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# **Axis Health System** seeking federal designation

## Would help increase access to care

By Randi Pierce

Axis Health System's Archuleta Integrated Healthcare is seeking designation as a federally qualified health center (FQHC) — a designation it says will allow it to increase access to services in Pagosa Springs.

But, as was apparent at a pair of local meetings recently, not everyone is on board with the effort.

Axis' senior director of strategy and development, Sarada Leavenworth, explained, "We have the opportunity to apply for federal funding to increase access for lowincome community members at our existing location."

She added later, "Depending on the outcome of the application, it could lead to increased capacity at that location," but it's hard to know due to the application still being in

That designation would come from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a "New Access Point Health Center."

Leavenworth anticipated submitting the application this month, with a response expected in the fall.

To help with its chances of the designation, Axis solicited letters of support from Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs, among other "partner organizations" in the county, region and state.

However, not everyone is in favor of Axis' request.

Presented to the town and county along with Axis' request for letters of support was a letter from Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb outlining why PSMC believes the designation would "harm the stability of healthcare services available in this community."

PSMC is overseen by the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors.

That letter, addressed to Axis' chief clinical officer, Pamela Wise-Romero, states that the "short answer" as to why PSMC will not support Axis' application for the designation is because "the USJHSD already operates a federally designated Rural Health Clinic (as well

■ See Axis A8



Photo courtesy Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

New Archuleta School District School Resource Officer Deputy Justin Guilliams, left, poses ready for his first day of school, Paw Patrol backpack and all. Guilliams, along with Deputy James Martinez, right, fill two of three school resource officer positions by the district. The third position will be filled by the Pagosa Springs Police Department.

# Sheriff shuffles staff, gives employees raises

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

At the regular meeting of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on April 16, Sheriff Rich Valdez petitioned the commissioners to eliminate one operations position, reclassify a detention deputy position and use the cost savings to give members of his staff a raise.

According to his staff report on the subject, Valdez requested approval from the commissioners to:

• Eliminate an operations lieutenant position and reclassify one detention deputy position to a detention sergeant position.

• Increase Undersheriff Derek Woodman's salary by \$10,000 to \$75,000 annually.

• Give a 5 percent raise to the office manager, administrative assistant and records clerk.

By eliminating the part-time operations position, the sheriff's office would save \$31,518, and

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Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs High School

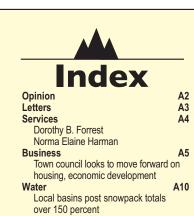
**Emma Heidelmeier** 

# Lady Pirate earns Intermountain League honor

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) senior Emma Heidelmeier recently earned another athletic distinction to add to her resume: being named the Intermountain League's (IML) top winter female

This is the first year the IML is honoring its top athletes each ■ See Heidelmeier A8



Wedemeyer breaks Bayfield stadi record in triple jump New new school resource officer introduced, third position not yet filled Register today for Chimney Rock National Monument volunteer training



# School board approves raise for superintendent

By Chris Mannara

Staff Writer

A fourth addendum was added to Archuleta School District (ASD) Superintendent Linda Reed's contract, giving the superintendent her third raise since being promoted to superintendent in March

This decision, made by the ASD Board of Education (BOE) at its regular meeting on April 9, increases Reed's salary to \$145,000, an increase of 5.56 percent to her previous salary of \$137,367.

According to the addendum, the raise is retro-

actively effective as of July 1, 2018. The addendum later states, "This District shall

pay the Superintendent for her service salary at the rate based on an annual amount of \$145,000, to be BOE member Brooks Lindner on whether or not  $paid \, in \, equal \, monthly \, in stallments \, commencing \quad \, a \, decision \, on \, Reed's \, salary \, would \, be \, made \, before \,$ on July 25, 2018.'

Those payments will continue on the 25th of each month, "thereafter during which this Contract continues with all retroactive pay to be paid on the April 25, 2019 pay roll [sic].

"We've put this salary discussion for the superintendent off; this is from last year. We decided to put it off until after the election in November," BOE President Greg Schick said, noting that due to a "couple of issues," the BOE had not been able to put it on any subsequent agenda until the April 9 meeting.

On Sept. 20, 2018, The SUN raised a question to the November election.

Lindner responding by writing, "It is my understanding that no decision will be made on Linda's salary until after the election."

BOE member Bob Lynch noted that Reed's raise would not be coming from any of the mill levy override (MLO) funds the district is receiving from an MLO increase approved in November.

"It's worth noting that the superintendent salary didn't benefit from the mill levy override,"

■ See Superintendent A8



# Spring: The perfect time for wildfire mitigation

By Bill Trimarco Special to The SUN

Spring is in the air, as the saying goes. The songbirds have returned. The rivers are rising. The grass is greening up. Wildlife is on the move. Skiers and riders are trying to get in a few more turns before the rocks begin to show.

There is one less welcome event on the way,

however, and that is wildfire season. Most of us have a hard time picturing wild-

fires when we have had a good winter. The snowpack in the Upper San Juan Basin is at 129 percent of the median. Wolf Creek Ski Area is reporting almost 500 inches of snow this season. How could we be worried about wildfire?

Unfortunately, one winter with decent precipitation does not mean the end of wildfires in our area. Different locations in the Four Corners area are still ranging from abnormally dry to severe drought conditions, according to the latest Drought Monitor data. The weather over

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# Opinion



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## **EDITORIAL**

# SUN staff shines in awards contest

The 2018 Colorado Press Association Better Newspaper Contest awards were announced during the association's 141st annual convention in Aurora on April 13.

The contest was judged by industry experts in journalism, information and design, and advertising from the Missouri Press Association.

The SUN won first place in the advertising division for the Pagosa Springs Official Visitor Guide summer edition by Shari Pierce and Terri House. The judge commented: "Massive special section. Incredible effort. Excellent content, photos, layout, etc. Very well done."

House won second place for Best Cover Design featuring a stunning photo of a columbine taken by local photographer Beth Tollefsen. The judge commented: "Eye-catching main photo. Secondary images give the reader a quick idea of what's inside. Strong field overall."

The SUN won first place for Best Editorial Special Section in the newsprint category for its hunting publication — The Hunt. The judge's comment: "Good, useful information paired with local character. A great way to get people to read what they need." That award went to Missy Phelan, Pierce and House.

Also in Best Editorial Special Section, in the glossy magazine category, the work of Shari Pierce, Randi Pierce, Chris Mannara, Avery Martinez, Phelan and House brought home a second place-award for the Pagosa Springs Real Estate and Relocation Guide.

Shari Pierce's ad for Café Colorado's ice cream won second place for Best Restaurant or Dining Ad.

Shari Pierce garnered a first place for Best Black and White Ad for Interior taxpayers ...," the judge commented.

Poll results (141 votes)

This week online:

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Warmer temperatures. — 42 percent

Rafting/river recreation. — 7 percent

Flowers. — 18 percent

Longer days. — 29 percent

Spring rain/snow. — 4 percent

Dreams, with the judge writing: "I like this ad because I don't have to guess what it's for. It's brief, it's clear, it's to the point. You don't get lost or immediately want to skip over ads like this.'

First place for Best Medium Space Ad went to Shari Pierce for Terry's Colorado Home Supply "Thanksgiving weekend of savings." The judge wrote: "I like the white next to the center. That gave it eye appeal."

Second place for Best Health Care Ad went to Shari Pierce's ad for Monroe Chiropractic. The judge wrote: "Good idea to feature that it's just \$50 and accepts cash. Really goes after the market that is cautious of high healthcare costs (which I think is a significant population these days)."

The SUN's Honoring Veterans section by Shari Pierce, House and Lauren Hawksworth was awarded second place, with the judge commenting: "A real winner in community support of our vets - very strong layout - neat, and impressive."

Second place for Best Classified Pages went to the team of Shana Young-Gawdun, Phelan and House.

Sweeping the Public Service category, Randi Pierce, Mannara and House were honored with first place for extensive coverage of the San Juan Water Conservancy District. "It's not always sexy, but public utilities tend to generate public interest like few other topics -- even more so when surrounded by such a stench of corruption. The exhaustive coverage here no doubt helped hold them accountable to citizens. Nice watchdog work represented here, with a newspaper holding local institutions accountable to

Second place went to Mannara's thorough coverage of Archuleta School District's process prior to going to the polls last November. The judge wrote, Nice use of graphics and the wealth of district information to provide an aid for voters studying the ballot issue."

House won first place for Best Investigative Story Package with the story "San Juan Water Conservancy District: Case moves to Colorado attorney general."

House won first place for that same story in the Best Environmental Story category. The judge commented, "It's incredible the amount of detail, in this story. The writer did a wonderful job following the emails and walking the reader through the tale."

Mannara won second place for Best Education Story with his story "New Mexico students look for a fresh start in Archuleta School District." The judge wrote: "This reporter is doing a great job writing about education for his audience. This story is but one example of his careful and detailed examination of issues affecting area students. This is a well-written story by a reporter dedicated to his beat and craft."

Mannara also won first place for Best Feature Photograph of a crying baby who was sitting on Santa's lap.

The points in the advertising division added up to The SUN winning the Advertising Sweepstakes in its category.

None of these awards would be possible without businesses using SUN advertising to grow their business and our thousands of readers who buy the newspaper to read about this community we call home. Thank you.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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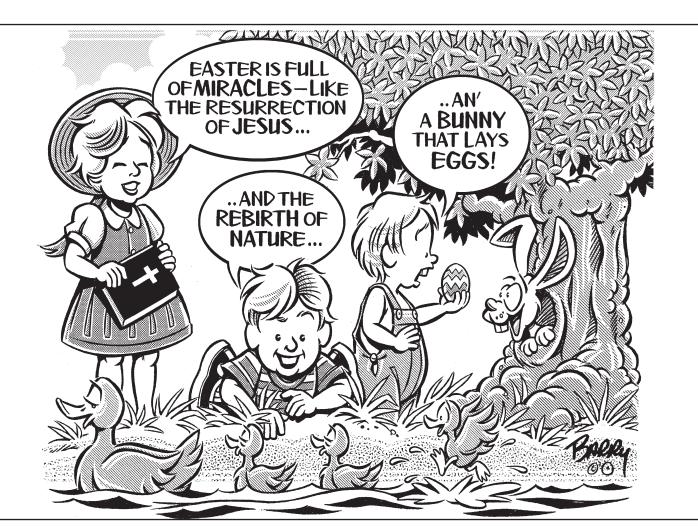


Whaddya Think?

What's your favorite thing about spring?

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From the June 5, 1980, Pagosa Springs SUN. SEARCH STARTS — A search for a drowned man got underway last Sunday morning when trained SCUBA divers from the New Mexico State Police and the San Juan County, **New Mexico Search and Rescue Unit** were transported to the scene by Pat Waters, wildlife officer at Arboles. He was assisted by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Department and the State Parks Division at Arboles. Several New Mexico law agencies were also involved.



## **LEGACIES**

By Shari Pierce

# 90 years ago Taken from SUN files of

April 19, 1929

**Dr. B.D. Ellsworth,** recently elected town trustee for a two-year term, last Saturday tendered his resignation, which was accepted. At the meeting of the board this evening, E.B. Hatcher was elected to fill the vacancy. The board also completed the purchase of five town lots at the southwest corner of the town limits to be used as city dump grounds. Arrangements are being made with the state highway department on a fifty-fifty basis, for the erection of a cable railing on the east side of Pagosa street, along the San Juan river, from the town hall north to the City Park entrance.

Manure piles in the city limits must be removed by May 15th. Clean outdoor closets and put several pounds of chlorinated lime in the vaults. Town Health Officer. B.F. Jackson.

All telephone bills must be paid by the 10th of each month. No delinquent bills will be permitted. Mrs. A.T. Sullenberger.

# 75 years ago Taken from SUN files of

April 21, 1944

Avery urgent request has been made from Red Cross Headquarters for the local chapters to rush the filling of the kits. Our soldiers are being sent across in such great numbers, there has been an extra demand on the Red Cross supply, and they want every soldier to have one of these necessary kits when he embarks. Archuleta County is responding generously, and several persons are filling kits again and again, even weekly; but there are still in the county any number of persons who would be glad to fill kits, if brought to their attention.

The dance Saturday night at the Piedra school house, given for Eldon Burster, who is home on furlough from a Texas base, was well attended and a good time was had by all.

S-Sgt. Lionel Adams, who is stationed at Rapid City, South Dakota, will be there for some time now. S.-Sgt. Adams is an instructor at the Air Base at Rapid City. He flies a B-17.

# 50 years ago Taken from SUN files of

April 17, 1969

The water supply outlook for this area indicates far above normal streamflows during the runoff season. The report, which is issued by the Soil Conservation Service of Colorado and New Mexico, forecasts a streamflow that will be 163 percent of normal in the San Juan drainage. The report reads, "The Southwest corner of the state still has the best snow cover. Excellent water supplies are assured this summer. Forecasts range from 163 percent on the San Juan to 133 percent on the La Plata. Soils in the irrigated areas are reported to be in good condition. Mountain soils contain less than average moisture and will reduce runoff slightly. Reservoir storage is above normal in all major reservoirs.

Veterans of the Vietnam war have discovered that by the time they have in a full year in the combat area they will be almost old enough to own a handgun when they come home.

# 25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

April 21, 1994 Following up on a complaint a prop-

erty owner voiced in March, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners directors voted last Thursday to allow modular homes in the Pagosa Lakes subdivisions provided the structures meet certain construction standards and satisfy requirements in the environmental covenants. A resident of the Twincreek Village subdivision objected to the placement of modular homes in Pagosa Lakes at the March 10 meeting. Noting that modular home sales are accelerating in the area, the directors asked the Property Owners Association **Environmental Control Committee and** the association's legal counsel to research the declaration of restrictions and other documents. They were asked to report on whether or not there were aspects of those documents that permit or prevent the installation of modular homes in the subdivisions. Recognizing that modular (or preconstructed) homes are distinct from what are commonly known as "mobile homes," the directors agreed that modular structures are permissible under the umbrella of the restrictions if the building permit meets all provisions of the Universal Building Code (also an Archuleta County requirement) and passes the standards in the architectural review by the environmental control committee.



# Letters

*Letters to the Editor are printed* as received and are not edited for grammar or punctuation, but may have been edited for content or style.

#### No question for LPEA: Holly Metzler

Dear Editor:

I am joining my voice to the many who have submitted letters to the editor supporting Holly Metzler as LPEA director from our district. Mailed in ballets will be accepted up until 4:00 pm on May 1st so you have time, but not much and if you are still wondering which candidate deserves your vote then read on.

So I say Holly and why? Consider the LPEA Mission: to provide its members safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost while being environmentally responsible. Holly's personal investment in keeping electricity costs down both as Mom in a family of five and as a business partner is front and center. Because I know that she also cares for our community—that's you and me — she will be committed to our economic welfare with respect to rates and quality of service. She will be accountable to her constituency on this issue because of who she is. Of that I have no doubt.

Now about the environmentally responsible aspect of LPEA's mission. Take a look at her academic preparation. University of Denver, Master of Science Environmental Policy with studies including Environmental Ethics, Law, Policy, Economics, Leadership, Climate Science and Conflict Resolution. This is the ideal preparation for a voung woman (or man) who will be making policy decisions regarding the future of energy in our cooperative. We desperately need a 21st century orientation in this 21st century. Not to say that age does not bring wisdom but the changes are so vast and are coming so fast, that the vision of youth is needed to see deeply into our future and come up with policy decisions now that will get us there safely and wisely.

Since completion of academic studies, Holly has been able to set aside some volunteer time. Her choices tell us something: Resiliant Archuleta (community resiliency planning to ensure core services can still be provided in the face of adverse situations) and Southwest Organization for Sustainability (promoting sustainability in Archuleta County). These choices give some insight regarding Holly's passion.

For me there was no question as to the best candidate.

Pauline Benetti

#### Second Amendment Preservation

Dear Editor:

the Archuleta County BoCC in adopting the Second Amendment Preservation Resolution at their April 2, 2019 meeting. Their action recognizes the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Colorado and the Constitution of the United States to provide protection for a citizen's right to keep and bare arms without infringement.

The BoCC has joined with over half of the counties of Colorado, (35 out of 64), to stand up to infringement of gun owner's rights under the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution by the State of Colorado which has acted in contradiction to the State Constitution which states, "persons have certain inalienable rights, among which may be reckoned the right of enjoying and defending their lives and liberties; of acquiring, possessing and protecting property; and of seeking and obtaining their safety and happiness" (Article II, Section 3). And also that the Colorado Constitution provides that the "right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called in question" (Article II, Section 13).

This action recognizes that gun control laws actually make the population less safe, not more safe. It is the law abiding citizen who is penalized, not the person intent on doing evil. Such criminals do not care about the law, inclusive of gun control laws and will break the law if they so chose. Any attempted shooting in a school, concert, or other event is already illegal. That's why we have proper laws prohibiting assault, assault and battery, and armed assault. Gun control laws only inhibit the self-defense of those attacked to defend themselves. They do not control criminals. Gun free zones are only safe for the illegal shooter.

This is why 30 out of 33 counties in the State of New Mexico, 62 out of 102 counties in Illinois, 32 out of Washington State's 39 counties have declared themselves to be 2nd Amendment Sanctuaries. It is also why 52 out of 62 counties in the State of New York do not recognize the validity of the recently passed SAFE Act which sharply infringes on the rights of gun owners in that very liberal state.

So, to the members of the BoCC, please know that this citizen truly appreciates your actions and our sheriff's support to protect the Archuleta County citizen's right to keep and bare arms without infringement, and to keep the government from the confiscation of our private property.

Richard Bolland

#### Join CDC in the conversation

Dear Editor:

A significant discussion oc-I would like to strongly com- curred at the Pagosa Springs Commend the courage and action of munity Development Corpora-

meeting last week. In response to the board's request for ideas from membership on future CDC focus, Mark Weiler responded by raising concerns over impediments to business growth in our community, including unduly complex development regulations and impact fees. He suggested they may pose barriers responsible for the absence of new business growth in the downtown "core," a drought he observed had continued for 15 years, unabated. Mark urged the CDC to become the "point of the spear" to seek reduction of these impediments, which he said were of general concern to many members of our business community, several of whom recently attended

tion (CDC) annual membership

express their views. My personal belief is that Mark is correct that the CDC should participate actively in efforts to resolve the issues he raised, possibly by advocating potential solutions, but unquestionably by helping focus the community's attention on the issues and their undoubted significance. As a CDC board member, I believe the organization intends to expand its role in these respects, and that is a principle reason it is energetically seeking to attract new members and stimulate their participation in addressing issues of the sort Mark raised. An effective spear requires not only a point, but also the heft behind it that the CDC membership supplies.

a joint Town/County meeting to

Justin Ramsey of PAWSD, Jason Cox of Riff Raff, Chris Smith of Visiting Angels, and Heather Otter of Region 9 were among those at the meeting offering comments and questions on the topic Mark raised, thus joining a major conversation we should all want to participate in. Rational economic development has a critical role in the life of a community: all you need do is look at rust belt cities in many parts of the United States to realize that without growth in jobs and housing, we risk losing our young, and without young people, our future is diminished.

Of course, the issues are not easy. Take impact fees: their intent is to reckon and offset the social costs of development, mostly re-

■ See Letters A4

# Elect **Holly Metzler LPEA Board of Directors**

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## Please join us in voting for Holly Metzler for LPEA Board of Directors

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# Thank you for your tremendous support!

I appreciate the great discussions, newly acquired knowledge and your votes!

Ballots have been mailed to members. Return your ballot by mail. Or ... Ballots may be dropped off at the Pagosa Springs LPEA office, 603 S. 8th Street, no later than 4 p.m. May 1st.

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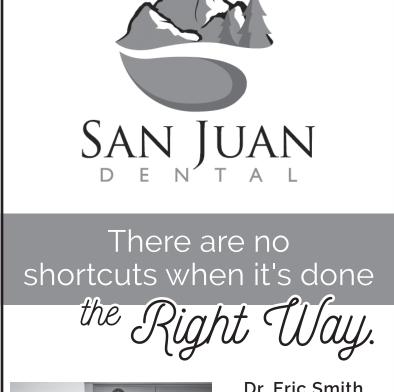
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sulting from strains it may cause to infrastructure. But while offsetting social costs is completely rational, there are two other "sides" of the coin: (a) impact fees can add a significant expense to the cost of business start-up at a critical time, which may actually discourage development, and (b) even without impact fees, economic expansion which development brings to the tax base provides at least some recompense for its social costs.

Attracting capital investment is a critical issue for small communities like ours, because we don't offer profit opportunities sufficient to compete with big communities. This is why the federal government has enacted the Opportunity Zone program, and why the CDC in cooperation with the Town and the County is undertaking to incentivize local broadband internet delivery.

In my view, we need to stick our necks out and bet on our community in order to overcome our competitive disadvantage in investment, but at a minimum, we should discuss pros and cons of the possible bet in the context of the concerns raised by Mark. I encourage all to join the CDC in the conversation.

Jim Garrett

**Commissioners** 

discuss opposing

National Popular Vote

toral votes.

**Interstate Compact** 

#### Republican, business owner supports Metzler Dear Editor:

By John Finefrock

At their work session on April 9,

the Archuleta County commission-

ers discussed publicly opposing the

National Popular Vote Interstate

by Gov. Jared Polis in March, puts

Colorado with a group of 13 other

states who have pledged their

presidential electoral votes to the

winner of the national popular

votes are cast for whoever wins the

rado, have joined the compact,

it will not take effect until states

that hold a combined total of 270

Birth

The following is the March birth

Sloan Nance, Angelique and

Parents are invited to submit

with parents from Pagosa Springs

as reported by Mercy Regional

Travis Stahr, 6 pounds, 4 ounces,

photos of their baby and an of-

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the newspaper.

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popular vote in Colorado.

Currently, Colorado electoral

While 14 states, including Colo-

The compact, signed into law

Staff Writer

Compact.

citizens and LPEA customers to cast their vote for Holly Metzler as our District 1 Representative on the 2019 Board of Directors. I am impressed by the fact that Holly Metzler and her husband are small business owners in our town and understand what it takes to make a payroll, to budget limited resources, and to carefully look at the long-term impacts of business decisions. Holly Metzler has solid educational accomplishments, which will help her effectively navigate the complex choices that lie ahead for our energy cooperative. Holly is not a professional politician, and to me, that is a huge plus. Further, she has four sons, and perhaps her commitment to the community may extend further into the future, which I think would be a good thing. I have been a small business owner here in Pagosa for over 20 years, and I am a registered member of the Republican Party. I am voting for Holly Metzler. I hope

Mike Heraty

#### LPEA: Stick with Whiting

Think about how many times a day you turn on a switch. We use electricity every day without a thought. Just how important is it that we have electricity at our finger tips? The individuals that make decisions about our electric system are very important. I urge every one to consider this and cast your vote for Michael Whiting a strong I am writing to ask my fellow seasoned and experienced man.

Electoral College votes also sign on.

compact have a total of 189 elec-

colleges, we'll just let the [national]

population decide for us and then

us in the rural areas and in the less-

populated areas won't have a say in

what happens at the state level or

even at the federal level," said Com-

missioner Ron Maez at the meeting.

signed on] by the next presiden-

tial election, Colorado's electoral

votes will go to whoever Colo-

rado votes for. So, until we get

enough states to join together

to get to 270, nothing changes,"

said County Attorney Todd Weaver.

weaken Colorado's voting power

by giving more power to populous

states like California and Florida,

and Maez explained that the com-

missioners may take a public

[the law] or even making a state-

ment about it I think allows — the

slow, easy water breaks the dam

right? So, if we don't voice our

concerns or our future desires then

we're not sending the right mes-

The commissioners took no

formal action on this issue at their

sage," Maez said.

"I think that us not addressing

stance in opposition to the law.

Critics of the compact say it will

"If there is not enough (states

The 14 states signed on to the

'You know, if we lose our electoral

You may have seen a list of endorsers for the opponent of Michael Whiting by now in the LPEA election race. I suggest you take a hard look at that list. It represents projects like Zombie Dry Gulch reservoir, botched jail projects, voters ignored or undermined, and literally millions in unaccounted for taxpayer assets and money in the Town and County. This list populated by a who's who of opaqueness and un-accountability in governance. By people who fight tooth and nail to avoid accountability for how they use our money. A who's who of the good old boy network that. They hold us back.

I don't know much about Michaels' opponent, but you can tell a lot about a person by who their friends are. Geez. With friends like these, who needs enemies?

Well I think I'll stick with Michael Whiting for the LPEA Board, someone who will stand up for us and watch our backs.

**Rob Keating** 

I found out from Michael Whit-

ing what his participation has been

in the community over the years

and how he has worked with or-

ganizations to get things done. His

message was about his experience,

but he did not address the specific

issues facing LPEA. I have noticed

in the SUN that several leaders of

organizations that Michael has

worked with are endorsing Holly.

I think that is a powerful message.

past 3 years on various volunteer

projects that she has taken the lead

and moved forward. I continue

to work with her because she has

never discounted what I have to

say, has always been gracious, she

does what she says she is going to

do, and works harder than anyone

I have ever had the pleasure to

Board who will work cooperatively

with all other members, has knowl-

edge of electricity generation and

transmission, and will make con-

sidered decisions that benefit the

community she grew up in Holly

motional cards that Michael left for

us on the table have the LPEA logo

on them. I would assume use of

their logo is not acceptable by LPEA

Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ)

is running for U.S. President. HIs

chief inspiration seems to be Spart-

cus, an ancient Roman slave who

led a rebellion. Author Dalton Trumbo wrote both the book and

the movie script for the movie Spartacus starring Kirk Douglas .

.Trumbo was blacklisted in Hol-

lywood for several years for his

communist affiliations. He also

wrote Johnny Got His Gun, a movie

I saw in a communist bookstore

in Paris. Senator Booker seems to

have forgotten that it was Repub-

lican President Lincoln who freed

Music to my soul

Last week I had the opportu-

nity to see the Americana Project

at work up close. I saw some very

talented young poets and musi-

cians cultivating their gifts with

excitement and intention. I saw

teachers (Bob and Sean) putting

extra time and energy into devel-

oping the work and confidence of

those youth. And I saw professional

musicians humbling themselves to

dig deep with high schoolers into

the vulnerable and hard work of

birthing creative endeavors. What a

blessing to have these teachers and

youth in our community. Thanks

to all the folks at Pagosa Springs

High School who are doing their

part to make the Americana Project

the slaves in America.

Dear Editor:

happen.

Candice Kelly

Sincerely,

John Penter

Finally, I noticed that the pro-

is the candidate to vote for.

and a breach of the rules.

Cory Booker

Dear Editor:

If you want someone on the

work with.

I have worked with Holly for the

#### Holly for LPEA

Dear Editor:

I've attended a presentation by both candidates for the LPEA Board of Director's seat. Holly Metzler educated us about the history of electricity in rural areas such as ours, the current allocation of electricity generation resources, the cost of the various sources of electricity generation and what the future may hold for our coop. She clearly has an interest in the important information required to carry out the job of an LPEA board director.

# **▲ Services**

#### Dorothy B. **Forrest**

A Celebration of Life for Dorothy B. Forrest, who passed away on Feb. 3, has been scheduled by the Forrest Fam-

ily, for April 20. It will be held at Cross-Road Christian Fellowship (1044 Park Ave., Pagosa Springs, Colo.) at 10 a.m.



For those who knew and loved Gramma Dottie, the family will be honored to

have you join them in remembering a life well lived. Gramma left explicit instructions that her service honor her Savior and what better time to do so than over the Easter weekend. It is a vivid reminder to us all of Victorious Redemption and the Hope of Heaven.

# Harman

The funeral service in loving memory of Norma Elaine Harman will be held at Trinity Anglican Church on April 29 at 10 a.m. All are welcome to at-



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# Business

# Town council looks to move forward on housing, economic development

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

At a pair of recent work sessions, the Pagosa Springs Town Council and members of the community have discussed two matters of concern in making the community better: housing and economic development.

The first of the work sessions, on the topic of affordable/workforce housing, was held on March 28, while the topic of economic development was discussed with members of the business community on April 4.

#### Housing

At the housing work session, the council heard from Planning Manager James Dickhoff and Senior Planner Cindy Schultz, who analyzed the town's goals and actions listed in its Comprehensive Plan and the Pagosa Housing Partnership's (PHP) Roadmap to Affordable Housing.

The planners presented a sevenpage matrix of those goals, along with the status of each and comments or recommendations.

That document covers topics ranging from collaboration with Archuleta County, assessing appropriate locations for housing, land banking (which Dickhoff explained is the "big carrot" for developing affordable housing), creating a longterm funding structure for housing and more.

Following that presentation, they presented a one-page list of action items taken from both the PHP Roadmap and the town's Comprehensive Plan that are possible next

The staff-suggested action items outlined at the meeting include:

• Coordination and oversight: "Consider tasking Planning staff with initial coordination and oversight of developing a 1 to 5-year Action Plan. This would require consideration of providing an additional planning staff member.'

• Trujillo Road property: Consider develop a set of goals including: offering the town-owned property on Trujillo Road in a competitive bid process for a housing project that would meet stated criteria, such as for income range, number of units, unit types and more. Staff suggested first completing a preliminary site analysis.

• Prepare incentive/assurance package: Develop a comprehensive incentive package that would include all utility providers and "begin developing the Developer Obligation package that includes deed restriction/lien forms, and a draft program for monitoring the program. Suggest prioritizing types of housing, target incomes and tasking staff to establish the tools that would provide Council (and Planning Commission) with a reasonable assurance that the proposal will be developed as intended."

• Room Connect/renter education: See if PHP has the existing capacity and ability to explore establishing a Room Connect and renter/ roommate education service using unspent funds from its contract with the town. It was revealed during the work session that little money remained from the existing contract, and the idea of allocating more was voiced.

• Homebuyer education: "Staff recommends funding the request from Homes Fund for this program. If not included in their request, staff suggests including a request to provide an outcome analysis at the end of the funding period to illustrate who the program funding served and how."

HomesFund requested \$10,000 from the town in late 2018, but staff and council put that request on hold pending a determination of how to move forward with housing.

• Housing collaborative: "Staff recommends establishing a formal housing collaborative committee with representatives from all regional housing organizations serving our community. This committee would

providing any assistance with the Town's housing Action Plan, providing technical expertise and services (as needed) in exchange for funding necessary to increase capacity to provide those services, an ad hoc review agency on development proposals specific to Town's stated housing needs and goals, as well as overall housing support, promotion, communication and collaboration."

• Continued policy exploration: "Suggest tasking staff to provide an analysis of policy changes regarding housing up to this point. Prior to additional LUDC changes, consider reviewing impacts of changes thus far, particularly in light of clarifying housing priorities through this and the resulting Action Plan."

• Planning Department support: Have council consider allocating resources to hire an associate planner in mid-2019 to offset additional housing duties the department could take on and provide additional staff for "accomplishing services to the community.'

In discussion at the meeting, council member Nicole DeMarco suggested looking to see how the town of Del Norte implemented an optional 1 percent tax that businesses could opt in or out of.

Other topics of discussion at the work session included land available for housing currently, how Breckenridge grewits housing program, how to disseminate information to those who may be interested in developing housing and more.

The council also discussed the option of hiring another Planning Department staff member or contracting with an organization such

In the end, council requested a job description for a potential new staff member and the financial impact of hiring another staff member.

#### **Economic development**

Then, on April 4, the council met with members of the business community to discuss economic development and walked away from that work session with a plan to see how public and private funding could fund a contract position with the Region 9 Economic Development District to serve Archuleta County.

At that work session, the council heard from a variety of business people in the community who have been working together on economic development.

Elaine Feeney explained that she has never seen this type of collaboration or interest, and that the group is looking at what Pagosa Springs should be and how to create the economy Pagosa wants.

"It doesn't just take hope and it doesn't just take good intention; it takes planning," she said.

She explained that the group had been looking at the best model for moving forward.

Butch English suggested defining things such as "affordable" for Pagosa Springs and urged caution in how things are defined locally versus at a national level.

Communities that are driving forward, such as Bozeman, Mont., he explained, are helped by private investment.

David Dronet clarified that the group was not working together in a formal capacity and everyone was there as individuals before stating that the common thread among places they looked at as models was that those places had one person paid to work on and advance economic development.

Jack Searle noted that it is government's role to incentivize develop-

Mark Weiler offered that things that have been successful have a dedicated revenue stream and suggested a 1 percent sales tax.

He also noted that Region 9 is a great resource, and there are incen-

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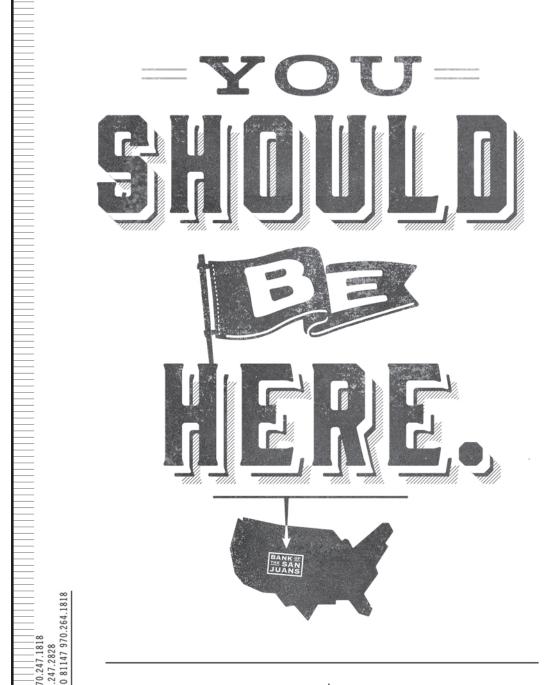




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# Community Development Corporation adds Smith to board

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) gained a new board member at its annual meeting on April 11, with Chris Smith being added to the

Smith not only will be on the board for the CDC, but will also serve as the board's vice president.

These decisions came during the board's annual election of board candidates.

Smith is taking the place of former CDC vice president Mike Heraty, who was term limited.

According to CDC President Jodi

Scarpa, Smith offered his name up for election to the board.

When it came to Smith's potential election to the CDC board, the board unanimously approved a motion.

Later in the meeting, the CDC board held its election of officers, with Smith being nominated for vice president by Scarpa.

The motion to have Smith serve as the CDC vice president carried unanimously. Additionally at the meeting,

Scarpa was re-elected to the CDC board and also retained her position as board president.

CDC board member Jim Garrett was elected as the new board treasurer, while CDC board member Neal Johnson was elected as secretary.

Johnson was formerly the CDC board's treasurer.

Smith explained in a followup interview that he's happy to be elected to the CDC board and added that he hopes to do something "worthwhile."

"I've done some development in Pagosa. I'd like to see more thoughtful development in new businesses," he explained.

Specifically, Smith explained that new, thoughtful development should be focused on businesses that bring outside revenue into the Pagosa Springs community.

Scarpa noted in an email that the CDC is very fortunate to have Smith as part of the board.

"His personal service to the community and his business success with Visiting Angels uniquely qualify him to help guide the future of economic development in Archuleta County," she wrote.

As far as retaining her position as president of the CDC board, Scarpa explained that she's grateful to continue working with the organization.

"This next year will be exciting, with broadband moving ahead, business advocacy being advanced and the Opportunity Zone work being done with Region 9," she noted.

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The Mountain High Gardeners welcomed spring with the annual Spring Expo on Saturday. Area vendors and service providers showed off their goods and shared their knowledge. Local gardening guru Ron Chacey was on hand to answer gardening questions.

# Southwest Tourism Summit announces keynote speaker

By Carrie Whitley Special to The SUN

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tax on the town.

sectors.

over Pagosa.

Registration is still open for the Southwest Colorado Tourism Sum-

tives already being offered that could

of access to capital and that the town's impact fees are a regressive

He suggested that there is a lack

Rory Burnett noted that this

is something that's going to take

time, but the unity and backing

of government are huge benefits,

and Region 9 can help bridge the

gap between the public and private

lieves the housing crisis is a wage

crisis, that leadership needs to

do an analysis to determine what

needs to be done to make this a

more attractive community and

that there needs to be a look at

what communities are doing that

gives them competitive advantages

Andre Redstone explained that

there should be a focus on macro-

Mike Heraty voiced that he be-

be put into effect immediately.

mit, taking place April 18 and 19 at the Strater Hotel. Organizers are pleased to announce the keynote speakers and state presenters for the 2019 conference.

economics first, pointing to the ad-

age that a rising tide lifts all boats.

nity needs to stop saying what it

doesn't want to be and start talking

about what it does want to be, with

a need for everyone to be ambas-

trust in the community before sug-

gesting that heritage and cultural

tourism could be developed, and

that timber can be part of Pagosa's

future like it was part of the town's

Heraty and suggested finding some

be remembered that it is a tourism-

driven community, pointing to how

much tourism has grown since the

Tourism Director Jennie Green

local tourism board was formed.

explained that the town and the

■ See Council A7

industry that could come here.

Bob Hart stated he agreed with

However, he stated, it needs to

He also focused on the need for

sadors for the community.

He suggested that the commu-

Courtney Frazier is the Colorado Tourism Office (CTO) keynote speaker for the event. She is the vice chair of the CTO Board and also serves as chair of the Destination Development Committee within

> "I'm honored to present on behalf of the CTO Board," said Frazier. "And to continue to be a voice and advocate for rural tourism in the state of Colorado.'

In addition to Frazier's keynote address, Andrea Blankenship, director of International Tourism for the CTO, will also present a targeted workshop titled, "Get More from the Colorado Tourism Office." This informative educational session gives attendees an opportunity to learn first-hand about marketing opportunities and new tourism programs the CTO has in place to help businesses succeed.

"It takes years to gather knowledge and develop relationships with our local, state and regional tourism associations. Now in one place, at one time, we are bringing the best tourism minds to Durango." added Carrie Whitley, Durango Area Tourism Office board chair. 'We are proud to offer two halfdays of presentations, workshops and seminars focused on how local, state and regional tourism partners can work together to maintain and continue to build a strong tourism economy."

The summit offers something for everyone, including how to gain the most from social media, PR and analytics; how to tap into high value customers; how to reach future visitors from outside our state and around the word: plus so much more.

The closing keynote speaker is Amber Blake, Durango's assistant city manager. Blake will introduce an exciting new initiative to be launched in May, National Civility Month. Attendees will learn more about how to get involved and participate.

This summit is open to all businesses in our region, and anyone interested in destination marketing and the Colorado tourism industry.

"You don't want to miss the unmatched educational and networking opportunities," added Whitley. "We are excited to welcome Courtney Frazier and Andrea Blankenship to the Durango area. The knowledge and insight that we will gain from these state tourism leaders is unsurpassed. Their passion for tourism and helping others succeed is contagious, to say the least."

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# Sales tax revenue up again in February

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

The February sales tax report for Archuleta County shows a 5.8 percent revenue increase compared to February 2018.

The 5.8 percent increase amounts to an additional \$80,206 in sales tax revenue compared to February 2018.

The gross amount of the February sales tax was \$705,627.80. The town's share was \$352,617.90 and the county share was

January sales tax brought in \$748,135.44 by comparison.

Compared to February 2018, the February 2019 report indicates that the following categories have increased revenue compared to last year:

- Retail is up 6.9 percent, or \$51,597.
- Accommodation/food service is up 18.8 percent, or \$37,909.
- Professional services is up
- 51.3 percent, or \$1,276. • Manufacturing is up 3.2 per-

- percent, or \$7,848.
- Finance and insurance is up

decrease in sales tax revenue

- Miscellaneous is down 6.5 percent, or \$15,623.
- Information services is down
- Other services is down 7.6

## Leading Edge Entrepreneurial business courses are back

By Mary Jo Coulehan

SUN Columnist

The Leading Edge Strategic small business.

There is a wide range of topics that will be covered during these eight weeks, including determining the feasibility of your business, risk management, budgeting, money management, marketing and so much more.

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# Pagosa Springs Car

Registration for the 11th annual Pagosa Springs Car Show to be held June 14 and 15 is now open. The first 100 registrants will receive a free T-shirt and dash plaque. If you register before May 1, the cost is only \$25. After May 1, the registration fee

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percent increase in 10 years.

street is "dead" after 6 p.m. because most businesses are closed, and also suggested getting rid of impact fees.

town council and staff then talked about the possibilities for moving forward, with David Dronet pointing out that Region 9 is the vehicle to move forward.

He suggested that if private capital could get funds to Region 9, a contract person could be hired to

Laura Lewis Marchino stated that it could work, with Region 9 doing that with two other counties currently.

Other discussion at the meeting centered on that fact that many incentives already exist at the state and federal levels, that retention of existing businesses needs to be a top priority, that there is a need for additional primary job creators and more.

The two groups are anticipated to meet again at the council's May 23 work session.

"This is exciting," Mayor Don Volger said at the end of the work

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• Real estate/rental is up 22.8

24.7 percent, or \$382. Categories that have seen a

- compared to last year are:
- 5.8 percent, or \$3,004.
- percent, or \$1,556.

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The instructor will be Rich Lindblad, who has mentored many a successful entrepreneur in Pagosa Springs. The consultation time alone is worth the \$300 course fee. There will also be scholarships available.

To register for the class or find out about the scholarships, contact Hannah Birdsong with the SBDC at Fort Lewis College at 247-7009 or hbbirdsong@fortlewis.edu.

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Hart noted that the town's main

If businesses don't want to come here, he added, tourists won't want

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JL Audio Region 9, she stated, would "ba-Memphis Audio

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\$15; however, that does not include a T-shirt or dash plaque. The event will take place this year

in the athletic field in Town Park. The Party in the Park will be Friday night with the Brooks-i band providing the entertainment. Saturday, the event continues with the Show and Shine and The Retro Cats rockin' throughout the day. There will be food booths, a cash bar and vendors on both days. Other displays and fun events will also be on hand.

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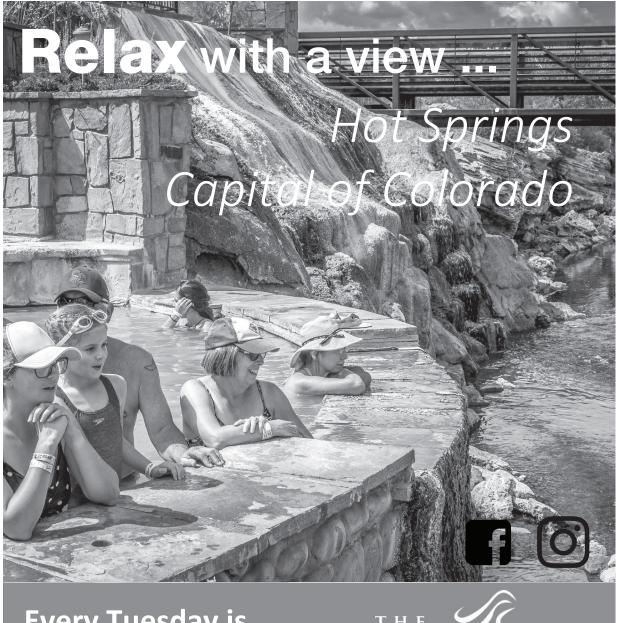
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these cost-saving offers. On another note, if you have been having problems logging into your membership account, the database company has made some changes. Give membership coordinator Rick Artis a call to help you reset your password or update any information.

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The letter further states that, in

2010, the USJHSD received approval to operate as a federally certified, hospital-based rural health center to serve the district's service area.

Since receiving that approval, "the USJHSD has embraced its mission to improve the community's access to healthcare services regardless of any patient's ability to pay ..."

Webb's letter further explains that while it "has been a very challenging journey" to improve services to the community, the district employs

"sufficient providers" to meet the primary care needs of the community, "as well as behavioral health and specialty care providers to support a team approach to healthcare.

It further states the district opened a new 23,500-square-foot outpatient facility, and expanded its scope of services and "improved appropriate patient utilization of outpatient services.

The letter continues, "As set forth in more detail on the attached, the District's efforts to provide stable care for this community has resulted in significant financial obligations to the existing healthcare providers (and support staff) who are employed by USJHSD as well as over 20 million in outstanding revenue bond debt for the construction of the RHC and the critical access hospital.'

In its final paragraph, the letter states that Axis has a place in the community for the services it provides and if Axis sought to establish a short-term mental health treatment facility in this community, the USJHSD would support it because of the current lack of availability of that service in the community.

The letter also states the district is not a for-profit entity and operates in a mission-based direction and on thin margins.

"Diverting patients to duplicated services will destabilize the District's ability to pay its existing healthcare providers and its existing debts for the facilities built to service this community," the letter concludes, stating the USJHSD "strongly opposes" the application.

That opposition then came into play when the town's and county's governing boards were considering the requested letters of support.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) considered the letter first, on the afternoon of April 2.

Axis CEO Bern Heath explained to the commissioners that while the application is for the existing center in Archuleta County, there is potential to start oral health care services locally, which has been a goal of Axis.

As Heath explained more about the project and FQHCs, he said, "We have been very good partners with the existing hospitals. There has been absolutely no problem with a sense of causing ... a little less revenue or problems with the hospitals. In fact, because of the FQHC and, in this particular case, our ability to provide oral health care and focus on homeless, which is part of our application process, we will be able

to provide care for uninsured folks and for Medicaid folks."

Those payer groups, he suggested, could be more problematic for the hospital, and, consequently, the designation could help the hospital improve its rural health center payment model.

Heath explained there are 19 requirements FQHCs must meet, which is why it receives "enhanced" Medicaid reimbursement.

He also noted there is clear evidence more care is needed because there are "profound" disparities and differences between population groups in the community.

Heath noted that the solution to the hospital's fiscal concerns can be solved through joint efforts and referrals between the two organizations.

"Our county needs and deserves more health care resources, not fewer," he said.

Commissioner Ron Maez asked about a potential duplication of services and if the designation meant that Axis would one day be a hospital.

"Oh, heck no," Heath said, noting that Axis is a not-for-profit with expertise in outpatient care and stating he wants the hospital to be vibrant.

In response, Webb explained PSMC appreciates Axis before explaining that PSMC opened its critical-access hospital in 2008 with fundraising and borrowing money.

"One hundred critical-access hospitals have closed in nine years," she said before stating PSMC is struggling like others in the community.

PSMC, she stated, offers care to everyone regardless of their ability to pay.

Webb also explained more about PSMC's current operations.

Commissioner Steve Wadley then suggested the board "sit on the sidelines" and not take a stance either way

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf agreed, and consideration of the letter died for lack of a motion.

Later that evening, the Pagosa Springs Town Council tabled consideration of the letter after no one from either organization was present due to a misunderstanding.

Instead, council considered the letter during a 37-minute special

meeting on April 4. At that meeting, PSMC Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese and USJHSD Board Chair Greg Schulte asked the council to not take action on the letter and instead leave the determination of the best designation for Axis up to the federal regulatory authorities.

After hearing from Heath, Bruzzese and Schulte about many of the same points, council member David Schanzenbaker noted that the town gives letters of support "left and right," and stated that more health care is better than less.

This fight or debate, he suggested, should happen at the designation

Council member Nicole DeMarco added that she had no issue with anything in the letter, and Mayor Don Volger suggested that the town would do a letter of support for PSMC if it asked.

"We support both of you," he said, the letter of support was approved with a 4-2 vote.

Council members Tracy Bunning and Mat deGraaf voted against the motion to approve the letter of support.

That letter, in part, reads, "A Health Center of this kind in Pagosa Springs is a much needed addition to the current healthcare system. As part of the comprehensive primary care it would provide, it would bring dental care for low-income patients who have had no local access to oral healthcare. It would provide specialized care for homeless families and individuals, who otherwise often end up in the emergency room for lack of care options. A local Health Center would respond to the needs of our highest-risk community members in a way we have needed for a long

# Superintendent

Continued from front Lynch said.

Schick confirmed that MLO money would not be used for Reed's salary increase.

"I believe that Superintendent Reed deserves a raise. Not only for her exemplary work that she's done in an incredibly hard job, passing an MLO last year," Lindner said. "I also believe in providing a raise for success to our one employee. We are signaling to future candidates for that position that we're willing to pay well for a job well done."

In addition to the MLO, Reed has also instilled great school leadership and is empowering those leaders, BOE member Dawn Kolpin added.

ASD staff is motivated, as well as ASD administrators, in implementing forward-thinking ideas within the district, Kolpin added.

"I would just like to say from a leadership standpoint of a school, how great it felt to value our teachers and give them an MLO raise," Pagosa Family School Principal Jane Parker commented. "I think Linda does such an amazing job. I can only imagine that you all would feel the same."

**BOE** member Bruce Dryburgh raised the idea of either giving Reed a two-year raise through the entirety of her contract, or having a raise that takes the district through June 30 of this year, thus having to do the process one more time.

"The only advantage of that would be we know where we are from a budget standpoint," Dryburgh said.

Lindner noted that he was in favor of not going through the process again in two months.

"I would just prefer to do it one at a time," Schick commented.

Later, Schick noted that the board had looked at other salaries for other superintendents around the state and also superintendents of schools around ASD's size.

"At the moment, you're in the mid-range, lower to mid-range of salaries for school districts our size," Schick said of Reed.

The percentage increase for the superintendent's salary was discussed by the BOE during the meeting in open session.

Some early numbers thrown out by various board members were in the range of 4.5 percent to 4.75 percent.

However, Dryburgh noted that a round number would be best to work with. Therefore, he suggested Reed's new salary should be \$145,000, reflecting the 5.56 percent increase.

"I look around here and as to how many wonderful employees that weren't here before she came here. Our staff is substantially better. That is a great accomplishment," Dryburgh commented.

After more brief discussion, the motion to approve Reed's salary increase carried unanimously among the board.

#### Salary figures

According to Dryburgh in an email on April 11, the BOE looked at 2017-18 figures from the Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE) in order to draw a comparison to how Reed's salary stacked up against other superintendents'

"I looked only at the 16 Districts with enrollment ranging from 1001 to 2,000 to eliminate those Districts that are much smaller or bigger. This report does not indicate the names

salaries," he wrote.

ASD's enrollment as of October 2018 was 1,756.

of the Districts for the individual

Within the CASE numbers, provided by Dryburgh, a low-end salary, noted as No. 1 on the list of 16, for a superintendent within that enrollment range was \$95,000.

The high-end salary of those 16 districts, No. 16, was listed at

Reed's previous salary of \$137,367 would have her slotted at No. 12 of the 16 districts, according to the CASE figures provided by Dryburgh.

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE), according to its 2018-19 superintendent full-time equivalency and average salary figures, has reported salaries for all school districts within the state.

According to the CDE's 2018-19 data, Durango 9-R School District's superintendent's salary is \$161,905.

Bayfield 10 JT-R superintendent, per the CDE's data, makes \$135,000, while the Ignacio 11 JT superintendent makes \$125,000.

The Alamosa RE-11J superintendent makes \$119,116.

#### Reed's salary history

Under her original superintendent contract, made and entered into on March 10, 2015, Reed's salary was \$132,000.

Reed became the superintendent in 2014 after serving as assistant superintendent and interim superintendent and, in August 2015, was granted a 10-percent raise, from \$120,000 to \$132,000.

Reed received a contract extension on May 14, 2018, that has her contract running from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2020.

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# Heidelmeier.

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and evaporates.

season, with Heidelmeier being the first PSHS athlete to win it. The athletic directors from each IML school nominate athletes for the honor, then vote on it.

Heidelmeier, a four-sport athlete at PSHS, took part in the inaugural season of the Lady Pirate swim team and was the team's only member to qualify for state competition.

the next month or so will determine

how quickly that snowpack melts

humidity and seasonal winds, it only

takes a few weeks of dry weather to

set the stage for our typical pattern of

lightning-caused wildfires. That con-

sistent pattern of wildfire occurrence

makes it easier for residents to be

out and the risk begins to grow.

loss of life and property.

ning.

Nationwide, most wildfires are

started by human factors. The Four

Corners area is a bit different than

the rest of the country. In our area,

most wildfires are caused by light-

part will change that, so we need

to accept that fire is part of the

landscape here. Before European

settlement, grazing, logging and our

extremely efficient suppression of

wildfire, the forests in the southwest

were well-adapted to these frequent

lightning-sparked fires. Ponderosa

pine, for example, benefits from

small fires that remove competing

vegetation (often Gambel oak) and

thin the forest to a level of density

that works in our semi-arid climate.

Houses don't do well when wildfire

threatens. The good news is that

studies have been able to determine

exactly how wildfire destroys a home.

It doesn't usually happen the way

those horrific news film clips would

lead you to believe. Over 85 percent

of the homes lost to wildfire are

Our homes are a different matter.

No amount of diligence on our

At this altitude and with our low

According to the release an-

nouncing the IML's winter male and female athletes, "Emma is a hard worker who consistently pushes herself and her teammates. This is demonstrated by the fact that she has been selected as the PSHS Triple-Impact of the Week at least once by each of her coaches."

The release also points out that Heidelmeier's distinction was Heidelmeier has gone to state seven announced in an email from PSHS times in her four sports so far: three Athletic Director Marcie Ham on times in cross-country, once for

track, three times for cheerleading and once for swimming.

"Emma has received an offer to run Cross Country for the University of Hawaii at Hilo, but she is still undecided as to where she will be next year," the announcement states.

The male athlete designation was awarded to Bayfield basketball player Turner Kennedy.

The IML comprises Pagosa Springs, Alamosa, Bayfield, Centauri MonteVista and Montezuma-Cortez

# Sheriff

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position would cost \$11,301.

With Woodman's raise thrown in, the reshuffling at the sheriff's department would cumulatively save \$10,217 to give other staff a raise without increasing the existing budget.

Valdez said at the meeting that, technically, he only had to formally request the reclassification of the detention position, as he could modify his department's budget with the county administrator and

the chairman of the BoCC. Valdez stated in a follow-up phone call that he included approval for the raises at the request

of County Administrator Scott Wall. Wall said in a follow-up call that even though he could have signed Valdez's request without commissioner approval, he wanted "to put it all out in the open so the commissioners could talk about it and

know what was goin' on.' Commissioner Steve Wadley acknowledged that Valdez could do what he wanted with his budget, but engaged with Valdez for a few minutes on why he disagreed with

portions of Valdez's request. "I'm kinda struggling with a little bit of this and I think some of it is completely under your purview and I don't have any say anyway," Wadley said. "Derek, this is certainly nothing to do with what your value to the organization is, it's just we've had a long-standing problem in Archuleta County in

paying people what they're worth." In a cordial but terse exchange, Wadley reminded Valdez that he'd asked for 15.5 full-time equivalents (FTE) in his budget presentation to the board last year and worried Valdez would ask for more staff next year after eliminating the operations job.

"My concern with this is that we were asked in your budget presentation for 15.5 FTEs when you came to us for this year's budget and now you're reducing, you're eliminating a position. So, I'm wondering, in next year's budget, I'm sure you'll be back asking for people," said Wadley.

Valdez said that his department hadn't finalized personnel

reclassifying the detention officer explained he was certain that Valdez would be back, asking for more

"I gotta crystal ball on that one pretty good," said Wadley.

In a follow-up call, Woodman stated Wadley's 15.5 FTE reference is wrong.

"This 15 and half reference is an

inaccurate reference," said Woodman, adding, "What he was referring to was the 2018 budget process for 2019 ... I don't understand his reference because these positions did not just start in January 2019. The only increase in numbers were school resource officers."

Wadley was the only commissioner to press Valdez at length, saying, "I want you to know I'm not trying to be the bad guy on this, but you understand where I'm coming from."

"No, I don't," Valdez responded. "Because we're going to have other departments that are gonna be going through this, too," said Wadley.

Another provision of Woodman's raise was a suggestion from Valdez to give Woodman retroactive pay, giving him back pay to make his raise take effect from when he was hired in January — a move the county commissioners have no power to control, but pub-

licly weighed in on. "I'm definitely not comfortable, I won't agree with the retroactive part. If it were a decision that we were to make, but it's the sheriff's budget, so it will be up to him, I suppose," said Commissioner Ron

Maez. Wall also chimed in, standing in strong opposition to any retroactive pay.

"I would never feel comfortable doing a retroactive raise for any employee, unless we made an error, a calculation error in the finance department. Now, if you guys direct me to give him one, I'll do what you tell me to do, but I'm not going to be the one that makes a retroactive raise and set a precedent for other employees. That's a principle I don't think I would ever do. If you tell me to do it, I will do it; otherwise, I won't," said Wall.

 $Maez\, cautioned\, that\, Woodman's$ 

numbers for next year, but Wadley raise could set a dangerous precedent for other county departments.

"I'm sure all the other elected officials are gonna see what's happened here," said Maez, adding, "I know we hear all the time that all their employees want a salary increase too, so they might be creative within their budget and follow this example.'

Valdez stood his ground, referencing multiple times that he's using existing money in his budget and not asking the county for any more funds.

"This is in our funds that are already budgeted for; we're not asking anything above and beyond. It's money that we're just taking from one department and moving it to the other department," Valdez said.

Valdez also suggested that the low salary schedule for Archuleta County employees has historically sent quality employees packing for other locations, saying the county has not done a good job "keeping good-quality employees and we need to work on that" and "this is

an opportunity for me to do that." The meeting's agenda showed that the commissioners had the salary increases as an item to vote on, but Maez simplified the BoCC's decision to just one.

"Basically, the only decision we need to make is item D, reclassifying [the detention deputy position]," Maez said.

The commissioners voted unan-

imously to reclassify the detention

deputy position. In the follow-up interview, Wall explained the discussion was productive to get everyone the same information, saying, "Next fall when they start working on the budget, they'll all be on the same page. Whether they agree or not,

that's another circumstance." In the follow-up call with Woodman, he confirmed that his raise was finalized after the meeting, bumping him up \$11,500 per year to \$76,500 annually, with no retroactive pay.

According to Woodman, the

administrative positions received a dollar-an-hour increase and the office manager received a 5 percent

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Wildfire

never directly touched by the flames. What causes the most damage are the thousands of embers that blow ahead of the fire. A strong wildfire can create a blizzard of embers that can blow miles away from the flames under the right conditions. All it takes is one of those little firebrands finding its way into your home or into some kindling alongside the home or under the deck for the damage to take place.

prepared and lessen their exposure to wildfire. Spring is usually a good As the temperature warms up and time to get ready, before things dry the snow leaves, it is the perfect time to get ready for fire season. The first thing you can do is walk around the The first thing to be aware of is what we have learned about wildfire house and think like an ember lookdamage. The huge fires that we have ing for something that will feed it. experienced in the western U.S. over Look for places that an ember could the last two decades have given us far get into the house. Check for gaps too many opportunities to study the in the soffit. Have the woodpeckers causes of wildfire and the reasons for opened up holes in your siding? Is the crawl space screening in good

> shape? Your next step is to check everything alongside of the house. It's pretty hard for an ember to ignite a big thick log or even wood siding without some kindling. Wood chips are great garden mulch, but can burn and have no business alongside a structure. Ornamental junipers are one of the most easily combustible plants and have a history of taking out homes. They really don't belong within 10 feet of anything that you don't want to burn. Dig them up. Move them if you must, but away

from the house. Check everything within that crucial first few feet. This is especially true for decks. Anything combustible on or under an attached deck can take the fire to the deck and then the home. Don't use that under-deck space to store all of your lumber for those projects that you intend to

One of the worst things that you can do is to store firewood on your deck or alongside the house. This might make you roll your eyes in

disbelief, but that stack of firewood and all the little pieces that fall under it is the perfect bed for an ember to start a fire with enough fuel to ignite your home. It is convenient having wood so close in the winter, but as soon as the snow is off the ground, it is a liability. If you insist on keeping it on the deck through the winter, will you really move it away come spring? Every homeowners insurance company that I have dealt with requires your firewood pile to be at least 30 feet away from the structure. That is a safe distance to protect your home.

The other springtime chore is needle raking. Ponderosa shed a lot of needles every year. They will burn and if they are near your house, they could ignite it. Even stuccoed homes have gaps between the stucco and the underlay where flames can get up into, especially along the bottom edge. You don't have to remove needles off of every inch of your property, but rake them back about 10 or 15 feet from your home and deck. It is also a good idea to screen under your deck with metal to keep the pine needles out. Metal screening with 1/8- to 1/4-inch mesh works well. That will also keep the skunks from finding one of their favorite home sites: under the deck. Many people are also using corrugated metal, etched to that brown color, as deck screening or even wainscoting. It works and is the latest in homebuilding fashion design.

Home protection from wildfire looks at a lot of different factors to reduce your risk. It is best to get a professional assessment in order to take in the whole picture, but a good place to start is with some of the spring cleanup tips in this article.

Wildfire Adapted Partnership, a local nonprofit, has programs available to help educate and assist with wildfire mitigation. If you want help, check out wildfireadapted.org or call 385-8909.

# Dulce woman facing charges in accident that injured four

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

The driver in a crash that injured four on April 13 is facing charges that include vehicular assault and driving under the influence, among others.

According to information provided by Colorado State Patrol (CSP) Trooper Jeffrey Chmielewski, just before noon on April 13, a black 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe with four occupants was driving according to Chmielewski. southbound on County Road 359, about 19 miles south of Pagosa

The vehicle drove off the left side of the road, into a wire fence, into a field and then crashed into a creek embankment, Chmielewski's press release notes.

All four of the occupants were not wearing seat belts and the driver was allegedly under the influence of drugs and alcohol,

The trooper reported that the driver, Aeleen Cuch, 29, of Dulce, N.M., sustained minor injuries. A 25-year-old male passenger sustained serious injuries, a 21-yearold female passenger sustained moderate injuries and a 31-yearold male passenger sustained moderate injuries.

The release notes that alcohol and drug impairment and excessive speed are considered factors

In follow-up phone calls, the CSP reported that Cuch is facing charges of vehicular assault, DUI, driving under restraint, having an open container and having no vehicle insurance.

"Drinking and driving is always a risky proposition and can often result in injury or worse," said Chmielewski. "And seat belts save lives.'

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## The Blotter

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

**Archuleta County Sheriff's Office** Calls for service over week: 120. April 8 - All other thefts, County

Road 119. April 8 - Information only, County

Road 600. April 8 — Criminal mischief, Bastille

Drive. - Trespass warning, Hopi April 8

Drive. April 8 — Information only, Bonanza

Avenue/Vista Boulevard.

April 9 — Animals running at large, George's Court.

April 9 — Violation of restraining order, Highland Avenue.

April 10 — Identity theft-possesses, North Cougar Court.

April 10 — Trespass warning, Valley View Drive.

April 10 — False imprisonment, third-degree assault-simple assault. harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Saddle Circle.

April 11 - Violation of bail bond condition-felony, County Road 600. April 11 — Information only, David

April 12 - Third-degree criminal trespass, Cactus Drive.

April 12 — Found property, County Road 600.

April 12 - Warrant arrest, Park Avenue.

April 12 — Agency assist, Pagosa Street.

April 12 - Abandonment of motor vehicle, Colo. 151/County Road 975. April 12 — Second-degree burglary, criminal mischief, first-degree criminal trespass other intent, Country Mead-

ows Place. April 12 - State warrant, U.S. 84. April 13 — Found property, Navajo

April 13 — Agency assist, County Road 359.

April 14 Second-degree burglary,

**Town of Pagosa Springs Police** Department

Calls for service over week: 94. April 8 — Theft from vehicle, South

5th Street April 8 - Assault/possession of drugs/paraphernalia, South Pagosa

Boulevard.

April 9 — Assault, San Juan Street. April 9 — First-degree criminal trespass, theft from vehicle, South

April 9 — Trespass warning, South

10th Street.

April 9 — Information only, South 10th Street.

April 10 — Animals/running at large, San Juan Street.

April 12 - Third-degree assault, East Pagosa Street.

April 13 — Criminal mischief, Eagle Drive.

April 14 - Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

April 14 - Warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

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

April 8 - Casey F. Caldon, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and

costs - \$193.50. April 9 - Wayne Ray Bransford, lane usage violation, total fines and

costs - \$137.50. April 11 — Brandon Lee Inman, violation/bail bond conditions-misdemeanor, 45 days jail, total fines and

costs - \$219.50. April 11 — Brandon Lee Inman, violation/bail bond conditions-misdemeanor, 45 days jail, total fines and

costs - \$219.50. April 11 - Rocky L. Pearson, driver's license-driving without, total

fines and costs - \$153. April 11 - Austin James Walker, violation/bail bond conditions-misdemeanor, two years probation, total

fines and costs - \$1,464.50. 6th Judicial District Court: Judge

Jeffrey R. Wilson April 8 - Nathan Elder Hoffman, assault know/reckless cause injury, two years probation, total fines and

costs - \$1,492.50. April 8 - Nathan E. Hoffman, driving while ability impaired, 20 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, two years probation, total fines and costs — \$2,535.50.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court:** Judge Clayton Buchner

No report.

April 13 — Second-degree assaultcaused intended serious injury, thirddegree criminal trespass, County Road 335.

U.S. 160.

April 8 — Violation of restraining order, Talisman Drive.

April 8 - Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

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# **Public Meetings**

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, April 18

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd. **Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District special** meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall coun-

#### cil chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, April 23 **Archuleta County Board of County** Commissioners work session.

8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors special meeting. 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot

Springs Blvd. **Upper San Juan Health Service** District regular board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

#### Wednesday, April 24

**Upper San Juan Library District board meeting.** 4 p.m., Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St.

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board. 5 p.m., Town Hall conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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**Archuleta County Planning Com**mission regular meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration

#### building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Thursday, April 25 Pagosa Springs Town Council work

#### session. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, April 30 **Archuleta County Board of County** Commissioners special work session. 5:30 p.m., Tara Community Center, 333 Milton Lane, Arboles.

#### Wednesday, May 1

**Town of Pagosa Springs Historic** Preservation Board. 5 p.m., Town Hall conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

### Saturday, May 4

**Archuleta County Republican** Women's meeting. 11:45 a.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

## Tuesday, May 7

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

missioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

#### Wednesday, May 8

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation regular board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

#### Monday, May 13

Tuesday, May 14

Lewis St.

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Archuleta County Board of County

Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398

Women's meeting. Noon, Boss Hogg's, 157 Navajo Trail Drive. rchuleta School District Board of Education Pagosa Family School visit. 2:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis

**Archuleta School District Board** of Education work session and **regular meeting.** 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, Pagosa Springs High School au-

ditorium, 800 S. 8th St. Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosasun. com with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to

#### **Archuleta County Board of County** Commissioners regular meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, compublication for that week's issue. ARE YOU READY TO MOVE INTO A NEWLY BUILT HOME THIS WINTER? » THREE NEW HOMES ON PAVED ROAD WITH MTN VIEWS « MLS 752072 Search ZILLOW for \$289,000

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# Water





Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

Thanks to recent warmer temperatures, the snow is melting rapidly along Navajo River Road in Chromo.

# Local basins post snowpack totals over 150 percent

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

Even with temperatures reaching the mid-60s this past week, moisture and snow have caused local snowpack basin totals to jump 8 percent

According to data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins have a reported snowpack total of 160 percent of median this week — an increase from last week's total of 152 percent of median.

Local basins, once again, have the highest recorded cumulative snowpack total of the eight basins recorded. The Upper San Juan site is currently sitting

at 130 percent of median, an increase from last week's total of 127 percent of median. The Upper Rio Grande Basin snowpack total

remains at 137 percent of median.

For the Arkansas River Basin, a 6 percent increase was reported, with snowpack totals going from 129 percent of median to 135 percent of median this week.

The Yampa and White River basins saw a 7 percent increase in the snowpack total, going from 110 percent of median to 117 percent of median this week.

The Laramie and North Platte River basins report a 6 percent increase, with totals going from 113 percent of median to 119 percent of median.

For the South Platte River Basin, a 4 percent increase was reported, with snowpack totals going from 112 percent of median last week to 116 percent of median this week.

The Upper Colorado River Basin is 131 percent of median this week, when last week it was 123 percent of median.

Lastly, the Gunnison River Basin jumped 6 percent from last week, going from 142 percent of median to 148 percent of median this week.

The Wolf Creek summit was 127 percent of the April 17 peak and 124 percent of the median peak. Last week, the summit was 139 percent of the

April 10 peak and 132 percent of the median peak.

(NWS), there are no reports of snow on the horizon for Pagosa Springs; however, the NWS does indicate a chance of thunderstorms on Sunday. The NWS notes that there is a 20 percent

According to the National Weather Service

chance of snow on Wolf Creek Pass on Saturday night, as well as a 40 percent chance of snow showers on Sunday.

NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta explained that it's good to see the local snowpack totals staying flat.

"So, that means we're holding that snow up there a little bit longer," he said.

In regard to when he thinks the local basins will start to see their snowpack totals drop, Archuleta explained that he thought it would be "pretty

"I would expect to start to dip down anytime. Especially Upper San Juan, I wouldn't be surprised to start seeing it arc down and start moving towards lower snowpack levels," he said. "The Wolf Creek site may hang in there a little bit longer."

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# Lakes full, snow water equivalency up

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

All five lakes with recorded lake levels are reported as being full for all practical purposes, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water

and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey. Lake Hatcher remains full from last week, as well as Lake Pagosa.

Stevens Lake is now full, when last week it was 30 inches from full.

Village Lake is 9 inches from full, when last week it was full.

Lake Forest is 2 inches from full, when last week it was full.

In an interview, Ramsey explained that Village Lake and Lake Forest were lowered because people were

complaining about flooding. 'With the amount of water we have going into Stevens that we're now bypassing into Martinez Creek, I could have those full this time tomorrow," Ramsey said on April 15.

This week, total cumulative available lake water for treatment and delivery sits at 100 percent, when last week it was 96.1 percent.

creased from last week, with total diversion flows sitting at 8 cubic feet per second (cfs).

The West Fork diversion continues to contribute 2 cfs, while the Four Mile diversion has increased to 6 cfs from last week's 4 cfs.

Ramsey's press release indicates that the Four Mile diversion has slowly been increased and that all Four Mile flows are still going into Stevens.

"We'll probably start diverting water from the San Juan diversion sometime next month," Ramsey

From April 5 through April 11 of this year, total water production was recorded at 11.65 million gallons.

Contributing to that total this

year, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 3.43 million gallons while the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 8.22 million gallons. Total diversion flows have in-Last year in that same time pe-

riod, water production was listed at 9.87 million gallons. From March 29 through April 4 of this year, water production totaled

> 11.51 million gallons. Ramsey noted that the increase in

water production from last week to this week is due to a leak. "There's no doubt in my mind we

have a 200 gpm [gallon-per-minute] leak someplace," he said. "Hopefully, we'll find it now that it's starting to dry up a little bit." This week, snow water equivalency (SWE) is recorded at 41.8

inches, a jump from last week's total of 40.6 inches. The SWE median has dropped from last week, going from 32.3

inches to 32.1 inches this week.

This week, the SWE is 130.2 percent of median, up from last week's total of 125.7 percent of median.

The median and averages are based on data from 1981 through

Ramsey explained that on March 23 he believed peak was met for SWE and that those totals would drop.

"I was wrong. It didn't drop, but it bounced back up. That's where I'm the most excited about that we have, still, so much water," he said.

Precipitation has also increased since last week, going from 43.5 inches to 44.2 inches.

The precipitation average has also increased, with reported totals of 35.9 inches, up from last week's total of 35 inches.

This week, precipitation is 123.1 percent of median, when last week it was 124.3 percent of median.

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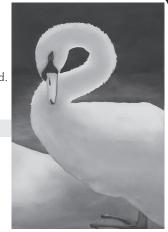


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# Water conservancy district retains Kane as legal counsel

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors opted to retain the legal services of Jeff Kane for water matters, but also opened the door to look for legal representation for other matters as part of a decision made at the board's regular meeting on April 16.

Kane had previously been a part of Newbold, Chapman & Geyer (NCG) PC, the SJWCD's current legal counsel, but left the firm to form Southwest Water and Property Law LLC.

According to Kane, he gave NCG notice that he would be leaving the firm on Feb. 4, and his last day with the firm was March 15.

"The basic reason why I left is I wanted to focus my practice on water law," Kane explained during the meeting.

NCG notified the district that Kane was leaving the firm, which is general practice, according to

"The client always chooses who their attorney is," he said.

For a client like the SJWCD, NCG opted to not get another attorney with water law experience, but gave the district the choice to keep

firm if the district chose to, Kane described.

As of the meeting, Kane noted to the board that he is still the district's attorney, but they could consider other options.

With his new practice, Kane explained that he will be able to better serve the district.

"My new going rate is higher than what it was with Newbold Chapman, but I would keep that rate," he said.

Kane said he would also consider a flat rate for things such as attending board meetings.

On the downside, Kane acknowledged that with his new practice he does not have a firm with other attorneys to utilize in case Kane is not available to the district.

Additionally, there are issues that Kane might not be as well versed in that the other attorneys at NCG were, he explained.

However, Kane noted that he still has a great relationship with NCG, so if something came up that was outside Kane's expertise, he could still consult his former firm.

#### Legal costs

In regard to a question on what fees Kane would charge the district if he was retained, Kane responded

Kane as part of his independent that he could only charge the district for attorney fees.

> "That's going to stay the same. I won't charge you, say, for filing something. That's a five-minute task," he said. "If I do get a paralegal, then that's the sort of thing a paralegal could charge for."

However, Kane would still be charging the district his same hourly rate.

Kane later added that he is not charging the district for traveling to meetings, but if the board wanted to discuss a flat rate, he was open

He also noted that he would not charge the district for his transition from NCG to his private practice.

SJWCD board member Bill Hudson initially raised the question on hiring Kane as the district's water attorney and then have a separate contract with NCG for other things that are outside Kane's expertise.

That option of utilizing both NCG and himself was noted by Kane as being feasible for the

After brief discussion, Hudson made a motion to retain Kane as the district's legal counsel but to make that agreement open to the board hiring another firm to cover other legal concerns that the board

may have, if necessary.

That motion carried unanimously amongst the SJWCD board.

Kane also advised the board to notify NCG that the district would be retaining Kane as its legal counsel.

In addition to notifying NCG of retaining Kane's services, Kane explained the board should also run the idea by NCG of advising the district in the future if matters come up that are outside of his expertise.

Later in the meeting, Kane explained that if the board was going to discuss a potential flat rate for certain legal expenses, the district should enter into a written legal representation agreement at the time of the meeting.

"And that way you're not signing two different documents, and we'll just work that out and get it signed at the next meeting," he said.

"Technically, we are still clients of Newbold and Chapman, so we probably need to make sure that the date that we sign your agreement and you become our official representative is the same date that we're terminating the contract with Newbold," SJWCD board member Doug Secrist said.

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#### EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

# The Archuleta County Noxious Weeds Ordinance and what it means for local landowners

By Ethan Proud SUN Columnist

With the passage of the Archuleta County Noxious Weeds Ordinance, there is new light shed on an old issue in Archuleta County.

With an influx of new residents and part-time homeowners, many newcomers to Colorado may not be familiar with noxious weeds or the Colorado Noxious Weed Act (CWNA). The word "enforcement" in the ordinance may seem harsh, but it is a tool for education and to bring landowners into compliance following county-approved procedures.

The enforcement is the final step of the ordinance and landowners who receive a letter have the chance to manage the weeds on their property or to work with the Archuleta County Weed supervisor to develop a management plan and to receive educational resources, advice and best practices for their

When the phrase "weed treat-

# NRA rep to speak at Republican **Third District** meeting

By Sandy Artzberger Special to The SUN

What is the National Rifle Association (NRA) doing in Colorado regarding the Red Flag bill recently signed by Gov. Jared Polis? What is the NRA doing in Colorado to secure Second Amendment rights? What can we do as individuals?

Amanda Sanders, NRA-ILA (Institute for Legislative Action), will address these and other questions at the Saturday, May 4, Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting; it is also the Third District spring meeting. The public is welcome to come at 11:45 a.m. for the Guns and Roses Formal High Tea Luncheon to hear the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir and listen to the speaker.

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ment" is uttered, it often conjures that the goal is suppression in order to mind large spray operations and herbicide use. While herbicides are the most economic and effective treatment when managing large areas, small lots can be managed with a variety of mechanical and cultural controls.

If a noncompliant landowner responds favorably to the notice, the entire process can remain amiable and beneficial to the landowner. Noncompliant properties that do not respond to the notices or take the first steps to manage their noxious weeds will have their property treated after a warrant is issued. This is a last-resort step and is not the goal of the ordinance.

Given these changes, it is important for landowners to brush up on noxious weed information and the CWNA. The state mandates that all landowners are responsible for the management of noxious weeds on their property. The Colorado Department of Agriculture nas the complete noxious weed list under its conservation tab. A list of prevalent weeds and fact sheets can be found on the Archuleta County website under the Public Works Department. Noxious weeds are prioritized as lists A, B and C, and each list has different management

A-list weeds are slated for statewide eradication as they occur in the most manageable populations. B-list species are designated for containment and eradication outside of containment zones. C-list species are widespread enough

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for native perennial release.

These goals will be taken into consideration when enforcing properties. Having a noxious population on your land is nigh unavoidable, especially in recent development, and the goal of the noxious ordinance is management not eradication.

For more information, please contact the Archuleta County weed supervisor at eproud@archuletacounty.org or 264-6773.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.

#### Upcoming events

April 30, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.: Pesticide Education Workshop at the Extension office. This is a free

May 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: The Farm Bureau is sponsoring a Land Stewardship Symposium and Wolf Presentation. Come learn about soil health, toxic plants, water as a resource and tree health. In the afternoon, you will hear from Mike Smith on insurance, and then keynote speaker Denny Behrens will speak on wolves and livestock. There is no need to register, just show up. Free lunch included.

May 25: Bee workshop. We will be heading to the Banded Peaks Ranch to visit with beekeeping experts and get hands-on experience with the bees. The workshop costs \$25 and is limited to 20 people. Lunch will be provided. This is an all-day workshop, so please wear appropriate clothing and anything else you would need for being outside all day. Please call the office to sign up and pay.

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# Sports



# TRACK

# Wedemeyer breaks Bayfield stadium record in triple jump

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School track and field teams pulled fourth (boys) and fifth (girls) places amid strong competition at the Pine River Invitational on April 13, and Pirate Michael Wedemeyer broke the record for longest triple jump in the history of Wolverine Country Stadium.

"It's probably the best competition that we've had to compete against all year," said coach Connie O'Donnell, noting that Durango, Bayfield and Montezuma-Cortez, who attended the event, all have very strong teams.

Pagosa was competing against smaller teams in the previous two meets, and O'Donnell noted that Durango, Bayfield and Cortez were "very dominant" in their first event versus Pagosa.

The lone first-place finish on the boys' side came from Wedemeyer, who earned a measure of 44 feet, 9 1/2 inches on the triple jump, earning 10 points for the team.

"He broke the stadium record," boasted O'Donnell of Wedemeyer. "They've been keeping track since that stadium has been built and it's really cool because there's been a lot of really good competitors that have come through there in the last

20 or so years.'

Wedemeyer is currently ranked fifth in the state in the 3A division in the triple jump.

Cade Cowan, who fell second to Wedemeyer last week in the long

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jump, was able to best his teammate by 4 inches, jumping 20-10. While besting Wedemeyer, the jump came second to Durango's Alex Hise and earned eight points for Pagosa.

Cam Hinger notched a second-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles and grabbed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles.

The boys' relay team earned third place in the 4x400-meter relay, garnering six points for the

Cowan snatched fourth place in the 300-meter hurdles, and Cowan and Mitch Lewis took fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 800-meter

O'Donnell spoke highly of the boy throwers' improvement over the season, saying, "Evan Raymond and Dean Hudran, they went from just not placing at all to placing in every meet so far, which is kind of fun. I feel like they're just really improving."

The boys finished in fourth place behind Durango (154 points), Alamosa (116) and Cortez (84).

The Pirate boys finished with 76 points.

On the girls' side, the lone firstplace finish was netted by Nell Taylor, who finished the 3,200-meter run in 13 minutes, 27.84 seconds, gaining 10 points for the team.

Sierra Liverett finished 13 seconds later than Taylor to earn third place.

The girls' relay team, which has enjoyed a string of successes in recent weeks, came in second in the 4x100-, 4x200- and 4x800-meter relays and the 800-meter sprint medley, and notched third in the 4x400.

In the triple jump, which has been the strongest event for the boys' and girls' teams, the Lady Pirates earned second and third place.

Mackenzie Wedemeyer netted second with a 31-7 1/4 measurement and River Pitcher netted third with a jump of 29-6.

"[Wedemeyer is] doing triple jump for the first time this year and she is really just learning it and is doing really well," said O'Donnell.

had the Pirates dropping further down in the standings. Lexie Valdez netted seventh in the 200-meter race at 30.46 seconds

Other events on the girls' side

and River Pitcher took seventh in the 100 at 14.44 seconds. The girls' fifth-place finish was behind Durango (161), Alamosa (141), Montezuma-Cortez (91) and

Bayfield (85). The girls' team finished with 81

The Trackie of the Week, a weekly award given for leadership and effort, went to Makayla Perea, who helped run a middle school track meet.

"On Thursday we had a middle school track meet and she volunteered to help run the discus. She not only got it started and everything, she had to run up and down from the track to the high school making copies of entries. The middle school Athletic Director Aaron Freed came to me and said, 'Thank you so much for sending her to us because she helped so much.' She won [the award] because she's



Photo courtesy Justin Cowan

Michael Wedemeyer shows good form on April 13. Wedemeyer broke the Wolverine Country Stadium's record for the triple jump at the event, with a distance of 44 feet, 9 1/2 inches.

supporting the extended program of track and field and for being positive," said O'Donnell.

The Pirates' next event is the Ron Keller Invitational on April 20. The action kicks off at 1 p.m. at Durango High School.

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Cam Hinger clears a hurdle at the Pine River Invitational on April 13. Hinger finished second in the 110-meter hurdles and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles.

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# BASEBALL

# Pirates drop three games, head to Alamosa Saturday

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

It was a rough week on the baseball diamond for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate team, with the team dropping its first two league matchups on the road, as well as a nonleague affair at

With the losses, the Pirates move to a 5-8 record on the season and 0-2 record in the Intermountain League (IML).

#### Bayfield

Saturday, the Pirates headed to Bayfield to open IML play, but, unfortunately, returned home with a pair of losses.

Despite scoring first, Pagosa dropped the first half of the doubleheader to the Wolverines 14-5.

Pagosa brought one run around in the first inning, which was

countered by four runs from Bayfield in the bottom of the second.

Pagosa answered with another two runs in the top of the third and another two in the top of the fourth, taking a 5-4 lead into the bottom of the fourth—something coach Mike Remlinger highlighted.

Bayfield. however, brought seven runs around in the bottom of that inning, adding another two in the fifth and one in the sixth to log

that we were right there halfway through game one, and then the wheels kind of came off," Remlinger said. "And, I felt like we were playing pretty decent, but more than anything on our end, I just felt like ... it was clear how strong of a team they have.'

Ryan Lewis led Pagosa offensively on the day with three hits, two of which were doubles, and an RBI.

Tyler Bowdridge and Zach Haines each added two hits. Bowdridge also recorded a run, an RBI and two stolen bases, while Haines had two RBIs.

Paden Bailey and Eric Huddleston each had one hit in the game, with Bailey also scoring a run, walking and stealing a base.

Taylor Cotts reached on a walk and scored a run.

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Wyatt Schuchart and Will Villalobos also scored runs.

> Huddleston and Schuchart combined to allow 14 runs (11 earned) on 17 hits and four walks while striking out

Pagosa committed three errors in the game, while Bayfield committed one.

The second half of the doubleheader didn't go any better for Pagosa, with Bayfield besting the Pirates

The Pirates were under the helm of assistant coaches Billy "I'm still disappointed in the fact Manzanares, Matt Bowdridge and



Pagosa's Ryan Lewis catches a ball to tag a Durango runner out at third while teammate Paden Bailey serves as backup. The game was the first home game of the season for the Pirates.

Billy Cotts in the second game after Remlinger was ejected after arguing about a questionable call late in the first game.

"I think that might have had an effect on the kids," he said of not being involved in the pregame preparation.

Bayfield put up two runs in the first, two in the second, four in the fifth and four in the sixth, while Pagosa's run came around in the fifth.

Pagosa had only three hits in the game, from Bowdridge, Cotts and

Kyler Hammer. Jace Kraft scored the Pirates' sole

run and stole two bases. Two Pirates earned walks in the game: Cotts and Brandon Court-

Bailey pitched a complete game for the Pirates, allowing 12 runs on 11 hits and three walks while striking out four.

Pagosa committed two errors in the game.

"More than anything, I can't fault our boys. There's days where you beat yourselves, there's days where you get beat and then there's days where you just lose, and I feel like more than anything that team just beat us," Remlinger said.

Remlinger credited the Wolverines for not skipping a beat in their lineup hitting Pagosa's top pitchers.

"I don't think that's taking away from my pitchers; I think that's a credit to those hitters. ... Bayfield did a pretty good job against us," Remlinger said.

Bayfield is now 2-0 in league play and 6-7 overall this season.

#### Durango

Tuesday, the Pirates welcomed the 4A Durango Demons to town for the Pirates' first home game of the season.

And, for the third time in a week, Pagosa finished the game with a loss, this time 17-3.

The Demons brought around a run in the top of the first and four more in the second to take an early 5-0 lead.

Pagosa was able to cut into that lead with three runs in the bottom of the second.

Durango added another run in the fourth before breaking out for 11 in the fifth.

Remlinger noted that with play-

ing larger schools, you often see pitchers who are better than the league's best pitchers, and stringing together a big inning is hard.

Durango's 17 runs came on 10 hits, while Pagosa's three runs came on four hits. Two of those hits, including a

ground-rule double, came from Additional stats from the game

were not available by press time Wednesday.

This weekend, the Pirates will head to Alamosa for a league doubleheader set for 11 a.m. and

Alamosa is 2-0 in league play so far this season, and 6-6 overall.

The Mean Moose also sit as the No. 12 team in Colorado 3A baseball according to the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI), which helps determine postseason seeding.

Pagosa is No. 31 in the RPI standings.

"Obviously, our two toughest weekends are our first two weekends, so we'll do our best to get back to work this week and be ready to play against Alamosa," Remlinger said.

Remlinger said the team will return to fundamental and hitting work ahead of Saturday's games.

Then, Tuesday, Pagosa will again take on Durango, this time in Durango at 3 p.m.

With Tuesday's win over Pagosa, Durango holds a 5-7 record and is the No. 27 team in 4A Colorado baseball.

"I'm interested to see how we play them again next week. I love playing teams more than once over a span of time because it's a great measure," Remlinger said.

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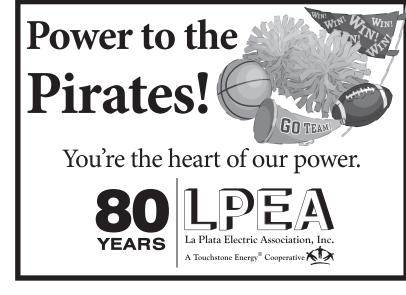
Ryan Lewis puts the ball into play against the 4A Durango Demons at Tuesday's home opener for the Pirates. The Pirates dropped the affair 17-3 and hit the road for three games over the next week.



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# Soccer

# Pagosa looks to maintain league lead with three home games

Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team was scheduled to play the Center Vikings on April 12; however, the Vikings had to forfeit due to not having enough players

The forfeit win pushes Pagosa's overall record to 4-2-2. That includes a 2-0-1 record in Intermountain League (IML) play.

Pagosa currently sits in first place in the IML standings, ahead of Bayfield, Montezuma-Cortez and Alamosa.

Instead of focusing on the Vikings, the Lady Pirates will now shift their focus to a trio of home games, with the first one being a rematch with the Cortez Panthers today at home at 4 p.m.

Pagosa and Cortez faced off earlier this season, when Pagosa traveled to take on the Panthers on April 2. That match ended in a 0-0 draw.

Since the tie against Cortez, Pagosa has gone 3-0, with wins over Alamosa and Bayfield and the forfeit win over Center.

The Panthers have gone 3-1 since the April 2 tie against Pagosa, with wins against Ignacio and Del Norte, and a loss coming at the hands of Telluride.

Most recently, Cortez is coming off of a 10-0 win on April 15 against

Through eight games this season, Pagosa has scored 10 goals while giving up 18.

The Panthers, on the other hand, have outscored opponents 26-7 this year.

Lady Pirate Nicole Bartz leads the Lady Pirates with five goals on the year. She also leads the team in points with 12.

Bartz also has seven shots on the season, good for second on the team.

Morgan Thompson and Samaya Dunn de Pulido have two goals each on the season, with Thompson leading the team in assists

Thompson also leads the team in shots with eight, while Dunn de Pulido is third with three total

In goal for the Lady Pirates, Trista Tully leads the team with 280 total goalie minutes. Along with those goalie minutes comes 52 total saves, a team high on the

Tully has allowed five goals this season.

In the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) standings for the 3A classification, Pagosa is slotted at No. 36.

Pagosa is currently the highestranked IML team in the RPI stand-

The top 32 teams in the 3A classification qualify for the postsea-

son; however, the winner of the IML will automatically receive a bid to the state tournament.

Cortez is at No. 39 in the RPI standings for the 3A classification.

"They're going to be a tough match because we were pretty even with them the last time we played," coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason said in an interview.

Since that April 2 matchup, both teams have gotten better, and Kurt-Mason noted that he is looking to see more organized teams on both

The Lady Pirates are coming together as a team and have a good team dynamic at this point in the season, Kurt-Mason described.

After the April 2 matchup against the Panthers, Kurt-Mason explained that Pagosa did a good job pushing Cortez to the outside on defense.

However, on offense, Kurt-Mason explained that the reason no goals were scored against Cortez in the first game was due to lack of chances created.

"The reason we didn't shoot very well is because we didn't create the chances to shoot," he said.

What the Lady Pirates need to do is bring it down in the corners of the field rather than up the middle, he explained.

"It's hard to go through a mess of legs. You can't do that really well,"

#### **Del Norte**

After its matchup against the Panthers, Pagosa will then play host to the 2A Del Norte Tigers on Friday at 4 p.m.

Pagosa and Del Norte have not played each other since 2009.

This season, the Tigers boast a 7-2-2 overall record, which includes a 4-1-2 record in the 2A Region 4 league standings.

Del Norte is second in the Region 4 league standings, behind the Crested Butte Titans (7-1-1 overall, 6-0-1 in league play).

The Tigers are 2-1 this season against foes from the IML, with wins coming against Bayfield and Alamosa, and a loss coming against Cortez.

Del Norte has outscored opponents 27-11 this season.

#### **Rematch with the Moose**

Then, to wrap up the threegame homestand, Alamosa will travel to Pagosa to close out the season series between the two teams on April 23 at 4 p.m.

As of Wednesday, Alamosa has an overall record of 1-7, which includes an IML record of 1-2.

The Mean Moose have a matchup with Bayfield on April 20.

Pagosa took the first matchup against Alamosa in overtime by a score of 2-1 on April 5.

This season, Alamosa has been outscored 39-2 by its opponents. chris@pagosasun.com

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## Summer day camp, youth baseball, adult softball registration open

By Darren Lewis SUN Columnist

Looking for something fun for your child to do this summer? The Town of Pagosa Springs Ross Ara-

gon Community Center Parks and

Recreation Department is happy to day from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and announce the K.I.D.S. Day Camp is returning.

The camp is open to children ages 5-12. It will start on June 3 and run through Aug. 2. The camp will be offered Monday through Thurs-

Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Activities scheduled for each day will start at 9 a.m. and will end at 4 p.m. All children that are registered for the week must be signed in and dropped off no later than 9 a.m., no

Applications for this program are currently being accepted. Program fees are \$85 per child per week, \$25 per child per drop-in (upon availability) and there is a one-time application fee of \$15 per child. Multiple-child discounts are also available. Weekly registrations are required.

For more information about this program, please call the Community Center, 264-4152, ext. 532 or visit the Town of Pagosa Springs website.

#### Youth baseball registration ages 6-12

The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for youth baseball for the following divisions: Coach Pitch ages 6-8, Machine Pitch ages 9-10 and Machine Pitch 11-12. Registrations vill be accepted online or at the

Community Center through May 3. The cost is \$35 per child, which includes hat and team jersey. Practice will start in May and games begin in June.

#### Adult softball registration

The Recreation Department is accepting team registrations for the 2019 adult men's and coed softball leagues through May 31.

Registration forms are available at the department office, which is located at the Community Center. Anyone who is 16 years of age or older is eligible to participate in the leagues.

Team registration fees are \$250, plus a \$30 fee per player. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Town of Pagosa Springs.

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

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River Pitcher launches into the air during an event at the Pine River Invitational on April 13. Pitcher earned third in the triple jump, sixth in the long jump and seventh in the 100-meter race at the event.



**Triple Impact** Student-Athlete of the Week

**Trista Tully** Soccer

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whole self into her training. She is a dynamic athlete that has proven herself to be a triple impact player these past few weeks. Her decision making, communication, speed of play and skill set has boosted the level our team's confidence, knowing that Trista has their collective backs. The last game vs Bayfield she had 12 saves and 5 stops on goal that were out of the goal box.'

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# Education



## New school resource officer introduced, third position not yet filled

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

Within the next few weeks, Archuleta School District (ASD) should be fully staffed with school resource officers (SRO), according to a report from Superintendent

Linda Reed. The Superintendent's Report was given by Reed at the ASD board's regular meeting on April 9, and within the report she noted that on April 8 she met with various local law enforcement officials to

secure two more SROs. ASD's first SRO, Deputy James Martinez, is a deputy with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Reed explained that, along with ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson, the two met with Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez, Undersheriff Derek Woodman, Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD)

Chief Bill Rockensock and PSPD Lt. Brooks Brown to finalize agreements and timelines for the remaining two SRO positions.

Deputy Justin Guilliams, also from the ACSO, is the second SRO hired for the district, with Reed noting as of the meeting that Guilliams' first day would be on April 15.

Guilliams noted in an interview on April 15 that he was excited to be a part of ASD and be able to serve the community's children.

"I'm just really glad that I can be a part of it and be there and serve my community to the best of my ability," Guilliams said.

Guilliams explained that he wanted to do as much as he could for his community, hence him taking the SRO position.

The next SRO was chosen by the PSPD, Reed explained; however, the candidate was coming from out of state and had to go through additional processes before he began.

"Before the end of the school vear all three of them will be up and on board," Reed explained during the meeting.

An orientation period will be held with Martinez working with the other two SROs to bring them up to speed. Reed explained.

Additionally, all three SROs will meet with each ASD school principal and law enforcement officials to determine the best place for each officer, Reed added later.

"We're looking forward to being fully staffed in that regard," she said.

However, Rockensock reported on April 15 that the third SRO candidate, from the PSPD, dropped out of the running on the morning of April 12.

'We are still planning, as the police department, to furnish an SRO and have budgeted for one, but now we are going back to interview other candidates," he explained.

ASD will be waiting on the PSPD to conduct its new search and recommendation of a new SRO candidate, Reed noted in a followup interview.

"Until the PD is able to hire someone, we're at two, which is two more than we had last year and one more than we had last week," she said.

The PD will open up the position again and the district has made clear what kind of qualities it looks for in an SRO, Reed commented.

"Being a school resource officer, it's a special skill set; it's not just typical law enforcement," she said. Reed noted that she was not sure if ASD would have three SROs before the end of the school year now.

"It all depends on how quickly the police department will be able to find somebody," she explained. "We'll just have to hang in there and wait."

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# Pagosa Springs Elementary School Book Fair announced

By Lisa Scott Special to The SUN

Families, teachers and the community are invited to attend the Scholastic Book Fair coming to Pagosa Springs Elementary School April 29 through May 10. The event will be during school hours in the school library and the featured theme is Dino-Mite Book Fair — Stomp, Chomp and Read!

Family Night will be held Tuesday, April 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. and will be Fine Arts Night. The elementary school has a fabulous art program and individual and classroom art will be on display all evening. Art teacher Kelly Lewis and the Partners In Education Committee (P.I.E.) will organize the evening and will also provide a delicious, nutritious and fun homemade dinner.

As students prepare for summer vacation, reading is an essential activity to keep learning skills sharp and to engage the imagination. The Book Fair is an exciting time for students at the school, as it is a fun and gratifying way to increase interest in reading for pleasure. Students love showing their families the decorations and the books they have their eyes on.

Individuals attending the book



Photo courtesy Lisa Scott

Pagosa Springs Elementary School students pose in front of the wall decorated with dinosaurs in preparation for the Book Fair that will be held April 29 through May 10. Students pictured are, left to right, Anderson Talley, Jessica Parker, Layla Forrest, third-graders from Mrs. Martinez' class, and Chloe Crabb, first-grader in Mrs. Ward's class.

fair can also help build individual classroom libraries by purchasing a book for a teacher through the Classroom Wish List Program that is highlighted within the Book Fair.

Students visit the book fair as \$1.99. Students also view the sranch@centurytel.net.

with their class to preview the books for sale, especially the new releases. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available and there is always a huge supply of bargain items as low "Author DVD," supplied by Scholastic, which features authors discussing the books they wrote with kids in mind.

The elementary school has been hosting a book fair since 1982. The school hosts one book fair per semester and the proceeds are taken in the form of scholastic dollars and books for the school library. Scholastic dollars enable the school to order a vast array of educational supplies at a considerable discount. Proceeds continue to be used to "make over" classrooms with alternative student seating and tables, area rugs, SMART boards and projectors.

The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including newly released titles, award-winning titles, chilgift ideas.

The community is invited to attend the book fair as a shopper or volunteer during book fair hours as the event is hosted in the school library and staffed by volunteers. For more questions or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or

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# Colorado Senate Bill 199: READ ACT redo

In 2012, the Colorado Legislature passed the "Reading to Ensure Academic Development" Act (HB12-1238), which became known as the READ ACT. Key features of the act involved teaching Foundational Reading Skills or the Science of Teaching Reading including phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, fluency and reading comprehen-

Teachers need to know and practice how to provide explicit, systematic instruction in all five of these essential components of early reading instruction. They are intentional and very specific, depending on an initial assessment of each child. It's well recognized that each child learns at his own pace, but knowing where to begin and how to progress is the key. Unfortunately, many teachers haven't learned Foundational Reading Skills or the Science of Teaching Reading in their teacher preparation programs. The pro-

gression of this teaching technique for every child in kindergarten through third grade has been proven to bring many students up to grade level successfully. While much empha-

sis is placed on students reading below or far below grade level, the scientific approach will develop those reading at or above grade level into more advanced readers. Every child should be exhibiting reading growth no matter where he/she begins in their initial assessments.

The READ ACT of 2012 laid the foundation for what was needed to advance K-3 students to read at grade level. After \$230 million and



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Foundational Skills and Science of Teaching Reading. The main difference is that the new bill adds accountability. After additional professional development, all K-3 teachers will be able to implement their new reading skills. There will be individual student monitoring, parent involvement, accountability for the taxpayer dollars invested in the program, and an outside evaluator to assess how the program is working.

The new READ ACT (SB 19-199),

Superintendent Dave Ulrich, from Moffat County School District (MCSD), came to Colorado two years ago and worked with principals and teachers, and quickly identified that there was not a uniform, evidence-based approach to reading in the district's elemen-

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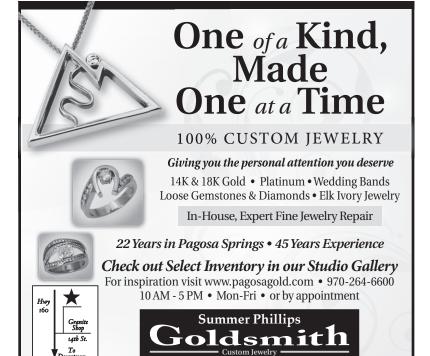
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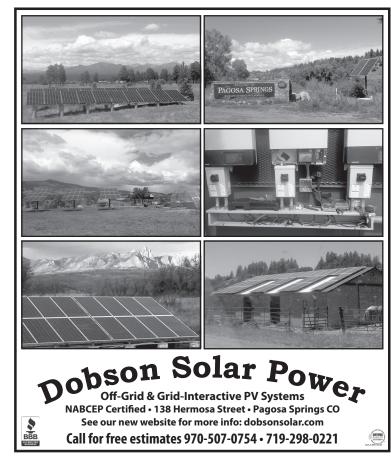
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# Minimizing the risk of property damage, loss from sewer or water backups

By Aaron Burns Special to The SUN

On Friday, April 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District will host an informational seminar luncheon at its administrative offices at 100 Lyn Ave.

The purpose of the seminar is to educate property owners and prop-

can be taken to minimize the risk of property damage and loss from sewer or water backups. Presenting will be Mark Carlson.

Cleaning up after a sewer or water backup can cost a homeowner tens of thousands of dollars, not

erty managers about steps that maintenance to reduce the risk of these types of problems, as well as some questions to ask your insurance agent about obtaining coverage to reduce your exposure in the

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partment of Education (CDE) and asked for help. Tracy Handy, a CDE senior literacy specialist, visited the school district and worked with teachers to develop a plan. Over the semester, Handy conducted seven reading trainings with all elementary teachers. MCSD then took a representative group of those teachers to use their new learning skills and identified an evidence-based resource for grades K-5. During that process, MCSD applied for

and received a three-year early literacy grant which includes ongoing, job-embedded professional development in reading for all elementary teachers.

I checked his test scores to verify what he was telling me. In 2017, the third-graders in MCSD had a reading proficiency score of 26.8 percent. That means only 26.8 percent of third-graders were reading at grade level, which is well below the state average of 40 percent. The test scores in 2018 of these same students, now in fourth

grade, is 50 percent, well above the state average.

Congratulations to MCSD and the hard work of the teachers and

Let's all keep an eye on Senate Bill 199.

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# Outdoors



### Register today for Chimney Rock National Monument volunteer training

By Nadia Werby

Special to The SUN

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) invites community members to join us for the free annual CRIA Volunteer Training on Friday, April 26, at the PLPOA Clubhouse located at 230 Port Ave.

CRIA offers a great, in-depth training program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers. Lunch will be provided.

an orientation tour of the site on Saturday, April 27. Please bring a sack lunch, water and hiking shoes. The tour is geared toward new volunteers to familiarize them with the site and the various positions that are available.

Anyone planning to attend must call the CRIA office at 731-7133 to register by the end of the day today,

After training, new volunteers will receive extended training with

The second day of training is veteran volunteers at the site until they are comfortable in their new positions.

> Additional perks of becoming a volunteer at Chimney Rock National Monument include outings to other archaeological sites. This year's field trip will be to Salmon Ruins in Bloomfield, N.M., on Monday, April 29. Salmon is a very interesting site. It contains a major group of unearthed and well-preserved Puebloan kivas, rooms and plazas. The major remains were built in the

same time period as Chimney Rock. It may have been the area from which the Chimney Rock settlers came. The site also contains a fine museum and book store.

CRIA is a nonprofit organization which operates the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under a participating agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest. For more information about the Chimney Rock 2019 season of events, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

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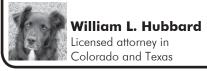
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#### Prescribed fire scheduled in Chimney Rock National Monument Ellis, assistant fire management of-

Special to The SUN

Fire officials on the Pagosa Ranger District in San Juan National Forest will conduct prescribed fire operations in Chimney Rock National Monument as early as April 22.

Less than 100 acres across three burn units are planned. Actual ignition days will depend on weather and fuel conditions, and is expected to continue over multiple days.

This effort is part of a larger sonnel, assisted by fire resources hazardous fuels-reduction project inside the monument that involved both mechanical treatment and prescribed fire. Some of the overstory vegetation was thinned, piled and burned in 2009-2010, followed by an understory burn operation from 2011-2014. Vegetation consists of ponderosa pine, Gambel oak, grass and piñon/juniper.

Prescribed fire operations will be conducted by Forest Service perfrom cooperating agencies. The purpose is to reduce hazardous ground fuels, reduce the risk of unplanned large-scale wildfires, restore ponderosa pine ecosystems and improve wildlife habitat.

Smoke will be visible from U.S. 160 and Colo. 151. Prescribed fires will only be ignited when all weather, fuels and smoke requirements are met. For additional information, please contact Fred ficer (fuels), Pagosa Ranger District, at 264-1541. Current information and maps

of prescribed fire units in the San Juan National Forest can be found on Inciweb: inciweb.nwcg.gov/ incident/6288/.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information, please go to: www.colorado.gov/ pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-

# Native trout once believed to be extinct being repopulated around Pagosa Springs

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

The San Juan cutthroat trout, a fish native to the San Juan Watershed and once thought to be extinct, will be reintroduced to the area in a project administered by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the San Juan National Forest.

"We knew from historic records that there was this San Juan fish roaming around these rivers and we thought they were extinct," said Garrett Hanks, southwest public lands coordinator for Trout Unlimited, a local nonprofit that is also partnering on the project.

Hanks added, "Remarkably, much to the astonishment of a lot of people, there are a few places where these fish just toughed it out, against all odds.'

In 1874, naturalist Charles E. Aiken collected and preserved samples of the San Juan cutthroat

has been stored in the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., since the late

The San Juan cutthroat was believed to have gone extinct about 100 years ago.

About 10 years ago, samples of a cutthroat were collected, but scientists didn't, or couldn't, prove that it was the same genetically pure San Juan cutthroat that originated in the San Juan Watershed and was collected in 1874.

"There were a couple populations identified around 10 years ago," Hanks said. "People started looking at 'em and saying, 'Hey, what's the deal with these, there might be something special about these. But, the consensus was that they were just some sort of hybrid."

Last year, modern genetic testing was done on the fish samples collected 10 years ago that prove a genetic match between the recent

samples from the late 1800s.

"Now we know, without a shadow of a doubt, that those fish we've always wondered about are indeed the San Juan lineage cutthroat trout. They are not a hybrid, they are native to the San Juan Basin," said Hanks.

Now, CPW, the San Juan National Forest and Trout Unlimited are partnering to breed and reintroduce the San Juan cutthroat, in abundance, to the area around Pagosa Springs.

"At this point we really want to expand the population so the threat from any kind of wildfire is reduced," said Jim White, aquatic biologist for CPW, adding, "It's really important we expand the distribution and abundance of these fish."

The project, currently underway, will breed the San Juan cutthroats in the Durango hatchery and ultimately release them into

"What's not gonna happen is they're just going to show up with 3,000 fish, dump them in and walk away and call it good. You know, it's an ecosystem, it takes a minute. You put in the small ones, they grow, they reproduce and then you gotta keep an eye on it and the hope being within three, four years then you can be like, 'OK, this is self-sustaining,'" explained Hanks.

Hanks explained that Wolf Creek was chosen as the site of the project because "it's a very productive fishery."

The San Juan cutthroat bred in Durango will be released into Wolf Creek around the summer of 2022.

The management plan was also discussed at a meeting held Tuesday evening.

To learn more about the San Juan cutthroat and participate in the project, go to Trout Unlimited's website at fiveriverstu.org.

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# Some area roads reopen for public use, Archuleta Creek access road closed due to extreme runoff

By Brandon Caley Special to The SUN

Archuleta Creek access road No. 618 is closed due to extreme

runoff. Stollsteimer creek is flowing heavily, causing the road to be impassible and providing safety concerns to the public.

A map of the closure area is

available at www.southernute-nsn. gov/2019/04/12/public-noticearchuleta-creek-access-road-clo-The following roads are now open for your use and enjoyment.

> Expect changes almost on a daily basis, if not a weekly basis. • Burns Canyon, No. 649 (to

> second gate). • Devil Creek, No. 627 to state wildlife area.

• Williams Creek, No. 640 (from gate to lake) will remain closed until Friday, April 19.

It is not always possible to post road openings on the day that they occur. Feel free to find information on travel management, road openings and closings, and Motor Vehicle Use Maps on the San Juan National Forest website. Conditions change quickly, so check with the ranger district office in the area you plan to visit to get the most current information on road conditions and openings; call the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268.

Pagosa Ranger District road status information is available at: http://www.fs.usda. gov/detail/sanjuan/alertsnotices/?cid=stelprdb5262330.

Information from other districts is available at: http://www.fs.usda. gov/main/sanjuan/maps-pubs.

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# PAWSD discusses potential revisions to equivalent unit calculations

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors discussed potential revisions to the way in which the district counts equivalent units (EU), related to the type of structure, at a board meeting on April 16.

These discussion topics will be subject to a vote at the next PAWSD board meeting on May 16.

#### Single-family units

One of the first points of discussion during the meeting centered around EUs as they relate to singlefamily units.

PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey noted that the district will stay with the rule that a single-family home is one EU.

If there is an additional accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on the same meter of that single-family home, there will no be no additional EU charge, according to Ramsey.

Within agenda documentation provided by Ramsey, it notes that the ADU itself could have no size limitations.

Ramsey explained that his reasoning behind having no size limitation on an ADU is because the Town of

Pagosa Springs has the same provi-

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh suggested that a size limitation of 800 square feet could be appropriate.

"I don't want to chase problems that don't exist. You could just leave it as it is," Walsh said.

PAWSD could also leave the ADU size up to zoning restrictions of the town or Archuleta County, Ramsey added later.

"If the town does put a limit on it, the limit goes with us as well," Ramsey said.

If the ADU were to have a separate meter placed on it, then one additional EU would be charged, Ramsey added later.

After more brief discussion, the PAWSD board advised leaving the no-size limitation in there until an issue arises in which the district would have to revisit it.

#### Multifamily units

Then, the PAWSD board discussed the definition of a multifamily home, as well as the discounts related to those structures.

Ramsey explained that a multifamily unit must have common walls.

PAWSD will follow the city of Durango's model where the first unit

in a multifamily unit, whether it's a duplex, triplex or fourplex, will be charged one full capital investment fee and one full raw water acquisi-

"And all the existing ones will have to pay 50 percent of that for water only," Ramsey explained.

There will be no discount for wastewater for multifamily units according to agenda documentation, Ramsey noted.

#### Other details

Also during this discussion, Ramsey explained that there won't be any changes to rules regarding master or individual meters.

"So, if it's a master meter, it's the number of units times 2,000, that's what they get. If it's an individual meter, they each get 2,000 gallons,' Ramsey said.

For apartments and condominiums, agenda documentation had a potential definition as a unit with more than five residential units within a single structure.

Ramsey noted that he would revise that to go back to the current definition of an apartment, which is based on a fixture-unit calculation, this would also remain the provision that required those structures to be master metered.

Commercial structures will be based on fixture-unit counts, per agenda documentation.

For mixed-use structures, which are a combination of commercial and residential, Ramsey noted that he would like to calculate EUs on these based on how they are zoned.

"Any structure constructed in agricultural or residential zoned area and/or residential subdivision will be considered a residential unit," agenda documentation reads.

"Other than that, we were going to treat the residential and commercial mixed-use as a commercial," Ramsey said.

According to Ramsey, in Durango, if more than 50 percent of a unit is residential, they treat it as a residential unit and the commercial unit is free, and vice-versa for a commercial

However, Ramsey noted that those rules in Durango could be subject to change.

For mixed-use, Ramsey explained that it would potentially be one EU per residential unit plus the fixture unit count for the commercial side.

In regard to trailer parks, Ramsey suggested one EU per trailer, and RV units and Park units will be revisited at the next board meeting.

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# Results of LPEA future power supply studies to be presented to directors

By Indiana Reed

Special to The SUN

As planned, consultants retained by the Power Supply Committee (PSC) of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) have completed their initial studies, and the LPEA Board of Directors reviewed the findings in executive session during the board's April Committee of the Whole, with full public presentations made during the open board meeting Wednesday.

The PowerPoint presentations from the consultants will be posted on the LPEA website, www.lpea.coop. Also, the "live stream" of Wednesday's meeting will be archived and available for review on the website.

Specific consultant findings, including financial information, will not immediately be released to the general public to avoid impacting future negotiations with alternative power suppliers and current primary power supplier Tri-State Generation and Transmission.

"Initial studies by the consultants indicate that there is potential

savings for LPEA to engage with alternative power suppliers while maintaining reliability," said LPEA CEO Mike Dreyspring. "But we've got more work ahead of us. We need to have further study of the transmission system—the availability of us to get electricity to our service territory from out of the area — and the costs affiliated with that."

Dreyspring also noted that different generation mixes could impact delivery costs, and LPEA needs to secure a thorough understanding of potential financial transactions between LPEA and suppliers.

Taking the aforementioned into consideration, the board voted in favor of the following directives to move the process to the next step:

- LPEA will obtain indicative pricing from wholesale suppliers with a fuel mix that is designed to meet LPEA's 50-30-70 goal and includes some level of local renewable generation.
- LPEA staff will determine costs and data needs of a transmission study to be completed by Western

Area Power Association and Tri-State Generation and Transmission to determine how they could serve LPEA's transmission needs if LPEA were to purchase power on the wholesale market.

- The LPEA board directed staff to host at least one public forum in each of the four board districts to update members by reviewing the consultants' public reports and discuss the planned next steps.
- The LPEA board directed staff to put together a pro-forma spreadsheet to demonstrate what the potential buy-out and alternative power supply costs will do to LPEA's members' rates, and how all affect LPEA's cash flow.

"LPEA will be working over the coming months on these next steps," said Dreyspring. "We already had planned on organizing public presentations for members so we, LPEA, can tell you more about trends in the market and expand on what the electricity generation going forward might look like, so we're glad the board supports that effort.'

In September 2018, the LPEA board formed the PSC specifically to study the challenges and opportunities of power supply, assess the value of LPEA's contract with wholesale power supplier Tri-State Generation and Transmission, and identify options for increasing LPEA's flexibility to provide more local renewable generation.

Following an extensive search, and a thorough request for proposals process overseen by the PSC, the LPEA Board of Directors authorized retention of two outside consulting entities to assist in study of LPEA's future power supply options:

- Albuquerque, N.M.-based Enchantment Energy Consulting Inc. and Rio Energy LLC (as partners for purposes of the LPEA project) — to conduct a study of the wholesale power contract between LPEA and Tri-State Generation and Transmission.
- Salt Lake City, Utah-based Energy Strategies — to conduct an analysis of wholesale power markets and potential opportunities that may be available to LPEA.

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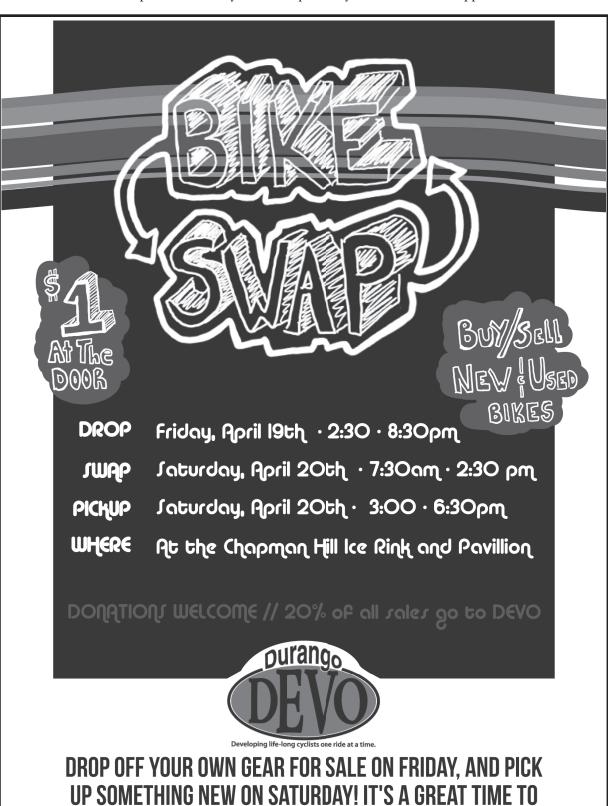
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#### LIBRARY NEWS

# Lifelong Learning, free books for 4-year-olds and Earth Day fun

By Carole Howard

SUN Columnist, and the library staff

The second lecture in the spring Lifelong Learning series takes place today, Thursday, April 18, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with a talk by Robertas Strickland teaching you how to create your very own art using the Zentangle method.

April 25 is a presentation on beneficial electrification using renewable resources and La Plata Electric Association's goal of reducing its carbon footprint. There will be three more lectures in May.

Watch for news of them in future columns and pick up a brochure at your library with more details on all these very interesting talks.

#### Free books for 4-year-olds

You have only five more days — the last day is April 22 — to pick up a free paperback book for your 4-year-old at the library as part of a special family literacy project.

Some 75,000 copies of a very special picture book - "Penguinaut!" written by Marcie Colleen and illustrated by Emma Yarlett are being distributed to children statewide at local libraries, including at your Sisson Library, in either English or Spanish.

"Penguinaut" is the story of Orville, who lives at the zoo surrounded by animal pals who go on exciting adventures. A hang-gliding rhino. A deep-sea diving giraffe. Orville struggles to keep up until one day he concocts an adventure all his own — to build a spaceship and fly to the moon all by himself.

"Penguinaut" is perfect for every child who's said, "I can do it myself!" — and then learns that the rewards are much richer when shared with friends. Colleen's playful text and Yarlett's charming, whimsical illustrations are sure to delight both children and their parents.

The goal of this annual One Book Colorado program is to encourage families to read together every day and add new books to home libraries to ensure school readiness.

Please come by the library or attend any program and pick up this free book for your 4-year-old youngster. Better yet, bring them in to pick up their books and see the opportunities for fun and learning that are available free at your library.

#### Earth Day fun for all ages

To celebrate Earth Day on Monday, April 22, you are invited to join us from 4 to 5 p.m. to paint flower pots, plant seeds and enjoy Dirt Dessert in our library garden. In the case of rain or snow, we will meet in the large meeting room.

#### Did you know?

Did you know that your library offers a monthly free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney?

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All-ages gaming tomorrow

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#### Spanish conversation

Tuesday, April 23, from 3 to 4 p.m., practice your Spanish with others to help you increase your fluency at this free informal session. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Previous attendance not necessary. No registration is required. Note that this month this session is moved to a temporary new day Tuesday instead of the usual Wednesday - because of a scheduling conflict.

#### Teen gaming

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

#### Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Wednesday, April 24, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

#### DIY for adults

At this month's free DIY event next Wednesday, April 24, from 1 to 2 p.m., we'll make notepads from used cereal boxes and other used boxes and paper. These notepads can be made into almost any size. This craft is a fun and easy way to repurpose something as simple as a cereal box and extend its use before it gets recycled. No registration is

#### Computer classes

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#### Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) takes place on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., plus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help from Mark with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Note there will be no PALS on April 30.

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#### Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"The American Agent" by Jacqueline Winspear begins with the murder of an American journalist. "The Tale Teller" by Anne Hillerman features Joe Leaphorn from the Navajo Police Department. "Someone Knows" by Lisa Scottoline unites five teens who years ago played a dangerous prank. "Saving Meaghan" by D.J. Palmer is a medical mystery. "Metropolis" by Philip Kerr is the last book of 14 featuring Bernard Gunther, this one set in Berlin.

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"If Cats Disappeared from the World" by Genki Kawamura follows a young postman's life as the devil tions, tips and templates for your offers him a deal. "White Elephant"

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"Unto Us a Son Is Given" by Donna Leon is a Commissario Guido Brunetti mystery. "Silent Night" by Danielle Steel follows a young girl who refuses to speak after a horrific accident. "This Year You Write Your Novel" by bestselling novelist Walter Mosley offers you motivation and instruction. "Never Tell" by Lisa Gardner is a thriller featuring D.D. Warren and Flora Dane. "The First Lady" by James Patterson and Brendon DuBois begins with the disappearance of the first lady. "I Owe You One" by Sophie Kinsella begins when a woman uses an IOU from a stranger. "The Collected Schzophrenias" by Esme Weijun Wang is a collection of essays.

"The Island of Sea Women" by Loisa See is the story of two Korean girls whose friendship evolves around a diving collective. "The Last Second" by Catherine Coulter and J.T. Ellison is the latest in the Brit in the FBI mystery series. "The Malta Exchange" by Steve Berry is a mystery about ancient documents and the election of a new pope. "Dark Tribute" by Iris Johansen is an Eve Duncan mystery. "Deep Harbor" by Fern Michaels is a mystery. "Wild Card" by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington mystery. "A Lethal Legacy" by Heather Graham is a Craig Frasier-Kieran Finnegan mystery. "Call Me Lonesome" by Brett Cogburn is book two of the Morgan Clyde western series. "The Fifth Doctrine" by Karen Robards is a thriller based in North Korea.

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Lot (Unit) Number: 7112 Lot (Unit) Week Number: 25 Lien Amount: \$1,947.56 Property Owners: MERIBEL H COCKERILL Building Number: 3 Lot (Unit) Number: 7109

Property Owners: MARIA ISABEL GIL SANTOS Building Number: 3 Lot (Unit) Number: 7109 Lot (Unit) Week Number: 47

Lien Amount: \$2,883.50
Property Owners: VICTOR SCHWANKE, SAMANTHA
BAUMER and VICTORIA DEPRATER Building Number: 4 Lot (Unit) Number: 7113 Lot (Unit) Week Number: 33

Lot (Unit) Week Number: 2

Lien Amount: \$1,835.72

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Lot (Unit) Number: 7118 Lot (Unit) Week Number: 36 Lien Amount: \$1,911.20 Property Owners: BILL G PERKINS AND BETTY JO PERKINS

Building Number: 5 Lot (Unit) Number: 7118 Lot (Unit) Week Number: 24 Lien Amount: \$1,911.20

of Elk Run Townhouses as recorded in Plat File No. 323 under Reception No. 0151975, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Second Amendment to the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded December 1, 1987, under Reception No. 0151976 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple solute, as tenant in common with the other own of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Elk Run

Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Published in the Pagosa Springs Sur First Publication: April 11, 2019 Last Publication: May 09, 2019 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Published April 11, 18, 25, May 2 and 9, 2019 in The

#### COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2019-004

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On February 7, 2019, 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) ERIC SPORS Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B.

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC Date of Deed of Trust January 09, 2007 County of Recording Archuleta

Recording Date of Deed of Trust January 10, 2007
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20700296 Original Principal Amount \$179,200.00

Outstanding Principal Balance \$165,592.64 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(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. LOTS 230 AND 231 OF PAGOSA IN THE PINES UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD FEBRUARY 7,1972 AS RECEPTION

Also known by street and number as: 443 MIDIRON AVENUE, PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 06/06/2019, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 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.

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: 02/07/2019 Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the

Joseph D. DeGiorgio, Esq. #45557 Barrett Frappier Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711 Attorney File # 00000008095721

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

Pagosa Springs SUN. PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### The Public Hearing will cover the Application and Closeout for CDBG funds for a Regional Business Loan Fund The five Counties of Southwest Colorado, Archuleta,

Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan, through intergovernmental agreement with La Plata County acting as lead county, plan to submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs, C/O the Office of Economic Development and International Trade, CDBG funds are intended to provide decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate-income persons through rehabilitation and preservation, economic/job development, and public

addition, the application requests that the Scope of Services will include the use of CDBG funds for planning and feasibility studies, as specifically approved by the State on a case-by-case basis. It is estimated that approximately 51% of the funds would benefit low-and noderate-income persons. Permanent involuntary displacement of neighborhood persons or businesses is not anticipated. Should it later become necessary to consider such displacement, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement. If no feasible alternative exists, required/reasonable benefits will be provided to those displaced to mitigate adverse effects and hardships. Any low- and moderate-income housing which is demolished or converted will be replaced. In addition, Region 9 will allow citizens to review and Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract which began on May 1, 2015 and expires on April 30

2019. A public hearing will be held no earlier than 10 am Friday April 23, 2019 at the La Plata County Administrative Building, 1101 E 2nd Ave, Durango, CO, 81301 to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions related to:

The proposed CDBG application for the Region Business Loan Fund in the amount of \$580,000 \$500,000 for direct business assistance and \$80,000 in administration plus \$303,748 of miscellaneous income available for administration. The application is proposed to be sponsored by La Plata County, acting as lead county for the five counties of Southwest Colorado through ar Intergovernmental Agreement. It is proposed that the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado, Inc. will administer the CDBG project through a Memorandum of Agreement with La Plata County

offices of Region 9 Economic Development District, 135 Burnett Drive, Unit 1, Durango, CO 81301; Attention: Laura Lewis Marchino. Information and records regarding the above described project are available at Region 9 Economic Development District, 135 Burnett Drive, Unit Durango, CO 81301. Advance notice is requested. nformation and records regarding the La Plata County's proposed and past use of CDBG funds are available at the La Plata County Administrative Building during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please notify so

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Springs Medical Center 95 S. Pagosa Blvd, Pagosa

Semi-Annual The District is seeking proposals for annual fire extinguisher & semi-annual kitchen hood services Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 P.M. on April 22 2019. The proposals will be evaluated immediately aff the deadline. All proposals must be in writing. Officia bid documents with specifications may be obtained by contacting Adam Miller, Plant Operations and Life Safety

individuals or firms to help with trail easement negotiation and acquisition. Key dates for this proposal include April 25 at 10 AM-walk through and Bids submissions are due May 2nd by 5:00 PM. For more information, please visi the Town's website Published April 18 and 25, 2019 in The Pagosa Springs

The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to improve and replace sections of concrete throughout the community key dates associated with this project are April 25th walkthrough and May 3rd bid submissions. For more information please visit the Town's website and search for the project under the invitation to bid section of the Published April 18 and 25, 2019 in The Pagosa Springs

Published April 18 and 25, 2019 in The Pagosa Springs BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING ON MAY 7th

Miguel Maes, of Santa Fe, NM, has applied for Variance from the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations, on Lot 8 Block 6 Pagosa in the Pines, at 832 County Rd 600 Piedra Rd), Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN19-141). Applicant is requesting variance to build closer than 50' from the

Comments may be submitted to the Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty. org prior to the public hearing at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on May 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.
Published April 18 and 25, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs* 

The Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Depart identified a zoning map error for property addressed as 650 S. 6th Street. The Adopted Town zoning map notes the property as Public/Quasi Public, however the property should have been zoned Medium Density Residential (R-12). The property is currently occupied by a residential mobile home

May 14, 2019 at 5:30pm The Town Council will then consider the requested rezoning application at two public hearings on Thursday,

Public hearings will be conducted in Town Hall located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

should contact the Town Planning Department at 970-264-4151 x221 Public comments will be accepted at all public hearings

hearing. Public comments will be accepted at the public Published April 18, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**INVITATION TO BID** 

Separate sealed BIDS for the 2019 Asphalt Maintenance Project will be received by Archuleta County, Colorado at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at 188 South 8th Street, P.O. Box 1208, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147, until 2:00 P.M. local time on May 9, 2019, and then at said office publicly opened and

Pinon Causeway, Talisman Drive, and Valley View Drive The project includes removal of HMA, excavation, subgrade preparation, sub-grade stabilization, HMA paving of full roadway widths, HMA full depth patching, traffic control and other items typically associated with road construction. The Owner has a set budget with asphalt maintenance locations and quantities to be adjusted fo priority roadways.

A mandatory pre-bid conference and inspection trip for prospective Bidders will be held at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. (phone number (970) 264-5055), located at the address mentioned above, at 2:00 P.M. local time on April 30, 2019.

Date: **April 18, 2019** Published April 18 and 25, 2019 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Town Council for the Town of Pagosa Springs will be holding a public hearing for a new Hotel and Restaurant liquor license application for Mountain High Foods LLC dba City Hall Cafe located at 2151 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. All people wishing to comment should be present at that meeting or have written comments in the office of the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2019. Published April 18, 2019 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

application for Full Throttle Ventures LLC dba Iron Dram Whiskey Lodge located at 358 Pagosa Street in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. All people wishing to comment should be present at that meeting or have written comments in the office of the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2019. Published April 18, 2019 in The Pagosa Springs SUN

Join us Sunday to rejoice! **Time of Services** Sunday Bible Class 9:30 a.m. **AM Worship** 10:30 a.m. PM Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. **Pagosa Springs Church of Christ** Dorman Diller,

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# **Public Notices**

Recording Date of Deed of Trust November 23, 2009 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/

in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and

A parcel of land located in Section 3, Township 32

feet to a point in the centerline of the Navajo River and the true point of beginning;
" South 82° 19' 28" West, a distance of 151.33 feet,

South 75° 52' 59" West, a distance of 123.69 feet,

North 05° 47' 29" West, a distance of 100.50 feet, North 20° 28' 31" East, a distance of 85.44 feet, North 29° 26' 19" West, a distance of 80.38 feet,

North 29° 26' 52" East 231.11 feet:

North 29° 28' 54" East tangent to said curve, a distance of 336.94 feet, along said easterly boundary of County Road 382;

line a distance of 1228.97 feet;
" South 42° 12' 47" West, a distance of 1659.53 feet;

Lots 9, 10, 11, 14, and 15 in Section 3, Township 32 North, Range 2 East, N.M.P.M., County of Archuleta,

for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust,

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Email: chris@hjclegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Archuleta, State of Colorado By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee

4550, Denver, CO 80203 (303) 830-0800 may be used for that purpose.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel. 970.264.2400

Attorney for Plaintiff Christopher B. Conley 700 South 21st Stree Tel. 479.242.8814

SAMANTHA BAUMER VICTORIA DEPRATER **BILL G PERKINS** BETTY JO PERKINS

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

Anyone having questions or wishing to provide comme

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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

First Publication 4/11/2019 Last Publication 5/9/2019

Bv: /s/ Elsa P. White. Public Trustee legal holder of the indebtedness is

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facilities improvements. The application being considered would request \$580,000 for the Region 9 Business Loan Fund. In

comment on the existing performance of the Region 9

2. Comment on performance of existing contract. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, April 19, 2019 at the

appropriate aids can be made available

Upper San Juan Health Service District, dba Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Manager (970) 507-3812 or by email: adam.miller@ psmedicalcenter.org
Published April 18, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking proposals from

SUN. The District seeks to have designed and engineered a solution to an aging portion of its collection system along 1st Street bridge and Highway 160. Key dates for this invitation to bid are April 23rd, 2019 walkthrough and April 28th bid submission. For more information, please

golf course boundary in the Planned Unit Develop (PUD R-1-90) zone.

PUBLIC NOTICE

to the Planning Commission and Town Council at the following public hearing dates to request changing the The Planning Commission will consider a recommendation

The Planning Department will be presenting a request

May 23, 2019 at 5pm and on Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Published April 18, 2019 in The Pagosa Springs SUN PUBLIC NOTICE The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for "Major Design Review" for a multi-family development of two 3061 square foot residential buildings to be located at 466 S. 8th Street. The Design Review Board will consider the "Major Design Review" application at a public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 5:30pm in Town Hall located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. For more information and anyone wishing to provide comments, please contact the Town Planning Department at 970-264-4151 x221 or attend the public

The base project involves typical asphalt maintenance methods on Archuleta County roadways including and not limited to, Davis Cup Drive, Light Plant Road Meadows Drive, North & South Pagosa Boulevard

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS and PLANS may be obtained on or after April 29, 2019, at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at the addres mentioned above, upon payment of \$30.00 for each set No refund will be made for returned copies.

The Town Council for the Town of Pagosa Springs will be holding a public hearing for a new Tavern liquor license



Mental Health Awareness Walk organizers Sarah Ross, left, and Diana Scott, right, are pictured with Youth Rise teacher Cheryl Bowdridge at Saturday's event.



With smiles, event organizers, classmates, friends and supporters lead the walk down Pagosa Street carrying signs encouraging people to "support, care, love" and "talk" about mental health.

# Mental Health **Awareness Walk**

SUN photos/Randi Pierce



Walk participants of many ages and professions gathered at Town Park prior to the event on April 13 to register and show their support for the Mental Health Awareness Walk. The first 50 people who registered were given a T-shirt designed for the event by Pagosa Springs High School graduate Ethan Brown.



rium about mental health awareness and why she decided to hold the event in Pagosa Springs.



Sarah Ross, event co-organizer, Josh Bramble, a licensed professpeaks at the high school audito- sional counselor, speaks to the attendees about his own experiences and the importance of reaching out for help if one is experiencing a mental health crisis.



Sporting event T-shirts and signs of support, participants head out from Town Park. The walk route went down the 400 block of Pagosa Street before winding down Hot Springs Boulevard, to 5th Street and arriving at Pagosa Springs High School.



Participating organizations set up informational tables at the high school, where they visited with participants and handed out information.



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# Gary Morris Concert

Saturday, April 20 • 7 p.m. • Pagosa Springs High School auditorium

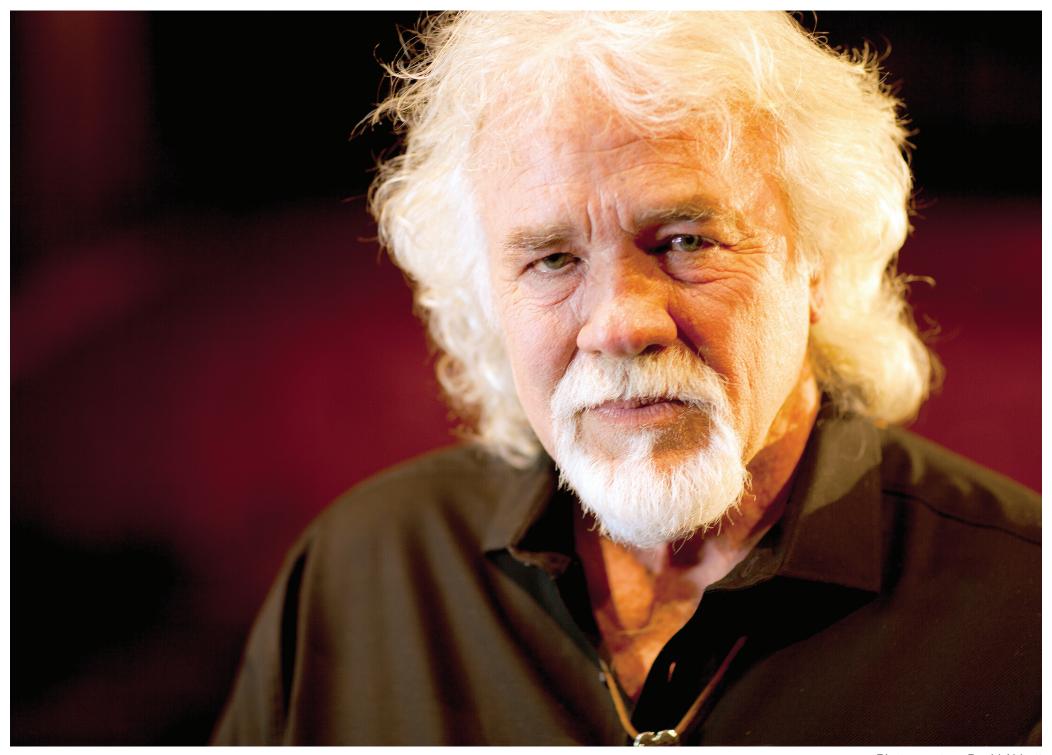


Photo courtesy David Abbott

# Gary Morris fundraising concert set for Saturday evening

By JoAnn Laird

Special to The PREVIEW

Gary Morris and a guitar. A smooth voice and a musical instrument. They are all that is needed to captivate an audience.

On Saturday, April 20, at 7 p.m., you will have a chance to see a world-class performer in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

His recording career garnered five No. 1 and 16 top-10 singles, including "Why Lady Why," "The Love She Found in Me" and "Baby Bye Bye." Morris' original rendition of the classic "Wind Beneath My Wings" won both the Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music "Song of the Year" awards. Morris was also named Billboard's "Male Artist of the Year."

At the height of his Nashville recording career, the Texas-bred tenor was tapped to play the lead role of Jean Valjean in Broadway's epic hit "Les Misérables," to critical acclaim. This role led to a Drama Desk Award nomination. His famous rendition of "Bring Him Home" on the platinum-selling, Grammy Award-

winning international cast album resulted in a command performance for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Additional Broadway roles include Rodolfo in the production of Puccini's opera "La Bohéme.'

Aside from his musical gifts, Morris is a giver. His love of the great outdoors, combined with this respect and compassion for veterans, have resulted in his affiliation with Fly Fishers International and its Abilene Fly Fishers club. Because of this association, the Gary Morris concert and fundraising benefits wounded veterans suffering from PTSD and other combat-related conditions. Morris' Mountain Spirit Ranch is a haven for veterans to experience the therapeutic properties of the serene sport of fly fishing.

Morris' benevolence extends to also helping his own community by donating his time and talent for this special evening. All proceeds will go to Pagosa Rotary's Feed Our Children Backpack Program.

Tickets are available downtown at the Chamber of Commerce and uptown at the Choke Cherry Tree. Or, ask any friendly Rotarian. Preconcert ticket prices are \$45. Waiting to get your tickets at the door will cost you \$50.

# Hand-drumming class continues Tuesday

By Paul Roberts

Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free handdrumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, April 23, at noon.

Jon Landau, my music buddy and college roommate in the '60s. recently informed me that real musical instruments are becoming

archaic. I wanted to tell him about the excellent music education and community music programs in Pagosa Springs. But, when speaking to the mastermind of Bruce Springsteen's career, who also is the head of the nominating committee for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the producer of the documentary, "Elvis Presley: The Searcher," and a long list of other newsworthy accomplishments, it's obvious who

has the bigger picture.

Corresponding to Landau's viewpoint, an article published in The Atlantic magazine is titled "How Communal Singing Disappeared From American Life - And why we should bring it back.

"Adults in America don't sing communally," writes Karen Loew. "This is a loss. It's as if we've willingly cut off one of our senses: the plea-

■ See Drumming on next page



Riff Raff downtown: Leah Orlikowski, 6 p.m. Riff Raff on the Rio: Terry Rickard, 6 p.m.

#### Saturday

Coyote Moon: Karaoke with Lisa Saunders, 9 p.m. Boys, 5:30 p.m.

Pagosa Brewing Company: Open Mic hosted by Emily Tholberg, 6 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Riff Raff downtown: Robin Davis Duo, 6 p.m.

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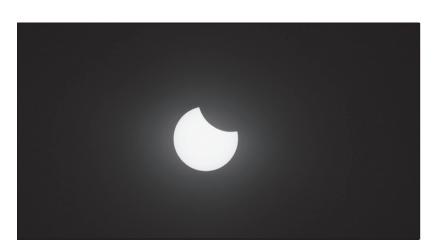


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This summer, the San Juan Stargazers will work toward the goal of improving their skills using telescopes. The next meeting will be on April 25.



# Stargazers to work on improving telescope skills

Special to The PREVIEW

The San Juan Stargazers will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 25, in the Visitor Center conference room located at 105 Hot Springs Blvd. The meeting is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (sharp). Hot drinks, and hopefully a treat, will be served at 6:30 p.m. with time to socialize.

Our program theme is switching this month from the winter study of amazing Hubble pictures to our summer goal of improving

our skills using a telescope. We will specifically discuss skills for meteor showers, comets, eclipses and more.

We are working on improving because of our nine star parties this summer at Chimney Rock National Monument, Our first Star Party will be a Stars and Galaxies dark sky event on May 31, with the gate opening as 7:30 p.m. and the program beginning at 8:15 p.m., followed by telescope viewing.

If you are interested in taking part in our Star Parties, but you do

■ See Skills on next page

# Elect **Holly Metzler** LPEA Board of Directors

Holly will work to keep LPEA the successful energy cooperative it has grown into over the past 80 years, while looking to take positive solutions for the future of LPEA to the table.



continued from previous page sure center for full lungs and body resonance and shared emotion and connection to our fellow man."

Anyone involved in making music knows intuitively that it feels really good and that it is good for them. Music can be a powerfully inspiring, exciting, motivating experience — lifting the spirit, enhancing self-esteem and nurturing both the individual and the community. Going beyond words to express a wide range of feelings, music is a healthy outlet for the emotions. Music activates brain circuits involved in empathy, trust and cooperation, impacting our ability to connect with others. Music releases chemicals in the brain that reduce stress and increase feelings of well-being.

Active engagement in music making is beautifully illustrated in the musical "Latcho Drom." The film is a compilation of joyous, soulful, energizing music and

dancing of the Gypsy culture — an impressionistic musical travelogue of the migrations of the Gypsy people from India to Egypt, Turkey, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, France and, finally, to Spain. A cinematic tone poem, the film is a compelling perspective on how active, participatory community music making can play an important role in the well-being of the individual and the community. "Latcho Drom" is available to watch for free on You-Tube and is a good reminder about the power of music.

Helping us flourish and attain our full potential, music contributes meaning and fulfillment to our lives. An opportunity for people of all ages to unleash their creativity, the drumming class is a familyfriendly activity. No previous experience is necessary. Drums are provided for those who do not have one. For more information, call 731-3117. The Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave.

## Please join us in voting for Holly Metzler for LPEA Board of Directors

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I appreciate the great discussions, newly acquired knowledge and your votes!

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# **Independent Living Skills** classes to be offered in Pagosa

By Carolyn Paschal Special to The PREVIEW

Are you one of the many adults with disabilities in the southwest area who are living or look forward to living more independent lives, yet feel a need for more knowledge and support to do so?

There will soon be classes offered in Pagosa Springs that are specifically designed with this in mind. Aspen House and the Southwest Center for Independence are pleased to continue their free series of Independent Living Skills classes to persons with developmental disabilities to develop skills to live the lives they desire in their community. This series will focus on both self-care and job longevity. The goal for this course is to have each person walk away with tools to help them balance personal and work-related stress, as well as relate well in a interpersonal employment setting.

These classes will be held the second and fourth Friday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. They will begin with an orientation on April 26 and conclude with a graduation ceremony on Aug. 23.

Mashi Salomon, an independent living specialist with the Southwest Center for Independence, will be teaching the classes. Mashi received an associate degree in mental health and human services from Kingsborough College, with internships at both Menorah Nursing Home and Block Institute for Special Needs Children. She worked for Hebrew Academy for Special Needs Children and, upon moving to Colorado, gained her position as independent living specialist at the Southwest Center for Independence, helping people

with disabilities attain their goals. She specializes in employment, working alongside her consumers to send out applications, attain interviews and achieve long-term success once hired.

The classes are free and we will do our best to make accommodations to allow for a wide range of developmental disabilities and learning styles.

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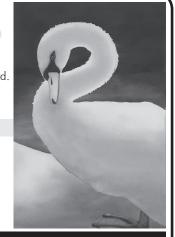
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The San Juan Stargazers are part of the Astronomical League, which includes clubs from all over the U.S. We have a new website, www. sanjuanstargazers.org, as well as an email address, sjstargazers@gmail. com, and a club phone number, 335-8286.

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#### Mental health education to be offered at 9Health Fair

By Constance d'Angelis Special to The PREVIEW

In addition to the substantial battery of blood tests for only \$35, a multitude of free screenings and an opportunity to speak one-on-one with health care professionals, there will be numerous educational forums. An important and very timely educational presentation is regarding what is being termed the current "mental health crisis."

Americans, including children, young adults, adults and elders who are experiencing anxiety, depression, anguish, overwhelm, alcoholism, drug abuse, distress and suicide is startling.

According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services), depression, distress and suicidal thoughts are significantly higher among teens and young adults.

Awareness of this fact was noted last week in Pagosa Springs through the Mental Health Awareness Walk organized by Pagosa Springs High School students.

Did you know that a recent study found the demand for mental health services is stronger than ever before? Fifty-six percent of Americans are seeking or wanting to obtain mental health services either for themselves or a loved one.

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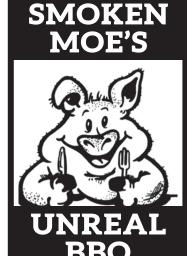
help were identified as:

- High cost and insufficient insurance coverage;
- · Limited options and long
- Lack of awareness of how to locate a provider; and
  - · Social stigma.

For more information on the comprehensive study, go to National Council for Behavioral Health at www.cohenveteransnetwork.org/AmericasMental-Health or www.TheNationalCouncil.org.

Come to Pagosa Springs High School on April 27 from 7 to 11 a.m. There will be a blood test panel for \$35, free screenings, educational programs and the opportunity meet health professionals.

Have special health and wellness skills? Could you offer education and information? Want to volunteer? Have questions? Contact Sharee Grazda at 731-0317 or sgrazda@gmail.com. Visit 9Health





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# English as a Second Language classes at the library to begin in May

By Meg Wempe and Cindi Galabota Special to The PREVIEW

Have you heard the word? Starting on May 1, the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library will begin English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, taught twice weekly. This program will be offered through the Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS).

PALS is a program of the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library that offers adult students help with high school equivalency and GED, as well as continuing education opportunities such as applying for college, taking placement tests, FAFSA completion, tutoring and more. In May of this year, PALS is adding ESL classes to its range of community resources.

ESL classes will be taught on Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. at the library. There is no additional cost, and no registration is required.

Both of the teachers selected have previous experience teaching ESL. Ellynn Ragone will instruct the beginner class. She has experience teaching in New Mexico at Taos Education and Career Center, as well as in Barcelona, Spain, at Oxford TEFL. Joyce Holdread will teach the intermediate/advanced class and is no stranger to teaching ESL classes. She has over 20 years teaching ESL, with many of them in the Colorado towns of Trinidad and Lakewood. The library is fortunate to have these experienced and certified teachers.

In fall 2018, the library learned that, effective immediately, the Archuleta County Education Center was to stop offering ESL classes for adults, classes that are critical to many in our community. ESL classes prepare students to be fully engaged in their communities by

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being informed and achieving a level of inclusiveness that enhances their lives. Families benefit when parents become proficient in English, enabling them to participate in their children's education and social lives.

English-language learners benefit from being able to read or understand safety instructions, road

signs, medication instructions, workplace literature and weather advisories. ESL classes help lead to employment, promotions or higher salaries. The community benefits from ESL classes by alleviating the cost of support services and special accommodations for individuals and families with limited English proficiency.

The library was fortunate to receive local funding through the Town of Pagosa Springs and Galles Properties Community Fund grants and regionally from LPEA and the Ballantine Family Fund. Thank you to each organization.

The library's vision is "Mountains of opportunity to inspire ideas, enrich lives and create community."

The library is thrilled to provide this vital resource to Pagosa Springs and surrounding areas beginning May 1. We hope you'll help us spread the word there will be two levels of ESL classes happening on Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. at the library, on the corner of U.S. 160 and 8th Street. Again, there is no additional cost, and no registration is required.

A partir del 1 de mayo, la biblioteca celebrará un segundo idioma (ESL) clases de inglés como. Serán los miércoles y el viernes desde mediodía-2 p.m.

Hay ningún cargo adicional en estas clases, y no es necesario registrarse. ¡Esperamos verte en la biblioteca para el continuo aprendizaje del inglés!









## Southwest Organization for Sustainability announces schedule of Earth Day Week events

**By Pauline Benetti** Special to The PREVIEW

This year, 2019, is the eighth anniversary celebration of Earth Day Week in Pagosa Springs.

Every year, the Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS) has promoted the celebration of Earth Day in our community, with individuals, organizations and businesses sponsoring appropriate activities during the week that includes Earth Day. Our community has always responded enthusiastically.

In addition, for the third year, SOS, in cooperation with the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA), has organized an Earth Day Fair to be held at the PLPOA Clubhouse and grounds. See schedule below for details.

The 2019 Earth Day theme is "Protect Our Species," and on the Earth Day website, www. earthday.org, we learn the following very sobering fact: "We are amidst the largest period of species extinction in the last 60 million years. Normally, between one and five species will go extinct annually. However, scientists estimate that we are now losing species at 1,000 to 10,000 times the normal rate, with multiple extinctions daily. Multiple species will disappear before we learn about them or the benefits they bring to our planet.'

To support the international theme, SOS will show a free screening of "Racing Extinction," a powerful call to protect the Endangered Species Act— the strongest, most effective wildlife protection law in the world which, despite a 90 percent approval rating among Americans, has come under recent congressional attack.

This year, the week's festivities stretch from last weekend's Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's (GGP) Colorado Environmental Film Festival and the Mountain High Garden Club's Expo (both of which were very successful) through to the Saturday fair on April 27, with Earth Day itself sort of in the middle on April 22.

#### Schedule

Each year, the schedule of activities has grown. SOS is encouraged and happy to fulfill our part of the bargain — promotion of those activities.

Here are the activities that we know about as of press time. Quite possibly others will spring up.

Check www.sospagosa.org for latest information. Contact Holly Metzler at pagosa100percent@ gmail.com with questions.

The schedule follows:

Monday, April 22: Unitarian Universalist (ŪU) trash cleanup with Phyl Daleske. Meet at 10 a.m. at Pagosa UU Fellowship, Greenbriar Plaza, corner of North Pagosa Boulevard and Park Avenue.

Monday, April 22: "Racing Extinction," free screening at PLPOA Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23: GGP plant giveaway, Education Dome in Centennial Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday, April 25: Ruby Sisson Library Lifelong Learning series will feature La Plata Electric Association's (LPEA) Dan Harms and Dominic May on beneficial electrification and how to achieve LPEA's carbon footprint reduction goal. Starts at 5 p.m.

Friday, April 26: Town of Pagosa Springs will host a tree planting in Yamaguchi especially for kids at 10 a.m.

Friday, April 26: MAPS, the Marine Arctic Peace Sanctuary. Renia Pruchnicki, a MAPS ambassador, will give a virtual presentation about MAPS, a treaty proposed ■ See Events on next page



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Photo courtesy Al Myatt

With the help of the Pagosa Fire Protection District, the drum and clock were retrieved from Lake Hatcher on April 11, allowing the winners of Rotary's Ice Melt Contest to be revealed. From left to right are Randy Larson, fire chief; Josh Montoya; Daniel Cabrera; and Karn Macht, deputy chief.

## Winners of Rotary's Ice Melt Contest revealed

By JoAnn Laird

Special to The PREVIEW

Spring has sprung and the Lake Hatcher ice melted enough to drop the 55-gallon barrel containing a clock into the depths of the lake. This proved bad news for the clock, but great news for three lucky people who won some serious money.

The contest was based on guessing the exact date, hour, minute and second that the ice would melt enough to drop the barrel in the water, thus stopping the clock.

Winning \$1,000 for the closest guess was Brent Bailey. Second place, winning \$500, was Al Myatt. Third place went to Jere Hill, winning \$250.

Sounds like an easy contest, but there's more than meets the eye. Getting the barrel on the lake's

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before the United Nations that declares the Arctic Ocean north of the Arctic Circle an international peace park, free from exploitation of all kinds, in perpetuity. Pagosa UU Fellowship, 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 27: PLPOA neighborhood trash pickup. Contact Jen Pitcher at PLPOA to sign up. Starts at 9 a.m.

Saturday, April 27: Earth Day Fair at PLPOA Clubhouse: includes community organizations and individuals involved in supporting our planet's health with information, demonstrations and handouts; an EV (electric vehicle) on display in front of the building with opportunity for Q-and-A; PLPOA BBQ open to the public; live music by the Tyler Brandon Band at the gazebo down by the lake; and e-cycling. See list of items and fees on www.sospagosa.org (limit of 27-inch TVs), 1 to 4 p.m.

There is something here for everyone. Especially for kids, we offer U.S. Forest Service activities, giant bubbles and painting rocks with Chance. Have fun and remember it's Earth Day you are celebrating. What can you do to contribute?





# He's Alive!

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10:15 am - Worship Service

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There will be No Good Friday Service.

Drama Dress Rehearsal, Saturday, April 20 at 6:30 pm

— open to those unable make it to the service on Sunday morning.

Centerpoint Church 2750 Cornerstone Drive www.centerpointpagosa.com



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Under the watchful eye of Pagosa Fire Protection District Chief Larson and Deputy Chief Karn Macht, firefighters Josh Montoya and Daniel Cabrera venture out on Lake Hatcher to recover the drum holding the clock for Rotary's Ice Melt Contest.



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2-foot-thick ice in early March was a bit of a chore, as there's always the chance of slipping and falling. Retrieving the barrel from the cold watery depths is another story.

The barrel initially dropped into the water on April 9, but extreme winds delayed the recovery until April 11, around 2 p.m. Under the watchful eye of Pagosa Fire Protection District Chief Larson and Deputy Chief Karn Macht, a 20-foot rescue boat was launched with firefighters Josh Montoya and Daniel Cabrera.

Although tethered to the shore in case of an incident, two additional firemen, Jared Wirth and Lyle Hoffschneider, were at the ready, if needed, as required in the two-in, two-out rescue method. The bar-

rel was swiftly and safely retrieved from the bottom of the lake and brought to shore.

All proceeds from this contest will go toward the Rotary Scholarship Fund for Pagosa Springs High School graduates. For over 20 years, Rotary has annually donated over \$20,000 for higher education scholarships to deserving students. In 2018 alone, \$28,000 was awarded.

When cabin fever sets in for 2020, as it surely will, this fun, profitable and rewarding contest will be back to help chase those blues away.

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#### Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass less than two months away

By Crista Munro

Special to The PREVIEW

It's official; the 14th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass celebration is less than two months away, taking place June 7-9 right here on Reservoir Hill.

This year's lineup features the top names in folk, bluegrass and Americana music, including the The Del McCoury Band, Sierra Hull, The Travelin' McCourys, Sam Reider and the Human Hands, Kate Lee and Forrest O'Connor, Dead Horses, Old Salt Union, Fireside Collective, FY5, Bonnie and the Clydes, Sugar and the Mint and this week's featured bands: Halden Wofford and the Hi\*Beams, and

#### **Halden Wofford** and the Hi\*Beams

Halden Wofford and the Hi\*Beams ride out from the cutting edge cowtown of Denver.

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tonk, western swing,

Dylanesque originals

and spaghetti western

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Halden Wofford pours

Rootsy and real, neither revivalist nor retro, the Hi\*Beams' brand of country music is as boundless and electrifying as America itself. The band has been together for nearly 15 years with the same lineup, and with the release of their newest album, "Missing Link" (2017), they have much to celebrate and

be celebrated for.

Equal parts Hank Williams and

epics.



Photo courtesy FolkWest

Halden Wofford and the Hi\*Beams will make their return to Reservoir Hill with a 1 p.m. main stage set at the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival on June 8.

swing, Dylanesque originals and spaghetti western epics. There is no creative limit to the songwriter, illustrator, author, storyteller and

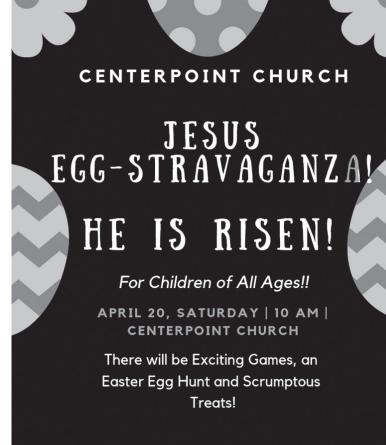
singer. But Halden has met his match in the Hi\*Beams. Each outrageous tale he spins is met by the whine and wail of the steel guitar, the furious double-neck electric guitar and mandolin, and the relentless thump of the upright bass and drums.

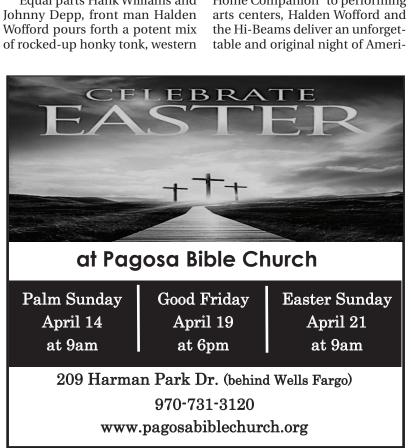
From Red Rocks to rodeos, the Fillmore Auditorium to

the back of a flatbed truck, "Prairie Home Companion" to performing can music.

Marquee Magazine says, "Halden Wofford and the Hi\*Beams' throwback and stylish take on the honky tonk genre is a breath of fresh air amidst other wannabe retro acts. With some of the choicest players on the Front Range and a professionalism that is bar none, the Hi\*Beams landed themselves

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on the famed NPR show A Prairie Home Companion in recent years and Wofford's distinct vocals continue to garner the band well-earned attention."

Austin, Texas-based 3rd Coast Magazine threw down this glowing review: "On the strength of this one hour, I'd say that Halden Wofford and the Hi\*Beams are in the running for Best Live Country Band in America."

The band returns to Reservoir Hill with a 1 p.m. main stage set on June 8.

#### Circus No. 9

Circus No. 9 is East Tennessee's own progressive bluegrass outfit, blurring the lines between bluegrass, jazz, jamgrass and more. Described as "John Hartford meets John Coltrane," the group has appeared alongside artists including David Grisman, Bryan Sutton, Larry Keel and more. Comprised of musicians Matthew Davis, Thomas Cassell and Vince Ilagan, Circus No. 9 is one of the most exciting new bands on the acoustic music scene today.

"Circus No. 9 represents everything that's good about the new generation of acoustic music. These guys already exhibit a maturity and musicianship that has me thinking we're going to be hearing great stuff from them for a long time," said Hot Rize guitarist Bryan Sutton.

Banjo extraordinaire Davis is the winner of both the National Banjo Championship and the Rockygrass Banjo Contest, and he achieved these musical chops by the age of 18. Davis has performed on the Grand Ole Opry, among other venues and shows around the country.

On the mandolin is Virginia native Cassell, now a Tennessee transplant. Cassell is the winner of the 2016 Rockygrass Mandolin contest, and has performed on stages beside artists including Darrell Scott, Bryan Sutton, Aofie O'Donovan, Mike Marshall, Julian Lage, Billy Strings and more.

Holding down the low end for the band is Knoxville's Ilagan, also holding a bass performance



Photo courtesy FolkWest

Circus No. 9 will make its Reservoir Hill debut at the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival at 3 p.m. on June 9.

degree from the University of Tennessee and years of studio and touring experience. Ilagan has performed with artists including Justin Townes Earle, Jeff Sipe, Scott Miller and many others.

Circus No. 9 has exploded onto the bluegrass scene, winning over audiences at the 2018 International Bluegrass Music Association conference in Raleigh, N.C., last September. They'll be adding a few hundred Coloradans to the fan base when they make their Folk-West debut on the festival main stage at 3 p.m. on June 9.

#### More information

Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass is a family-friendly, all-ages event. Children 12 and under do not require a ticket for admission when accompanied by an adult.

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# I'm sorry, I'm not sorry

I always look forward to road trips with the family, even if it's a quick weekend getaway. I am amazed at how much I learn when I'm sitting cheek to cheek with my children in a fast-moving vehicle. I relish those talks that I can't, nor would want, to escape.

One such conversation stemmed from a self-improvement magazine article that my daughter was reading. "We need to be aware of what we are saying. When we say, 'I'm sorry,' and not mean it, we are telling people how to react to us."

It was an odd statement to hear. Saying "I'm sorry" just means, "I'm sorry." What is there to react to? Besides, we are programmed to apologize. We probably say those two words a hundred times a day as we go about our business.

Apparently, there is more to those two words than I had given credit. My daughter explained that if you apologize but don't mean it or use that statement under the wrong pretense, the value of those two words changes. It makes sense and I guess I even knew this. Certainly, people hear me in the right light when I say to them "I'm sorry," don't they?

Maja Jovanovic, a Canadian sociologist, once said, "When we needlessly apologize, we end up making ourselves look small or diminish what we are trying to express."

She tells of a speaking engagement that she attended. Several women experts in their field who have published hundreds of academic articles and dozens of books would lecture on this day. People were known to have traveled for many miles to hear what these women had to say.

The first speaker started off by saying, "I am so sorry, did you have trouble finding this place?" The second speaker started her presentation by saying, "I'm sorry, I don't know what I could possibly say that would add to this discussion." And so it was with the third, then the fourth. In fact, out of the 25 panel of speakers, each uttered the same first words before they dove into their content: "I'm sorry."

# Artist's Lane

**Betty Slade** 



Jovanovic said she felt like all of the oxygen was leaving the room. Why would anyone drive miles to hear someone say, "I'm sorry, I don't know what I could possibly say that would add to this discussion"? Don't they know that when a speaker stands before a group and immediately starts apologizing, it causes them to lose significance or even credibility?

A person is late for a meeting and says, "I'm so sorry, I had to ..." What might the audience think? Maybe you need to prioritize or plan better. Another person is late for a meeting who says, "Thanks for waiting, let's proceed." That audience may view that speaker as in control, confident and capable.

My weekend getaway progressed as I took note of various people that I passed by. As I approached the entrance of a store, I took a step back to allow a woman who was in an obvious hurry enter ahead of me. She turned to me as she rushed by and said, "I'm sorry." I didn't hear an apology. What I heard was a command to get out of her way. Maybe even a semblance of lacking respect for anyone other than herself. Perhaps a better choice of words would have been, "Thank you for waiting," or even, "Excuse me." After all, she had a right to enter that store at her own pace. Hearing the latter, I'm sure I would have graciously understood that she was focused on something or in a time crunch.

It is different when we have offended or wronged someone. Under those circumstances, we need to apologize. Not just in words, but from the heart. And dare I say you can hear the difference. Additionally, when we say, "I'm sorry, but..." or we don't convey an element of sympathy, we are hedging our reasoning. Anyone can see through that.

I started thinking about various emails I've received. Some would start off saying, "I'm sorry I didn't answer sooner." Phone calls received often start off with the caller saying, "I am sorry if I caught you at a bad time." When the technician says, "I'm sorry I am late," is he wanting me to agree with him, or to be thankful that he is being considerate of my time?

Final brushstroke: "I'm sorry," two simple words that are frequently used as nothing more than a comma or a period in a self-serving sentence. Maybe we are using that phrase as a passport to proceed without considering anything about the person. Apologizing can bridge gaps, mend broken relationships, even convey a spirit of compassion. What is it that others hear in you when you say, "I'm sorry"? Are you conveying the message you desire, or causing others to judge you contrary to how you want to be understood?

#### **Readers' Comments**

"When Life Catches Up With The Lyrics We Sang," published April 4: L. Lunsford wrote, "As a wife of 36 years, I found your words a witness to Truth. Marriage is hard work, but I believe worth the effort. There are times we could have said, 'We've grown apart' or 'This work is too hard,' but we stuck it out and there has been much more good than bad! We are very different people, but that has just broadened our horizons. Keep writing my friend, I enjoy hearing from you each week."

Send your comments to betty@ bettyslade.com.

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## Holy Week at St. Patrick's: A journey of faith

By Sally Neel

Special to The PREVIEW

Last Sunday, Palm Sunday, marked the beginning of HolyWeek, the most significant week of the Christian year. For Christians around the world, it is a week filled with emotions of triumphant joy, solemnity, sadness and, ultimately, victory.

For Christians, this is not merely the act of remembering a historic event; it is an act of bringing forth into our present consciousness the powerful message of God's love for us and the sacrifice made for our redemption through God's son, Jesus.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church invites you to walk with Jesus from the Last Supper with his disciples, to the Garden of Gethsemane (Maundy Thursday), his arrest, conviction and crucifixion (Good Friday), and, ultimately, his glorious resurrection (Easter Vigil and Easter Day).

Experiencing Holy Week through prayer and worship makes the Easter celebration so much more powerful," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "We hope many will join us as we walk the path of Jesus, who conquers death and hate with the power of love."

Holy Week services at St. Patrick's are open to all who wish to attend:

- Maundy Thursday, 6 p.m. Service of Holy Communion in the church is followed by a solemn Agape Meal in the parish hall.
- Good Friday, 5:30 p.m. Music of Remembrance by NightSong Trio (Sally Neel, piano; Heidi Tanner, violin; and Jessica Peterson, flute), followed by Good Friday liturgy at



Photo courtesy Sally Neel

St Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., invites you to Holy Week and Easter services.

- Easter Vigil, 7 p.m. in church. This service is based on an ancient service of the celebration of Christ's Light reentering a dark and broken world.
  - Easter Day, 8 a.m. (no music)

and 10 a.m. Festival Eucharist.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. For more information, call 731-5801. "In God's House, at God's Table, all are invited to be fed."



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# **Holy Week and Easter Services**

Following are Holy Week and Easter services that were submitted to The PREVIEW.

#### **Centerpoint Church**

- Saturday, April 20: "He's Alive," 6:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 21: The Springs Resort and Spa. 7 a.m.
  - Easter Sunday, April 21: "He's Alive," 10:15 a.m.

#### **Church of Christ**

• Easter Sunday, April 21: Service, 10:30 a.m.

## Community United Methodist Church

- Maundy Thursday, April 18: Services, 7 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 19: Meditation service, 11:30 a.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 21: Services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Pine Ridge services at 2 p.m.

## CrossRoad Christian Fellowship

• Easter Sunday, April 21: Service, 10 a.m.

#### **Grace In Pagosa**

- Good Friday, April 19: Service, Pagosa Springs High School, 6 p.m.
  - Easter Sunday, April 21:

Easter sunrise service, The Springs Resort and Spa main hotel. 7 a m

Easter Celebration Service, Ross Aragon Community Center, 10 a.m.

#### John Paul II (JPII) and Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Catholic churches

- Holy Thursday, April 18: Mass, JP II, 7 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 19: Procession from IHM to JP II,

2 p.m.

Stations of the Cross, JP II Prayer Garden, 4 p.m.

Good Friday Service, JP II, 5 p.m.

- Holy Saturday, April 20: Blessing of the Food, JP II, noon. Holy Saturday — Easter vigil, JP II, 8 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 21: Easter Mass, JP II, 9 a.m.

#### Pagosa Bible Church

- Good Friday, April 19: Service, 5 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 21: Service, 9 a.m.

## Pagosa New Thought Center

• Easter Sunday, April 21: Service, 10:30 a.m.

## St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

#### • Maundy Thursday, April 18:

Celebration of foot washing and Holy Eucharist, followed by the Agape Meal in the parish hall and the all-night watch at the garden of repose, 6 p.m.

#### • Good Friday, April 19:

Music in remembrance offered by the NightSong Trio, followed by the Good Friday Eucharist and veneration of the cross, 6 p.m. Music begins at 5:30 p.m.

Service, 6 p.m.

#### • Holy Saturday, April 20:

"The Great Vigil of Easter," the congregation is encouraged to bring bells to ring. There will be a wine-and-cheese celebration following the service, 7 p.m.

#### • Easter Sunday, April 21:

Service, no music, 8 a.m., with music 10 a.m., festival Eucharist celebration

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# The perfect lamb sacrifice

By Jan Davis

Special to The PREVIEW

The trip with his father to Bethlehem of Judea remained Sam's alltime favorite childhood memory. The angels appeared in the skies over the pastures where their sheep grazed and told of the birth of a savior. His dad selected a spotless lamb from the herd and together they followed the star to a stable.

Upon their arrival, the father and son presented the young lamb to the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, asleep in a manger. Sam asked the name of the infant. The small child's father lifted him from his warm bed and held him high. "His name is Jesus."

Some 30 years later, Sam left his sheep to graze in a field close to the river, while he pressed in closer to hear John the Baptist preach about repentance and forgiveness of sin. Conviction penetrated his spirit and Sam walked into the muddy water to wait his turn.

A hush fell over the crowd. A young man approached John in the water. They embraced each other and spoke in muted tones. People in the crowd called him Jesus, the son of a carpenter and John's cousin. Could this be the same Jesus?

Sam watched as John baptized Jesus in the murky waters of the Jordan. When Jesus rose from the water, a dove descended from the clouds and perched upon his head. At the same time, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." Those words convinced Sam—the young man was the same Jesus.

Sam heard rumors of how Jesus as a young boy dumb-founded the Pharisees in the temple with his knowledge of the Torah and the prophets. Another story told how Jesus turned tepid water into the

# A Matter of Faith

best wine at a wedding.

Over the next three years, Sam followed the carpenter's ministry as he sat around the campfires and listened to reports of how Jesus healed the blind, lame and lepers. Shepherds shared stories of forgiveness. The carpenter ate with sinners, tax collectors and prostitutes and offered them a new life.

Jesus' disciples came from all walks of life. Fishermen, lawyers and doctors left their families, homes and possessions to follow him. He attracted large crowds wherever he went.

One day, Sam traveled a day's journey from his field to here Jesus speak. This time, he brought Jonas, his own son. Jesus drew Sam's son and other children close and taught them the benefits of a godly life, kindness toward others, and to honor and obey their parents.

As the day stretched on, the desert heat caused the multitude to grow weary. Jesus gave instructions to gather food for the large throng of people. Sam's son handed his meal to one of the disciples. When Jesus took the bread and the fish and blessed it, Sam participated in his first miracle as one small lunch fed thousands.

People whispered in the market place of Jesus' arrest, trial and betrayal. Sam followed a trail of blood along the cobbled streets of Jerusalem. The bloody path led to a hill called Golgotha. Motionless, Sam stood beside a small group of disciples. He watched as Roman soldiers nailed Jesus' bruised and battered body to a cross. They lifted

the cross upward and slammed it into dry, hard ground. A sign nailed across the top of the cross read, "Jesus, the Nazarene, King of the Jews."

With flesh ripped from his bones, blood flowed unabated from nail scarred hands and a deep wound on his side. Jesus hung beaten, despised and rejected.

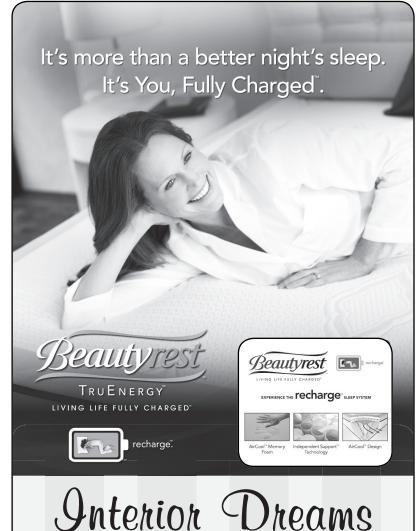
Not once did Jesus cry out in anger, but instead asked God's forgiveness on behalf of those responsible for his torture. His final words, "It is finished," completed Jesus' work on earth and accomplished the perfect will of his Heavenly Father.

Sam comprehended a clear parallel of his own father's gift and fell to his knees. A white and spotless lamb picked from the herd, presented to an unknown baby in a manger — God's only son, hung lifeless on an old rugged cross, reviled and scorned by the world. Jesus, the perfect lamb sacrifice for the sins of all mankind.

Because of Jesus' rejection, I was accepted.

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not." — Isaiah 53:3 (KJV).

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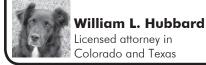
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# **Bird of the Week**



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the ring-billed gull.

We commonly refer to them as seagulls, and it seems odd to see them here, but many ring-billed gulls spend their lives inland without ever seeing the ocean. The ringbilled is the most common gull in North America, and the one you are most likely to see in Pagosa Springs.

The ring-billed is a medium-sized gull and in adult breeding plumage, has bluish-gray back and shoulders, and white head and body. Black wingtips are spotted with white. It is named for the black band which circles its short, yellow bill. These gulls do not acquire adult plumage for three years and juveniles show varying degrees of brown streaking.

These social birds are comfortable around humans and are seen looking for a dropped fry in parking lots, at landfills picking through our trash, on beaches and in agricultural fields. Their diet includes fish, insects, earthworms, rodents, grain and garbage. They are not above stealing from another bird.

Strong flyers, they engage in play by dropping sticks and catching them in midair. Here, they are seen at times on local lakes and commonly at Navajo Reservoir. Thanks to protections now in place under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, these gulls currently thrive. It is important to let elected officials know that you care about birds and do not want these protections weakened.

For information on local bird-watching events, visit www.weminucheaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.



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#### New Thought Center to hear presentation on 'The Resurrection of the Mind and Heart'

**By Lisa Burnson** 

Special to The PREVIEW

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All are welcome to join the Rev. Janet Wyrick and New Thought Center (NTC) on April 21 at 10:30 a.m. for our presentation, "The Resurrection of the Mind and Heart." We will be sharing Dr. Ernest Holmes' thoughts on the Easter season. We welcome participants to bring a potluck dish, but it is not required.

#### **Meditation circle**

NTC holds Meditation and Healing Circle each Wednesday at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Instruction is provided for beginners.

#### **Upcoming events**

On Thursday, April 18, we will hold movie night at 6 p.m.

On Thursday, April 25, Dr. Zach Nelson, Ph.D., will speak on "Relieving Stress" at 6 p.m.

The NCT will hold its annual Easter service on Sunday, April 21, at 10:30 at 40 N. 15th St.

Reiki classes are held at NTC. Please call NTC for more information. Donations are appreciated.

NTC is a New Thought center based on fostering living a spiritually centered life and promoting the philosophies of the Centers for Spiritual Living and the Agape Centers.

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### UUs to explore the hope of an unspoken truth for Earth Day

By Dean Cerny

Special to The PREVIEW

On Sunday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m.. the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will honor Earth Day by applying the eastern wisdom tradition's skill of dealing with "what is."

Unitarian Universalists profess a profound belief in the interdependent web of existence. But what happens when that sense of interconnectedness with the rhythms of the natural world meet our consumeristic behavior and capitalistic values? When this occurs, we end up in a sticky web of entanglement with Mother Nature rather than harmonious interconnectedness.

As it concerns the current state of our environment, it is the duty of our generation to deal with things squarely and honestly. In doing so, we offer the legacy of hope for those who will inhabit this house of en-

tanglement that we have built upon this planet we call home. Future generations will respect our honesty in dealing with the reality of things as they are. Join us this Sunday in our offering of hope as we honor the

on April 21. For more information, contact Anna Ramirez at afrancis\_@ hotmail.com.

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sacred circle of life. This service will be led by Pastor Dean Cerny. The Religious Exploration program for 2- to 9-year-olds takes place

Check out our calendar of events at pagosauu.org. All of these events take place at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist

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- 9 "Ghostbusters" g00
- 14 One of 24
- 15 Learned one
- 16 Pavarotti, e.g.
- 17 Make aware
- **19** Finish with
- 20 Visibly embarrassed
- **21** Protests
- 22 Title derived from Caesar
- 23 Gin's partner
- 24 Painful sound
- 27 "When pigs fly!"
- 29 Hang in there
- 32 Duo quadrupled
- **34** Like many stadiums
- 36 Roof stuff
- 37 Falling-out 38 Party staple
- 39 Without warmth
- 41 Bud holder?
- 42 Like some milk 44 Windchime spot,
  - often
- 45 Break in half
- 47 Tony or Hugo
- 49 Raven's haven
- **50** Rustic abode
- **52** Camera setting
- 54 Cloth shred
- **56** Asphyxiate
- **60** Upper crust
- 61 Aristocrat
- 62 Romantic one
- **63** Yours and mine
- 64 Dead against
- 65 Bad looks
- **66** Seemingly forever
- 67 Adam of "Batman" fame

#### **DOWN**

- 1 "Moonstruck" star
- 2 Kind of wolf

**3** Word sung on 12/31

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- 4 Floating fish catcher
- 5 Depth charge, slangily
- **6** Like some drinks
- 7 Got mellower
- 8 Asian capital?
- 9 Ale holder
- 10 Soup legume
- 11 Signifying, with "of"
- 12 Phobos, to Mars
- **13** Coastal raptors
- 18 Tank filler
- 21 Miffed
- 23 It's measured in degrees
- 24 Painting Grandma
- 25 Indian, for one
- 26 Good-looking
- 28 "Behold!"
- 30 Red tag events
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  - 55 Natural soother 56 Slimy garden

54 Come clean

- **57** Auctioneer's last word
- 58 A whole bunch
- 59 Trim to fit, maybe
- 61 Feathered stole

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# Traipsin', tradin' and explorin'

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#### Pagosa's **Past**

John M. Motter

several small groups of Native Americans they encountered were quite friendly. Surprisingly, some of the men had thick beards and looked more Spanish than Indian.

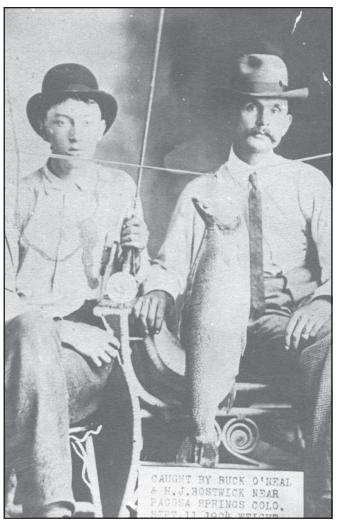
After leaving Scipio, they had difficulty finding pasture and water fit for consumption by the horses. Some of the water was salty and made the horses sick. Adding to their troubles, guide Jose Maria abandoned the expedition because he thought one of his kinsmen had been mistreated.

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a fiercely cold wind, prevented travel for several days. They couldn't find firewood, adding to the discomfort. Because the horses bogged down or fell in the snow-covered mire, they paused for a parley during which, due to the snow-covered mountains

to the west, the fear of the remaining guides quitting, the acknowledged accomplishment of their missionary goals and the encouragement for a return visit received from the native tribes, they decided to return to Santa

While heading south, traveling was easier on man and horse. They camped near Milord, where they found a pool of water from melted snow and suf-

ficient pasture for the hungry horses. As the southward journey continued, they reached green meadows and a native tribe growing maze.

When they neared the Arizona border, they had intended to reach and follow the Colorado River, but sions, they sacrificed one of the

horses for food was sick, unto speak.

Near Diamond Butte, they fell in with Native Americans called Yubincarirus who showed them to an area of good water. They took a few of these men back to their camp to trade for food consisting of sheep, prickly pear and grass seeds. These

cans were helpful and shared information about neighboring tribes. They had heard of Father Garces, but knew nothing of Monterrey.

My source for this series of stories about the 1776 travels of Dominguez and Escalante is Wikipedia.

a small group of Native Americans informed them that, though they were near the Colorado River, they could not go there because it was surrounded by a deep cañon (Grand Canyon). With travel plans changed and out of provi-

> and searched for water. Miera able to eat and nearly unable

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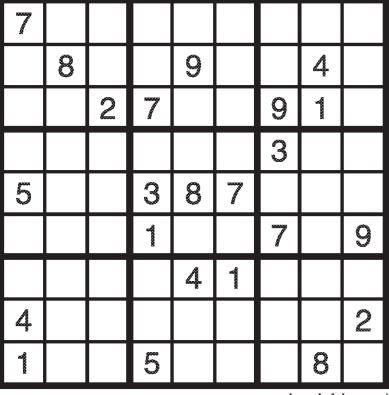
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All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

#### Thursday, April 18

Hai Chee. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

A Course in Miracles Study Group. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

The Zentangle Method. 10 a.m.-noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Easy, relaxing and a fun way to draw and create. \$5 for materials.

Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

Pickleball. Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**Duplicate Bridge.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Girls'Varsity Soccer.** 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

PALS Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Lifelong Learning Lecture: The Zentangle Method. 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Roberta Strickland will be teaching how to create your very own art using the Zentangle method. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Cooking Class. 6 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. The Pagosa Springs Seventh Day Adventist Church will be presenting healthy desserts and leading a discussion on excerpts from the "Fed Up" documentary and the explosion of diabetes in our country. Everyone welcome.

#### Friday, April 19

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

**Hand and Foot Card Game.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Yoga. 5-6 p.m., Community Center.

#### Saturday, April 20

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Any event conflicts which would not allow a Saturday open gym will be posted in advance on the town's website, Facebook page and in the newspaper. Call 264-4152, ext. 521 for more information.

Family Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Jesus Egg-Stravaganza. 10 a.m.,

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Mt. Allison Grange Easter Supper. 5-7 p.m., Mt. Allison Grange Hall. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 children 6-12 and under 6 are free. For more information, email MtAllisonGrange@gmail. com or call Yvonne at 799-3064.

Gary Morris Concert. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Pagosa Rotary is hosting the event. Tickets are \$45 and are available at the Chamber of Commerce, the Choke Cherry Tree or from any Rotarian.

#### Sunday, April 21

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

#### Monday, April 22

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network. 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

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. For more information, call Beverly at 264-2064.

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

Earth Day Event: UU Trash Cleanup. 10 a.m., Pagosa UU Fellowship. Cleanup with Phyl Daleske. Check www.sospagosa. org or contact Holly Metzler at pagosa100percent@gmail.com for more information.

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

PALS Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Bridge for Fun. 1 p.m., Senior

Center.

Earth Day. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us to celebrate Earth Day. Paint flower pots, plant seeds and enjoy Dirt Dessert in our library garden. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center. Incredible Years Parenting Class.

5:30-8 p.m., Seeds of Learning. An opportunity offered to anyone who wants to build positive relationships with their children, needs more effective discipline or would like new ideas to help their children learn and grow. This class is created for families with children between the ages of 3 and 8 years. A free dinner and child care will be provided.

Earth Day Event: 'Racing Extinction.' 6:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Free screening. Check www.sospagosa.org or contact Holly Metzler at pagosa100percent@gmail. com for more information.

#### Tuesday, April 23

Chi Energi. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A variety of movement and stretch to create energy for the healing of our mind, body and soul.

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Yoga Fusion Class. 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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Hand-Drumming Class. Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a hand-drumming class. All are welcome. Hand drums will be provided for those who don't have one. For further information, call 731-3117.

Pickleball. Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Spanish Conversation. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. This information meet-up allows you to increase fluency by speaking with other Spanish language learners and speakers. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

PALS Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equiva-

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lency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn West Coast swing. West Coast is a form of swing dancing that is danced in a slow to moderate tempo blues, R&B and contemporary music. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa for more information.

#### Wednesday, April 24

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

Flow Yoga Class. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

Wellness Clinic. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Held by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C. Wellness, blood pressure monitoring. No charge for Medicare enrollees. For more information, call 264-2167.

Denim Day Walk. Noon, downtown. Join us as we walk around main street in support of victims and survivors of sexual assault. Wear your jeans. Call 264-1129 for more information.

Zentangle. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Do It Yourself: Cereal Box Notepads. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. We will be making notepads from used cereal boxes or other used boxes and paper. These notepads can be made into almost any size. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center. Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

#### Thursday, April 25

Hai Chee. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

A Course in Miracles Study Group. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

Loaves and Fishes Community

Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

Pickleball. Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have

**Duplicate Bridge.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Hand and Foot Card Game.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Computer Technology Classes: My Heritage and Ancestry Library Edition. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn about the benefits of two popular genealogy databases available through your library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

PALS Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Lifelong Learning Lecture: An Evening with La Plata Electric Association (LPEA). 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. LPEA staff will present on beneficial electrification and LPEA's goal to reduce its carbon footprint. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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San Juan Stargazers Telescope Clinic. 6 p.m., Visitor Center. Many people have a telescope, but have no idea how to use it. At the clinic you can learn how to use it or fix it. We have limited space, so call early. Call 335-8286 to register. Visit www.sanjuanstargazers.org, email sjstargazers@gmail. com or call 335-8286 for more information.

San Juan Stargazers. 7-8:30 p.m., Visitor Center conference room. Hot drinks and a treat will be served at 6:30 p.m. with time to socialize. The program is switching to our summer goal of improving our skills. We will specifically discuss skills for meteor showers, comets, eclipses and more. Visit www. sanjuanstargazers.org, email sjstargazers@gmail.com or call 335-8286 for more information.

#### Friday, April 26

**Push-up Challenge.** CrossFit Pagosa. Call 264-1129 for more information.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Volunteer Class. PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A great in-depth training program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our team of volunteers. Visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133 for more information.

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Independent Living Skills Class. 9-10:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. For persons with developmental disabilities to develop skills to live the lives they deserve in their community. The series will focus on self care and job longevity. For more information, contact Salomon at Southwest Center for Independence at 903-8339 or email Mashi at mashi@swilc.org.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Earth Day Event: Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Tree Planting. 10 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. Check www.sospagosa. org or contact Holly Metzler at pagosa100percent@gmail.com for more information.

Literary Ladies Book Club. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We will discuss "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Informational Seminar and Luncheon. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave. The purpose of this seminar is to educate property owners and property managers about steps that can be taken to minimize the risk of property damage and loss from sewer or water backups. Presenting will be mark Carlson, president of T. Charles Wilson Insurance Services. Seating is limited, so reserve a space by April 22 by calling Christina Velarde at 731-7621 or chris@ pawsd.org.

Teen Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for snacks and lively discussion of this month's book. Stop by and pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 5-6 p.m., Community Center. Earth Day Event: Marine Arctic Peace Sanctuary (MAPS). 6 p.m., Pagosa UU Fellowship. Renia Pruchnicki, a MAPS ambassador, will give a virtual presentation about MAPS, a treaty proposed before the United Nations that declares the Arctic Ocean an international peace park. Check www.sospagosa. org or contact Holly Metzler at pagosa100percent@gmail.com for more information.

San Juan Stargazers Telescope Clinic. 6 p.m., Visitor Center. At our telescope clinics you can learn how to use it or how to fix it. We have limited space, so call early to reserve a telescope expert. Call 335-8286 with a little information about what you have and what you may be needing in the form of help.

#### Saturday, April 27

9Health Fair. 7-11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School, 800 S. 8th St. For the minimal cost of \$35 you can get an extensive blood chemistry that includes cholesterol, triglycerides, glucose and at least 20 more assessment results. No fasting necessary.

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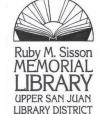
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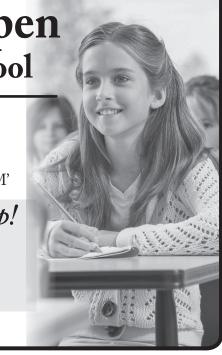
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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. 7-11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Items which cannot be accepted for take back programs: needles and sharps, mercury thermometers, oxygen containers, chemotherapy/radioactive substances, pressurized canisters and illicit drugs.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Volunteer Training. Chimney Rock National Monument. A great in-depth training program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our team of volunteers. Bring a sack lunch, water and hiking shoes. Visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133 for more information.

Earth Day Event: PLPOA Neighborhood Trash Pick-up. 9 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Contact Jen Pitcher to sign up. Check www.sospagosa. org or contact Holly Metzler at pagosa100percent@gmail.com for more information.

Family Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Meditation and Recorded Dharma Talk. 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, 70 Greenbriar Drive, Suite B-15. All are wel-

Crafting Club. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and sharing ideas. This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with others who enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

Boys' Varsity Baseball. 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at 264-

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Boys' Varsity Baseball. 1 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cor-

#### Sunday, April 28

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

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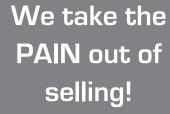








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### Senior Center offering Zentangle class April 24

By Cheryl Wilkinson

**PREVIEW Columnist** 

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A class on Zentangle will be held Wednesday, April 24, at 1 p.m. in the dining room at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center. The instructor will be Roberta Strickland, CZT. You may reach her at 946-4582 or 264-2167.

#### Introducing the History (Book) Club

This group will be reading and discussing different eras in history.

Facilitated by Jim Van Liere, the group meets the third Wednesday of every month in the Community Cafe dining room at the Senior Center. Questions? Call 731-6878.

#### **Senior Center Caregiver Support Group**

If you are a caregiver of a friend or a family member, please join us for a support and respite group. Learn practical self-care information, talk through challenges and ways of coping. Learn about community resources and support. Adults 18 and older are eligible to participate.

A support group can have significant positive effects on caregivers' overall well-being. It is a chance to speak with other caregivers who have common experiences with caregiving, learn about resources available in the community and nationally, learn how to keep yourself healthy so you can better deliver the care, and a chance for respite.

The next Caregiver Support Group is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, at 1 p.m.

For more information, call 264-

#### Health and wellness

The Senior Center is continuing the pilot program which expands

### **Senior** News

health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring, or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next health and wellness date will be April 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$8.50 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

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Thursday, April 18 — Beef Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, roasted broccoli, dinner roll with butter, milk and salad bar.

Friday, April 19 — Ham with pineapple sauce, baked sweet potatoes, roasted cauliflower, milk, salad bar and poached pears.

Monday, April 22 — Turkey sau-

sage soup, green peas, milk, salad bar and peach cobbler.

Tuesday, April 23 — Beef brisket. charro beans, Mexicali corn, baked hush puppies, milk and salad bar.

Wednesday, April 24 — Chicken-fried chicken with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, steamed asparagus with lemon, milk, salad bar and blueberry pie.

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HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS AVAILABLE full time. Flexible schedules and competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr.

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RANCH LOOKING FOR WRANGLER/ LABORER. Duties include fence work, irrigation, cattle work. Horse experience mandatory. Call (970)946-3584.

BUCK FRISBEE LANDSCAPING IS now hiring. Call Buck (970)946-0996 for application and interview.

COLORADO ROCK & DIRT EXCAVATION IS LOOKING for Equipment Operators experienced in operating the following: dozer, grader, backhoe, track steer, front end loader, dump truck, tractor trailer and low boy transport trailer. Contact our office at (970)264-3478 for an application or submit a resume to coloradorock08@gmail.com. Valid driver's license and references required.

FRONT DESK/ RECEPTIONIST POSITION. Experience in Microsoft Office, customer service, and organizational skills. Team player needed for a busy and positive outpatient clinic. 8a.m.-5p.m. Monday- Thursday. Email letter of interest and resume, with references included, to admin.inbalancept@centurytel. net. No phone calls or walk ins.

**GENERAL LABORER.** Help wanted- full time. Please call (970)264-5000. Pagosa Cattle Company.

PAGOSA SPRINGS GOLF CLUB has several employment opportunities at the golf course both full time and part time. We are looking for a Chef, Pro Shop Staff, Kitchen and Wait Staff, Golf Cart Attendants and Golf Course Maintenance Staff. We have flexible hours and golf privileges. All applicants must apply in person. Please call (970)731-4755 if you have any questions.

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME caregiving positions available at BeeHive Homes of Pagosa Springs. Weekend availability is a must. Looking for reliable and trustworthy individuals. Stop by 662 Park Avenue and pick up an application, or email a resume to beehivehomespagosasprings@gmail.com. No phone calls, please.

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**NEED SOMEONE TO TYPE** professional letter. \$11 an hour. Call (719)651-4114.

SMALL MOTEL AND RV PARK. Help wanted: part-time maintenance person. 20-25 hours a week. Spa/ pool knowledge helpful but not necessary. Landscaping, lawn and garden knowledge, general maintenance and repair knowledge. Contact 731-5345 for details.

CNA'S NEEDED, DAY SHIFT and night shift. Night shift differential. Apply in person. Pine Ridge Extended Care. Under new management.

**HIRING EXPERIENCED AND LICENSED PLUMBERS**, and plumber helpers. (970)946-7096, leave message.

SUPPORT AIDE OR CNAs needed for Pine Ridge Extended Care. Able to work in a fast paced environment. Starting pay \$14/ hour. Under new management. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Next class starts January 7.

DAY CAMP STAFF. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking energetic, fun, responsible team players to serve as Counselors, Assistant Leads and Leads for the K.I.D.S. Day Camp. Staff works collaboratively to implement the program and create a positive learning, exploring, and growing experience for attendees. The K.I.D.S Day Camp program runs for nine weeks beginning in June. For more information and to apply, please go to www.pagosasprings.co.gov and select Job Opportunities.

SAN JUAN LIFESTYLE & Sweets & Treats is looking for full- and part-time sales professionals. Apply in person at Sweets & Treats, 424 Pagosa St.

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DENTAL HYGIENIST: San Juan Dental is seeking a caring and compassionate dental hygienist to join our team. Please email resume to drericmsmithdds@aol.com or stop by our wonderful office and meet the team. (970)264-9436.

RUNS WITH SCISSORS IS looking for a parttime hair stylist. Great downtown location and walk-in traffic. Call Julie at (970)507-1234.

GRASSHOPPER LAWN SERVICES is seeking lawn care technicians. Duties consist of regular lawn maintenance for clients. Must have equipment, reliable transportation, and liability insurance. \$25/ hour. Call (970)335-8268 for more details.

FULL-TIME DETENTION OFFICER. Archuleta County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for a Full-Time Detention Officer. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits. For job description and wage details, visit www.archuletacounty.org, submit application and resume to HR, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or fax (970)264-1879 or email rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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PART TIME, FLEXIBLE HOURS and days working for Karen Ross, Ross Enterprises Landscape, taking care of planters on a number of locations, mostly working alone. Driver's license required. Summer job. Call (970)946 1647 or stop by the shop at 69 Park Ave.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ PROPERTY MANAGER position is available with Archuleta Housing Corp. Salary between \$49,400 and \$62,000 based on experience. Qualified individuals will have experience with HUD section 8 program and property management along with passing a background check. Preferences for CPHM's and COSA's. Also must be proficient with bookkeeping for nonprofits and payroll. Please see ArchuletaHousing.com-"Work for US" link for full job descriptions and an application. Please email your application and resume to Leslie.ArchuletaHousingPagosa@gmail.com by April 28. Start date will be May 20. Questions? Call (970)398-1864.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a Referral Specialist. The Specialist will receive referrals from primary care/ specialty providers, processes referrals, provide clinical material to outside organizations as necessary; assist patients in obtaining the referral appointment; and assures we have received referrals related to patient record. Will be able to build relationships with patients and other organizations over the phone. The Specialist will also build a relationship of trust with all providers in order to make the process as smooth as possible. Self-directed and organized candidates will be considered for this position. Medical terminology is not a necessity. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration and the human resources office or downloaded from www. pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to mitzi. bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

THE BUCK STOPS HERE is gearing up for the busy summer season. Taking applications for servers, bartenders, cooks and front counter. Serious inquires only. Please apply at 19 Navaio Trail Dr.

**DO YOU LIKE TO SOAK?** Springs Resort & Spa is currently hiring. Free soaking for associates is one of the many benefits! Please visit our website to see the current openings at www.pagosahotsprings.com. Please email your resume to vmedina@pagosahotsprings.com.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR a fun full-time or part-time position? Subway's Pagosa stores are looking for upbeat, dependable, customer oriented individuals who like serving people! We offer top wages based on performance, free uniforms and meals in a grease-free environment. Interested? Apply online at Subway. com under employment opportunities or apply in person at either Pagosa Subway location!

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ROSIE'S PIZZERIA IS NOW accepting applications for full-time kitchen cook. Must be available nights and weekends. Please apply in person at 100 Country Center Drive, Suite C.

SEEDS OF LEARNING is accepting applications for a full-time assistant teacher position. Education and experience are required. Please contact Lynne or Melissa at (970)264-5513 for more information.

**PEAK DELI NOW HIRING** multi-taskers to help coordinate deliciousness for summer. Stop in for application. No calls.

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HUMANE SOCIETY OF PAGOSA SPRINGS. Thrift Store position available, Full time and Part Time. Position may include some weekends and the following: Helping with pickups and deliveries. Some heavy lifting; must be able to lift without restrictions. Must be a team player and willing to be cross-trained in various store duties. Must have transportation, valid driver's license, and Social Security Card. Pre-employment background check is required. Applications available only at the Humane Society Thrift Store (279 Pagosa Street). NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE.

PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO PRACTICE with a big heart is hiring a Part-Time Dental Hygienist. We believe the patient experience is of the utmost importance and where we care about our team members! If you are interested in this opportunity, please send an email sandys. fcfd@gmail.com with your resume and cover letter. Please include when you are available to start, weekly schedule desired and what your anticipated hourly rate is. This position is currently part time, but has the potential of growing. Upon hire date, you would have the ability to selecting the days and times to see patients.

ARCHULETA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. Administrative Assistant. Archuleta County Sheriff's office is accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits. For job description and wage details, visit www.archuletacounty.org, submit application and resume to HR, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or fax (970)264-1879 or email rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PIEDRA VALLEY RANCH HIRING laborers to repair 35 miles of fence. Call 946-4615, ask for Robert.

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MECHANIC I & II. The Archuleta County Public Works is accepting applications for a full-time Mechanic I & II. These are full-time positions with excellent benefits. For job description and wage details, visit www.archuletacounty.org submit application and resume to HR, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or fax (970)264-1879 or email rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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NOW HIRING PARAPROFESSIONALS at GOAL Academy High School in Pagosa Springs. We offer competitive wages and employee benefits. Please apply online at www.goalac.org. For more information, call (877)776-4625, ext. 027.

PAGOSA BAKING COMPANY is hiring a dishwasher. 4 days a week with potential for full time. Join a fun team of dedicated hard workers. Applications available at 238 Pagosa Street and at http://www.pagosabakingcompany.com/contact/opportunites/.

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www. mypagosaschools.com under the "Job Postings" icon. Current openings are Bus Driver and Substitutes. Openings for the 2019-20 school year are Elementary Title I Teacher, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, Middle School Social Studies Teacher (1 year only), High School Head Cheer and Dance Coach, and Middle School Head Volleyball Coach. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at Imijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

NOW HIRING FULL-TIME MEAT counter position. Must be positive and able to multi task. Potential management position. Please apply with Kevin at The Buck Stops Here Market & Eatery.

MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED for Lakeview Estates Apartments. Must have experience and own tools. Apply in person, 857 N. Pagosa Blvd. or send resume to mtnmgmtrhonda@gmail.com.

**3R RANCH HIRING ONE** full-time position for ranch hand/ landscape maintenance. Must have own reliable transportation and valid drivers license. 40 hours a week. Call (970)264-5160, leave message.

#### **YARD SALES**

**ARTIST MOVING SALE. PAINTINGS** must go. Also ceramic tiles of reproduced paintings. Please stop by and pick your favorite. Great prices. 1600 Hatcher Circle. Saturday April 20th, 9a.m.-12p.m. Sandy 946-4627.

ESTATE SALE. DON'T MISS THIS ONE! Fabulous furniture, beautiful decor, kitchen items, garage items, plants, patio furniture, air compressor, wheel barrows. Two much quality stuff to list. You won't regret coming! Hwy. 160 west, left on South Pagosa, left on Heath Drive, House #245. Friday and Saturday, April 19th and 20th, 8a.m. sharp. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

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

**ARTIST MOVING SALE. LARGE** variety of art supplies, hand carving tools, craft supplies, etc. 1600 Hatcher Circle. Friday, 4/19, 9a.m.-noon. Sandy 946-4627.

MOVING SALE. TREASURES GALORE! Saturday, April 20, 8a.m. Household, garage items, decorative, backyard ice rink, nice women's clothing and shoes, welder, air compressor, sporting goods, saddles, Parelli video study courses, horse books, upright freezer and more. Hwy. 160 west, left on Meadows Dr., left on Paciente, left on Waterfall Ct, #40, log house on left.

FURNITURE, DIRT BIKE, LOTS of miscellaneous. 1495 Shenandoah Dr. Friday, 9a.m.-2p.m. Saturday, 8a.m.-noon.

#### YARD SALES

PUBLIC AUCTION AND CONSIGNMENT SALE. Proceeds benefit WHEC/ Hughes Pavilion covered arena. Saturday, May 18, 10:05a.m. at Rodeo Grounds. Accepting donations (100% tax deductible) and consignment items (commission paid) until day prior to auction. Will pick up significant items. Call Mike (970)759-8424 or Brian (970)779-8837.

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WANTED- SUMMER PASTURE for 30 cow/calf pairs. Mike Fuchs Herefords, Del Norte, Colorado. (719)657-2519. mikefuchsherefords@gmail.com.

#### **WANTED**

**IS IT TIME TO CLEAN** your freezer out? Bring your meat and fish to the Wildlife Park to feed the animals. 11a.m.-4p.m. Feeding time is 2 p.m.

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### Rocky Mountain Conference on dementia set for April 29

By Kay Kaylor

Special to The PREVIEW

As the part-time long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County, I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge, a 24-hour extended care home, and BeeHive, an assisted living residence. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life.

The Colorado Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association (AA) is holding a one-day conference in Denver on Monday, April 29, for people living with mild cognitive impairment and early dementia, families, friends and professionals.

The cost is \$50 for early-stage families, family caregivers, Sugarman award nominees (caregivers nominated by family members) and students. For health care professionals and the general public, the fee is \$175, or \$150 per person for organizations sending five or more people.

In its 30th year, the conference features experts from across the country from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center, 7800 E Tufts Ave. The morning keynote speaker is Dr. Rebecca Edelmayer, the director of scientific engagement at AA. The closing keynote speaker is Nadine Roberts Cornish, author of "Tears in My Gumbo," "The Caregiver's Recipe for Resilience," and founder of The Caregiver's Guardian LLC. The rest of the day has three sessions with five choices of speakers in each, along with a separate full-day track on early dementia.

To register by phone, call (800) 272-3900. Here is the link to register online: alz.org/co/events/rocky-mountain-conference-on-dementia. Registration is also open on the day of the event from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

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