5.

Gavin Lindahl placed ninth in the boys' 200-meter with a time of 26.16.

Gabe Heraty placed third in the boys' 1,600 in 4:53.35, with Levi Hinger in ninth at 5:34.87.

Geoffery Munro placed third in the boys' 3,200-meter run with a time of 13:47.54, with Kyle Marotta in fourth at 15:11.60.

Vinicio Carranza placed fifth in

the boys' 110-meter hurdles with a time of 20.13, and Aidan O'Donnell in eighth with 20.56.

Tommy Barker placed third in the boys' 300-meter hurdles at 46.32 and Breck Wilson in seventh at 51.10.

The boys' 4x200 relay team placed fourth with a time of 1:42.42, and the 4x400 team placed second at 3:49.75.

The Pirates' next track meet will be at home in Pagosa Springs on June 12. The Pirates will not be attending the Saturday meet in Durango that was originally on the schedule due to conflicts with graduation, according to the coach.

"We're gonna have a good week of getting in some good practice because we don't have a competition, so we can work them out harder and spend more time on field events," the coach said.

In addition, another meet in Grand Junction has been added to the schedule.

"On the 17th and 18th we'll be in Grand Junction," said the coach. "It's a big meet, it's kind of the last chance for athletes to squeeze into the state track meet."

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# FOOTBALL



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Senior Evan Raymond signs his letter of intent to play football at Fort Lewis College next fall. Raymond is accompanied by his parents Scott and Shelley Raymond, Pagosa Springs High School Principal Sean O'Donnell, and coaches Nathan Morales and Brandon Forster.

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# Outdoors



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Family activities and interactive demonstrations of the skills of the ancients were part of Chimney Rock Interpretive Association's annual Life at Chimney Rock Festival on Saturday and Sunday. Attendees learned skills including throwing a spear with the atlatl, pottery making, making a rock pictograph, weaving, corn grinding, working with yucca fibers and Navajo sand painting.

## Group seeking land for shooting facility

By Chris Boyd  
Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association

In the summer of 2019, a group of citizens formed to discuss the development of a dedicated shooting facility in Pagosa Springs. That group, spearheaded by JoAnn Pogreba-Dykstra, held a town-hall meeting in October 2019 in the Pagosa Springs Middle School gymnasium. Approximately 100 community members attended and expressed support for the concept. Unfortunately, due to COVID, no other public meetings have been feasible. The good news is that despite being unable to have public meetings, much progress has been made as it relates to the formation of the sports club. An interim board of directors has been working diligently with multiple committees to move forward in spite of the obstacles presented by the coronavirus. Thus far, the following landmarks have been achieved:

- The club's official name was decided: Wolf Creek Gun and Bow Association.
- The club was officially incorporated with the Colorado secretary of state. A Notice of Intent to Operate Under Section 501(c)(4) nonprofit entity was filed with the Internal Revenue Service.
- The mission statement was identified as: "To provide a safe and enjoyable environment to promote the use, training and education for all shooting disciplines in the Pagosa Springs area."
- Thanks to the talent and generous contribution of Pagosa Springs resident Danny Rocca, a logo was selected and our website is under construction ([www.wolfcreekgunandbow.org](http://www.wolfcreekgunandbow.org)).
- Club bylaws and an ethical code of conduct for directors and committee members were ad-

opted. The following committees were formed: community outreach, events and fundraising, land acquisition, membership, rules and safety. In partnership with the community, the interim board is hopeful to make even greater strides in 2021. The club is now officially open for membership and intends to engage in public outreach and education in the coming months. One of its first events will be staffing an informational table at the Pagosa Gun, Knife and Coin Show to be held at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds June 18, 19 and 20. The greatest challenge is identifying a suitable location to develop a range. Should you have any ideas, wish to donate land or finances to assist in this endeavor, or want to volunteer on any of the listed committees, please visit the website or email [contact@wolfcreekgunandbow.org](mailto:contact@wolfcreekgunandbow.org)

## CPW's second wolf reintroduction info session focuses on dealing with livestock conflict

By Dylan Anderson  
Steamboat Pilot

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) held its second wolf reintroduction education session recently with a focus on what other states have done when releasing wolves and managing conflicts with livestock. One of the speakers, Ed Bangs, was the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's gray wolf recovery coordinator for the Northwest United States from 1988 until he retired in 2011. "Wildlife reintroductions are a dime a dozen. You can't hardly think of an animal that hasn't been reintroduced," Bangs said. "Doing it with wolves is novel only because people get excited about it."

This was the second of three information sessions put on by CPW as it plans how it will fulfill Colorado voter's direction to reintroduce wolves by the end of 2023. Bangs said managing wolves is more about managing how people view them, as the species itself isn't difficult to manage. Wolves' lives revolve around killing large ungulates, Bangs said, which at times does include livestock. While predation sometimes has led to individual ranches having significant damage in years, it does not have a significant effect on the industry in general, Bangs said. "It is pretty easy to downplay wolf predation if it is not your livestock being killed, but it is a very big issue and something that you really need to pay attention to," Bangs said.

Bangs said he also talks to ranchers who cannot sleep at night because they are worried about what wolves could do to their herd. He estimated about 10 percent of the wolf population in the Northern

Rockies is killed every year to reduce conflict with livestock. Compensation programs are part of the solution, Bangs said, and in 2009, the federal government approved a program to give states money to reimburse ranchers for their losses. Still, in remote Idaho, only about one in seven suspected losses to wolves was confirmed and the rancher paid. "Compensation is not a cure-all either. It helps, but other management programs also have to be in concert with compensation," Bangs said. In Wyoming, there is a compensation program not only if a rancher has wolves clearly kill livestock, but also for missing livestock. Mike Jimenez, a wolf biologist for 30 years, said having clear programs like this helps to ease tensions. Wolves will follow their prey, Jimenez said, which will often put them in contact with livestock. After reintroduction into Yellowstone, Jimenez said they saw that most of the wolf packs had preyed on livestock. Jimenez said the more they studied, they began to kill more of these problem wolves. Using this calculated lethal control, Jimenez said they were able to reverse the trend in livestock predation and Wyoming actually had more wolf packs but less packs involved in livestock kills as a result. "It was simply because of us focusing and lethally removing wolves that were chronically causing problems," Jimenez said. Wolves often travel long distances when looking for a new place to roam. One collared wolf traveled about 3,000 miles through Wyoming, Idaho, Utah and Colorado in just six months, Jimenez said. Colorado will need to set up its own regulations for wolves, Bangs said, and it is important that there

are checks and balances in the system, because wildlife officers will be under a lot of pressure when assessing a potential wolf kill from both ranchers and wildlife advocates. "You really need the public on both sides of the issue to trust you are giving it a fair shot," Bangs said. When looking at packs already in the Rocky Mountains, Bangs said wolves primarily live in contiguous forests in mountainous areas with lots of big game animals around but little livestock. That is primarily in western Montana, northern Idaho and areas in Wyoming around Yellowstone National Park. "These are unique, contiguous extensive areas of public land that aren't found elsewhere," Bangs said, adding that other areas like prairies have become too developed for wolf packs to survive. While some are worried wolves could have large-scale impacts on big-game populations, Bangs said he doubted that because Colorado lacks the contiguous habitat required for them to have such an impact. When it comes to wolf population, Bangs said it grew rapidly after reintroduction in other states, but, eventually, the populations stabilize as packs stake claim to the habitat. "It happened in northwest Montana, in Idaho and Yellowstone, and that is what will happen in Colorado," Bangs said. "Rapid growth and then a plateau as the suitable habitat is filled."

## Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF ARCHULETA  
STATE OF COLORADO  
46 EATON DR. SUITE 1  
PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81082  
LEROY ORTIZ  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
GERALD SANDOVAL AND DIXIE D. SANDOVAL

ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS  
JOHN DOES A-Z  
Defendants,  
Case No.: 20CV7  
**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT**  
THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS: Gerald Sandoval And Dixie D. Sandoval  
All Unknown Heirs, John Does A-Z  
GREETINGS:  
You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiffs have filed a civil action suit against you in the above entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being the following claims against you: Complaint for Quiet Title. The above-mentioned Complaint for Quiet Title concerns real property with the following legal description: Lot 1 and the N1/2 of Lot 2, Andrews Subdivision, No.2, according to the plat thereof filed May 20, 1963, as Reception No. 63882, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. Also known as, 40293 CR 500  
That unless you respond to the Complaint within 35 days of completion of the publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.  
PLAINTIFF:  
LEROY ORTIZ (pro se)  
3112 Vega Verde SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87105  
Phone (505) 873-3564  
By: /s/ Leroy Ortiz  
Published May 6, 13, 20, 27 and June 3, 2021 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS  
JOHN DOES A-Z  
Defendant,  
Case No.: 20CV6

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To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
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**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): DARREL STILLWELL, TRUSTEE OF THE STILLWELL V.E.B.A. TRUST A/K/A STILLWELL ENTERPRISES INC., V.E.B.A. CAROL STILLWELL, TRUSTEE OF THE STILLWELL V.E.B.A. TRUST A/K/A STILLWELL ENTERPRISES INC., V.E.B.A. CARDIOPULMONARY CARE, INC. POY DEVELOPERS, LLC**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice. This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Master's Place Condominiums for failure to pay assessments to Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc. Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901. Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: May 20, 2021 Last Publication: May 17, 2021 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Atty. Reg. No. 51651 Published May 20, 27, June 3, 10 and 17, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS 338-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2021-001**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust. On March 15, 2021, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records. Original Grantor(s) Karen S. Miller AND Lyle A. Miller Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR SYNERGY ONE LENDING, INC. DBA: RETIREMENT FUNDING SOLUTIONS, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS Current Holder of Evidence of Debt AMERICAN ASSIGNS GROUP Date of Deed of Trust July 26, 2017 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust August 02, 2017 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21704517 Original Principal Amount \$210,000.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$75,179.41 Pursuant to CRS 338-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT 28 OF BLOCK 16 IN ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JULY 6, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74567, BEING AN AMENDMENT OF THE PLAT OF ASPEN SPRINGS RANCH SUBDIVISION NO. 3, FILED APRIL 9, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74284; COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO. APN: 569312308056**

Also known by street and number as: 438 Hummingbird Place, Pagosa Springs, CO 81447  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 07/15/2021, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81447, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 5/20/2021 Last Publication 6/17/2021 Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun

**IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;**  
DATE: 03/15/2021  
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado  
By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Alison L. Berry #34531  
Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9800 S Meridian Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990  
Attorney File # 20-025315  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of M'Kai Arnold, Deceased  
Case No. 2021 PR 30042  
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before September 21, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.  
Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law  
190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81447  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Eliza Lucero aka Eliza M. Lucero, Deceased  
Case No. 21PR30045  
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before June 15, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.  
Clifford Lucero Jr.  
PO Box 1256  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81447  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Dennis Nolan Scoggins, a/k/a Dennis N. Scoggins, Deceased  
Case No. 2021PR030005  
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before September 27, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.  
H. Wayne Wilson of Wilson, Rea, Beckel & Associates, CPAs, LLC  
PO Box 3460  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81447  
Published May 27, June 3 and 10, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Bessie Montoya, Deceased  
Case No. 2021PR30020  
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representatives on or before September 14, 2021, or claims may be forever barred.  
ERLINDA GONZALEZ, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
PO Box 891  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81447  
YVONNE GIESEN, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
PO Box 1594  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81447  
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The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to qualify firms and individuals to develop a Multi-Modal Master Plan for our east end of town. Proposals shall include the needed labor, preliminary engineering, surveying, and final plan development. The master plan project will identify improvements for pedestrians, bicycles, vehicular traffic, parking, public park access, public transit stops and will provide preliminary engineering for those improvements

as far as the budget allows. The project includes conducting numerous public meetings, Town Board meetings and intergovernmental meetings. The end result will be a detailed master vision document the scope of which will be developed during the planning process. The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is available on the Town's website, pagosaspings.co.gov under the "News" section at the bottom of the home page. You may also contact the town at dickhoff@pagosaspings.co.gov, or at 970-264-4151 x225 for a copy of the RFQ. A required pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2021 at 9am.  
Published June 3, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET Archuleta School District 50 Jt.**

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget was submitted to the Board of Education of the Archuleta School District 50 Jt. on May 27, 2021 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and has been filed in the Administration Office of the School District where it will be available for public inspection. The proposed budget will be considered for adoption at the June 8, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education of Archuleta School District 50 Jt. at 6:00 pm at the Pagosa Springs Middle School Library. Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his or her objections thereto.  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
May 27, 2021  
Archuleta School District 50 Jt.  
Mike Hodgson, Finance Director  
Published June 3, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

**PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW FOR TRANSIT FACILITY IN PAGOSA SPRINGS**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/ PROPOSALS:  
Archuleta County invites qualified firms to submit qualifications/proposals for performing a programmatic review for a new transit facility in Pagosa Springs, CO. Sealed proposals will be accepted at the Archuleta County Administration Building, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81447 until July 8th, 2021 at 3:00pm. For more information, please email Transportation Coordinator, Laura Vanoni, at lvononi@archuleta.com or view online at www.archuletacounty.org/bids.aspx. Published June 3 and 10, 2021 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

**District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81447 Tel. 970.264.2400**

**Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc., Plaintiff v.**

**Barbara L. Betz Trustee of the Barbara L. Betz Trust Dated September 5, 1991, et al Defendants**

**Case No. 2020CV30080 COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM**

Sherriff Sale No. 2021-08  
This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Masters Place Condominiums, recorded on March 14, 1989, as Reception No. 161911, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered February 23, 2021, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows:  
See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof:  
Owner(s):  
BARBARA L. BETZ, TRUSTEE OF THE BARBARA L. BETZ TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 1991  
NUSTRET HAJRULLA  
MANUSHAQE HAJRULLA  
H. HERBERT WELDON  
NORMA WELDON  
RICHARD M GILES  
SYBIL GILES  
ELIZABETH ANDING  
SEVILLE SENSENBACH  
TIMESHARE TRADE INS LLC  
GEORGE CRETH WIGHT  
MAGNOLIA LEOLANI CLAY  
KATHLEEN AUTRY  
JOE GENE AUTRY  
HELEN ANN GARNER  
VIOLET T GERARD  
LANCE PALERMO  
MILLS REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST LLC  
MILLIGAN REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST  
BRUCE JONES  
MELVIN E CARROLL  
DONNA M CARROLL  
SAMUEL E HEIZER  
NANCY M HEIZER  
CONSTANCE J PETERSEN  
MELVIN F PETERSEN  
RALPH A WICKLIN  
CHARLOTTE C WICKLIN  
RANDALL E DUNCAN  
NORMAN L GILBREATH  
LORETTA GILBREATH  
KATHRYN MAY  
KEN BROWN  
JOANNE BROWN  
WILLIAM J HICKS  
PEGGY G MAY  
KENNETH C MAY  
MELISSA EMMA SIPPERLEY  
LARRY E BENZEL  
MARILYN BENZEL  
TOM H LEE  
LOIS D LEE  
ANDREW P LENKER  
BECKY L LENKER  
KEITH STORM  
CATHY STORM  
BETTY M O'ROURKE  
DENNIS E O'ROURKE  
GLENN RUSSELL BEAR  
MORGAN YVONNE BEAR  
PETER WITTER  
LINDA WITTER  
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DOROTHEE I FOXWELL  
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CB WINDHAM JR  
DONNA MARIE WINDHAM  
DARYL TEMPLETON  
CINDY TEMPLETON

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Masters Place Condominiums, recorded on March 14, 1989, as Reception No. 161911, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc.  
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.  
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
Association Assessments Due to: Masters Place Condominiums Property Owners Association, Inc.  
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act  
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.  
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST**  
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, Sale Number 2021-08 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
First Publication: June 3, 2021  
Last Publication: July 1, 2021  
Name of Publication: The Pagosa Springs SUN  
NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.  
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.  
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.  
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.  
The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:  
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 85 Harman Park Drive, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81447, 970-264-8434.  
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed April 23, 2021.  
Rich Valdez, Sheriff  
Archuleta County, Colorado  
By: /s/ Lorena Medina  
Lorena Medina, Office Manager  
XHIBIT "A"  
Masters Place Condominiums Matter Amount  
BARBARAL BETZ, TRUSTEE OF THE BARBARAL BETZ TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 1991 (C#178113093) Unit Week Number 42, Condominium Unit Number 7320, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,962.30  
Interest: \$717.96  
Late Fees: \$75.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$4,755.26  
NUSTRET HAJRULLA and MANUSHAQE HAJRULLA (C#178902948) Unit Week Number 22, Condominium Unit Number 7318, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,747.00  
Interest: \$149.05  
Late Fees: \$25.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$2,921.05  
H. HERBERT WELDON and NORMA WELDON (C#178902948) Unit Week Number 22, Condominium Unit Number 7311, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,435.00  
Interest: \$411.71  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$4,816.56  
LARRY E BENZEL and MARILYN BENZEL (C#178921268) Unit Week Number 14, Condominium Unit Number 7314, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,997.30  
Interest: \$738.26  
Late Fees: \$75.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$3,896.71  
RICHARD M GILES and SYBIL GILES (C#178915799) Unit Week Number 8, Condominium Unit Number 7311, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$4,665.30  
Interest: \$3,757.14  
Late Fees: \$175.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$9,597.44  
ELIZABETH ANDING and SEVILLE SENSENBACH (C#178918298) Unit Week Number 25, Condominium Unit Number 7309, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,997.30  
Interest: \$710.27  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$4,757.57  
TIMESHARE TRADE INS LLC (C#178923397) Unit Week Number 42, Condominium Unit Number 7314, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,747.00  
Interest: \$149.05  
Late Fees: \$25.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$2,921.05  
GEORGE CRETH WIGHT and MAGNOLIA LEOLANI CLAY (C#179300900) Unit Week Number 1, Condominium Unit Number 7310, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,997.30  
Interest: \$738.26  
Late Fees: \$75.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$4,810.56  
KATHLEEN AUTRY and JOE GENE AUTRY (C#17901428) Unit Week Number 48, Condominium Unit Number 7317, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,435.00  
Interest: \$366.03  
Late Fees: \$25.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$9,562.94  
LANCE PALERMO (C#179021241) Unit Week Number 42, Condominium Unit Number 7305, Building Number 1, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,644.59  
Interest: \$130.35  
Late Fees: \$25.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$2,799.94  
MILLS REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST LLC (C#179021266) Unit Week Number 7, Condominium Unit Number 7306, Building Number 1, Phase 2  
Unpaid Assessments: \$4,665.30  
Interest: \$4,200.42  
Late Fees: \$150.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$10,015.72  
MILLIGAN REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST (C#179021431) Unit Week Number 26, Condominium Unit Number 7306, Building Number 1, Phase 2  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,435.00  
Interest: \$411.71  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,896.71  
BRUCE JONES (C#179102355) Unit Week Number 22, Condominium Unit Number 7305, Building Number 1, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,338.56  
Interest: \$374.91  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$4,810.56  
MELVIN E CARROLL and DONNA M CARROLL (C#179104534) Unit Week Number 15, Condominium Unit Number 7306, Building Number 1, Phase 2  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,997.30  
Interest: \$738.26  
Late Fees: \$75.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$4,810.56  
CONSTANCE J PETERSEN and MELVIN F PETERSEN (C#178810586) Unit Week Number 29, Condominium Unit Number 7320, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,747.00  
Interest: \$149.05  
Late Fees: \$25.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$2,921.05  
STEVE F STEVENS and DOROTHY S STEVENS (C#179020411) Unit Week Number 46, Condominium Unit Number 7308, Building Number 1, Phase 2  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,997.30  
Interest: \$738.26  
Late Fees: \$75.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$4,810.56  
BRAD M MELTBARGER and DONNA L MELTBARGER (C#179018544) Unit Week Number 32, Condominium Unit Number 7302, Building Number 1, Phase 2  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,747.00  
Interest: \$149.05  
Late Fees: \$25.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$2,921.05  
DEBBIE T REYNOLDS and DONNA L MELTBARGER (C#179020411) Unit Week Number 46, Condominium Unit Number 7308, Building Number 1, Phase 2  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,997.30  
Interest: \$738.26  
Late Fees: \$75.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$4,810.56  
YVONNE P KOCK and EDGAR KOCK (C#179023932) Unit Week Number 51, Condominium Unit Number 7307, Building Number 1, Phase 2  
Unpaid Assessments: \$4,665.30

Interest: \$5,746.32  
Late Fees: \$175.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$2,921.05  
RANDALL E DUNCAN (C#178812319) Unit Week Number 46, Condominium Unit Number 7317, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,747.00  
Interest: \$194.72  
Late Fees: \$25.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$2,966.72  
NORMAN L GILBREATH and LORETTA GILBREATH (C#178815270) Unit Week Number 4, Condominium Unit Number 7317, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,747.00  
Interest: \$423.72  
Late Fees: \$25.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,195.72  
KATHRYN MAY (C#178900981) Unit Week Number 19, Condominium Unit Number 7318, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,399.84  
Interest: \$398.26  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,848.10  
KEN BROWN and JOANNE BROWN (C#178907291) Unit Week Number 41, Condominium Unit Number 7317, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,435.00  
Interest: \$411.71  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,896.71  
WILLIAM J HICKS (C#178907796) Unit Week Number 22, Condominium Unit Number 7316, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,747.00  
Interest: \$149.05  
Late Fees: \$25.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$4,810.56  
MELISSA EMMA SIPPERLEY (C#178921243) Unit Week Number 17, Condominium Unit Number 7314, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,997.30  
Interest: \$738.26  
Late Fees: \$75.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$4,816.56  
LARRY E BENZEL and MARILYN BENZEL (C#178921268) Unit Week Number 14, Condominium Unit Number 7314, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,997.30  
Interest: \$747.48  
Late Fees: \$75.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$4,816.78  
TOM H LEE and LOIS D LEE (C#179004262) Unit Week Number 32, Condominium Unit Number 7314, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,338.56  
Interest: \$374.91  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,763.47  
ANDREW P LENKER and BECKY L LENKER (C#179005350) Unit Week Number 16, Condominium Unit Number 7320, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$4,109.30  
Interest: \$1,703.68  
Late Fees: \$125.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$6,937.98  
KEITH STORM and CATHY STORM (C#179017066) Unit Week Number 17, Condominium Unit Number 7309, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$4,665.30  
Interest: \$8,369.55  
Late Fees: \$175.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$14,229.85  
GLENN RUSSELL BEAR and MORGAN YVONNE BEAR (C#179023734) Unit Week Number 49, Condominium Unit Number 7313, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$4,665.30  
Interest: \$8,863.33  
Late Fees: \$175.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$11,772.56  
BETTY M O'ROURKE and DENNIS E O'ROURKE (C#179023174) Unit Week Number 38, Condominium Unit Number 7314, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$4,665.30  
Interest: \$8,369.55  
Late Fees: \$175.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$11,772.56  
ROBERT W FOXWELL and DOROTHEE I FOXWELL (C#179031270) Unit Week Number 6, Condominium Unit Number 7310, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,290.34  
Interest: \$356.51  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,696.85  
RICHARD I QUINCY and DIANA M QUINCY (C#179401781) Unit Week Number 22, Condominium Unit Number 7313, Building Number 2, Phase 1  
Unpaid Assessments: \$4,665.30  
Interest: \$4,777.54  
Late Fees: \$175.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$10,617.84  
BILL L KLUNKHAMMER and LAURIE L KLUNKHAMMER (C#179035276) Unit Week Number 4, Condominium Unit Number 7305, Building Number 1, Phase 2  
Unpaid Assessments: \$4,665.30  
Interest: \$4,777.54  
Late Fees: \$175.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$10,617.84  
MARIA ISABEL GIL SANTOS (C#179007141) Unit Week Number 16, Condominium Unit Number 7301, Building Number 1, Phase 2  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,997.30  
Interest: \$212.29  
Late Fees: \$75.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,845.88  
REBECCA I. KERSEY (C#179020433) Unit Week Number 35, Condominium Unit Number 7304, Building Number 1, Phase 2  
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,747.00  
Interest: \$149.05  
Late Fees: \$25.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$2,921.05  
DEBBIE T REYNOLDS and DONNA L MELTBARGER (C#179020411) Unit Week Number 46, Condominium Unit Number 7308, Building Number 1, Phase 2  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,997.30  
Interest: \$738.26  
Late Fees: \$75.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$4,810.56  
YVONNE P KOCK and EDGAR KOCK (C#179023932) Unit Week Number 51, Condominium Unit Number 7307, Building Number 1, Phase 2  
Unpaid Assessments: \$4,665.30

Interest: \$2,361.28  
Late Fees: \$150.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$8,176.58  
GEORGE CRETH WIGHT and MAGNOLIA LEOLANI CLAY (C#179708235) Unit Week Number 41, Condominium Unit Number 7302, Building Number 1, Phase 2  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,435.00  
Interest: \$414.13  
Late Fees: \$50.00  
Costs: \$254.90  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Judgment Amount: \$3,899.13  
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VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
ARCHULETA COUNTY APRIL 2021 PAYABLES		
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	FLEET-PARTS & SUPPLIES	652.52
AFLAC	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	2,710.79
ALSCO	FLEET/BGG-UNIF/ACSO-RUG SERVICE	741.99
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACSO-SUPPLIES	504.71
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INS.	COUNTY LIFE INSURANCE	1,412.37
APCO INTERNATIONAL INC.	DISP-TRAINING	8,207.09
ARCH CO SHERIFF'S DEPT.	ACSO-POSTAGE	26.35
ARCHULETA COUNTY TREASURER	COMMISS-11 TD APPLICATIONS	4,400.00
ARCHULETA COUNTY VICTIM	DHS-CONTRACT SVCS TANF	1,667.00
ARCHULETA SCHOLARSHIPS	DHMS-SCHOLARSHIPS	5,000.00
ASPIRE MEDICAL SERVICES	DHS-TANF MEN'S CLASSES	833.32
AT YOUR DISPOSAL	COUNTY DISPOSAL	926.00
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	ACSO/COMMISS/DHS-PHONES & DATA	2,928.61
AWARD ALLIANCE, LLC.	CLERKS NAME BADGES	23.00
BANK OF COLORADO	EMPLOYEE HSA CONTRIBUTIONS	150.00
BANK OF THE SAN JUAN	EMPLOYEE HSA CONTRIBUTIONS	561.96
BC SERVICES, INC.	EMPLOYEE GARNISHMENT	1,028.69
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## Memorial Day observances

SUN photos/Randi Pierce  
 In annual tradition, the Mullins-Nickerson American Legion Post 108 held a pair of ceremonies Monday to honor Memorial Day. The first of the ceremonies was held at the Post on Hermosa Street, while the second was held at Hilltop Cemetery and included the naming of all of Archuleta County's war dead, as well as the veterans who passed away in the last year.



## Logging projects set to begin on Pagosa Ranger District

By Esther Godson  
 Forest Service

Logging operations will begin on three projects across the San Juan National Forest's Pagosa Ranger District. Projects will begin this month and are expected to continue through the winter months until January 2022.

Stewardship contracts and timber sales are starting in the general proximity of each other near the Black Mountain, Williams Creek and Sand Bench areas. Operations will resume in the Jackson Mountain area.

Jackson Mountain Stewardship Contract operations will reduce hazardous fuels, restore forest conditions and improve forest health in ponderosa pine. The Pagosa Creek (near Black Mountain) and the Huer-

to Creek Stewardship Contract (near Williams Creek) will improve vigor and forest health in mixed conifer stands to foster conditions that are resilient and better able to withstand expected natural disturbances.

Additional outcomes will be improved age class and species diversity, maintained big game movement corridors, improved wildlife habitat diversity and contributions to economic growth of local area communities. The North Fork Timber Sale (in the Sand Bench area) will recover timber value in dead and dying trees while also reducing the extent of dead and downed timber across the landscape over the long term, which will promote the recovery of forest vegetation.

Visitors should pay attention to and obey all traffic signs when

traveling in or near these areas. Please exercise extreme caution when traveling on roads used by logging trucks, which may weigh up to 85,000 pounds. Forest visitors should expect to see heavy equipment working in the woods. Log trucks will be hauling on Jackson Mountain, Plumtaw, McManus, Williams Creek, Poison Park and Piedra roads to Pagosa Springs. Logging trucks will be traveling in both directions on U.S. 160.

For additional information, contact Josh Merrill-Exton at (970) 264-1512 or joshua.merrill-exton@usda.gov.

For information on current fire restrictions, conditions and recreation opportunities on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874, visit the forest website or follow us on social media.

## Pagosa Ranger District sales and information services will be unavailable June 7-8

By Esther Godson  
 Forest Service

The San Juan National Forest is upgrading its permit and product system Monday, June 7, and Tuesday, June 8. During this time, the Pagosa Ranger District will not be able to process any transactions and will be unavailable for visitor information services. Full service is expected to resume on Wednesday, June 9.

The Pagosa District operates an outdoor information kiosk located outside of the district office which is available for self-service. The forest website can also provide visitors information on recreation, maps and more. It is advised that the public who wishes to obtain a permit utilizing credit transactions do so before June 7.

The Columbine District, as well as Forest Headquarters, will continue to offer information services and

process cash or check transactions. For more information on services, permit and product sales, contact the Pagosa Ranger District, (970) 264-2268.

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## ARTS & LIFE



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June 3, 2021



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Focus-stacked orchid. Dave Anderson, who will discuss “Focus Stacking and Image Sharpness,” will be the speaker at the next Pagosa Springs Photography Club meeting, set for June 9.

## Photography Club to hear about focus stacking

By Gregg Heid

Pagosa Springs Photography Club

The June meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be held on June 9 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom video conference. Our speaker will be Dave Anderson, who will discuss “Focus Stacking and Image Sharpness.”

Anderson lives in Pagosa Springs and is a member of the Photography Club. In Anderson’s presentation, he will discuss the use of focus stacking to maximize sharpness and depth of field in both macro and landscape photography. Focus

stacking is the process of taking serial images of an object or scene, with the plane of focus moving through the subject, combined to give an increased depth of field.

Discussion will include several factors important for perceived image sharpness such as depth of field, diffraction, lens quality and visual acuity. A number of software options for focus stacking will be presented, and the process of stacking in Photoshop will be described. Anderson will provide examples of stacked images that succeeded and failed, stacking with unintended consequences, and

tips for successful focus stacking.

Club members will receive an email with the Zoom link. Others who are interested in watching may contact Andy Butler at [abutler@mac.com](mailto:abutler@mac.com) for the link. Club members may submit up to five images to share and discuss following the presentation.

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club promotes educational, social and fun interactions between all who enjoy making and viewing great photography. The club sponsors educational programs and outings to help

■ See Club on next page

### Saturday

East Side Market: Live entertainment, 10 a.m.

### Tuesday

Mountain Pizza and Taproom: DJ Marcus Rivas, 6 p.m.

### Wednesday

Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Jack Ellis, 6 p.m.

**Live Performers**



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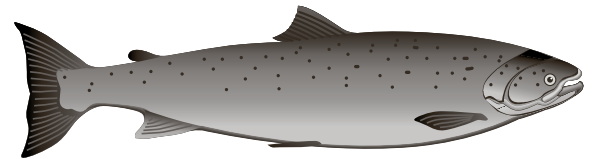


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We searched for a place to have dinner that didn’t have a long wait and stumbled on Pagosa Brewing Co. & Grill. I started with a fine barrel-aged rye Manhattan, and my husband had a salty caramel stout from its extensive beer list. The food was surprisingly good: a Meat Eater pizza (ham, sausage, pepperoni, bacon) and the best fish and chips I’ve ever had (wild-caught salmon in its Kayaker Cream Ale tempura batter with house-made rémoulade and coleslaw).

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# Thingamajig's 'Sylvia' dog photo contest deadline set for June 18

By Carole Howard  
Thingamajig Theater Company

The crown jewel of Thingamajig Theater 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.

To boost interest in "Sylvia," the theater is 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, cofounder of the theater with her husband, Tim. "Send us a picture of your beloved pooch by June 18 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."

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.

## 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 Thing-

amajig — like theaters around the world — to go dark on March 15, 2020. That resulted in a 15-month closure of Pagosa's esteemed local professional theater.

## Elkins to be featured in special engagement

Elkins, one of Thingamajig's  
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Rescue dog Blue investigates baby EllyAna Perez in a photo submitted to Thingamajig Theater Company's contest to find a dog that best represents the character of the charming canine in the comedy "Sylvia," which opens June 25. Simon Fuger and Chris Pike are Blue's family, and EllyAna is the daughter of Stephanie and Domingo Perez, all of Pagosa Springs. EllyAna's brother, Estevan, attended Thingamajig's children's summer camp. Email your dog's photo to thingamajigbox@gmail.com. The deadline for photo contest entries is June 18.

## Thingamajig

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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 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 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.

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 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.

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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 deadline for entries in the dog photo contest is June 18. The winner 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 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. 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 Theater 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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# 27th Auction for the Animals will begin June 28

**By Mike Stoll**  
Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

The calendar just rolled over to June, and that means the 27th annual Auction for the Animals is heading your way later this month.

The Auction for the Animals is the Humane Society's largest and most important fundraising event each year.

This year's version will follow the virtual format adopted last year and feature an extended on-line silent auction starting June 28 and a fun-filled virtual event the evening of July 3. The silent auction will wrap up bidding on July 5. Admission to both the auction and virtual event is free and on-line, which means they're open to everyone, everywhere.

Like its many predecessors, this year's auction will feature a wonderful array of items to bid on that will make great gifts for yourself, family and friends. Here's a brief sampling of some of the many silent auction items. For the jewelry connoisseur, a stunning diamond bar necklace and earring set from a local goldsmith; for the music enthusiast, an awesome framed replica platinum LP and signed album cover of Journey's "Departure" record, autographed by all the band members with certificate of authenticity; a gorgeous original art nouveau heavy bronze figural lamp with woman holding blown glass tulip-shaped shades; a unique natural-edge mesquite bowl from a local carver; a brand-new 15-foot grow dome direct from a local manufacturer.

Additional auction items include Wolf Creek ski tickets, sled dog tours, original and reproduction art work, domestic and foreign trips with extended windows for travel, and a variety of gift baskets

ranging from adult beverages to pet supplies. The silent auction will include gift certificates galore from area businesses, restaurants, entertainment venues, hotels and bed and breakfasts, professional services for humans and pets, and so much more.

The second annual pet fashion show featuring pets and costumes will air during the July 3 virtual event. Catch a variety of local pets struttin' their stuff in support of their cousins at the animal shelter. There are still a few spots open in the fashion show lineup, so if you have a pet hankering for the lime-light, email us at [auction@humane-society.biz](mailto:auction@humane-society.biz) or call (970) 264-5549 to inquire about entering the show. Last year's show included dogs, cats, birds, horses, donkeys and a pig, and we're hoping for even more contestants this year. There are cool prizes for the top vote recipients.

A number of local restaurants will again be partnering with the Humane Society the week of the auction and during the virtual event in support of the shelter animals. Purchase some great food from our participating partners and a percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the animal shelter. Watch for details and a full list of participating restaurants at our auction website [www.Hspagosa.org](http://www.Hspagosa.org) and in future ads in The Pagosa Springs SUN. You can eat great food and support the shelter animals at the same time.

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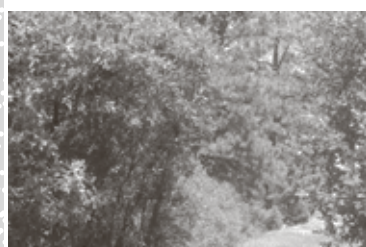
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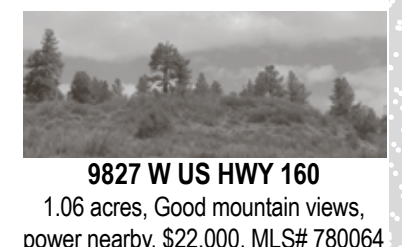
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**By Diane Levison**  
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Appointments can be scheduled at <https://bloodhero.com/index.cfm?group=op&expand=946487&zc=81147>.

Walk-ins are also welcomed. If you have any questions, please text Diane Levison at (602) 770-6565 or email her at [dianeunheard@gmail.com](mailto:dianeunheard@gmail.com).

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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.

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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, June 6, our theme is the purpose of life.

"The purpose of God in creating man hath been, and will ever be,

to enable him to know his Creator and to attain His Presence." — Baha'u'llah.

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# Asking ‘How Can I Help?’

By Richard Gammill  
PREVIEW Columnist

My wife and I moved from California to South Fork, Colo., in September 1996. Several weeks later it snowed — hard. I had several shovels among my yard and garden tools, but no snow shovel. When I came home from work that day, I discovered someone had plowed my driveway. By the time of the next snowfall, I had a bright new snow shovel in hand. But it happened again: I came home ready to shovel, but a neighbor had already cleared my driveway. This went on for several weeks.

I finally learned one of my new Colorado friends kept busy plowing out the driveways of single ladies and the elderly. I went to him and said, “Dennis, you don’t have to do this for me. I am able to shovel out my own driveway.”

He said, “Yes, but you have to do it by hand and it takes me only a few minutes to do the job with the plow on my pickup. You have plenty of other things to do.”

When I got to know Dennis better, I found he liked to discover needs among his church family or community and find ways to help that no one else had thought about. He learned he could arrange for a shipment of canned and fresh food items to South Fork. He rallied his church to operate a food pantry one Saturday a month for community families in need.

A close friend in California, named Dick, was constantly on the lookout for situations where he could serve anonymously. When he learned about a family in need, perhaps through a newspaper account, he made inquiries about their circumstances and took innovative steps to provide help.

Dick became acquainted with an Indian boarding school in Arizona, got its list of supporters and sent a small “thank you” gift to each donor. I stopped by their house and found Dick and his wife at work wrapping up their collection of Precious Moments figures to mail to friends of the school.

Many of us reach out to someone going through hardship —

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*A vague offer of help usually gets no taker.*

they’ve lost their job, a loved one has just passed away or they are afflicted with COVID-19 — and say, “Let me know how I can be of help.” That throws it back on our friend to acknowledge our sincerity by thinking of some way to respond to our offer. A vague offer of help usually gets no taker.

Thoughtful insight leads us to make specific offers: “We want you to bring your children over here Friday evening so you two can have a much-needed night out.” “Leave your mower where I can get to it Saturday; I’m coming over to mow your lawn so you can be with your wife in the hospital.” “Let me have your car tomorrow and I will make sure it’s ready for you to make the trip to see your new granddaughter.” “While you recover from surgery, my son will pick up your laundry so I can take care of it.”

During this COVID-19 crisis, when our country asked “how can we help?” it meant easing export restrictions and sending tons of vaccine supplies to countries like India, where more than a quarter million people have died.

These words from I John 3:16-18 can guide us: “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone had material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?”

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”

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## Friday, June 4

**San Juan Stargazers Training.** Steve McAllister will provide training for telescope use. This evening is for members only. For more information, visit [www.sanjuanstargazers.org](http://www.sanjuanstargazers.org).

**Gaming.** 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect. Maximum of four participants in the gaming room. Masks must be worn at all times inside the library and social distancing must be maintained throughout the program. Call 264-

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## Monday, June 7

**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. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. Note: Masks are required unless you have proof of COVID vaccination. Call Beverly for information at (970) 264-2064.

## Tuesday, June 8

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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.

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**Pagosa Springs Boys' Varsity Baseball.** 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Alamosa.

**Ruby's Book Club.** 2-3 p.m., Zoom. We will be discussing "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett. Call (970) 264-2209 for more information or if you need a copy of the book. You can join the meeting with Zoom ID 874 5826 9188 and passcode 81147.

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

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**Birding Basics: An Introduction to Birdwatching.** 6-7:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Registration required. Randy McCormick from the Weminuche Audubon Society will teach an in-person class where you will learn about binocular use, field guides, an introduction to identification, bird families and more. This two-part event is limited to 10 participants. Call (970) 264-2209 or email [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org) for more information and to register.

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

**Pagosa Springs Photography Club.** 6:30 p.m., Zoom. Dave Anderson will discuss "Focus Stacking and Image Sharpness." Club members will receive an email with the Zoom link. Others who are interested in watching may contact Andy Butler at [abutler@mac.com](mailto:abutler@mac.com) for the link.

**Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs.** 7 p.m. Online. A discussion on "Become a Light to the World." You can attune yourself to this divine, creative, transformative love and experience the light and sound at any time. Go to [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) and find "Spiritual Experiences Group of Pagosa Springs, Colorado." Click on the red attend online link provided.

**Thursday, June 10**

**Summer Reading Club.** 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. For those in K-5th grade. Join us for some fantastic summer programs. This week is "What It's Like to be a Paleontologist." Call (970) 264-2209 for more information.

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**Free Legal Clinic by Appointment.** 2 p.m., via Zoom at the library. Privately meet with a volunteer attorney via Zoom to ask legal questions in all areas of civil law. To schedule an appointment, call (970) 264-2209 or send an email to [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org).

**Saturday, June 12**

**Pagosa Springs Coed Varsity Track.** 9 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Terry Alley Invite.

**Birding Basics: An Introduction to Birdwatching.** 9-10 a.m., Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership domes. Registration required. Call (970) 264-2209 or email [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org) for more information and to register.

**Weminuche Audubon Society Plant Walk.** 9:30-11:15 a.m., West Fork Road. Registration required. Lake McCullough will explore early summer wildflowers and medicinal

herbs. The walk is about 1.5 miles round trip. Be prepared for rugged trails, weather, and leave dogs at home. For more information and to register, email [weminuche.audubon@gmail.com](mailto:weminuche.audubon@gmail.com).

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# Senior Center seeking volunteers

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Community Café in the Pagosa Springs Senior Center is requesting volunteers to help with the lunch desk. Please call (970) 264-2167 to volunteer or for more information.

## Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

The Pagosa Springs Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers approximately 3,000 fresh and frozen meals a year. We deliver fresh Meals on Wheels five days a week (and provide frozen Meals on Wheels for weekends) to home-bound 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, June 3 — Leek quiche, asparagus, boule bread with butter, milk, salad and strawberries Romanoff.

Friday, June 4 — Barbecue chicken, potato salad, milk, salad and peach cobbler.

Monday June 7 — Summer clam chowder, bacon green beans, cheddar biscuits with butter, milk and salad.

Tuesday, June 8 — Beef brisket, San Antonio squash, milk, salad and bread pudding.

Wednesday, June 9 — Vegetarian tacos with black beans, green rice, milk, salad and lemon cake.

Thursday, June 10 — Pecan-crusted chicken with toasted pecan cream sauce, buttered yucca, Brussels sprouts, 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.

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# Just say 'thank you'

A gift for Mother's Day. Why didn't I just say "thank you" and leave it at that?

Our son said he ordered me something for Mother's Day. It had come in and needed to be picked up.

"What is it? Will I like it?"

"You'll like it," our son replied. "It's patio furniture."

"What does it look like and what color is it?"

Our son gave me his under-the-

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



brow look and said, "Just say 'thank you.'"

You can't just say "thank you" ■ See Lane on next page

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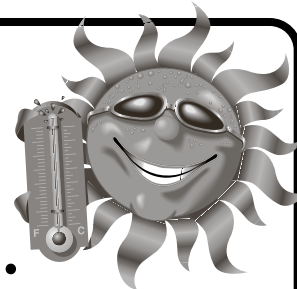
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# Fun, free Summer Reading Program and more in-person activities

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff



where entrants will be put into random drawings for gift certificates

and other prizes. The Summer Reading Program is one of our most popular events of the year. It's fun, free and educational. As well, it will help your children avoid the dreaded "summer slide" in reading skills that has been documented so often when youngsters take a vacation from

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## Lane

■ continued from previous page when someone is giving you certain things, especially if it may change the look or design of your home.

I have patio furniture. Its antique, and I love setting it out every year. I don't see the need for anything new.

Our son said, "I'll just cancel the order and get my money back."

"Now don't over react." He can be so quick at times. Besides, I'm sure there is something I could learn to be happy with.

I agreed to go to the store with our son to pick up the furniture under one condition: I wanted to see a floor sample first.

I'll admit, I loved the color and design that I saw. The brown, gray, black and beige was a soothing palette. Although, I prefer reds and aqua. Our son has his own groomed taste. He prefers modern and new, while I like ancestral country. What our son Precious calls, "old people" furniture.

Looking for some affirmation or guidance on how to handle the receipt of this gift, I asked my Sweet Al what he thought.

"The birds will fly over and poop on the new furniture just like they did to the old furniture."

That wasn't the help I was looking for, so I asked our son, "Where do you plan to put the new furniture?"

Again, with the under-the-brow look, "Have I ever put anything anywhere that you didn't like?"

Our son said he wanted to put the new furniture on the back porch. I, of course said it needed to be on the side patio. Another impasse. I was starting to feel that receiving a gift was more work than it was worth.

After a bit more push and pull with our son over his "gift," we finally headed home. And, in a short period of time, I had new outdoor furniture on the side patio where I wanted it.

There were still a few more hurdles to cross. The discussion about buying every color of the rainbow in throw pillows was abruptly stopped by my son who agreed to buy one bright red umbrella to go with my new settee.

I realize this whole event was a heart-filled generous gesture by my son. Even so, I need to be a good steward of any gift received, which means I have to be part of getting me to the part where I like it.

Final brushstroke: Our children have different thoughts and ideas than we do. Some are, without a doubt, better than anything we would come up with for ourselves. But, Mother's Day only comes one day a year. And on that day, we cel-

ebate not just who we are, but our likes and our ills. After all, we have to live with ourselves, we may as well be comfortable as we do.

### Readers' comments

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# Library

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books in July and August — an especially important benefit now with the last school year being so disrupted by COVID.

## First Summer Reading bonus challenge

Week one's bonus challenge June 7-12: You've discovered a new dinosaur. What do you want to call it and why? Submit your answer by Saturday, June 12, at 3 p.m. for a chance to win — by emailing [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org), posting on the library Facebook page or dropping it off at the front desk.

## More in-person activities

We are delighted that the robust local vaccination program for our community means that more of our programs now can happen in person — either inside the building with limited numbers or outside. For example, several activities will take place in the library garden, all-ages in-person gaming resumes inside the library this Friday and a special birdwatching program takes place both inside and downtown next to the Geothermal Greenhouse Project domes. Please see more information in the activity listings below.

Also, 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.

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.

## Children's programs in library garden

Wednesdays at 10 a.m., join us in the library garden (note new day and location) for free in-person children's stories, games and plenty of reasons to get up and move. This event will be canceled if the weather is bad.

Saturday's Discovery Times continue on Facebook at 2:30 p.m. with games, art ideas, science experiments, history and more.

## In-person birdwatching programs

Randy McCormick from the Weminuche Audubon Society will teach an all-ages in-person class inside the library on Tuesday, June 8, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., where you will learn about binocular use, field guides, identifying bird families and more. This event is limited to 10 participants and registration is required.

Then Saturday, June 12, from 9 to 10 a.m., an outdoor excursion will begin next to the Geothermal Greenhouse Project domes downtown. Registration also required for this event.

## In-person gaming is back

Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect on Fridays from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. There will be a maximum of four participants in the gaming room at a time.

## Summer Reading Club starts next Thursday

What's it like to be a paleontologist? Explore the world of fossils,

digging and dinosaurs with in-person science experiments and activities for those in kindergarten through fifth grade on Thursday, June 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the library garden.

## Ruby's Book Club

Ruby's Book Club meets from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, via Zoom to discuss "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchet. Copies of the book are available at your library. The Zoom meeting ID is 874 5826 9188, passcode 81147. This book club is held the second Tuesday of each month.

## Writing challenge

On Monday, June 7, we will post 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.

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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 Clark's grebe.

Until 1985, the Clark's grebe was thought to be a variant of the more numerous western grebe, but genetic, physical and vocalization differences are enough to classify them as separate species. Although they may nest side by side, most of the time they do not interbreed.

Both of these grebes are elegant, long-necked, black and white waterfowl which ride low on the water. Often seen far from shore on large, open lakes, the physical differences may be difficult to spot. Both have a white face and neck, black cap and red eyes. The western grebe's cap extends over the eye, but the eye of the Clark's is surrounded by white. The Clark's dagger-like bill is bright yellow or orange-yellow, while the western's is a darker olive-green or gray.

Clark's grebes often dive deeply for the fish, which are their primary food source, and are either speared or pinched by their long bills. Crustaceans, worms and aquatic insects also comprise a part of their diet.

Like the western, the Clark's grebe engages in elaborate courtship rituals to attract a mate. At one point, a pair will rise up and run side by side on their feet across the surface of the water in a bird ballet.

These grebes build large, platform, floating nests in rushes or reeds near the edges of lakes. Navajo and Hatcher lakes provide this habitat in our area. People in boats or kayaks or on paddleboards who venture too close may cause these beautiful birds to abandon the nest and fail to reproduce.

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

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## Fun By The Numbers

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Level: Beginner

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to cats.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 5 = C)

**A. 23 10 9 18 24 10**

*Clue: Relating to cats*

**B. 5 9 6 20 25**

*Clue: Curved, pointy nails*

**C. 21 2 8 8**

*Clue: Low, vibrating sound*

**D. 25 5 8 6 26 5 13**

*Clue: Mark the surface*

Answers: A. feline B. claws C. purr D. scratch



# Library

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## New 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 June 7-19 theme is time flies. After you finish the walk, pick up materials for a craft or activity at the library.

## Tech Time

Free in-person slots are available from 10 a.m.- to noon Tuesdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Brad will help you resolve issues with your computer, smartphone, tablet and other electronic devices.

## ESL

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

## 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.

## Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) session takes place in person Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. when Mark helps with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

## 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 three versions — children, teens and adults.

## Large print

"In League with Sherlock Holmes" edited by Laurie A. King and Leslie S. Flinger is a collection of new mysteries by 15 authors. "The Final Twist" by Jeffrey Deaver is book three in the Colter Shaw mystery series. "A Distant Shore" by Karen Kingsbury features a young girl caught in a sex-trafficking environment. "Death with a Double Edge" by Anne Perry is a Daniel Pitt mystery set in London. "The Newcomer" by Mary Kay Andrews begins when a woman dies and her sister must flee with her child. "The Lady Has a Past" by Amanda Quick tracks a PI who is kidnapped at an exclusive spa.

## Novels

"Where the Grass is Green and the Girls are Pretty" by Lauren Weisberger focuses on one little lie that upends the seemingly perfect lives of two sisters. "The First Day

of Spring" by Nancy Tucker begins when an 8-year-old girl kills a boy. "The Soulmate Equation" by Christina Lauren revolves around a DNA-based matchmaking service.

## Comedy collection

"Yearbook" by Seth Rogen is a collection of comedic true stories about the author's grandparents, bar mitzvahs, Jewish summer camp and other events in his life.

## How-to and self help

"The Stress Mess" by Kelsie Kenefick is a guide to effectively managing your stress. "National Parks of America" is a new edition of Lonely Planet's travel guide. "Polyface Designs" by Joel Salatin and Chris Slattery is a construction guide for scalable farming infrastructure. "Dedicated" by Pete Davis explores the benefits of committing yourself to places, professions, people and causes. "Witchcraft Therapy" by Murdi Em describes how to use witchcraft as a tool for change in your life. "Facebook for Dummies" by Carolyn Abram and Amy Karasavas is the new eighth edition.

## Other nonfiction

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## Quotable quote

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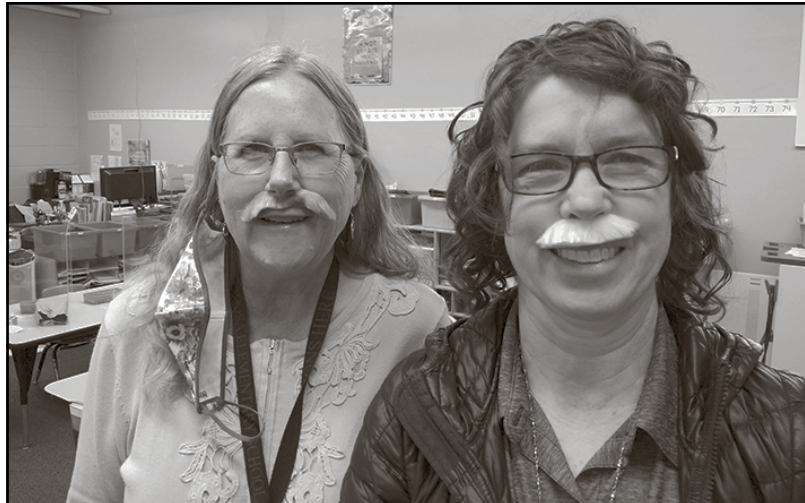
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You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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# Handfuls of daddy lions

**By Daris Howard**  
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My mother, my brother and I were making plans for Memorial Day. I would pick up my mother, and my brother's family and my family would meet at the cemetery that morning. When we had finished decorating the graves, we would go to my house for a barbecue.

"Can you bring lilacs with you?" my mother asked. "Lilacs are one of my favorite flowers."

My mom had just been to our house for Sunday dinner, and before she left, I cut her a bouquet of lilacs. She was still enjoying their fragrance.

"When I die," she said, "make sure you bring lilacs to put on my grave."

"I'm quite partial to mums, myself," my brother said. "Our lilacs are past blooming, so I think I will stop at the store and buy some mums to bring."

"What about you, Daris?" my mom asked. "What flowers do you like best?"

I thought about that question. Though I enjoy the fragrance and beauty of flowers, I must admit that what I like most is tied more to feelings and memories. I've grown roses, irises, tulips, and just about every type of flower. I love to watch my wife and children enjoy them. I also like to see the children carry them in to their mother. But strangely, the flower that brings the fondest memories is one I don't even grow, at least not on purpose. That flower is the dandelion.

I remember as a boy going into the pasture and seeing a sea of yellow and thinking it was the most beautiful sight in the world. But even more, I loved to see the wonder in the faces of my own children when the flower we too often think of as a noxious weed filled the countryside with a golden hue.

Only a couple of weeks ago, my 2-year-old granddaughter was going across the yard, stopping to pick the small flowers. Each time her

chubby little fist couldn't hold anymore, she would come and deposit them on my lap for safekeeping.

I thought of her own mother as a little girl. She would pick the dandelions. When I would get home from a long day of work, she would bring them to me in a cup of water her mother had helped her arrange.

"Here are some daddy w Lyons for you," she would say. "I picked them specially for you because you're my daddy."

I would pull her onto my lap and give her a big hug. Then I would often read a story to her, or we would sing a children's song together.

Over the years, almost all my children brought me bouquets of "Daddy lions." When they were small, they thought their daddy was the smartest and best guy in the world. But then they grew up, and as they did, daddy seemed less and less competent. When they became teenagers, to them, daddy's esteemed value seemed to turn into an exponentially downward spiral until he was old fashioned and knew next to nothing about what was good for them. That finally seemed to turn around some when they married and had children of their own.

Still, dandelions remind me of what I felt were some of the best times of my life. They remind me of working in the yard or playing in the park with my family. They remind me of picnics, hikes and camping trips together. But mostly they remind me of my love for them and pulling them onto my lap for a hug, a story or a song.

When my granddaughter finished gathering dandelions and brought the last bunch to me, she gave a big handful to me and took the rest to give to her daddy. So, when my mom asked me what flowers I loved best, to her surprise, I had an unusual, but ready, reply.

"I just hope my children will bring me handfuls of daddy lions to put on my grave when I'm gone."

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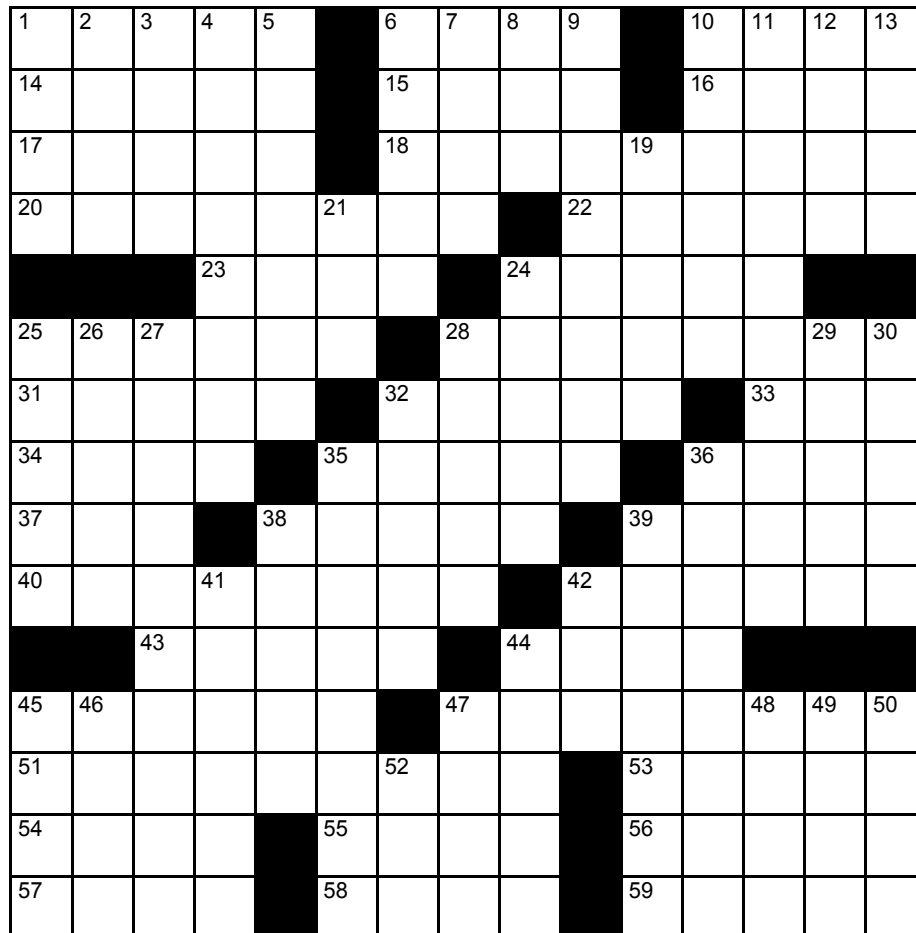
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- 28 Ocular problem
- 31 Love to pieces
- 32 Oil-bearing rock
- 33 Grazing area
- 34 Tear up
- 35 Part of NASA
- 36 Bowler's target
- 37 Senior, to junior
- 38 Worlds \_\_\_\_; different
- 39 Ski trail
- 40 Lazy one
- 42 Word before block or note
- 43 Dull impact sound
- 44 Hose problem
- 45 Selecting, with "for"
- 47 Album insert
- 51 Rule of thumb
- 53 Full of pep
- 54 Coastal raptor
- 55 "Live" anagram
- 56 Compare (to)
- 57 Units of work
- 58 Aug. follower
- 59 Tuckered out

### DOWN

- 1 Junk E-mail
- 2 Fizzy drink



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- 3 Passing remarks?
- 4 Vacation purchase, often
- 5 Squeeze out
- 6 So yesterday
- 7 Plenty
- 8 Till bill
- 9 Voyeur's vantage point
- 10 Woodsy homes
- 11 Revival speaker
- 12 Effort
- 13 Swirling current
- 19 On the lam
- 21 Airport posting abbr.
- 24 Piece of land
- 25 Asks for ID
- 26 Something to shoot for
- 27 Wielding a baton
- 28 Swiss veggie?
- 29 Gossipy one
- 30 Chart holder
- 32 Fire starter

- 35 Sequins
- 36 Dismissal notice
- 38 Past, in the past
- 39 Letter exchangers
- 41 Moves effortlessly
- 42 Farrow of films
- 44 Prepared to propose

- 45 Curved molding
- 46 Feline sound
- 47 Barbershop sound
- 48 Nature walk
- 49 Dutch \_\_\_\_
- 50 Canvas shelter
- 52 " \_\_\_\_ had it!"

### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cats.

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*Answers: sunjms*

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# Flying insects not likely to transmit SARS-CoV-2, studies show

By Sue Kendall  
PREVIEW Columnist

By early 2020, a new virus called SARS-CoV-2, the cause of COVID-19 disease, was rapidly spreading across the planet. Everyone wanted and needed information on what it was, what it did and how it was transmitted.

Since then, the worldwide scientific community has amassed a great deal of information about the virus and the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) is contributing to that knowledge base.

Scientists continue to research whether the virus was initially transmitted to humans from an animal. Researchers in the ARS Arthropod-Borne Animal Diseases Research Unit (ABADRU) in Manhattan, Kan., in collaboration with Kansas State University, are investigating whether insects are involved in any way in the transmission of this virus. The team recently published two papers outlining its studies and findings.

In March, the first study was published online in the Journal of Medical Entomology. It focused on biting insects, specifically midges and two species of mosquitoes, because of their known ability to pick up and transmit disease-causing viruses to humans and animals. The insects were allowed to feed on SARS-CoV-2-spiked blood, representing a natural route of infection, and were later tested at various times for the presence of viral RNA and infectious virus. Several insect cell lines were also tested to see if the virus could reproduce in them.

The team found that virus replication was not supported in any insects or cell lines tested.

“We conclude that these biting insects do not pose a risk for transmission of SARS-CoV-2 to humans or other animals following a SARS-CoV-2 infected blood meal,” said ARS research molecular biologist and study author Dana Mitzel.

The second study, published in the journal Parasites and Vectors

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in April, focused on house flies because of their association with mechanically transmitting bacterial, parasitic and viral agents to humans and animals. The team wanted to see whether house flies could acquire and transmit SARS-CoV-2 to their surroundings.

The house flies were exposed to SARS-CoV-2-spiked culture media or virus-spiked milk. (The team used reconstituted powdered milk as a substrate since it also is used as a food source for rearing the flies and they knew the insects would readily feed upon it.) The flies were tested for virus at four and 24 hours after exposure. All flies exposed to virus tested positive for viral RNA, but infectious virus was only present in the flies exposed to the virus-spiked milk.

In the next experiment to check for transmission, flies were again exposed to virus-spiked milk and tested positive for virus 24 hours later. However, the flies were only able to mechanically transmit viral RNA, not infectious virus, to uninoculated (clean) milk and test surfaces. Therefore, while some flies seemed to be able to carry infectious virus, they were not able to transmit the virus, only the virus's RNA, which is not infectious.

“We want to emphasize that this research was done under carefully controlled laboratory conditions using high amounts of virus — much more than what flies might encounter naturally. More research is needed to see if house flies can transmit infectious SARS-CoV-2 in a natural setting and if so, what the implications are for public health,” said ARS entomologist Dana Naydich, ABADRU research leader and corresponding author on the study. “On a positive note, since we were

able to detect both virus and viral RNA in flies, we potentially can use flies to monitor and detect virus in the environment. In this type of surveillance strategy, the house fly does all the work by visiting animals, including humans, and their waste. Then in the laboratory we can screen flies for evidence of the virus and know if it's out there in places the flies visited.”

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# An opportunity waiting

By Dennis Bissmeyer  
PREVIEW Columnist

The COVID-19 virus has dramatically changed the course of our lives. Its impact has required us to make significant adjustments in our schools and delivery of educational services. It has shown us that having only a one-track educational model based on 19th century mentality will not work for the vast majority of students. COVID exposed the difficulties families faced educating their children, especially those under 5 years of age.

As we begin to see some relief from the COVID restrictions, the question before us is this: What is our plan for coming out of this crisis? Generations of fixing schools and school systems has led nowhere. Layering reforms atop existing reforms has failed. It's time to develop a 22nd century educational template that squares the readiness of young children and families with the realities of the world.

There are two transformations to our educational system that could make a significant impact on the early childhood landscape. Through them we can develop a set of solutions for problems that for generations have defied meaningful advancements in early education.

## Part 1: Preschool

An old Confucius proverb says, "If your plan is for 1 year, plant rice. If your plan is for 10 years, plant a tree. If your plan is for 100 years, educate children."

Sadly, we are failing to educate all of our children. There are millions of children in our nation who are not eligible for free public education until they reach age 5. Up to that milestone, they are dependent on the availability and affordability of private child care, preschool facilities and in-home providers. Let's be clear, there is nothing pre about preschool; these children are ready to learn from birth. Language, as well as social

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and emotional abilities, are in full bloom within the first three years.

While there has been some dialogue toward universal child care for children ages 3 to 4, we are not focusing far enough into the future nor deep enough into the present. As a nation, we need to look beyond prevailing knowledge and practice and start thinking differently about what early childhood education means. There should not be a separate early child care mentality; our public education system should simply be a continuum of ongoing free childhood education services for all students. Providing free educational services to our youngest children is a social imperative that we cannot ignore.

Other countries are already on this trajectory. In Sweden, for instance, child care is regarded as part of the educational system from the first years of life. South Korea offers free day care for children from infancy to age 2 and additional services for the 3 to 5 years old. Singapore offers services to children from age 2 up to elementary school.

We can start by modernizing our public educational system and offering parents the option of enrolling their children in public schools free of charge starting from their first birthday. Free public school is a child's legal right beginning at age 5, so let's make it a child's right starting at age 1. After all, what part of all don't we understand when it is engraved in school mission and vision statements across our nation? This transformation will create cohesive free public education for children ages 1 through 21. This will have an impact unlike anything in the history of our educational system and it would change the entire landscape of

early childhood education in our nation.

President Joe Biden's infrastructure plan speaks to the need to provide free public education for children ages 3 through 4. However, it fails to recognize the need to provide these same services for children ages 1 through 2 who are ready earlier than originally thought for school. In the absence of this we marginalize these young kids when we discount them at such an early age.

Bringing children ages 1 to 4 into our publicly funded education system would develop the need for new teachers, therapists and expertise never before perceived on such a scale in our schools. To do this, we will need to develop a purpose-driven educational model, one that strives to connect a child's learning readiness at a much earlier age than previously recognized.

Think, too, what having this educational system in place could do for parents who desire to join the work force, enroll in college or

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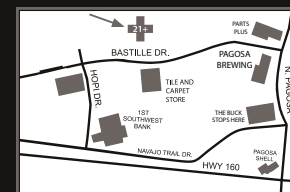
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 a trade, volunteer, be part of their child's program or contribute to their communities. They wouldn't struggle to find the finances, proper facilities or certified staff to send their child to school or be put on a waiting list because space is not available or age conditions are not met. This could be a corridor in unraveling educational inequalities across races, geography and income. The positive impact on such a change will be life changing for the child, family, workforce, and society.

## Part 2: School and classroom design

Children are ready for school from birth, but school facilities in the form of developmentally appropriate learning environments are not ready. The greater number of existing schools today were designed and built in the mid-1950s and no longer meet today's educational needs, a reality that hit home during the current pandemic. Building new or converting public schools is not financially feasible. It will require taking a look at where students, especially ages 1 to 4 years, will be schooled.

A solution exists within local communities. Commercial shopping malls and department stores

have fallen victim to online shopping and changes in the pattern of consumer spending. The pandemic has only accelerated the demise of these once popular consumer magnets. While big box stores and malls may be ending, the buildings and space remain, waiting to be reconceptualized.

Instead of demolishing failed shopping malls, we can seize the opportunity to purchase or lease and convert them into state-of-the-art learning environments at a fraction of the cost of finding land and building new public schools. Central Valley Early Learning Center in Spokane, Wash., has done just that and more. The school district converted an old grocery store into a state of the arts educational learning center that houses early childhood education serving children ages 3 to 5 as well as housing their alternative high school. It's an easy step to take to also include children ages 1 to 2. From a structural standpoint, the mall is already much like a school ecosystem and can easily become ideal learning environments for students of all ages and abilities.

When we speak about transforming shopping malls into schools, it is important to recognize that the classroom is a living, breathing or-

ganism that can have a significant effect on all domains of the student; it is part of the building pedagogy and community culture created within the facility itself. We will need bold visionary architects and builders to collaborate with futurist, parents, educators and early childhood specialists to morph the malls and stores into modernistic educational learning centers that reflect real world authentic learning designed for specific purposes and children. It's said that the smartphone is simply a computer with a phone in it. Perhaps the day has arrived when we can say the shopping mall is simply a space with a school in it.

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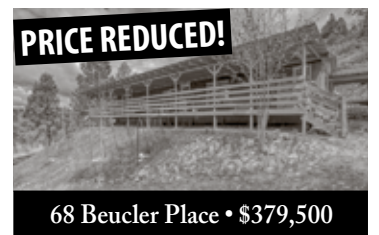
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A person's habits can have a strong impact on his or her overall health. Unhealthy habits like smoking and living a sedentary lifestyle can increase a person's risk for various conditions and diseases. On the flip side, healthy habits like eating a nutritious diet and getting enough sleep can bolster a person's immune system and reduce his or her risk for various ailments.

Some healthy habits, like daily exercise, can be time-consuming. Busy adults may not have time to exercise vigorously each day, though the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services urges men and women to find time for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week.

But not all healthy habits take up time. In fact, adults can incorporate various healthy practices into their daily routines without skipping a beat.

• **Take the stairs.** Taking the stairs instead of the elevator can have a profound effect on overall health. According to Duke University, climbing just two flights of stairs combined per day can contribute to six pounds of weight loss over the course of a single year. In addition, a study from the North American Menopause Society found that stair climbing can help postmenopausal women reduce their risk for osteoporosis and help

them lower their blood pressure.

• **Drink more water.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that water helps the body maintain a normal temperature, lubricates and cushions joints, protects the spinal cord and other sensitive tissues, and helps to rid the body of waste through urination, perspiration and bowel movements. Adults who are thirsty can choose water over soda or other sugary beverages. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that sugary beverages like soda and sports drinks contain calories but little nutritional value, making water a healthier way for individuals to quench their thirst.

• **Go for daily walks.** Walking benefits the body in myriad ways. For example, the Harvard School of Public Health notes that women who walk 30 minutes per day can reduce their risk of stroke by 20 percent and potentially by 40 percent if they walk briskly. In addition, researchers at the University of Virginia Health System found that men between the ages of 71 and 93 who walked more than a quarter mile per day had half the incidence of dementia and Alzheimer's disease as men who walked less. A 15-minute walk around the neighborhood each morning coupled with a 15-minute walk after dinner can help adults dramatically improve their overall health.

• **Eat more greens.** Eating more

greens is another healthy habit that doesn't require a major overhaul of an individual's lifestyle. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) notes that dark green leafy vegetables, such as spinach, are rich in vitamins A, C, E and K. The Mayo Clinic notes that vitamin E alone can help people maintain their vision and promote a healthy reproductive system while also improving the health of the blood, brain and skin. The USDA also notes that green vegetables contain very little carbohydrates, sodium and cholesterol. Adults won't have to reinvent the dietary wheel to incorporate more greens into their diets, and the results of doing so can have a significant, positive effect on their overall health.

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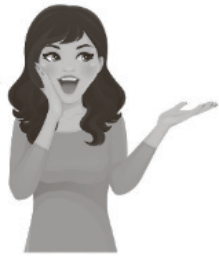








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