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## Continental Divide Trail hiker rescued

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Early Wednesday evening, emergency management personnel rescued a hiker from near the Continental Divide Trail.

Around 1 p.m. on April 29, Archuleta County Emergency Management (ACEM) received an SOS notification from the hiker.

The SOS signal included coordinates.

The hiker was located late in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 1, via a Flight For Life flyover by ACEM personnel, according to ACEM Deputy Director Christina Kraetsch.

"He has hiked up to the top of the ridgeline from where his SPOT device was pinged," she explained Wednesday afternoon. "When they did a flyover he was jumping up and down, waving at the helicopter. So, it looked like he was in pretty decent shape."

According to Kraetsch, the Flight For Life helicopter dropped off some

■ See Hiker A8

## 1033 investigation: 'Absolutely no wrongdoing'



Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez stands amidst property received from the U.S. Department of Defense's 1033 Program.

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez has been cleared of any wrongdoing from allegations that about \$2.6 million in county property given to the sheriff's department was allegedly unaccounted for.

"As a result of the investigation completed by the CBI [Colorado Bureau of Investigation], the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Richard Valdez, and his staff have been completely cleared of any wrongdoing and the allegation has been deemed to be entirely unfounded. No further action is anticipated and this matter is considered closed," a Wednesday press release from 6th Judicial District Attorney Christian Champagne states.

According to the press release, in December of 2018, the district attorney's office received a request from former Archuleta County Attorney Todd Starr to pursue an investigation into whether the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office had engaged in wrongdoing relating to millions worth of property given to the sheriff's office through the Department of Defense's (DoD) Law Enforcement

■ See Investigation A10

## BoCC to consider land use reg changes, planning commission seeks more direction

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

On May 7, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) will vote on changes to the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations proposed by the Archuleta County Planning Commission, a group that has openly stated it needs more direction from the county.

According to Archuleta County Planning Manager John Shepard, the land use changes the commissioners will consider approving are:

■ See Planning A8

## San Juan River flows exceed 2,300 cfs at the end of April

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

With spring in full swing in Pagosa Country, the San Juan River is flowing high and fast with recorded river flows breaking records.

The river was at 1,610 cubic feet per second (cfs) as of midday on May 1.

According to data from the U.S. Geological Survey the highest recorded total of flows for the San Juan River, specifically on May 1, was 1,920 cfs back in 1943.

However, from April 28 through April 30, San Juan River flows were recorded at over 2,000 cfs, with the highest total coming in at 2,370 cfs at 7:45 a.m. on April 30.

Archuleta County Director of Emergency Operations Mike Le Roux explained in an interview on April 30 that flooding could be a concern along the San Juan River.

"I didn't expect, I suppose, the volume of rain that we got," Le Roux said.

However, in the high country, 14 inches of snow was re-

ported, Le Roux explained.

"It's been at a record over the last four days," Le Roux said of the San Juan River flows. "We've certainly had higher stream flows in the past, but for this time of year, it's high."

The San Juan River can cope with the flows currently; however, the problem is when a rapid melt up in the high country occurs, he explained.

"And because we got 14 inches of snow up high, it's still cold enough that's not all coming off the mountain at once," he said. "If that happens, then we got some problems."

With high flows running through the San Juan, some debris has been spotted flowing through the river, Le Roux noted.

"Debris is starting to accumulate at choke points and so that's something to be aware of," he said.

Anything upward of 2,800 cfs through the San Juan River would cause Le Roux to feel "uncomfortable."

For those seeking to raft in the San Juan River with high river flows, Le Roux advised those folks to take the recom-

mended precautions.

"Make sure you have a plan before you go out. Obviously, you're safer in pairs or groups," he said. "I certainly wouldn't advocate going out on your own."

Pagosa Springs Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the town is monitoring the situation along with Le Roux.

"Staff has been checking the Rumbaugh Creek and McCabe Creek outlets, culverts and just making sure they're flowing properly," she said.

A couple of spots along the Riverwalk trail have had soil built up along them to create a berm, she added later.

"There is a gravel trail over by the Riverwalk condos, across the street from Town Hall, that was really low and that's been washed out. So, we'll have to rebuild that later this spring," she explained. "Right now we're not anticipating anything major, but we're certainly keeping an eye on it."

In a follow-up interview, Phillips explained that the town

■ See River A8

## Dispatch center in need of new facility and equipment

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County's dispatch center is in need of a new facility and updated equipment, and Pagosa Area Fire District (PFPD) chief Randy Larson, who sits on the dispatch center's board, is presenting to partnering agencies to outline the situation.

The Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center is a partnership of four agencies, the Upper San Juan Health Service District (which operates Pagosa Springs Medical Center, PSMC), Pagosa Springs Police Department, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and PFPD.

The dispatch center receives

over 8,000 911 calls per year, and there has been a 22 percent increase in calls for service since 2017, according to Connie Cook, chair of the dispatch board.

Each agency contributes a percentage of money based on how many emergency calls are routed to their department via dispatch.

Larson has been presenting at each of the four partnering agencies to depict the substandard conditions of the dispatch center and what it would require to bring the facility up-to-date.

"The current dispatch center is in need of replacement and upgrades," Larson's presentation

■ See Dispatch A8

## Volunteers to help residents during Wildfire Preparedness Day Saturday, May 4

By Bill Trimarco  
Special to The SUN

Saturday, May 4, is National Wildfire Preparedness Day. Concerned residents of Archuleta County have decided to roll up their sleeves to help out their neighbors on this day with Operation Helping Hands.

Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse and

from there will go out in teams to help disabled and elderly residents of Pagosa Lakes prepare for wildfire season, raking needles and removing flammables near the homes.

At 1 p.m., the volunteers will meet back at the clubhouse for lunch and talking about preparedness. All are welcome to join in. Contact Beverly Cuyler at 403-5105 for more information.



Photo courtesy Sally Riggs

Thirty-two Pagosa Springs High School Future Business Leaders of America members competed at the State Leadership Conference at the Gaylord Rockies in Aurora. Seven students placed in the top 10: Cameron Lucero, social media campaign; Nate Lewis, Mitch Lewis and Javier Marinelarena, marketing; and KC Yeneza, Cassandra Reyes and Valeria Monterroso, graphic design. The team of Yeneza, Reyes and Monterroso will be representing Pagosa Springs High School at the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio this June.

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## EDITORIAL

### School board's actions disingenuous

On April 9, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) gave Superintendent Linda Reed a 5.56 percent raise, increasing her salary from \$137,367 to \$145,000 annually. That is an increase of \$7,633.

To top it off, the BOE made Reed's raise retroactive to July 1, 2018.

That's over nine months of back pay because the board didn't want to give Reed a raise before the November 2018 election when it was asking taxpayers to approve a mill levy override (MLO) in the amount of \$1.7 million annually. It appears the board didn't want the public to know she would be getting a raise or how much that raise would be before the voters went to the polls.

Let us make this clear: This isn't about whether or not Reed deserves a raise; this has nothing to do with her job performance.

Our concern is BOE President Greg Schick's statement about how the board wanted to put off the superintendent's raise "until after the election in November."

On Sept. 20, 2018, The SUN raised a question to BOE member Brooks Lindner on whether or not a decision on Reed's salary would be made before 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."

We find it disingenuous that the process for evaluating the superintendent began nine months before the November election and was postponed until after voters approved the MLO. This is not the way to earn the public's trust.

The board started discussing the superintendent's evaluation process in February of 2018. She was given a two-year contract extension in May of that year. Why not just give her a raise at the same time?

In the previous two years, the board was able to evaluate and determine a pay increase for Reed by November. But in the year the district had a ballot issue, it postponed the decision for what appears to be purely political reasons. It is a bit odd that the board could come up with a raise every year except right before the public would vote on a tax increase that benefited the school district.

The district released a MLO funding formula document before the election stating that there would be no MLO increase for senior administration at ASD including superintendent, assistant superintendent and finance director. The election committee also ran advertising to that effect.

In granting the superintendent's

raise last month, the board claimed that Reed's raise would not be coming from any of the MLO funds that the district is receiving from the tax increase approved by the voters last November.

We contend that where the money comes from for the superintendent's raise is just a matter of semantics.

Reed's raise after the MLO was 5.56 percent. Each of the previous two years before the MLO, the superintendent's pay was increased by only 2 percent.

The final concern we have with the superintendent's salary increase is the board's statements concerning the comparison of her salary to that of other Colorado schools of comparable 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 in April.

Board member Bruce Dryburgh provided the comparative salary numbers that were used and that information showed that, before receiving her raise, Reed was in the top third of the salaries listed, not the mid or lower range, as Schick stated.

ASD's board must be aware that how it has handled the superintendent's salary increase has diminished the public's trust. The public is better educated than the school board thinks.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

### Buying a mattress? Buy from a local business

We were surprised and disappointed this week to find out the Archuleta School District (ASD) contacted a mattress sales company from Colorado Springs and asked them to come to Pagosa Springs to compete against local businesses in the name of raising funds for its athletic department.

As of last Friday, that mattress seller had no business license to operate in town. We understand after The SUN posed the question, it started working with the town to put something in place before the sale.

A representative of the mattress store explained to The SUN on Tuesday that he has no storefront overhead; he uses local schools as storefronts. He also explained that money from the sale goes to support his wife and family in Colorado Springs. He claims this is a win-win.

Winning isn't everything.

The money from local mattress stores goes to support ASD through property taxes and through donations.

Those taxes pay for staff salaries, school supplies and curriculum for education.

Local mattress stores also pay sales taxes year-round to support the infrastructure of our community.

Local mattress stores employ local families and friends.

In honor of the late Terry Smith, former owner of one such local mattress store, a substantial donation was made for ASD's building trades program.

Local businesses took a huge tax hit this year in additional property taxes to support raises for local teachers and staff at ASD, along with school security and full-day kindergarten. They also paid increased taxes to support the fire district to provide 24/7 staffing to keep our community safe.

This isn't like selling chocolate bars, braided bread or books. Mattresses are large-ticket items. Taking sales from vendors who have been supportive of ASD through donations is just wrong.

Statistics indicate that for every \$100 you spend at a local business, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures.

We encourage you to shop local companies where they provide support, along with the manufacturer, after the sale.

Remember that you haven't seen someone from Colorado Springs, Amazon or Target buying ads in the local football program or donating prizes to your silent auction. And, they don't have a local storefront, so you won't be able to have a bake sale in front of their store. They don't pay local property taxes to support our library, fire department, county roads and all of the things that make us a community.

If you want to support ASD's athletics, write a check to the district or Pagosa Athletic Booster Club and spend your money here at home, where it makes all the difference.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of

May 3, 1929

**We have it on pretty good authority** that one evening one of Pagosa's housewives placed some hot ashes in a wagon containing trash to be hauled away, and that night the wagon was almost burned up (or down). For fear of putting Sheriff Matthews on her trail, we refuse to disclose her name.

**FA. Byrne** last week disposed of about 1500 acres of cutover land in the Dyke section belonging to Whitney Newton, to W.H. Hurt of Dyke, who already had extensive holdings in that vicinity.

**Ranger C.E. Seymour**, who was recently transferred from Sqauretop district to the Arapahoe national forest, and wife departed Wednesday to their new station. He is succeeded by Ranger R.O. Taylor of Leadville, who is now here.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of

May 5, 1944

**Mr. and Mrs. Ray Murray** are moving their sheep this week from Tiffany to their ranch at Pagosa Springs for the summer.

**Mr. Felite Martinez** was re-elected president of the school board of the Lower Blanco School District No. 5 at the election Monday.

**The Colorado Air Lines, Inc.**, of Durango, are now operating the first intra-state daily passenger-freight air service between Durango and Denver. Seven planes took off from Durango at 7 o'clock Monday morning on the opening flight of the Durango to Denver line and arrived in Denver at 11 a.m. The Colorado company, owned by S.N. Drum and Ralph Burress, of Durango, will make daily round trips between Durango and Denver, using four-place, single motored planes until larger ones are available.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of

May 1, 1969

**Voters of School District 50 Joint** will go to the polls to elect a director for a six-year term next Tuesday, May 6. There are no candidates on the ballot. Carl Rainwater, though, has announced that he is a write-in candidate. Jim Bynum, whose term expires on election day, said that he will accept the position if he receives sufficient write-in votes to elect him. There have been no other public announcements of candidates actively seeking write-in votes.

**The announcement last week** that Ralanco had moved in crews and a local representative was good news for this area. An announcement about the project of developing Sunetha Flats into a four season recreation area brought much comment. There was some skepticism on the part of many who had heard such projects planned before. Now, however, it is no longer a question of "IF" but rather a question of "WHAT" and "WHEN" will things happen. It is evident to almost everyone that the firm is here to do just what the announcement said, build and develop a new type area for this part of the state. It is true that this will bring problems. Growth always brings problems. It is much, much better to have problems of growth rather than the problems of decay and retrogression. Growth problems are healthy problems, and their solution brings good results.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of

May 4, 1994

**Members of the Pagosa Springs High School Class of 1994** graduate at 10 a.m. Saturday, at the Mamie Lynch Gymnasium. Sixty-two seniors will receive diplomas at the graduation ceremony. The Class of '94 has three valedictorians: Alexa Schmidt, Frank O'cana and Jason Mitchum.

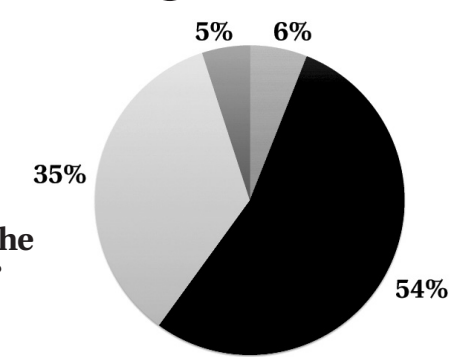
**Recent correspondence** about the county's responsibility for improving the U.S. 160-Pagosa Boulevard intersection evidently became a moot issue Tuesday afternoon when Kathy Ruth, county planning director, reminded the commissioners about Resolution No. 93-56. Approved and signed October 1, 1993, the resolution dealt with a request for a subdivision regulation exemption. The exemption facilitated the donation of 9.7 acres to the Upper San Juan Hospital District or the Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Center as the site for a new medical center. Resolution 93-56 states twice that the county "would not be responsible for any road improvements that may be required for the intersection of South Pagosa Boulevard and U.S. 160 or for the access on South Pagosa Boulevard to the medical center..."

## WHADDYA THINK?

What is the most comfortable workout clothing?

Poll results (95 votes)

- Ski gear — 6 percent
- Yoga pants — 54 percent
- Basketball shorts — 35 percent
- Bike spandex — 5 percent



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4/28	66	36	R	-	.01"
4/29	57	38	-	-	-

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# 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.

## Watch our money

Dear Editor:  
The county commissioners and town counsel voted to spend / waste \$550,000 of Pagosa taxpayer money on a gamble and 6 million dollars of federal money on a drilling project to find out if the hot springs in the area would be hot enough for electric power generation. If they had found hot water hot enough to generate electricity no private entity would have built the plant due to the low price of natural gas.

And yet the county commissioners and town consul continued to waste with your money.

Now the town counsel and county commissioners are spending large amount of our money on a new jail 14million, and on the new maintenance building 4.5 million do you trust that we are getting only what is nesaary. Has value engineering been done? Are we paying for imported Italian marble or copper roofs? Do we trust the town and county to know what we are buying here's a few things to think about

Look at the curb and gutter on Hot Springs Blvd. in front of the community center it is 2 feet above street. The high school has 15 feet of snow piled up against the windows all winter .The towns counsel allowed a contractor to take 2 years to place sidewalk and pave 8th street. ? The town and county administration need much closer scrutiny now more than ever to stop wasteful spending.

George Brown

## Exterminating proven trout

Dear Editor:  
Survival of the weakest?  
Our Dpt. of Parks and Wildlife writers are talking up a project to reintroduce an ancient line of trout, San Juan Cutthroats, into Wolf Creek. What they have been avoiding telling us is the consequence of this experiment. To accomplish this they will exterminate the present well-adapted and self sufficient

strain of Cutthroats now in Wolf Creek.

Other than being related to an old strain of fish there has been no evidence that the San Juan Cutthroat is in any way a superior fish. If fact being discovered only in isolated streams does not speak well for their vitality. So, it is not clear why, "it is really important to expand the distribution of these fish" especially at the expense of a proven strain with a proven survivability.

I wonder if Darwin is rolling over in his grave.

Jim Carson

## Carbon policy

Dear Editor:  
De-carbonizing our country will be an enormous challenge. The opportunity of that challenge will be in incredible job growth, an economic stimulate. The Brookings Institute just issued a report summarizing, "The transition to the clean energy economy will primarily involve 320 unique occupations spread across three major industrial sectors: clean energy production, energy efficiency, and environmental management." As impressive, the Department of Energy's 2017 report revealed that solar energy was employing more workers than the traditional coal, gas, and oil industries combined. The argument that "transitioning away from fossil fuels will tank the economy" simply does not hold true.

A properly designed carbon policy can also be good for the economy. The bipartisan "Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act" is an effective approach to significantly reduce carbon emissions without shifting the burden to the American people. Reduce the cost of climate-related disasters and advance economic growth. We can do this.

Jan D. Dixon  
Cortez, Colo.

## Addressing global warming

Dear Editor:  
In response to a recent letter-writer, there are ways to address global warming while also protecting the economy.

Over 3500 economists, including 27 Nobel Prize-winners and top economic advisers to presidents of both parties, have endorsed a plan to fight climate change. Their "Economists' Statement on Carbon Dividends" advocates putting a steadily rising price on carbon dioxide emissions and returning the money to the American people. This statement concludes that the price signal will encourage technological innovation and steer our economy toward a low-carbon future. Returning the revenue to households will shield consumers from rising energy prices, and "the majority of families, including the most vulnerable, will benefit financially." A border carbon adjustment would protect U.S. competitiveness and encourage other nations to adopt their own carbon pricing systems.

A bipartisan bill embracing these principles has been introduced in the House of Representatives — the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. Let's urge our members of Congress to work together and find a path to slow climate change.

Terry Hansen  
Hales Corners, Wis.

## Missing county assets

Dear Editor:  
I want to thank you for keeping your finger on the missing

County assets and the on going investigation. I do believe there are a strong number of citizens in the county wanting answers and I for one am continuing my research.

After two CORA requests to the Sheriffs office, the first coming with some answers and the second with more of the run around answers, I was able to get my hands on a 900 plus line item spread sheet. I believe you may have this list, but here are some of the some of the things I find quite interesting. In 2006 M4 rifles were received by the ACSO at a value of \$3500.00. The years between 06 & 2012 I have nothing reported.

In 2013 the ACSO received 16 delivery dates from July thru Dec. total value of \$837,382. The big ticket items were cargo truck, 72k, tractor truck, 85k, laundry unit trailer.

In 2014, 19 ship dates were received between Jan. & Dec. total value of \$485,141. The big ticket items were cargo trailer, a prefab metal structure, 35k, Generator sets, 25k, garden implements, 34k.

In 2015, 14 ship dates were received between May & Dec. total value of \$680,335. The big ticket items were, 7 tents, 26k, tractor full tract low speed, 87k, tractor truck, 166k, low bed semi trailer, 18k, truck carryall, 25k, 52 first aid kits, 20k, camper trailer, 14k, trailer mount generator, 26k, generator set, 25k, and 20 sets outfit kits of hand tools, 28k.

In 2016, 11 ship dates were received between Jan. & Oct., total value of \$711,460. The big ticket items 4 diesel generators valued at 330k, a cargo container, 1.3k, 13 aircraft maintenance tool kits, 16.5k, flatbed trailer, 35k, fork lift truck, 73 k, mobile stats base, 79k.

In 2017 only one ship date is listed, 2-23, total value of 22.3k and no real big ticket items to mention.

Not on this list but a 2018 inventory list shows 6 line items, no value provided

With this to consider how can so many big ticket items not be accounted for? How in five years and 61 shipping dates were some of these big items not noticed or not mentioned? Could a \$35,000 prefab metal building be on loaded and forgot about? How could 4 large expensive generators be brought

into Archuleta County and not turn a few heads or raise a few eye brows? Or how could someone not remember and say I say that or remember unloading that?

All of these items along with all the small and incidental items would build one heck of military camp or a disaster evacuation camp in our small county. Maybe it did and it is a well kept secret. You think about it, I have way too many ideas most of which are nothing but corruption.

Stay tune I will be researching Army NSN numbers to get a better understanding of exactly what some of these things are.

Rob Keating

## Barriers to mental help

Dear Editor:  
Barriers to getting mental health help were identified as:

- High cost and insufficient insurance coverage;
- Limited options and long waits;
- Lack of awareness of how to locate a provider; and
- Social stigma.

Indeed teaching people there is a stigma erects barriers.

If we do not stop telling the public there is a stigma, how are they ever going to stop telling us there is?

Harold A Maio  
Ft Myers, Fla.

## 'People vote with their feet'

Dear Editor:  
As I read Emrys Tyler's letter about The Impossibility of Climate Change, the phrases "people vote with their feet" and "people vote with their wallet" came to mind. NBC News recently reported that surveys show 70% of Americans believe Global Warming is happening. Of course the personal cost of answering a pollster is essentially nothing. More to the point, if coastal cities are going to soon be flooded, one might ask why coastal property values haven't dropped precipitously. And why is it that United Van Lines shows significantly more people leaving northern climate states than people moving

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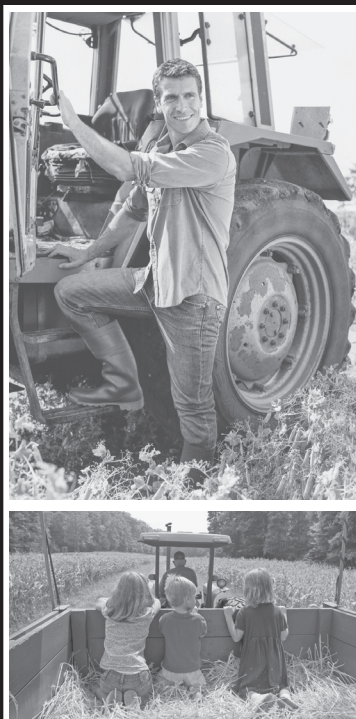
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# Obituaries

## Kathy Carter-Maestas

Family and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Thursday, May 2, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Downs Funeral Home to celebrate the life of Kathy Carter-Maestas, who gained her wings on Sunday, April 21, after a brave year-long battle with ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease. She was 63 years old. A funeral service will be held on Friday, May 3, at 10 a.m. in the Chapel of Downs Funeral Home.



Kathy was born and raised in Marshall, Texas. She also resided in Jefferson, Texas; Pagosa Springs, Colo.; Hallsville, Texas; and Phoenix, Ariz.

Kathy was a dedicated mother first and foremost. She treasured her children and embraced every moment with them. She especially loved her role as Nana. She had a vivacious personality and always made people around her laugh. She made friends everywhere she went. She is the loving and devoted

mother of daughter Tina Hamblin and her husband, Brandon, of Phoenix, Ariz.; sons Jason Mills and his wife, Valerie Lucas, of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; and William Clark and his wife, Michelle, of Pagosa Springs, Colo.

Kathy was an adored Nana to Damion and Cordale Hamblin, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Denton, Dallas, Katelynn, Jase and Dalton Mills, of Pagosa Springs; and Paizley Clark, of Pagosa Springs.

Kathy is lovingly survived by sisters Linda Lessetter, of Marshall, Texas; Carol Pearson and husband Rickey, of Marshall, Texas; Janet Rhoads and husband Robert, of Midland, Texas; and brothers Allen Carter and wife Denise, of Chapel Hill, Texas; and Randall Carter and wife Janice, of Marshall, Texas; many nieces, nephews and great friends.

Kathy was welcomed home by grandson Brayden Mills and parents Morris and Fannie Mae Carter who preceded her in death.

In lieu of flowers, the family of Carter-Maestas has requested that any donations be made to Hospice of The Valley, located at 1510 E. Flower Street, Bldg. 2, Phoenix, AZ 85014. (602) 287-7000 or online at hov.org.

## Jose 'Joe' E. Gomez

Joe went home to our Heavenly Father April 23, with his family at his side.



He was born Oct. 27, 1930, in his grandparent's home in Dulce, N.M. He will be joining the love of his life, his beautiful wife, Clara, of 45 years. He is preceded in death by his wife, Clara; parents Juan Cristobal I and Agapita Gomez; in-laws Fred and Verna Espinosa; daughter Barbara; granddaughter Sabrina; nephew Juan Cristobal III; nieces Olivia Chavez, Veva Abeyta-Garcia, Christina Gomez and Melesia Gomez-Atchley and brothers and sisters, Gregoria (Joe) Jaquez, Ponciano, Matilde (Horacio) Martinez, Agapita (Roque) Abeyta, Manuelita (Lonnice) Jaquez, Juan, Juan Cristobal II (Lila), Delfinita (Flavio) Chavez, Reuben (his twin sister), (Buster) Jaquez and Celso (Elizabeth). He is survived by his children and their spouses or partners: Rick (Renetta), Charles (Rebecca), Greg (Aaron), Jolyn (Paul) Owens, Clarice, Gerald (Beverly) and Krista (Robert); grandchildren: Vinesa (David), Michelle (Zef) Houk, James, Levi, Forrester, Paloma (Reshawn), Pilar, Carissa (Trey), Diego, Joseph, Giovanni, D'Angelo and Solana; great-grandchildren: Christopher, Zoie, Cameron, Layla, Ryder and Cybil. He is also survived by his sisters, Genevieve (Pablo Jr.-deceased) Candelaria and Beatrice (B.A.) Rodriguez; sisters-in-law Nioma (Ross) Gallegos and Albie (Eddie-deceased) Sanchez, and 60

nieces and nephews.

At 17, after his father's death, Joe took on the responsibility of manager of the family sheep and cattle ranching business, which he did for many years. In 1968, he began his career as a civil engineer and surveyor for the New Mexico Highway Department, retiring in 1992. After his retirement, he worked as a consultant on many local construction projects. He was also a board member for Western Farm Bureau and Farmers Ditch for over 25 years. Joe was a devout Catholic and Mayordomo for Saint Joseph parish in Aztec, known for his generous giving and willingness to assist anyone in need.

In 1978, he and Clara fulfilled their dream by purchasing a beautiful ranch along the river in Aztec, where they raised their seven children. A devout and loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, teacher, neighbor and friend, he will be missed beyond measure.

Visitation: Sunday, May 5, 5 to 6:30 p.m. followed by a Rosary at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 2100 E. 20th St., Farmington, N.M.

Rosary and Funeral: Monday, May 6, Rosary at 10:30 a.m. with a funeral mass to follow at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 2100 E. 20th St., Farmington, N.M.

Interment: Following at Aztec Cemetery, 700 Chamisa St., Aztec, N.M.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to "Parish Poor Fund," c/o St. Joseph's Parish Office, 424 N. Mesa Verde, Aztec, NM 87410. Joe's care is entrusted to Brewer, Lee and Larkin Funeral Home, 103 E. Ute Street in Farmington, N.M. (505) 325-8688. You may share condolences with the family on our website: www.serenityandcompany.com.

## Evangeline M. Catchpole

Evangeline M. Catchpole, of Pagosa Springs, returned home to her heavenly Father on Feb. 27 after living a long, blessed and productive life. Vange died peacefully in her Bloomfield, N.M., home in the presence of loving family and caregivers.



She was born on Dec. 17, 1913, in Ardmore, Okla., to Esther and Jim Moorehead and lived there until the age of 12, when she moved to Pagosa Springs with her parents. They realized Pagosa was a beautiful place to live, offering a lot of potential opportunities and together started the Moorehead Garage, a long-standing Chrysler/Plymouth dealership.

Soon after she arrived, she met a 12-year-old neighbor boy who would become the love and mate of her life, Harvey Catchpole. He first caught her attention by serenading her while during his chores. They graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 1931.

When fall came, Vange returned to Oklahoma, where she attended Oklahoma College for Women, and, after four years, graduated in piano performance in 1935. She told many humorous stories about traveling back and forth on the little D&RGW train that came to Pagosa and went through Chama, Alamosa to Walsenburg, where she transferred to the broad gage to her college in Chickasha, Okla.

Vange returned to Pagosa and married Harvey on July 21, 1935. Economic times were tough as our country was still experiencing the dire conditions of the Great Depression. During that time, they began a musical duo which

lasted over 50 years of providing music through Harvey singing and Vange's accompaniment at special events in the community. They performed regularly for Sunday church services, weddings, funerals and community Christmas and Easter musicals.

Also, in 1935, Vange accepted a teaching position at Bayles, nearby rural school. For the next four years, Ms. Evangeline became a beloved teacher for the children of pioneer ranch families of the area and they in turn became a lifelong inspiration to her.

Vange and Harvey partnered in several successful business interests in Pagosa Springs over the next 55 years. There was a Conoco wholesale gasoline distributorship, a 25-unit Harvey's Motel and a 600-acre cattle ranch on the San Juan River below the hot springs — to name of few and not to forget piano lessons for many.

Vange demonstrated a zest for life and knew the rewards of hard work. She loved to play, too. Some of her interests besides music were: a good game of bridge; art-painting oils and watercolors; square dancing; snowmobiling the San Juans; boating the Navajo and Lake Powell; and, in later life, a loyal football fan of the Oklahoma Sooners and the Denver Broncos.

Vange was preceded in death by her father, Jim, in 1949; half-sister Nell Pruitt in 1972; grandson Jeffrey in 1980; mother Esther in 1988; and husband Harvey Sr. in 1990.

She is survived by her son and wife, Harvey Jr. and Marka, of the Bloomfield highway; granddaughters Cary, of Topeka, Kan., and Michelle of Asheville, N.C.; and Michelle of Asheville, N.C.; cousin Maryella Moorehead, of Tulsa, Okla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at the Hilltop Cemetery in Pagosa Springs, Colo., on Saturday, May 11, at 2 p.m. All are welcome.

## Mary Jo Schilling-Poma

Mary Jo Schilling-Poma, In Loving Memory, Aug. 29, 1939 — April 22.

Mary Jo was much loved as a wife, daughter, sister, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is survived by her husband, Lou Poma; her daughter and best friend, Carrie Trumble; son Curt Schilling and family; daughter Allison Schilling and family; son Matt Poma; daughters Layne Poma and Tory Poma-Hoefar; granddaughter Meredith Trumble-Currier; sister Betty Anne Boeglin; three great-grandchildren: the light of her life — Elizabeth Currier; Victoria Currier Sean Gallegos; and Brannock Hoefar; ex-son-in-law Marshall Currier; and numerous nieces and nephews. She will be missed immeasurably.



Mary Jo was a wonderful housewife and mother during her military life. Moving every three years during military life so many friends were sought that later in life, communications were still there.

Mary Jo and her late husband, Cliff Schilling, retired from the military in Phoenix Ariz. Mary Jo began her working career at Lucky Inc. for many years. They began traveling and discovered the beauty of Pagosa Springs, Colo., and began plans of relocating in 1987. Six months into the relocation, her husband, Cliff Schilling, of 33 years passed away in January 1988. Mary Jo felt safe, secure and content with Pagosa Springs and continued her life here. She started working with Fairfield Pagosa as a manager for food and beverage when she met Lou Poma in the fall of 1989. She and Lou joined in a business venture with Poma's Pit Stop and Western Auto. After 30 years together, she leaves behind her wonderful legacy and many friendships. Legacy she was and always will be in our hearts.

Mary Jo was preceded in death by her late husband, Clifford Schilling, sister Sara Barron and brother-in-law Jerry Barron.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life for Mary Jo on Saturday, May 11, at 4 p.m. at Restoration Fellowship, 264 Village Drive, Pagosa Springs.

## Obituaries

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in. You'd think some of those 70% who believe would be selling their southern properties and moving north. Those in coastal locations would be moving inland. Naturally not everyone is in a position to move. But as with any such change, the smartest move first. Those with enough money to be flexible move first. Those who have career flexibility move first. If people really believe, why aren't they moving in large numbers? Maybe it's because people vote with their feet, or with their wallet. They act based on what they really believe.

Dan Mayer

## Turning a blind eye

Dear Editor:

We know that ignoring bad behavior doesn't make it stop or magically improve. So, why do we continue to tolerate inexcusable

behavior? If we're wondering why young adults are turned off, tuned out, and unmotivated, we should take a long, hard look at how low our spirits are. Daily lies that insult our intelligence, cringe-worthy boasts, and baseless fear-mongering won't produced greatness.

Thanks to 24-hour cable news, we see bogeymen everywhere. Instead of gamely disagreeing with opposing views, we engage in labeling and name-calling. We've allowed ourselves to be drawn into a demoralizing, zero-sum conflict.

In the not-so-distant past, we were able to face off with political adversaries and still reach a working compromise on policies most Americans could support. We were focused on what could be done to improve the health and well being of the majority, not just of the wealthy and powerful.

It's time for hard-working Americans to reclaim our government. We're all quite capable of pointing

out when a line has been crossed, when silence is cowardly, and when action is overdue. Our representatives need to know what we expect from them. "Compromise" isn't the 4-letter word, "fear" is.

Our constitution is under assault. If we throw up our hands in defeat (or exhaustion), if we turn a blind eye, we'll surrender what is most precious to us without a whimper. Express yourself.

Sen. Gardner: 202-224-5941; Sen. Bennet: 202-224-5852; Rep. Tipton: 202-225-4761

Sincerely,  
K. Muth

## Ruined by trash

Dear Editor:

Susan Hunter wrote an editorial last week titled "Clean Up Pagosa" and I wholeheartedly agree. In fact, I have written editorials before and have often visited the Town Hall complaining about the trash. Susan, I think there are many people in this town that would help clean up, I would be glad to help. There are a few groups that pick up along Hwy160 now, but they do it maybe twice a year. Secondly, we need the town and the county to do their part in getting junkyards and junk around homes cleaned up. I think they should send trucks to clean up these areas and then bill the property owners, and if need be put liens on the properties. Aspen Springs looks so junky, what can be done? This is such a beautiful area surrounded by majestic mountains, it's a shame to have it ruined by trash.

Lucinda Tagliareni

## Town picks firm for environmental assessment at town shop site

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

After a phase one environmental assessment identified four "recognized environmental concerns" last October, the Town of Pagosa Springs is contracting with an environmental consultant for further work at the site of the town shop.

The work was contemplated as part of the process for the town to construct a new consolidated maintenance facility at the site, with the contract for additional work approved at the Pagosa Springs Town Council's April 18 meeting.

"To ensure seamless financing and construction of the new maintenance facility on the existing site Town staff have begun the process of conducting environmental assessments," an agenda brief prepared by Special Projects Manager Scott Lewandowski states. "Town staff recently conducted a Phase One environmental assessment with SME Environmental in October 2018 that found four recognized environmental concerns (REC) due to the nature of the long term use of the site as a public work/parks maintenance facility, and the activities associated with the site (material storage and fueling)."

Now, Lewandowski explained to the council, the town wants to move forward with phases two and three as a combined effort, if phase three is necessary.

Phases two and three are "soil sampling, excavation and removal of any discovered containment during the additional stages of the assessment process. The findings of the Phase two sampling will dictate the need for phase three clean up. The work will result in Phase two and (if necessary) Phase three reports to share with general contractors and financial institutions upon request," the agenda brief explains.

The six members of the council present at the meeting voted unanimously to award a contract to Cottonwood Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$45,760 for the work.

### In other business

In other business at the meeting, the council:

- Voted in favor of funding a \$25,000 request by the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation for a broadband services manager.

- Approved a resolution for an electric vehicle charging station agreement with the La Plata Electric Association for a station at

## New Thought topic: '... And You Can Use It'

By Lisa Burnson  
Special to The SUN

Please join the Rev. Janet Wyrick and New Thought Center (NTC) on May 5 at 10 a.m. for our presentation: "... And You Can Use It."

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Centennial Park.

- Reappointed Larry Ash to the town's board of appeals.

- Voted to continue using Jeff Kane as the town's water attorney.

- Heard a first-quarter financial review in which Town Clerk April Hessman indicated that the town has operated close to budget.

"Right now we're doing fine," she said.

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# Locals participate in Home Ignition Zone workshop

By Karen Katsos  
Special to The SUN

Five ambassadors from the Archuleta County chapter of Wildfire Adapted Partnership (WAP) participated in a Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) workshop in Mancos, Colo., on April 20. Participants learned how to recognize the many vulnerabilities homes have to thermal radiation and ember showers from wildfires.

This was an all-day workshop with travel both to and from the event. These dedicated individuals participated in this workshop to learn more about how to protect homes and to share that information with the Pagosa Springs community. There will be more opportunities to learn about creating "defensible space" around homes in the region in the coming months. The more individual property

owners who work to protect their homes, the more we are all protected when a large wildfire comes through our community.

The HIZ workshop was sponsored by WAP, a local nonprofit that helps residents become more aware and prepared for wildfires. WAP partnered with the Four Corners Board of Realtors and the Montezuma County Colorado State University Extension Office to offer this workshop.

This workshop is periodically held and offers real estate agents continued education credits (seven hours) toward their state license. WAP is also trying to get this workshop accredited for continued education for state licensed community association managers.

For more information, please visit WAP's website, [www.wildfire-adapted.org](http://www.wildfire-adapted.org), or give the organization a call at 385-8909.



Photo courtesy Karen Katsos

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# Town considering amendments to snow removal requirements

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

As part of its April 18 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved the first reading of an ordinance, Ordinance 908, amending the town's snow and ice removal requirements.

"So, in previous meetings you asked for us to solidify the town code in order to clarify snow removal requirements on sidewalks and clarify town responsibility, and I feel like we have done that," Public Works Director Martin Schmidt told the council.

According to an agenda brief prepared by Schmidt for the meeting and Ordinance 908, changes are proposed for five sections of the municipal code.

More specifically, the ordinance proposes changes to Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 1.2.1.; Chapter 11, Article 1, Section 11.1.3.(7); and Chapter 17, Article 5.

The first change would add a new defined term, pedestrian infrastructure, to mean "sidewalks, curb extensions, benches, and ramps installed to promote pedestrian safety."

Schmidt's agenda brief explains, "This terminology is preferred to simply 'sidewalks' because as towns and cities provide more amenities to the public there is a need to address more than the sidewalk itself. For example, property owners adjacent to curb ramps are expected to clear the ramp also."

The second proposed change, then, is for the removal of snow from pedestrian infrastructure when there is an accumulated snowfall of 1 inch within 24 hours of the storm.

"This standard allows for the adjacent property owner to deal with snow that impacts pedestrians and not minimal accumulation," the brief explains, adding that it helps ensure that a "reasonably safe passage" is maintained.

The change also proposes including a standard of using a method of removing snow that does not dam-

age pedestrian infrastructure.

"If the infrastructure is damaged, the person or entity causing the damage will be responsible for the repair," the brief notes.

The code currently indicates that snow and/or ice cannot remain on a sidewalk after noon of the second day following the day of the last measurable snowfall.

Another proposed change included within Ordinance 908 clarifies a path for collecting costs from absentee homeowners and owners of properties that are out of compliance by referring to Section 11 of the code.

"Section 11 allows for the costs of abatement of a nuisance to be assessed as a lien against the property. This will assist solving the issues that arise from absentee property owners and lack of snow removal from pedestrian infrastructure because it clearly states the Town can act to abate the issue," the brief reads.

The fourth proposed change clarifies the snow storage policy and that the town can designate certain areas of roads, cul-de-sacs or alleys to store snow for the winter.

The fifth change proposed clarifies where the town removes snow from pedestrian infrastructure and allows for the town to adopt a snow removal plan that includes pedestrian infrastructure.

"It also specifies the use of a snow removal plan to inform residents ... about the Town's snow removal. This plan can include a map that specifies areas for snow removal," the brief adds.

The first reading of the proposed ordinance was approved unanimously by the six council members present, and the second reading of the ordinance is set for the council's May 7 meeting, which will begin at 5 p.m. in Town Hall.

In addition to the ordinance, Schmidt was asked to bring back additional information on the possibility of plowing the sidewalks on both sides of South 8th Street, as

well as options for helping elderly and disabled occupants with snow removal.

According to Schmidt's brief: "The snow removal on the east side of the road on South 8th street occurred before the improvements to the west side of the road were completed and as part of the construction project it was envisioned that plowing would stop on the east side in order to reduce the plowing load on staff. Discontinuing the plowing on the east side was a part of the public outreach for the S. 8th street Safe Routes to Schools Project. Removing snow from the sidewalk on the East side is a duplication of service that the trail on the west side provides, but as many residents have pointed out, they have not benefited from the work on the west side of the road in terms of snow removal. There are other places in town where [sic] snow removal occurs on one side but not the other, such as Hot Springs Boulevard. One of the major issues about snow removal on this section of road is that the Town did provide a service to the east side that it no longer provides which creates a difficult public relations position for Council and the Town. There is additional cost to plowing the east side. The east side of the road takes about a half hour to plow for small snow storms and two or more hours for heavy snows. This plowing is accomplished with 4-wheelers or a skid steer loader with a blower and one or two parks staff."

During council discussion on the matter, Matt DeGuise asked how many substantial storms there were this winter that required plowing, with Schmidt responding that he didn't have a definitive number, but that he had previously estimated that there were 15-20 major storms and up to 50 minor storms that required the town to respond.

David Schanzenbaker then pointed out that the concerns from residents also stemmed from snow being plowed on to already-shoveled sidewalks, and ask if there is any-

thing the town can do about it.

Schmidt explained that the intention and goal of town staff is to move snow as far out as they can on the first pass, but that bump-outs complicate things.

He added that his direction has been to keep driveways clear and that it is difficult to not get snow on sidewalks on streets like South 8th.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the first goal is to make snow routes travelable, then the secondary roads, then to do cleanup work.

Council member Tracy Bunning stated that he agreed with Schanzenbaker, explaining that the issue with South 8th Street is that the road is so close to the sidewalk,

He asked if it is "completely out of the realm of possibility" for the town to do something like snowblow the snow into a dump truck to be removed.

Schmidt responded that the two dump trucks the town has are small, and are used as plows and sanding trucks, and the town would have to upsize its snowblower.

Further discussion on the topic surrounded the need to create a scenario where people want sidewalks, that the town should clear sidewalks when it can to give residents confidence in the town, and that some of the responsibility comes with living in a high-altitude mountain town.

As the conversation came to an end, Mayor Don Volger pointed out that the complaints rose with there being more snow this winter, and that the town needed to make it a point to notify the members of the public of their responsibilities prior to next winter.

On the topic of a program that could coordinate volunteer snow removal help for elderly and disabled residents, Bunning stated the program could be a nightmare and Volger added that the town shouldn't manage such a program, but another organization or organizations could. [randi@pagosasun.com](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com)

## CHAMBER NEWS

# Business, networking opportunities offered

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

Running a home-based business is usually a fabulous opportunity offering flexibility, no commuting time, often being your own boss and working the hours that your business needs to be available. However, sometimes home-based businesses fall into the trap of lack of business visibility, lack of professional interaction, limited marketing and limited exchange of ideas.

The Chamber will be holding a Home Based Business Mixer on Thursday, May 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Pagosa Brewing and Grill.

As a home-based business, are you interested in growing your business? What kind of services might you need? Better broadband being a given. If growing, do you need capital, space or business assistance? Are there other businesses out there that you might be able to collaborate with? Could you use some increased visibility within the community? How about just getting out for a change, meeting other like-minded business owners and exchanging ideas? What are some community amenities that you would like to take better advantage of?

Mark your calendar for an evening of idea exchanging and information. Networking is a powerful tool. Don't underestimate its effectiveness. We look forward to visiting with our "lone eagle" community and finding out more about your businesses, your business needs and

your engagement in our community. For more information, contact Mary Jo Coulehan at 264-2360 or [director@pagosachamber.com](mailto:director@pagosachamber.com).

### Entrepreneurial classes

The Leading Edge Strategic Planning Series for Entrepreneurs produced by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) still has openings for its upcoming class schedule.

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marketing and so much more. This series will push you and your business ideas to the brink of clearly identifying your plans and business feasibility.

The classes will be held every Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning June 5 and will continue until July 31 in the Chamber/Visitor Center conference room. There will not be class on July 3. Graduation will then be held on Aug. 21.

As a student of the Leading Edge classes, you will also receive 36 hours of class and online training, five hours of consultation and guest presenters throughout the series. The instructor will be veteran consultant Rich Lindblad, who has mentored many a successful entrepreneur in Pagosa Springs. The consultation time alone is worth the \$300 course fee. Participants will also be allowed

to apply for scholarships. 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](mailto:hbbirdsong@fortlewis.edu).

### Membership news

The next free Maximizing Your Membership class will be held on Tuesday, May 14, from 9 to 10:15 a.m. A light breakfast will be served to accompany the full informational menu of Chamber benefits. Call the Chamber to reserve your space on May 14.

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# Medical center sees gain to bottom line for March

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) saw a gain of \$43,000 to its bottom line in March — an improvement for the medical center over February's bottom line, which was a loss of \$510,000.

"February was a rough month for us," PSMC Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger told the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors on April 23 during her monthly financial report. February's financial information was presented to the board on March 26.

According to the report, in March, PSMC saw gross revenue totaling \$4,879,407, which is .22 percent above budget and 2.18 percent ahead of the same month in 2018. In February, gross revenue totaled \$4,215,994 — 8.46 less than budget and 10.08 percent ahead of February of 2018.

Year to date through March, PSMC's gross revenues are 2.63 percent below budget and 4.97 percent ahead of the same time period in 2018.

Net revenues for March totaled \$2,601,105, which was 5.71 percent under budget and 6.88 percent less than March of 2018. For February, PSMC saw net revenue totaling \$1,968,516 — 24.94 percent under budget and 4.10 percent less than February of 2018.

Year to date, net revenue for the medical center is 10.94 percent

below budget and 4.63 percent behind 2018.

Expenses for PSMC, while ahead of 2018, were under budget in both February and March.

"This is the part that we're working really hard on," Keplinger told the board on April 23.

For March, PSMC's expenses totaled \$2,961,452 — 2.42 percent below budget and .2 percent ahead of last year.

For February, expenses totaled 2,791,171 — 3.21 percent less than budget and 2.85 percent ahead of 2018.

Year to date through March, expenses are 3.42 percent below budget and .36 percent ahead of 2018.

The year-to-date net income for PSMC is a loss of \$512,842, which is \$262,768 above budget.

USJHSD board chair Greg Schulte asked Keplinger what months they should key in on to see if the medical center could bounce back.

"This has not been a normal year for us," Keplinger responded.

She explained that February is usually busy with spring break, but there was no bump in business this year. April, she noted, is usually the slowest month, but was busier this year.

"I'm not sure how normal this year's going to be," she reiterated.

She also noted during the meeting that the methodology of the accounting had also changed this year.

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Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera, state staff, Colorado Department of Local Affairs' Patrick Rondinelli and members of the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors toured Pagosa Springs Medical Center Friday morning before discussing challenges in health care and finances.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, May 2

**Town of Pagosa Springs community meeting to discuss alleyways.** 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 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.

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting.** 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' 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

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

### Tuesday, May 14

Archuleta County Board of County

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

**Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting.** Noon, Boss Hogg's, 157 Navajo Trail Drive.

**Archuleta School District Board of Education Pagosa Family**

**School visit.** 2:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis St.

**Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting.** 4:30 p.m., Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

**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 auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.

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

**Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors regular meeting.** 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

### Wednesday, May 15

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

**Parks and Recreation Commission.** 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

### Thursday, May 16

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

Public meeting information should be sent to [editor@pagosahun.com](mailto:editor@pagosahun.com) with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.



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Colorado Department of Transportation workers collect core samples at the intersection of U.S. 160 and 5th Street last week. Core samples were collected at that site, as well as at Hot Springs Boulevard and Pinon Causeway, for the new caissons and foundation work that will be needed for new traffic signals at the intersections. The new signal project is anticipated to begin in August.

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## Celebration



Connor Burkesmith will be graduating from Colorado State University on May 17 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. Burkesmith will graduate in four years with a predicted GPA of 3.7. He will be employed by a heavy civil contractor in California following his graduation.



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# Dispatch

Continued from front slide notes. “There have been no significant changes to the facilities and equipment for many years and it is aging. It is currently in a location that is not suited for a Dispatch Center.”

“You can ask our dispatchers, it’s pretty pathetic when they get goin’ in there,” said Larson while presenting at the PFPD board meeting, amid photos of a dark dispatch center with missing ceiling panels and frayed carpet.

Larson noted that the current location is not secure enough and that fumes from neighboring businesses are causing health concerns.

“I’ve walked in the place and immediately gotten a headache myself,” said Larson of the fumes.

Larson’s presentation noted that the center needs “upgraded equipment,” and Cook and PSMC EMS Chief Jason Webb explained why in a follow-up interview with The SUN.

“Most of the big [equipment] was purchased in 2011, and just like with any kind of technology, over time the technology becomes outdated and needs to be replaced,”

Cook said. “A typical computer lasts roughly five years and then it kind of goes out of date,” said Webb, “Dispatch is no different; it’s just the cost is a lot more.”

Asked if anything was broken or the technology was so outdated it was hindering public safety, Webb responded, “Nothing is hindering public safety, but there’s a lot of things that could help us do our job better.”

Webb explained that upgraded dispatch centers have technology that allows emergency vehicles to communicate more effectively and comprehensively, visually displaying victims’ information and other emergency personnel’s location in real time.

The lease on the current dispatch center expires in September of 2020, and the agencies involved are debating whether to move to a new location or investigate building a more modern facility.

“There’s just not a lot of appropriate facilities in the county that are already standing,” Cook said, adding that the dispatch board is trying to find “the best way to be

stewards of the resources that we have.”

Larson explained in his presentation that additional funding may be required to find a new location and to upgrade existing equipment.

Some funding sources being considered are:

- Fees for automatic alarm registration.
- Fees for response to false alarms.
- A mill levy specific to dispatch/emergency services.
- A sales tax increase.
- Tourism fees for public safety.
- An increase in E-911 fees, a small monthly fee added to phone bills for emergency services.

Larson noted that locals who keep their non-970 area code phone numbers pay E-911 fees to whichever area code their number is in.

“You know, we just want people to understand [the situation] because at some point something is going to have to be done and we want the support of the community,” Webb said.

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Dispatchers work to coordinate emergency (and some non-emergency) calls to local response agencies throughout Archuleta County. Members of the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Board are advocating for a new facility and new equipment for the dispatch center.

# Hiker

Continued from front

passengers at a nearby staging area and was en route back to the missing hiker’s location to pick him up via a hot load.

A hot load is a process in which someone is picked up while the helicopter is still running, Kraetsch noted.

Kraetsch described the hiker as a European male in his late 20s.

Kraetsch reported that, while it is unknown if the hiker was injured or not, he refused medical attention.

According to Kraetsch, the hiker was about 35 miles up the trail from the Chama, N.M., area when he got lost.

Additionally, the hiker was a mile off of the trail itself, Kraetsch indicated.

The missing hiker did not have a cellphone or snowshoes, she added later.

At 6:45 a.m. on May 1, Kraetsch explained, the location of the SOS notification from the hiker had moved about 40 feet laterally.

“He didn’t go up or down, he just went straight across. Maybe to another group of trees,” she said.

Weather was a factor in the rescue.

Around 9 a.m. on May 1, Kraetsch informed The SUN that an ACEM manager had been sent to the Rio Blanco area to scout out a landing zone in case helicopters could mobilize.

“The Continental Divide Trail was going through a portion that was above tree line,” she explained. “So, we don’t know if he tried to get down into the trees because of the weather.”

The area where the hiker was is near some steep cliffs, she indicated.

The SOS notification was pinged from a “SPOT” device, a tool that uses GPS technology to determine an individual’s location, and Kraetsch noted that the “SPOT” device only provides latitudinal and longitudinal



Pictured is a digital representation of a portion of the Continental Divide Trail where the Archuleta County Office of Emergency Management received an SOS call from a missing hiker on April 30 at 1 p.m. The graphic notes the hiker’s location as of May 1 at 6:45 a.m. Note: the graphic does not represent the more than 10 feet of snow on the ground in that location.

coordinates. “That’s the only thing we have to go off of,” she said at the time.

On April 29, the ACEM was unable to utilize helicopters to scout the missing hiker’s location due to weather, but was able to utilize a local air tour business’ services to do so.

“Just to see if we could see what the terrain looks like more in person,” she explained. “And also to see how much snow is up there still.”

In the April 29 flyover, no one could be seen on the ground from the plane, but Kraetsch hoped that the missing hiker could hear the plane and know that help was on the way.

Earlier in the day on May 1, Kraetsch explained that the ACEM had been in contact with Flight For Life and the National Guard in Colorado Springs.

In an effort to locate the missing hiker, the National Guard had suggested waiting until a break in the weather around 2 p.m. on May 1

and, at that point, the ACEM would re-evaluate the situation via the air.

Kraetsch informed The SUN around 1:20 p.m. that Flight For Life was set to pick up Emergency Operations Director Mike Le Roux to assess the situation.

Additionally, Kraetsch noted that Emergency Operations Deputy Wes Laverty was sent to the area and he reported back that there was no visibility.

The National Guard indicated that around 2 p.m. on May 1 a break in the weather should occur, and at that point, the ACEM would re-evaluate the situation via the air, Kraetsch noted.

That break did occur, allowing the helicopter to go up and locate the hiker.

Kraetsch explained that, per one of the missing hiker’s friends, they had strongly advised not going up that portion of the trail at this time of year.

“He had his mind set and decided to go anyways,” she said. chris@pagosasun.com

# Planning

Continued from front

Procedural revisions to the subdivision regulations to better align with the county’s online review process.

- Relaxing certain setback requirements.
- Clarifying terminology for roads, easements and right of way.
- Shifting minor oil and gas applications to be reviewed by the planning commission.

At the planning commission’s meeting on April 24, Chair Michael Frederick and Shepard discussed setting up a joint meeting of the planning commission and the BoCC, with Frederick and other members of the planning commission noting that the lack of specific input from county officials has made their work harder.

Frederick said the point of the meeting with the BoCC was to “set priorities for what [the planning commission] ought to be doing.”

Frederick also mentioned he had gone to the BoCC work session the day before, where Shepard had presented the proposed changes to the land use code.

Frederick said the county commissioners didn’t seem “terribly interested in the subject matter” but noticed one commissioner picked up on the fact that the planning commission recommended relaxing setback requirements and was pleased that cut down on the county’s variance applications, something the BoCC wanted to see happen.

“But beyond that, I have to admit, I don’t really know what the commissioners at this point want from us,” Frederick said.

Nearly all the planning commission members agreed with Frederick that they were unclear about exactly what the county wanted them to accomplish.

The planning commission members noted that county officials make

vague suggestions like “lighten up” or “loosen” the regulations, without giving specifics on which regulations they would like addressed.

Planning commissioner Anita Hooton expressed frustration with the lack of specifics coming from the county.

“If there’s a bugaboo [in the land use regulations] because of the way we have something written, let’s talk about it, but I don’t want to hear again, ‘Loosen up.’ I’m not going to go through this 700 pages [of the land use regulations] and try to figure out what is it that’s obstructing people. You tell me.”

Planning commissioner David Parker also weighed in, suggesting the county wants deregulation because it is getting pressure from developers trying to go around the existing rules.

Planning commissioner Lisa Jensen said the planning commission “need some specifics” from county officials and that she feels “really lost as to what we’re supposed to be doing.”

Frederick also suggested that the commissioners may have an overly simplistic view of trying to make subdivision regulations more lax when the county must follow state statutes.

“I don’t know that the commissioners really understand how much we’re hemmed in by state law on what we can do with subdivision regulations,” said Frederick. “I have this vague feeling that maybe they think they can mend anything, but there’s very complex state statutes that says, ‘We will do this and this and this and this, and we don’t have any choice in it.’”

In a phone interview Tuesday, County Commissioner Steve Wadley said he “wasn’t aware that there was any issues back and forth” with the planning commission.

“We don’t want to be road blocks to people that are trying to either make a living or create a business,”

Wadley said.

Wadley explained the commissioners do not want a county atmosphere where people can do whatever they want, but wish to create a regulatory atmosphere where new enterprises can thrive.

“The last thing we want to be is a ‘no’ county. We don’t want to say yes to everything and have people burning tires, but we also don’t want to be a roadblock to people’s success,” said Wadley.

Wadley explained he is very open to a joint work session with the planning commission and the BoCC, a meeting County Administrator Scott Wall and Shepard noted would probably happen “in the next couple of months.”

The last time the county commissioners met in a joint meeting with the planning commission was in December 2017, according to Shepard.

Frederick also expressed concern about State Bill 181, which took effect in April. The law gives local governments more decision-making power in regulating oil and gas projects.

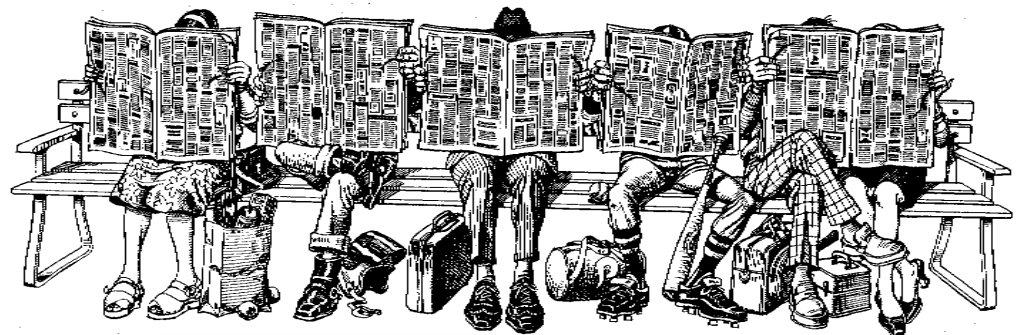
“Here’s the situation with oil and gas that we need the county commissioners to instruct us on,” said Frederick. “That new state statute is not mandatory on counties regulating oil and gas, it is permissive. And we need some indication from the county commissioners how permissive [they’d like us to be] before we attempt to do anything.”

Hooton replied, “Because otherwise if we decide we’re not permissive and they decide we are, then they’re just going to just overturn everything that we do. That’s a waste of our time.”

The next meeting of the county commissioners is on May 7 at 6 p.m. in the commissioners’ meeting room at 398 Lewis St.

The Archuleta County Planning Commission’s next meeting is scheduled for May 22 at 6 p.m. in the commissioners’ meeting room.

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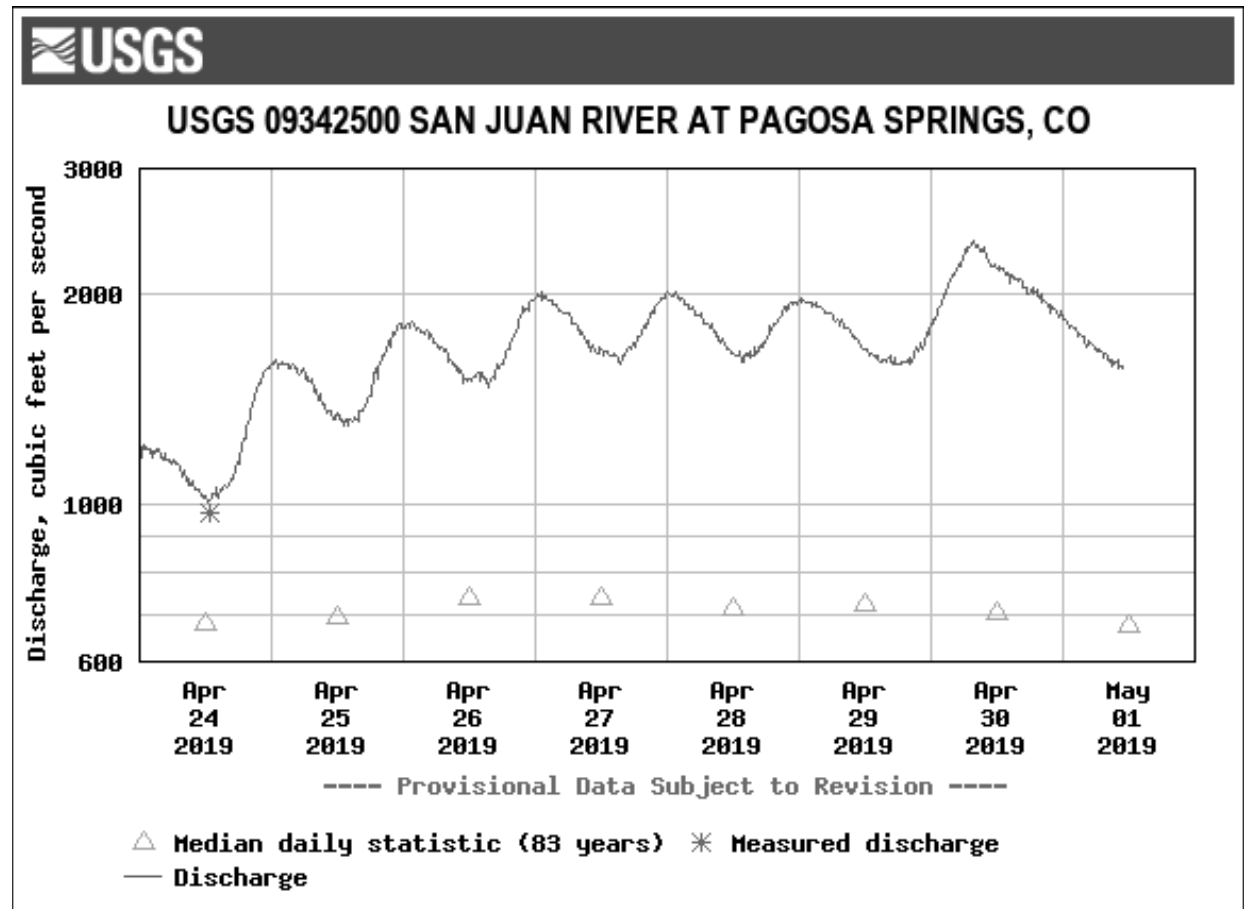


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The San Juan River through Pagosa Springs is flowing at high levels this week, as was evidenced by record streamflow measurements.

# River

Continued from front may have to end up closing some spots on the Riverwalk trail.

Areas such as San Juan and Her-

mosa Street are also places that will be monitored, she explained.

“They may have not been built to floodplain standards, I don’t know

for sure, but any new development would have to be built to new floodplain standards,” she said.

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# Town council looks at trail, sidewalk projects

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council focused on two pedestrian-friendly projects at its April 18 meeting, voting to accept a grant for the Hermosa Riverwalk trail segment and looking at bids from construction companies for new sidewalks in the area of North 8th Street.

Both projects have been the subject of several town council discussions about cost and scope in recent years.

## Hermosa Riverwalk trail

The Hermosa Riverwalk trail was the first of the two projects discussed at the meeting, with the council ultimately voting 4-2 to accept a \$400,000 grant from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Department of Natural Resources for the project.

"Over the last two years, Town staff has been working on the Hermosa Street Riverwalk extension project, which as you may recall was a ten foot wide concrete trail from the east end of Town Park, down along the south side of Hermosa Street within Town ROW to Cottons Hole Park area and up to the Highway 160 sidewalk network," an agenda brief prepared by Special Projects Manager Scott Lewandowski states. "The trail is roughly .35 miles long and will make a key connection along the downtown Riverwalk system and shift people away from Hwy 160. As you may recall, there was substantial community outreach in the winter and summer of 2017, which provided valuable insight into the scope and placement of the trail. The participants in the outreach sessions advocated for a trail along

the Hermosa Street corridor and not on the banks of the San Juan River and the alignment is reflective of that input."

At the meeting, Lewandowski presented updated information from the State Trails Committee about any changes in project scope, including changing the width and surface material of the trail, as well as feedback from the parks and recreation commission.

Lewandowski had previously submitted information to the State Trails Committee concerning potential changes to the trail project as requested by the council, with Lewandowski explaining on April 18 that the committee had denied those potential scope changes.

He explained that the State Trails Committee does not approve of asphalt instead of concrete, and a width narrower than 10 feet would make the trail more of a sidewalk.

The options the town is left with, he explained, are to accept the grant with the trail project as is, or reject the grant and reapply at a future date with a different plan.

Lewandowski then noted that he had taken the plan to the parks and recreation commission as requested, with that board discussing and ultimately voting in favor of the project's original scope.

Council member Mat deGraaf and David Schanzenbaker both thanked Lewandowski for reaching out to the groups before Schanzenbaker noted that he is not supportive of using concrete through the Cotton's Hole area, of the parking area or of the four switchbacks that go from Cotton's Hole up to U.S. 160.

He noted that it would cost about \$250,000 to get up 8 feet before stating he was an advocate of not taking the grant.

Planning Manager James Dickhoff explained that the town was trying to get away from a zig-zag concrete pattern like exists near the Town Hall and Ross Aragon Community Center to gain that elevation, adding that the town wanted to be more creative while maintaining ADA compliance with the switchbacks.

Schanzenbaker also noted that he doesn't want the switchbacks to be the permanent way pedestrians get across the 1st Street bridge, with Lewandowski indicating that a trail spur under the bridge has always been the intent.

Dickhoff added that, likely, there will need to be a similar structure on the other side of the 1st Street bridge as well, but that the structure being contemplated currently provides access from U.S. 160 to the river more immediately.

Town staff also noted that any parking work on Hermosa Street would be done in a future phase, with the grant in question focusing solely on the trail.

The trail layout contemplates a future roundabout to help with traffic flow at Hermosa Street's dead end at Cotton's Hole, with Lewandowski indicating that it isn't for sure if that's what will happen in that area.

Audience member and Hermosa Street property owner Nikki Macomber suggested a public outreach on the topic of a roundabout.

In the end, the council voted 4-2 to accept the grant and move forward with the project. Schanzenbaker and Tracy Bunning voted against the acceptance.

To date, according to the agenda brief, the town has spent \$130,000 on design and engineering, and \$400,000 in property acquisition.

"The grant award helps out

with nearly fifty percent of the estimated project construction cost of \$869,894.60. The 2019 Capital Improvement Plan forecasts one million dollars in expense in 2020, which assumes receiving the grant and an additional contingency," it states.

## Sidewalk

Later in the meeting, Lewandowski brought another project back before the council: a Safe Routes to School sidewalk project for the north side of U.S. 160.

More specifically, the sidewalk is slated to run from North 8th Street and U.S. 160 to Florida Street to North 6th Street.

The town had previously put the project out to bid last fall, but the only bid received for the project was over budget, and the council opted to decline that bid and put the project out for bid again as an "a la carte" project, then giving the town more options to get a portion of the project done while remaining within budget.

Those options were:

- Base Bid: From U.S. 160 north on the east side of 8th Street and along the south side of Florida Street to North 7th Street plus a ramp and crosswalk at Hickory Ridge.

- Bid Alternate A: South side of Florida Street from North 7th Street to North 6th Street.

- Bid Alternate B: Lighting conduit and pull boxes.

- Bid Alternate C: Lighting fixtures.

But, in looking at the two bids received this spring for the project, only one of which met the qualifications, Schanzenbaker questioned why figures provided to the council didn't add up on the various options.

After that discovery, a decision on awarding a contract for the construction was delayed to allow staff to bring back more information on the bid.

The town's 2019 budget, the agenda brief on the topic explains, has \$291,088 in available revenue from the Colorado Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School program and \$450,000 budgeted for the project.

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# Public or not: County, Timber Ridge disagree over road access

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

According to Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver, the Timber Ridge Homeowners Association (HOA) has placed "Private Road/No Trespassing" signs on Bristlecone Drive, a road that he argues is legally open to the public.

Archuleta County Public Works Director Bob Perry explained at the meeting that the HOA had spoken with its attorney, who deemed the signs legal and appropriate.

"Their attorney's wrong, but I'll just say that point-blank," said

Weaver.

Weaver explained that in 1999, an 80-foot easement along Bristlecone Drive was dedicated to the public from Timber Ridge. The easement was set to automatically expire once Timber Ridge submitted a final subdivision plat map for approval to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners.

Timber Ridge submitted a 35-acre survey of the subdivision that never came to the county commissioners for approval.

"This [final subdivision plat map] never came before the board for approval, so this does not qualify as a final subdivision plat. So, this easement granted in 1999 is still in effect," said Weaver. "So, they cannot put those signs up."

Commissioner Ron Maez explained in a follow-up call that people use Bristlecone as a shortcut to get to the landfill or to go into downtown Pagosa Springs.

"People use [Bristlecone] to get to town, too, especially when the traffic's high up here in north Pagosa or on Highway 160, because it does get pretty crowded out there in front of Walmart," said Maez. "So, a lot of people go down through South Pagosa Boulevard, then turn and go into Timber Ridge and come out on Trujillo Road and come into town that way."

Commissioner Steve Wadley said that when Timber Ridge was in the infancy of building its subdivision, the developers spoke about Bristlecone Drive being a busy road.

"I remember Bristlecone being a topic of conversation at that time, that they knew they were undertaking a road that had a lot of outside

traffic," said Wadley.

Maez agreed with Weaver at the meeting, saying the county has a valid legal reason for why the signs should come down.

Maez even suggested returning the public easement to the original landowner and abandoning Bristlecone Drive as a county-maintained road.

"What's the point of us keeping Bristlecone as a county road? I think we should return that promptly to the original property owner and then just shut that section down," Maez said.

Weaver agreed that is a viable option for the county.

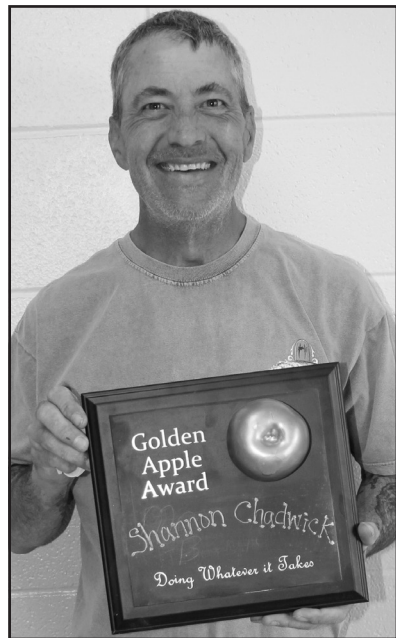
"That's another option, too. We could decommission the part [of Bristlecone] that goes from the border [of Timber Ridge] to County Road 500 and just say, 'Well we're giving it back to the landowner. You'll have to go all the way around. If you don't want to allow the public on it, then we're not going to maintain that section and we'll return it,'" said Weaver.

Weaver noted at the meeting that the next steps would be to send a letter to the HOA's attorney saying, "we're taking those signs down in seven days at your cost or you can take them down within seven days."

In a follow-up phone call on Monday, Weaver reported he had not yet sent the letter, but did have a conversation with the attorney who counseled the HOA.

Linda Rigney, president of the HOA, was contacted by The SUN Tuesday. She declined to comment, but confirmed the "Private Road/No Trespassing" signs were still posted.

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Golden Apple Award winners at Pagosa Springs Elementary School are Shannon Chadwick and Andrea McGinn (not pictured). They were chosen by other staff members for going above and beyond each day.

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# Investigation

■ Continued from front Support Program, also known as the 1033 Program.

The 1033 Program is a DoD initiative to transfer, without charge, excess military supplies and equipment to local law enforcement agencies and first responders.

The allegation Starr made was that the sheriff's office had failed to report \$2.2 million to \$2.8 million in unaccounted-for assets, the release states.

When Starr was presenting his case to the district attorney, Starr claimed he "had information leading him to believe that Sheriff VALDEZ had been misappropriating county funds and using them for personal expenditures. He cited the fact that the sheriff used to live in his mother's basement, but now has a large house on the nicest street in Pagosa Springs. He said that there was 2.2 million missing from the Archuleta County coffers and indicated that he believed Sheriff VALDEZ took these monies," according to CBI's summary report.

After receiving Starr's request, the district attorney's office contacted CBI, who agreed to conduct the investigation.

When CBI took over the investigation, CBI personnel met with Starr on Feb. 20, with Starr downplaying his importance in the investigation, according to the report.

"Well, your best source of information is going to be LARRY WALTON, the Archuleta County Finance Director. LARRY WALTON received some information or failed to receive some information that raised some yellow flags in his office..." the report states.

On Feb. 25, Walton was interviewed by CBI personnel.

Walton spoke candidly about his belief that someone in the sheriff's office was doing something wrong, the report indicates.

According to CBI's summary report, Walton said during his interview, "I think someone has purposely, meaning the sheriff's department, has purposely circumvented the internal controls of the county in order to make their own decisions on the disposition of the [1033] material. Even at this point and time, I still don't have a list prepared by the sheriff's department that shows me what became of any of this material."

"When asked why the issue of suspicion of theft was not brought to the sheriff's attention, WALTON said it was because the sheriff was suspected in the theft," the report states.

The report continues, "WALTON believes Sheriff VALDEZ has committed fraud. When asked to explain, WALTON said when he asked the sheriff for documentation on the 1033 program, the sheriff lied to him and that should be considered fraud."

In an email to The SUN in February, Valdez stated that a full list of 1033 items had been submitted to the finance office.

"A list of the items was provided to the Finance in 2017. The bulk of the items in question do not fall within the parameters of the procurement policy," wrote Valdez.

In the press release, the district attorney did not settle Valdez's and Walton's conflicting reports, but stated that Valdez was under no obligation to provide any list of assets

to the finance department.

"The investigation found that although the Archuleta County officials were concerned that the Sheriff had not provided them a detailed accounting of the Sheriff's Office assets, the Sheriff, as an elected official, was under no duty to do so. The investigation also found that the Sheriff's office was and is in full compliance with the rules and regulations regarding the 1033 program, based on independent audits performed by the Department of Defense and the Colorado Department of Public Safety, who have the responsibility and authority to administer the 1033 program," states the report.

The conclusion of CBI's report includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- No one interviewed during the investigation provided any information that Valdez or any sheriff's employee had stolen 1033 items.

- Starr's statements to Champagne are "a gross misrepresentation of a non-issue and the creation of a false narrative that created a criminal investigation in an attempt to resolve an internal governmental issue."

- "Archuleta County has not lost \$2.2-\$2.8 million, it has gained \$2.2-\$2.8 million."

- Approximately half of the 1033 items put into question by Starr and Walton were obtained under Sheriff Pete Gonzalez's administration (2007-2014).

- "There is a failure, either by purpose or otherwise, to understand the constitutional and statutory authority of the elected sheriff. Sheriff VALDEZ does not work for the BOCC [Board of County Commissioners], the county attorney, or for Finance Director WALTON."

- Walton said the 2017 audit could not be completed because of the 1033 issues. However, the sheriff's office has participated in the 1033 Program since 2006 and the county has been able to complete the audits from 2006 through 2016.

- It is up to Valdez as to how he runs dispersement of the 1033 program assets as long as it is in compliance with DoD and Colorado Department of Safety rules and guidelines.

- Not only has the sheriff's office received assets from the 1033 Program, Archuleta County, Pagosa Springs Fire Department, EMS, Emergency Management and other agencies have greatly benefited as a result of the sheriff's office participation in the 1033 Program.

- There has been "absolutely no wrongdoing on behalf of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office" in this case.

"I'm happy with the outcome because I know my staff... I knew there would be no findings of wrongdoing of anyone on my staff," Valdez said in a phone interview, adding later, "After I review the report and the summary from the Colorado Bureau of Investigations, then I'll give a full statement."

"We do not intend to file any criminal charges or pursue this any further. It appears there was no criminal wrongdoing from what we are able to discern," Champagne said.

Asked if this case was an example of law enforcement covering for other law enforcement, Champagne said, "CBI is an independent organization that has, as far as I know, no interest in the outcome of the investigation at all. That's why we went to

an independent investigation that's separate and apart from the local law enforcement agencies in Archuleta County, so we would have that independence and integrity of the CBI in order to look at it without having an influence."

Champagne noted that CBI is funded by the state of Colorado and it is part of its mandate to assist in these types of investigations.

In a statement submitted to The SUN, Starr defended his actions and wrote, "I am pleased that the investigation found no criminal activity. I took action at the instruction of my clients. Given the same set of circumstances - unaccounted for property - I would hope that government officials would always error on the side of raising the flag and having a third party investigate. The taxpayers need to have confidence that their government will not cover up suspicious activity. The BoCC's direction to me was an appropriate step in protecting taxpayer trust."

County Attorney Todd Weaver said that, as of Wednesday afternoon, the county had not received a copy of the district attorney's press release or a copy of CBI's report on the investigation.

"There's been no communication with the county or from the DA's Office to the county regarding any release of any information," Weaver said.

Weaver noted that until he had a chance to review the documents, it was premature for him to comment on the investigation and outcome.

"It's awfully frustrating that, no offense to The Pagosa SUN, but the fact that they would release it to the press and not even bother to contact the county first is very disappointing, and is actually a serious breach

of the trust of the county with the district attorney's office and with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation."

Commissioner Ron Maez stated he had not yet seen the report and, "until I actually lay my eyes on it and actually read it myself," he wouldn't give a formal comment on the matter.

"Our goal all along was just to ensure compliance with the 1033 Program, and, actually, I'm thrilled that there isn't anything further," Commissioner Steve Wadley said.

Wadley added that the county will conduct an internal audit of items and get them processed onto the county inventory list.

"This is the outcome we hoped for," he said.

Wadley anticipated that some internal policies could also be looked at that would make everything brought in property of Archuleta County.

Maez told The SUN that there are "some things that we need to clear up as far as policy or paperwork" as a result of the case.

Commissioner Alvin Schauf was unable to be reached by press time.

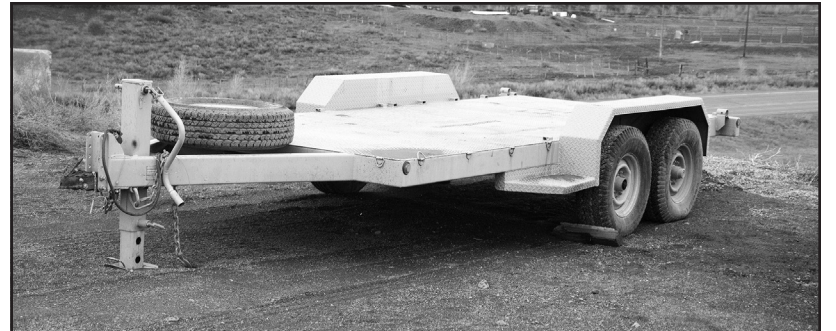
Champagne explained the investigation is an example of how the justice system works properly.

"[This is] a good example of the system working correctly. There are protocols and systems in place to make sure we have an independent investigation that can look into issues like this and get to the bottom of it, and I said before I'm really glad to report there was no wrongdoing or criminal behavior on anybody's part, that's heartening for all of us. The integrity of the system works and we have some really great public officials that did the right things all around," Champagne said.



Photos: Randi Pierce, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez showed SUN staff some of the items the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office received from the U.S. Department of Defense's 1033 Program, and provided photos of other equipment received through the law enforcement program.



# Colorado Bureau of Investigation report

## '6th Judicial District Attorney's request to investigate allegations of theft of 1033 property by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, specifically Sheriff RICHARD VALDEZ.'

Below is the summary report released by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation Wednesday. The report has not been edited by The SUN, except to remove extra spaces.

### SYNOPSIS:

Summary for the 6th Judicial District Attorney's request to investigate allegations of theft of 1033 property by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, specifically Sheriff RICHARD VALDEZ.

### ACTION TAKEN:

On December 8, 2018, CHRISTIAN CHAMPAGNE, District Attorney for Colorado's 6th Judicial District, requested CBI investigate embezzlement allegations made by TODD MERRITT STAR, former Archuleta County Attorney, against RICHARD VALDEZ, Archuleta County Sheriff.

The request was made in the form of an email and provided, in part, the following information. "Mr. STARR requested a meeting with me to present a potential case for prosecution against the Archuleta County Sheriff RICHARD VALDEZ. He said he had information leading him to believe that Sheriff VALDEZ had been misappropriating county funds and using them for personal expenditures. He cited the fact that the sheriff used to live in his mother's basement, but now has a large house on the nicest street in Pagosa Springs. He said that there was 2.2 million missing from the Archuleta County coffers and indicated that he believed Sheriff VALDEZ took these monies".

I was assigned the case on February 4, 2019.

### TODD STARR:

Base on the allegations outlined in District Attorney CHAMPAGNE's request, I arranged an interview with STARR.

On Wednesday, February 20, 2019, prior to the prearranged interview, STARR called to ask if the interview could be conducted by phone. When told we needed to meet to review documents, STARR said, "Actually I'm not the best person to talk to. Most of the documents were generated by LARRY WALTON, finance director."

STARR did meet for an interview and during the interview DA CHAMPAGNE's request email was discussed with STARR. After reviewing DA CHAMPAGNE's email to CBI, STARR again said, "Well, your best source of information is going to be LARRY WALTON, the Archuleta County Finance Director. LARRY WALTON received some information or failed to receive some information that raised some yellow flags in his office.....The sheriff participated in the 1033 program and so LARRY came, I don't know if he came to me or the County Administrator first, but I was quickly involved and quickly advised the staff that we needed to alert the Board of County Commissioners, and we alerted the Board of County Commissioners and they instructed me to reach out to CBI. That was the first time we reached out to CBI which was, I want to say was 2016 or so, when we reached out to Agent BROWN. Shortly after that the Board of County Commissioners, don't know if they passed a resolution or if it was by motion.....where they instructed the sheriff's office to no longer participate in the 1033 program without their, the Board of County Commissioner's approval."

STARR said after contacting Agent BROWN in 2015 (fall of 2014 according to STARR's documents) he became frustrated because Agent BROWN, "didn't care or worse." STARR contacted the US Attorney's Office who arranged meetings with the FBI and Agents with the Department of Defense (DOD). Agent BROWN's memorandum related to STARR's 2014 request is attached to this report.

LARRY WALTON:

On February 25, 2019, Archuleta

County Finance Director, LARRY WALTON was interviewed. WALTON said he initiated the issue concerning the Archuleta County Sheriff's 1033 program. During the middle of 2017, trying to "wrap up" the 2016 audit, WALTON began seeking paperwork on 1033 items and was having trouble getting paperwork from the sheriff's office and became frustrated. In July of 2017, the director of the county road & bridge department wrote WALTON a memo wanting to transfer a 1033 water truck from the sheriff's office to road & bridge. WALTON responded, "They have a water truck, I don't believe they have a water truck." WALTON began seeking paperwork for the truck from the sheriff's office. MICHAEL LE ROUX, Director of Emergency Operations for Archuleta County and a deputy with Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, was in charge of the 1033 program for the sheriff's office and obtained a list of 1033 equipment/items from the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS) and gave the list to WALTON. When WALTON received the 1033 list he realized the sheriff's office had a "massive amount of stuff" that had not been reported to his office. WALTON said, "My suspicions were no longer a paperwork issue." Along with the 1033 list of items was an agreement between the sheriff's office and the state. According to WALTON, only the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) can execute an intergovernmental agreement or grant agreement and to WALTON the 1033 agreement would be classified as one or both. WALTON reviewed the 1033 list and to him it, "Seemed like there was too much stuff to be missing or to be sitting on county property." After reviewing the 1033 list, WALTON reported to the county administrator that the discrepancy appeared to be \$2.6 million and WALTON suggested someone look into the problem. On April 30, 2018, WALTON prepared a memorandum expressing his concerns about the 1033 items that were unaccounted for and the memorandum was presented to the BOCC on May 1, 2018. STARR, who was then the county attorney, was instructed by the BOCC to investigate who the appropriate agency would be to conduct an investigation. It was during the May 2018 meeting with STARR and the BOCC that WALTON learned that STARR had been involved in a similar issue with the 1033 program in 2014 and became annoyed that he wasn't told then about what he perceived as a 1033 problem. (WALTON became the finance director in May 2014).

Once the BOCC was notified in 2018, TODD STARR contacted the FBI and was directed by the FBI to contact the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Inspector General. WALTON said "we" supplied material to the DOD and eventually heard from the DOD that they were only interested in certain 1033 items and the items of their concern were accounted for and "they didn't care what happened to the rest of the stuff" based on how the program works. WALTON said he was not impressed with the DOD's handling of the issue.

WALTON researched the state's 1033 Program and noted that the state compliance office (CDPS) conducted a compliance review of the sheriff's office. In a CDPS review, "They theoretically have come down and sat down with the sheriff or someone in the sheriff's department and they had had one of those that presumably had gone okay, and I can't see how that could have gone okay unless the sheriff's department presented to that person immediately a list of what they had and an accounting for the materials that they possessed."

WALTON didn't believe LE ROUX was actually in charge or involved in the 1033 Program because LE

ROUX, according to WALTON, never had "the relevant information." WALTON is "suspicious" that Sheriff VALDEZ designated LE ROUX as the contact person "almost because he was not in a position to talk too candidly about all this stuff that was received."

WALTON believes Sheriff VALDEZ is hiding the 1033 Program from the finance department and the County Commissioners, "the depth and breadth of it in order to do with these materials what he pleased, without interference from the county, you might say".

When WALTON was asked if he and any information, other than the two documents provided by MICHELLE CLARK and LEE ANN MARTIN, that the sheriff or sheriff's employees were stealing property, he said, "I do not, no, not at all. All I've really got is, you know, over a number of years, uh, there is close to a million dollars of things that are not assets and 1.6 million that are that have not been accounted for by the sheriff. The sheriff is currently maintaining that the list that the state sent us is the accounting of the material, as if to say, what he did with it when he got it is of no concern."

When asked why the issue of suspicion of theft was not brought to the sheriff's attention, WALTON said it was because the sheriff was suspected in the theft.

WALTON said, "I think someone has purposely, meaning the sheriff's department, has purposely circumvented the internal controls of the county in order to make their own decisions on the disposition of the material. Even at this point and time, I still don't have a list prepared by the sheriff's department that shows me what became of any of this material, just that they are going to get and so on."

WALTON believes Sheriff VALDEZ has committed fraud. When asked to explain, WALTON said when he asked the sheriff for documentation on the 1033 program, the sheriff lied to him and that should be considered fraud.

WALTON said the former Undersheriff, TONYA HAMILTON left on "bad terms" with the sheriff and she may have information about the sheriff.

Recently WALTON sent Sheriff VALDEZ an email, and documents, telling the sheriff to bring all 1033 items to a specific location so an independent audit could be conducted. WALTON's email and documents are attached to this report.

In addition to interviews with STARR and WALTON, CBI interviewed the following individuals:

1. STEVE WADLEY, Commissioner
  2. ALVIN SCHAAF, Commissioner
  3. RICHARD VALDEZ, Sheriff
  4. TONYA HAMILTON, former Undersheriff
  5. MICHAEL LE ROUX, Deputy & Emergency Management Director
  6. LEE ANN MARTIN, finance department
  7. MICHELLE CLARK, finance department
  8. BARRY ADLER, former deputy
  9. JACOB BEACH, former detective sergeant
  10. BRANDON BISHOP, former deputy, current Archuleta County Coroner
  11. AUSHA BISHOP, wife of BRANDON BISHOP
  12. CHRISTOPHER STACEY, maintenance manager
  13. FLORA GOHEEN, Administrative assistant for Archuleta County
- During interviews with LEE ANN MARTIN and MICHELLE CLARK, both of whom are employed in the Archuleta County Finance Department under WALTON, reported to WALTON they saw military items for sale on online sale sites. Sometime in August 2018, MARTIN was browsing CRAIGSLIST and noticed a military tent listed for sale in Pagosa Springs. The seller was AUSHA BISHOP, wife of BRANDON BISHOP, at the time a deputy with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. MARTIN did not know if the

tent listed was a "1033 tent."

CLARK said she was told by RICH RICHMOND, former manager of the 1033 program for the sheriff's office that the sheriff's office had to maintain control of 1033 items for two years but after two years they could dispose of the items. CLARK said she saw (early 2016 according to WALTON's memo) a yard sale add on Facebook where BRANDON BISHOP was selling a military backpack. She did not consider it a theft issue at that time (2016) because she was aware backpacks had been issued to deputies and they had a two year expiration period.

Both BRANDON BISHOP and his wife AUSHA were interviewed. Both admitted to selling the tent and backpack. BISHOP explained that RICH RICHMOND, who administered the sheriff's 1033 Program at the time, told all of the deputies that certain 1033 items had to be kept on inventory for two years. After two years the issued items were their personal property. BISHOP's explanation is consistent with the information provided by other deputies that were interviewed, including Sheriff VALDEZ and former Undersheriff TONYA HAMILTON. HAMILTON said the 1033 Program was administered in accordance with the rules provided by the CDPS Compliance Unit.

### The 1033 Program:

The 1033 Program (formerly the 1208 Program) permits the Secretary of Defense to transfer, without charge, excess U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) personal property (supplies and equipment) to state and local law enforcement agencies (LEAs).

The 1033 Program has allowed law enforcement agencies to acquire vehicles (land, air and sea), weapons, computer equipment, fingerprint equipment, night vision equipment, radios, televisions, first aid equipment, tents, sleeping bags, photographic equipment and more.

In Colorado, the 1033 Program is administered by the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

### County Elected Officials:

Other than the County Commissioners, the other constitutional officers elected to a four-year term are the Sheriff, Assessor, Clerk & Recorder, Treasurer, Coroner and Surveyor.

Constitutionally and statutorily, these elected offices are independent from one another and independent from the County Commissioners. Their powers and duties are prescribed by state statute.

The County Commissioners have no direct authority over the other elected officials in the county, except that commissioners approve budgets for all other elected officials' departments.

### Media Release:

On Thursday, February 14, 2019, the Pagosa Springs Sun published an article, "CBI investigating \$2.6 million in unreported county property." The article stated, "According to county staff and elected officials, \$2.6 million in county property was unaccounted for as of Friday, February 8, 2019. The county staff also explained that the county's 2017 audit has never been completed due to the unaccounted-for property".

A separate article was published by the Sun, "Unaccounted-for property holds up jail financing". The article said Archuleta County is working to obtain a credit rating to close on financing terms for a new jail, but an investigation into \$2.6 million in missing county assets has delayed release of the 2017 audit and has complicated the process.

News articles related to CBI's investigation are attached to this report.

### Analysis of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office 1033 Program:

As explained under the 1033

Program heading, the DoD supplies law enforcement agencies across the nation with a variety of military equipment and supplies.

According to records obtained from the CDPS Compliance Unit, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office has been participating in the 1033 Program since 2006. Sheriff PETE GONZALEZ was the Archuleta County Sheriff in 2006 until October of 2014. Sheriff RICHARD VALDEZ was appointed sheriff in October 2014, and remains the current elected sheriff.

The equipment prices on the 1033 Program list are inflated prices, however, those are the values used by WALTON in assessing the \$2.2, \$2.6 and \$2.8 million reportedly missing from the "county coffers" or "unaccounted for."

The following figures were calculated from documents CBI received directly from CDPS.

1033 Closed Property (off inventory) (Date range 10/2006-7/2016) Total: \$2,225,514.00  
1033 Property Book (on inventory) (Date range 11/2013-2/2017) Total: \$595,095.00  
Grand Total: \$2,820,610.00

1033 Closed Property (GONZALEZ- 2006-2015: 532 entries) Total: \$1,362,113.00 (VALDEZ- 2014-to present: 300 entries) Total: \$863,400.00

1033 Property Book (GONZALEZ- 2006-2014: 7 entries) Total: \$11,424.00

(VALDEZ- 2014-present: 81 entries) Total: \$583,671.00

GONZALEZ (Closed Property + Property Book) Total: \$1,373,538.00  
VALDEZ (Closed Property + Property Book) Total: \$1,447,072.00  
Grand Total: \$2,820,610.00

### Conclusion

TODD STARR told DA CHAMPAGNE, he had information leading him to believe Sheriff VALDEZ had been misappropriating county funds and using the funds for personal expenditures and used the sheriff's purchase of a new home as an example. When CBI interview STARR, he quickly directed Agents to LARRY WALTON, the finance director for Archuleta County. When questioned about his "belief" 1033 items had been stolen, STARR said it was the "sheer volume" of items received from the 1033 Program and "the items would have to be somewhere". STARR said, "We (referring to himself and the BOCC) believe they have probable cause to believe that county property has been misappropriated. The reason we believe that is because there is such a high volume of property that, and maybe it goes down to this, we, the BOCC and administration believe that county property is to be stored and maintained at the county and that if you take public property to your residence or you are using it for personal use which, as the sheriff seems to have committed at that last meeting, that that's a crime."

STARR's statements and belief are very similar to those of WALTON. WALTON believes, as well as some of his staff that all items have to be reported to him and that all items have to be at or stored at a specific location on county property and failure to do so constitutes fraud. WALTON believes the sheriff lied to him and that lying to him constitutes fraud.

WALTON said the 2017 audit could not be completed because of the 1033 issues. However, the sheriff's office has participated in the 1033 program since 2006 and the county has been able to complete the audits from 2006 through 2016.

Following STARR's reporting to Agent BROWN in 2014, the 1033 issue wasn't raised again until 2017, when WALTON became aware the sheriff's office was participating in the 1033 Program and the sheriff's office/jail became an issue. In 2017-2018 the DoD Office of Inspector General conducted a review or an investigation and did not find any issues with the sheriff's

1033 Program. In January 2019 the CDPS Compliance Unit conducted an audit and found the sheriff was compliant. During CBI's investigation, I visually inspected several sites with Sheriff VALDEZ where 1033 items were stored.

No one interviewed during this investigation provided any information that Sheriff VALDEZ or any sheriff's employee had stolen 1033 items.

As shown in the analysis of Sheriff VALDEZ' 1033 Program, approximately half of the items being questioned by STARR and WALTON were obtained under Sheriff GONZALEZ' administration.

The issue in the case is not theft, the issue is control. There is a failure, either by purpose or otherwise, to understand the constitutional and statutory authority of the elected sheriff. Sheriff VALDEZ does not work for the BOCC, the county attorney, or for Finance Director WALTON.

The 1033 Program is an agreement between the sheriff, CDPS, and DoD for equipment and items to be used by law enforcement. It is the sheriff's prerogative how he runs the program as long as it is consistent with DoD and CDPS rules and guidelines.

Archuleta County has not lost \$2.2-\$2.8 million, it has gained \$2.2-\$2.8 million. Not only has the sheriff's office benefited from the 1033 Program, Archuleta County, Pagosa Springs Fire Department, EMS, Emergency Management, and other agencies have greatly benefited as a result of the sheriff's office participation in the 1033 Program.

STARR's statement to District Attorney CHAMPAGNE is a gross misrepresentation of a non-issue and the creation of a false narrative that created a criminal investigation in an attempt to resolve an internal governmental issue.

### ATTACHMENTS:

1. TODD STARR Colorado DL photo
2. LARRY WALTON Colorado DL photo
3. STEVEN WADLEY Colorado DL photo
4. MICHAEL WHITING Colorado DL photo
5. ALVIN SCHAAF Colorado DL photo
6. RICHARD VALDEZ Colorado DL photo
7. RICHARD RICHMOND Colorado DL photo
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22. Request to the ACSO regarding 1033 Program material
23. Staging area for large items that can be stored outside
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# Education

## Students participate in water summit

By Keith Bruno  
Special to The SUN

On April 25, sixth-graders in Kristin Hentschel's science classes participated in a water summit.

What is a water summit, one might ask? In this case, the idea was an instructional inventory of the students' perceptions about our beloved San Juan River, prompting questions about how this watershed is and should be managed, and brainstorming strategies for water security moving forward.

Sponsoring the day-long water summit was a powerful collaboration between the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP), Audubon Rockies and the San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership (SJWEP).

The students began these sessions by viewing films highlighted at this year's Colorado Environmental Film Festival (CEFF) Caravan series, an annual educational fundraiser in Pagosa Springs for the GGP. Three GGP board members facilitated the educational activities. Keith Bruno of Audubon Rockies introduced two short films, "Our Lives Our River" and "Streamflow on the Crystal," which takes a look at last year's (2018) drought through the lens of middle school students and successfully demonstrate that we all have a voice when it comes to water allocation.

Next, the students did a question-and-answer session with Al Pfister of the SJWEP, reviewing the rules and legislation of "water law" and how the recently signed drought contingency plan will impact our regional watershed in years to come. After all,



Al Pfister engages sixth-graders in understanding the connection between our San Juan River watershed and the water ecology of the southwestern United States.

the greater Colorado River complex provides water to a population of approximately 40 million people downstream from Pagosa Springs.

Finally, Sally High asked the students to bring their ideas and water-related vocabulary together to build an acrostic poem with the mentorship of high school Youth Rise students. Upon completion, the students compiled an astounding web of words that represent just how integral water is in the everyday life of wildlife, humans and the landscape that supports us all.

Stay tuned, as the GGP, Youth Rise and Audubon Rockies are planning more fun and educational collaborations along the San Juan River before the end of the school year.



Sixth-grade science students at Pagosa Springs Middle School show off their artwork and acrostic poem of watershed words, created with Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership environmental educators. Pictured are James Jolley, Sami Goudie, David Tsosie and Layla Novak.

## Charter school students learn about money, raise funds

By Emily Murphy  
Special to The SUN

It started and ended with money. What is it, how do we use it, why do we have it and how can we get it?

The second- and third-grade students in Ms. Robyn's class began setting up shop — literally. Desks were pushed into corners and signs announced merchandise and pricing. Pencils, erasers, school newsletters and paper airplanes for sale littered surfaces around the classroom and the school lobby.

Every free minute was spent building better stores and more stores.

This was an anomaly that was not only pervasive, but also perfectly appropriate. According to the Common Core standards, second-graders

**What would they sell? What were they good at making? How much would they sell things for and where would the money go?**

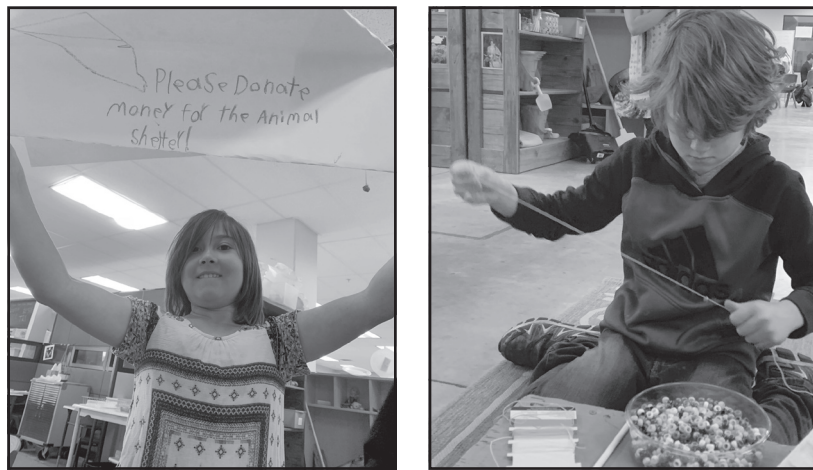
for and where would the money go? Unprompted, the class definitively choose to raise money through their store for a charity. Which one? The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs.

"We love animals," Ailani said. The students agreed that any funds raised would go toward buying needed items for the Humane Society and that they would be the ones to deliver the merchandise.

For the next week, students worked in groups and at home on creations and signs for the store. "Save the animals!" the posters pleaded. Bracelets, clay figurines, pillows, paper ornaments and toys began filling the shelves — waiting patiently for their time to bring in money for the students during the ideal moment: PPOS's student showcase.

On April 25, students from all grades shared their learning and hard work through songs, plays, slideshows and demonstrations. Throughout the hour-long parent mingle, Robyn's class manned the store and collected cash.

With \$120 in their pockets and an hour of experience making change for dollar bills, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies, these 7- and 8-year-olds excitedly plan the next step: spending their profits and delivering needed goods to the local Humane Society.



Photos courtesy Emily Murphy

Charter school students set up shop in order to learn problem-solving skills involving dollar bills, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies. The students sold merchandise and raised \$120 for Pagosa Springs Humane Society as part of the lesson, which taught them about running a business, too.



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Pagosa Springs Elementary School students read 28,000 more minutes this year. The school saw 30 students from kindergarten through fourth grade earn the distinction of being a top reader in their respective grades.

## Elementary students achieve big in Read-A-Thon

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Not only does care reign at Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES), but excellent reading does as well, as the school saw 30 students from kindergarten through fourth grade earn the distinction of being a top reader in their respective grades.

As part of its Read-A-Thon event, PSES saw its students read a collective total of 28,207 minutes.

Noah Bellina earned top honors out of all PSES readers, and for his work won a free hot air balloon ride.

Oliver Samu took second place out of all PSES readers and earned a year pass to Rocky Mountain Wildlife Park.

All students who participated earned medals.

PSES Principal Justin Cowan explained in an email that he was really proud of all PSES students who participated in the Read-A-Thon.

According to Cowan, PSES read

28,000 more minutes this year with the focus centered on the Read-A-Thon.

"That's a lot of reading and is one more step to continued learning excellence in the schools and at home," Cowan wrote.

For this amount of reading to get done, Cowan explained that it was a partnership split between parents, students and the Partners in Education (PIE) committee.

Archuleta School District Superintendent Linda Reed praised the PSES staff on doing an excellent job in supporting students to become better readers and writers.

Those skills are, as Reed explained, important to acquire at the elementary level as they set the foundation for future learning.

"That's why we think the Readathon that the PIE group sponsors is such a great event for our students," she wrote in an email.

The following is a list of students, by grade, who placed first through sixth in this year's Read-



Photo courtesy Aubrie Limebrook

Noah Bellina earned top honors out of all Pagosa Springs Elementary School Read-A-Thon readers, and for his work won a free hot air balloon ride. Oliver Samu took second place and earned a year pass to Rocky Mountain Wildlife Park.

A-Thon.

### Kindergarten

Weston Chatagnier, Jaxon Sher-

man, Josie Hirshberg, Cash Carter, Jeb Ketchum and Kady Zander.

### First grade

Rylee Chatagnier, Chloe Crabb, Cooper Laner, Brooke Hinger, Camellia Bellina and Wells Whiting.

### Second grade

Kylie Coleman, Bruce Kubelka, Derek Johnson, Brielle Hinger, Remington Mitchell and Hans Gardner.

### Third grade

Bella Jackson, River Wilson, Lorelei Ambrason, Ellie Vining, Liam Sherman and Carrington Smith.

### Fourth grade

Gwendolyn Tyler, Emma Jackson, Bella Adkisson, Wyatt Carr, Mattison Vigil and Kelly Kubelka.  
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Photo courtesy Bob Howard

Members of the local Pi Beta Phi alumnae club celebrated the sorority's 2019 Day of Service by volunteering April 29 on the first day of the two-week Pagosa Springs Elementary School Dino-Mite Book Fair, which closes May 10. This event on a dinosaur theme was planned for the end of the school year to encourage summer reading. The community, families and teachers are invited to attend the book fair, which is aimed at fundraising for the school's literacy efforts and getting books into the hands of more youngsters. Shown here with the dinosaur mascot are front row, left to right, first-graders Carlie Bridges, Cort McKinley, Brook Hinger and Asher Smith; second row, Pi Phi's Lisa Scott, Carolyn Edlund, Penny Hart, Carole Howard, Melissa McDonald, Marilyn Chipps and Constance Clark. Every year, Pi Beta Phi's 300 alumnae clubs worldwide and 204 collegiate chapters across the U.S. and Canada participate in literacy initiatives in their communities.

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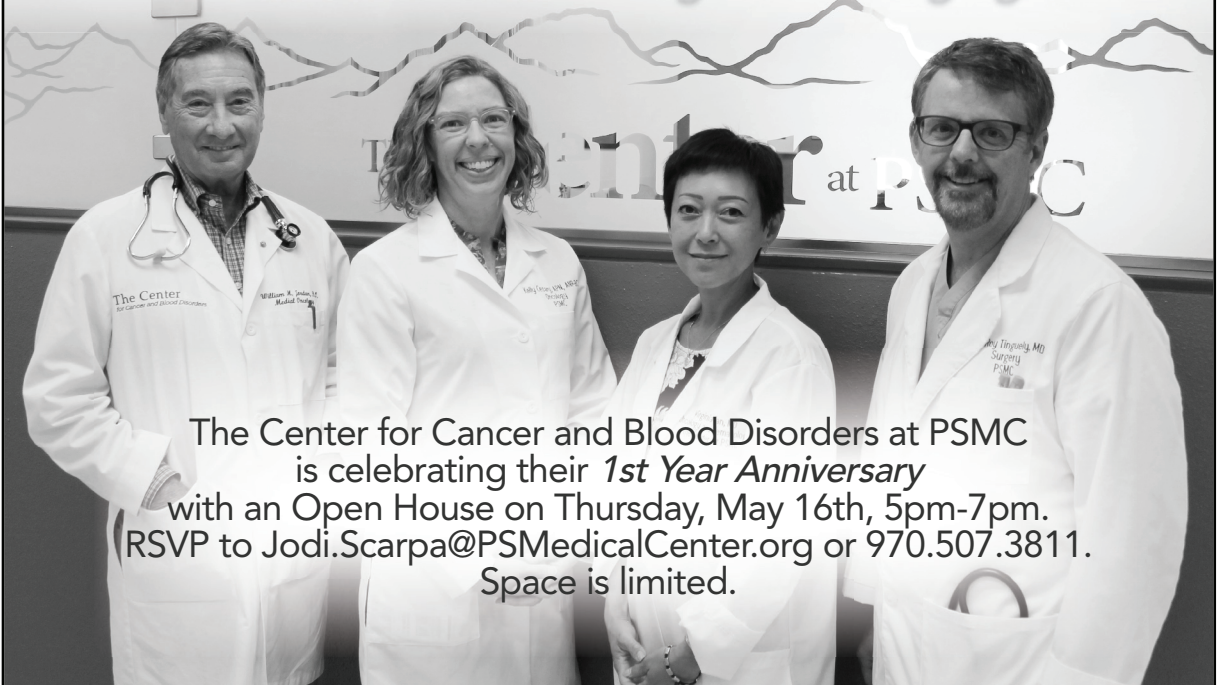
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# Sports

## BASEBALL

### Pirates sink Panthers in doubleheader

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team righted the ship Saturday with a sweep of the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, earning the team its first two league victories of the season.

With a pair of wins over the Panthers Saturday, the Pirates now own a 7-11 record and are 2-4 in Intermountain League (IML) play.

Too, the team is now ranked 27th in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI), which helps determine post-season seeding.

"I think they definitely felt really great. They knew that they had played well and they ended with a really high note and some great excitement, and definitely excited to go forward this week," coach Mike Remlinger said.

The Pirates' offense in the game kicked off in earnest in the bottom of the second with a two-out ground-rule double by Wyatt Schuchart, who would score the team's first run on a two-run single by Eric Huddleston. By the end of the inning, Pagosa held a 3-0 lead.

The Panthers countered and made it 3-1 in the top of the third.

Pagosa scored another two in the bottom of the fifth when two runs scored and Alesandro Cardenas reached on an error.

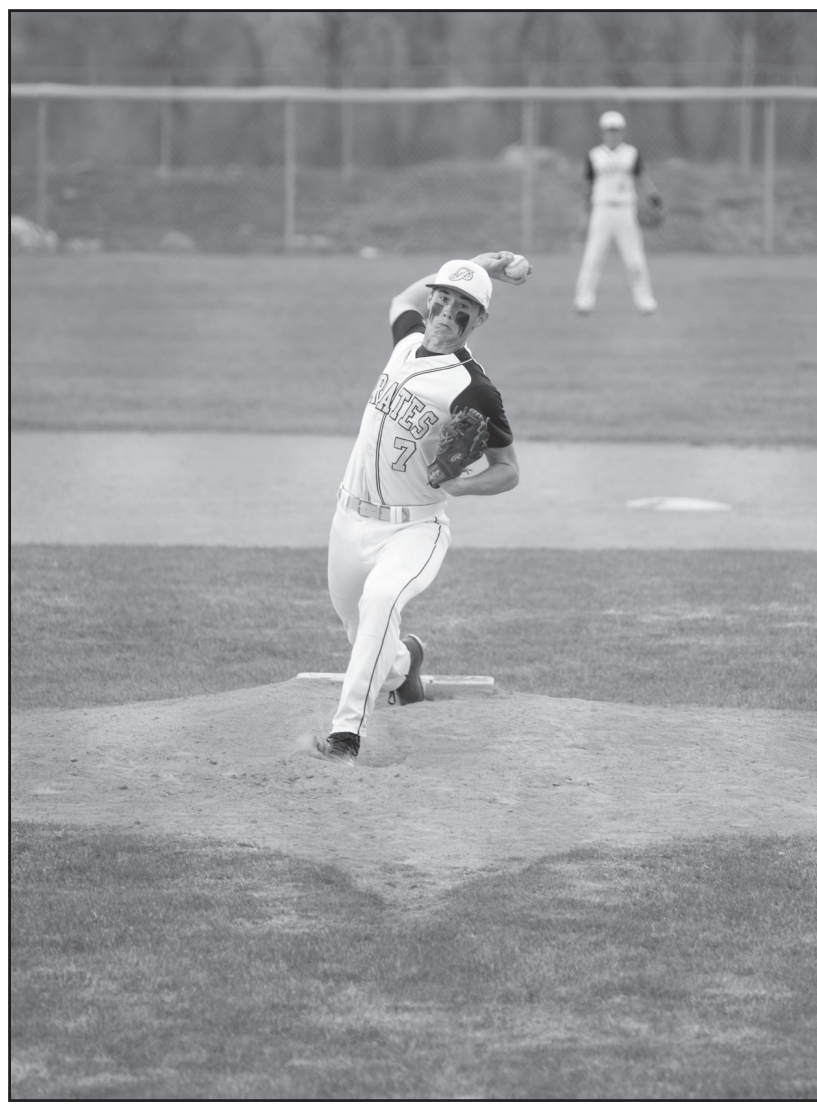
Cortez pulled within contention with a three-run seventh, but Pirate Paden Bailey was able to pitch a complete-game, 5-4 win.

Scoring runs with two outs "is definitely a positive," Remlinger noted.

"Really good teams score runs with two outs and they also play really well at the end of the game. They're never out of a game. And that's what we're startin' to do," he said, adding, "I'm very happy with where we are right now."

In the win, Bailey allowed four runs (two earned) on seven hits and a walk while striking out 14. Out of 110 pitches thrown, 79 were strikes.

"He and Eric both have been just outstanding and getting better each



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Paden Bailey throws to the mound during his complete-game victory over the Montezuma-Cortez Pirates. Bailey threw 14 strikeouts in the game.

week," Remlinger said, referring to Huddleston's pitching in the second game of the day. "And, I think that's one thing that if we keep doing well and get into the state tournament ... somethin' that really gives us reason to be hopeful is that we have two very solid starting pitchers. And that gives us a chance to win two games in one day."

Huddleston led the Pirates in the first game with three hits, two RBIs and a run scored in the game, while three Pirates each had one hit: Bailey, Ryan Lewis and Schuchart.

Those scoring the other runs for

the Pirates were Tyler Bowdridge, Bailey, Zach Haines and Schuchart.

The Pirates drew six walks in the game, and Bowdridge, Schuchart and Will Villalobos each stole a base.

Both teams committed two errors in the game.

After a break, the teams were back for another game, and the Panthers were quick to get on the scoreboard, scoring a run in the top of the first.

The Pirates took the lead in the fourth on a run-scoring single by Taylor Cotts and an RBI single by Jace Kraft.

The Pirates brought around an insurance run in the fifth, with Huddleston logging the RBI.

The Pirates ultimately won 3-1. Huddleston also pitched a complete game for the Pirates, allowing one run on six hits and five walks while striking out nine. Out of 111 pitches thrown, 72 were strikes.

Bailey led the Pirates at the plate in the game with two hits and a run scored, while six other Pirates logged hits: Bowdridge, Huddleston, Haines, Lewis, Cotts and Kraft.

In addition to Bailey, Haines and Cardenas scored runs for the Pirates.

Villalobos was the lone Pirate to draw a walk in the affair.

Bailey, Cardenas and Haines each stole a base.

"I saw us really capitalizing on some small, little things that to me are signs of a good baseball team," the coach said, explaining that one of the balls Pagosa advanced on was a "quality read" by Schuchart.

He added that some of the runs scored wouldn't have been scored without playing heads-up baseball.

Remlinger noted he's also pleased with the defensive play of the outfielders, noting that the team's players are starting to understand they can impact the game even without a great day at the plate.

"I was super happy with our defense. ... I feel like we've put a lot of work into that and it's definitely paying off," he said.

Remlinger highlighted one stat from Saturday: that seven of the 11 kids who batted on Saturday had hits.

"To me, that's a really good stat," he said.

#### On deck

This weekend, Pagosa will host another doubleheader, this time with the Monte Vista Pirates coming to town.

The games are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Pagosa's baseball field near Pagosa Springs High School.

Monte Vista owns the same record as Pagosa, with a 2-4 IML mark and 7-11 overall record.

Monte Vista sits 41st in the RPI standings.

Monte Vista and Pagosa sit behind Alamosa and Bayfield in the league standings, with both Alamosa and Bayfield holding perfect 6-0 IML records.

Remlinger noted that Monte Vista is definitely a team that should not be overlooked.

In preparation for the doubleheader, Remlinger indicated the team is working on a lot of the same fundamentals and patience at the plate it has been.

Kraft is a perfect example of someone who has put in a lot of work and knocked a quality hit in a big situation.

"As that additional work happens, then you start seeing everyone finding a way to contribute," Remlinger said.

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Wyatt Schuchart knocks a two-out ground-rule double during the team's 5-4 win over the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers Saturday. The Pirates were victorious in both games of the doubleheader.

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## TRACK

# Pirates to host Terry Alley Invitational Saturday

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School track and field teams notched third- (boys) and fourth-place (girls) finishes at the High Altitude Challenge in Alamosa on April 27.

"It was our league championship, so if you got first place in our league, you were all conference," coach Connie O'Donnell said of the event.

Michael Wedemeyer continued his dominance in the triple jump, earning first place in the event with a jump of 42 feet, 3 inches, gaining 10 points for the team.

Wedemeyer is currently ranked third in the 3A division in Colorado in the triple jump.

Cade Cowan launched to a first-place finish in the long jump, netting a 20-6 1/2 jump to gain 10 points for Pagosa.

Paul Farrah, who earned first place in the high jump after clearing a 6-3 bar, completed the team's

trifecta of first-place finishes in the jump events.

"The fact that we got first place in the high jump, long jump and triple jump and they're three different guys is kinda fun. We had the boys' jumps under control for sure," O'Donnell said.

Farrah set a personal record in the high jump, O'Donnell noted.

"It moved him up in the state rankings," she said.

The boys' relay team snatched a first place finish in the 4x400-meter race, but fell to 10th in the 4x100-meter relay and fifth in the 4x800-meter relay.

Evan Raymond took second in the discus, launching the disc 112-11 1/2, earning eight points for the team.

O'Donnell spoke highly of Raymond.

"He just keeps really improving," O'Donnell said. "We're looking into buying a different weighted disc for next year because he's really been

advancing so much. Hopefully he'll just keep on going."

Cam Hinger netted third place in the 110-meter hurdles, earning six points for the team, and O'Donnell noted Hinger is inching ever closer to qualifying for state.

"That's his best time he's gotten in 110 hurdles; it put him at 25th in the state," said O'Donnell, adding, "That would be really fun for him to be able to go [to state] as a sophomore."

The top 18 athletes from each event will advance to state.

The boys' team finished third with 90 points, behind the Alamosa Mean Moose (204) and just a squeak behind the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, who nabbed second with 92 points.

On the girls' side, Nell Taylor continued her jolt to the top of the pack in the 3,200-meter race, this time conquering first place with a 13 minute, 29.7 second finish, earning 10 points for the team.

The girls' relay team also contin-

ued its surging dominance over the last few weeks, again nabbing first place in the 4x400 in the face of some inclement weather.

"Both the boys and girls got first place in the 4x4. I made them run, the weather was horrible, a lot of teams were dropping out and I made them do it, cause I said, 'You guys are fine, you guys are tough,'" O'Donnell said.

She continued, "I think sometimes it's just important to bond in misery together."

Emma Heidelmeier was highlighted by the coach as being crucial to the success of the girls' relay team.

"It's hard to know where to put her because she is probably the key to every single relay," said O'Donnell.

Heidelmeier also placed fifth in the long jump, scoring four points, followed by Pirate River Pitcher in seventh, who gained two points for Pagosa.

The girls' relay team also took first in the 4x200, nabbed second in the 4x100 and garnered fourth in the 800-meter sprint medley.

The girls finished fourth with 66 points, behind a dominant Alamosa (180), Cortez (131) and Bayfield (74).

The Trackie of the Week, the teams' weekly leadership award, went to two athletes for the first time this year: Gabe Heraty and Ivory Carpenter.

Heraty received the award "because of his great performance in the 800 at the freshman sophomore meet" and because he works hard and has a positive attitude, according to O'Donnell.

Carpenter won because "we ask her to do these long distance events, sometimes two long events a day and she just does them without hesitation. When we ask her to run a race she does just does it," said O'Donnell.

The Pirates' next event is their only home meet of the season.

The Terry Alley Invitational takes place on Saturday, May 4, beginning at 9 a.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium.

Volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend and help run the event. Interested parties can contact the high school for more information.

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## SOCCER

# Lady Pirates soccer shutout by Telluride and Ridgway, look to make postseason push in final two games of the season

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

In two road games over the weekend, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team was shut out twice and outscored by a combined seven goals against the No. 8 2A Telluride Miners (9-4 overall) and the No. 12 2A Ridgway Demons (6-3-2 overall).

With the two losses, Pagosa's overall record now falls to 6-5-2 overall, with a 4-1-1 record in Intermountain League (IML) play.

Despite dropping two games, Pagosa remains in first place in the IML standings, sitting just ahead of Bayfield, while also being above Montezuma-Cortez and Alamosa.

This week, Pagosa is currently slotted at No. 33 in the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) standings for the 3A classification.

Last week, the Lady Pirates were No. 32 in the RPI standings.

RPI standings help determine postseason seeding, with the top 32 seeds qualifying for postseason play.

However, the winner of a league receives an automatic bid into the state tournament.

### Telluride

Pagosa's road trip woes began

on April 26 with a 5-0 loss against Telluride.

Initially, Pagosa found itself down by a manageable margin of 1-0 after the first period, but four straight Miner goals in the second half erased any notion of a comeback for the Lady Pirates.

The Miners were led by two goals from Samantha Morrell, as well as goals from Claudia Betz, Ayla Kanow and Niki Borland.

Lady Pirate goalie Trista Tully was able to make 19 saves against the Miners.

Pagosa finished with four shots on goal against Telluride.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason explained that the game was closer than the score would indicate, but in the second half a communication breakdown led to Telluride goals.

Kurt-Mason explained that Diana Scott was nominated as player of the game against Telluride.

This marks the first loss by Pagosa by five or more goals since a 9-0 loss at the hands of Manitou Springs on March 15.

### Ridgway

The Lady Pirates then fell 2-0 against the Ridgway Demons on April 27.

Much like the game against Telluride, Pagosa found itself down 1-0 at halftime, but could not make up enough ground in the second half, falling to Ridgway 2-0.

Shelby Sisler and Aynsleigh Wood notched a goal each for the Demons.

In net for Ridgway, Lydia Van Arsdell made six saves to complete the shutout.

Pagosa finished with eight shots on goal against Ridgway, while the Demons had nine.

Lady Pirate Morgan Thompson had a "solid game," according to Kurt-Mason.

Against Ridgway, Grace Thompson was chosen as the player of the game, according to Kurt-Mason.

"She was in on most of our scoring chances and was stellar," he said.

Even with the loss, the Lady Pirates left the Ridgway game feeling pretty good, Kurt-Mason explained.

"I'd like to play those guys again. I think things would be different," he said.

### Postseason push

With two games left in the season, Pagosa will look to close out strong to maintain its league lead and clinch a postseason berth for the first time since the 2017 season.

In order to have those postseason goals materialize, Pagosa will look to capture wins against IML foe the No. 39 Bayfield Wolverines (6-7 overall, 3-2 in league play) and the No. 7 2A Crested Butte Titans (9-2-1 overall, 8-1-1 in league play).

First up for Pagosa will be the finale in the season series against Bayfield tonight.

The Lady Pirates will travel to Bayfield, with varsity action set for 7 p.m. Pagosa defeated Bayfield at home by a score of 2-0 on April 9.

Bayfield is coming off of a 2-1 loss on April 30 to the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

Then, on Friday, Pagosa will host Crested Butte for Senior Night.

Varsity action against the Titans is set for 4 p.m.

Last season, Crested Butte took the lone matchup between the Lady Pirates and Titans, winning by a score of 3-0.



## Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

Michael Wedemeyer  
Track



**Favorite subject:** Senior speech and writing

**Comments from coach Connie O'Donnell:** "Michael is currently ranked 3rd in the state for 3A triple jump, 7th for long jump and in the top 18 as a member of the 4 x 200 meter relay and the 4 x 400 meter relay. Michael is the current school record holder in the triple jump and last week, broke the stadium record in the event at Bayfield. Michael made the decision to work out with the distance runners so that he could

build some endurance and try to qualify for state in the 4 x 800. He has really made progress this season with leadership. He has competed hard in 4 events for the last two weekends without a single complaint. That really helps to set a good example to our younger athletes on how to work hard. Michael loves the sport of track and field and spends time away from the track studying technique and strategy. He plans to pursue the sport in college."

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# Registration open for DUST2 season

By Janine Emmets  
Special to The SUN

DUST2 is excited for another great season with the youth cycling team. This summer, we will be offering the middle school summer day camp July 8-12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This camp is open to any child going into the fifth through eighth grade.

This week-long program will give your student the opportunity to learn new skills, gain confidence on their bike and be challenged to try new things. They will learn how to make good decisions on the trail and how to be a responsible trail user. We will also be doing trail work to give back to the trails that we use.

The middle/high school mountain bike team begins Aug. 1. It is open to any child going into fifth through 12th grade, with high school students having the option to race with the Colorado High School Cycling League. This year, the races are taking place in Na-



Photo courtesy Janine Emmets

DUST2 is excited for another great season with the youth cycling team. This summer, the middle school summer day camp will be offered to teach bike skills. Scholarships are available for participants.

throp, Leadville, Snowmass, Eagle and Durango.

The DUST2 coaches are excited to challenge students, increase

their confidence, teach responsibility out on the trail, give back to the trails with some trail work and have fun. There will also be some summer preseason rides that are open to any student considering joining the team.

Because of many generous local sponsors, DUST2 is able to offer scholarships to 30 percent of our participants. To register, apply for a scholarship or find out more information, go to our website, www.dustx2.com.

## CRIA Lecture Series continues with Linda Baker Thursday, May 9

By Nadia Werby  
Special to The SUN

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) is proud to host a special presentation on Thursday, May 9, by Linda Baker on "The Momentum of the Southern Ute Tribe in May 2016."

Baker will also discuss the relationship between the Southern Ute and Chimney Rock.

The lecture is free of charge and will begin at 7 p.m., following CRIA's social hour at 6 p.m. at The Springs Resort and Spa (EcoLuxe building) located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

Baker is the director of the Southern Ute Museum in Ignacio and she is also affiliated with the Center for Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College. She has engineered many

significant changes at the museum, including the establishment of rotating exhibits and has incorporated the museum into the tribe's traditions and practices. Baker is a tribal member and a graduate of Fort Lewis College with a B.A. in history. She has worked at several museums, including the Denver Museum.

The public is invited to join CRIA for its social hour preceding the lecture at 6 p.m. This is a great way to meet our amazing volunteer team and learn more about Chimney Rock and ways to get involved. Finger food will be available.

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, please visit our website at www.chimney-rockco.org.

## More Pagosa Ranger District roads open

By Brandon Caley  
Special to The SUN

The following roads are now open on the Pagosa Ranger District:

- Burns Canyon, No. 649 (above second gate).
- Lefthand Canyon, No. 024, just opened April 29.
- Snow Ranch, No. 628.

You can find information on travel management, road openings and closings, and Motor Vehicle Use Maps on the San Juan National Forest website. Conditions change quickly; check with the ranger district office in the area you plan to visit to get the most current information on road conditions and openings.

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Pirate athlete Connor Aragon, pictured with parents Matt and Stacia and Pagosa Springs High School Principal Sean O'Donnell, will not only be furthering his education at Fort Lewis College, but his football career, as well. Connor Aragon signed his National Letter of Intent on April 25 to become a Skyhawk.



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

Along with parents Melanie and Justin, Pagosa Springs High School senior athlete Cade Cowan signs his National Letter of Intent to play football and compete in track and field for the Cornell College Rams in Mount Vernon, Iowa, on April 25. Also pictured are Pirate assistant football coach Matt Aragon and track and field coach Connie O'Donnell.



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

Lady Pirate Devin Wilson will take the next step in her basketball career next fall, but this time it will be in Grizzlie green. Wilson, pictured with parents Rok and Amy, as well as with coaches Wes Lewis and Charles Rand, signed her National Letter of Intent to play basketball at Adams State University in Alamosa.

## Vets4Vets Memorial Golf Tournament set for May 25

By Ted Eckerson  
Special to The SUN

The Vets4Vets annual golf tournament will be held on May 25 at 9 a.m.

It is a four-man scramble format. The cost is \$85 per player and includes 18 holes of golf, cart fee, lunch and knowing that you have helped a vet in need.

The tournament is the largest fundraiser of the year for Vets4Vets and is supported by many local businesses and individuals. Last

year, Vets4Vets was able to provide over \$100,000 in funds to veterans in need in southwest Colorado. We also had over 5,000 hours of volunteer hours with not one dollar spent for salaries.

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Pagosa Springs Middle School eighth-grade students learn the value in public service as part of Jami Harm's Service Learning Class recently. The elective was created to show students how to make the world a better place while building leadership skills within each student. Students who take part in this class not only pick up trash around school or town once a week, but also work with peers with mental disabilities and will soon be assisting with the U.S. Forest Service on building and maintaining trails.

## Local home partially burns

By John Finerock  
Staff Writer

An Archuleta County residence partially burned on April 28 due to a fire located in between the chimney and drywall of the house.

Around 1 a.m. on April 28, Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) crews responded to a structure fire in progress at a home on Meadows Drive.

PFPD crews were paged at 1:16 a.m. and were on the scene at 1:24 a.m.

"When they arrived on scene, some flames started coming out in between the chimney and the drywall inside the house," said Karn

Macht, PFPD deputy fire chief, in a phone interview Tuesday.

Asked if drywall can ignite, Macht replied, "It's not supposed to, but eventually it will get hot enough to burn."

Macht added, "But most of the time it's the smoke that starts to ignite."

Smoke is essentially unburnt particulate matter, Macht explained, and once the smoke gets to a certain temperature it will start to reburn on itself.

Once on scene, crews pulled a fire hose, entered the house and were able to extinguish the flames.

Macht credited the homeowners call to 911 as soon as they noticed

the smoke and quick response from fire crews as reasons the fire didn't burn down the entire house.

"[Crews were] able to knock [the fire] down before it became small problem. 'Cause if it had not been noticed, it probably would have taken the entire structure," he said

Macht said that the chimney "would be out service for a while" and that when the fire was "looking for extension" it caused a lot of damage inside the house.

Macht urged local residents to check their smoke detectors and replace batteries as a precaution, which may have saved this home from burning down.

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## Man with ties to Pagosa Springs released from jail by mistake in New Mexico

By John Finerock  
Staff Writer

Lon Peterson, 37, who was released from custody by mistake in San Juan County, N.M., on March 27, is wanted on escape charges and is considered dangerous.

Peterson has ties to Pagosa Springs, according to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office.

Peterson was serving an 11-year sentence at Crowley County Correctional Facility in Colorado for second-degree burglary, vehicular eluding and theft, and was transported to San Juan County, N.M., to appear in court on other charges, according to a wanted poster released by the Colorado Department of Corrections (CDC) Emergency Operations Center.

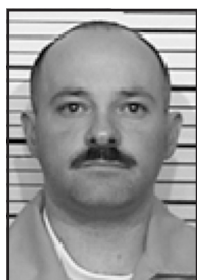
He was released due to clerk error on March 27, according to the San Juan County Sheriff's Office.

"He was brought down [to New Mexico] for his court cases here

of residential burglary, larceny and criminal damage to property. His case was adjudicated; he got a guilty conviction of residential burglary. The other charges were dismissed by the prosecutor. So, he was sentenced on the 26th then accidentally released on a clerk error, from our understanding, from the San Juan County Adult Detention Center on the 27th," said Jayme Harrow, spokesperson for the San Juan County Sheriff's Office.

The wanted poster notes that Peterson is a white male, 5-foot-10, with brown hair and brown eyes, and weighs about 185 pounds.

Peterson has a skull and flames tattoo on his right arm, and flames



Lon Peterson

with tribal imagery on his left arm, according to the poster.

Peterson is wanted on an escape charge in Colorado, according to CDC spokesperson Adrienne Jacobsen, and also has a warrant for failure to appear in court in New Mexico, according to Harrow.

The wanted poster explicitly states, "do not attempt to apprehend," but citizens can call the CDC Emergency Operations Center at (719) 226-4001 if "you have an immediate sighting of this fugitive."

Other phone numbers citizens can call if they sight Peterson, according to the poster, are:

- The CDC Fugitive Tip Line (866) 873-6305.
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As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, community members of all ages gather with representatives from Rise Above Violence at the bell tower downtown to take part in the Denim Day Walk on April 24.

### SAN JUAN BASIN AREA AGENCY ON AGING NEWS

## Pine Ridge update and residents

By Kay Kaylor  
Special to The SUN

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.

Pine Ridge recently hired Kodee Buck as the social services director. Buck spent four years as a social worker in the Intensive Care Unit of the Medical Center of Aurora before serving eight years as a social worker in the Park County Adult Protective Services (APS). Most recently, she worked for the Archuleta County APS for six months. Legally, a nursing home must provide medically related social services to "attain or maintain the highest practicable

physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each resident."

So far, two Pine Ridge residents have shared some of their past in honor of Older Americans Month (May). These stories show that residents had a lively past that visitors might want to learn.

Both named Lois, one resident was a jet engine mechanic at an air force base in Oklahoma. For five years, she also made fur coats. Currently crocheting all day and even taking orders, she is a former owner of sewing and upholstery businesses with her husband and son.

The other Lois was a telephone operator near Wray, Colo., in Haigler, Neb., a small town of less than 200 now. The area also borders Kansas and Lois was born in Yuma County, Colo. Her husband was a rural mail carrier in all three states and her dad was a sheriff. After

visiting her Pagosa Springs son in summers, she moved here, noting, "I've always liked the mountains."

For further information, please call me at 403-2164 or send an email to ombudsman2@sjbaaa.org.



## Earth Day

SUN photos/Chris Mannara

For Earth Day 2019, Pagosa Springs community members were treated to various educational booths, a free barbecue and music from the Tyler Brandon Band courtesy of the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association.



## Town residents encouraged to participate in Clean-Up Week

Special to The SUN

Town residents are encouraged to participate in the annual town cleanup May 13-18.

"Over the past two decades, the pride in our community has increased dramatically," wrote Mayor Don Volger in a press release. "Improvements in the physical infrastructure and cleaner neighborhoods have been occurring every year. This year I would like to personally urge you to participate in Clean-Up Week 2019."

There have been the following changes to this year's Clean-Up Week process:

- The town will not be picking up refuse items from curbs.
- Residents must take their refuse to the Town Streets Department shop located at 703 S. 5th St. to dump their items into the provided dumpsters.
- Refuse must be covered during

transit to the dumpsters.

Dumpsters will be located at 703 S. 5th St. within the streets department fence. The site will be open for dumping from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday (May 13-18). Since you must be a town resident to participate, identification is required.

If a resident is unable to take items to the shop because of a hardship, please call Town Hall at 264-4151, ext. 251 to coordinate assistance. Town staff will validate all hardships and will coordinate town crew assistance while the resident is present during pickup.

The town will not accept household trash, hazardous materials, engines, batteries, tires, appliances with freon or building/construction materials.

Removal of junk vehicles can be coordinated by calling Martin Schmidt at Town Hall at 264-4151,

ext 251. You may call and request the removal of your junk vehicles; however, the town cannot guarantee that all removals can be completed for various circumstances. Proof of vehicle ownership or release is required.

"The Town will issue notice and a Municipal Court summons to property owners who are in violation of Municipal Code 11.1.3 Public Nuisance after clean up week, so please partake in Clean-Up Week 2019 and take your items to the Town shop," wrote Volger. "The Town cleanup is available to Town residential properties only. Your help during Clean-Up Week 2019 is essential to making Pagosa Springs a beautiful and healthy community for all of us to live within and enjoy. Thank you."

Cemetery cleanup week will be May 20-24. No dumpsters will be provided at the cemetery.

## EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

# Building and maintaining a healthy soil

By Robin Young  
SUN Columnist

If your soil isn't healthy, your plants won't be, either. Soil health can be defined as its continued capacity to sustain plants, animals and humans. A healthy soil supplies plants with nutrients and water needed for growth and reproduction. Plants also need oxygen from the soil for root function.

A healthy soil is a living, breathing ecosystem. Billions of microorganisms can be found in one cup of healthy soil, and their job is to keep the ecosystem running smoothly. Management choices that provide a healthy habitat for both soil microorganisms and roots will promote a thriving plant community and garden.

How can we build and maintain soil health?

**Deal with soil compaction:** Soil needs pore space to facilitate air and water movement into and through the soil. Compaction decreases porosity in the soil — slowing water drainage and restricting oxygen for roots.

**Irrigate properly:** Roots and beneficial microorganisms need water and oxygen, so keep the primary root zone well hydrated and well aerated. The texture of a soil (proportions of sand, silt and clay) determines how to best irrigate it.

**Reduce chemical disturbances to the soil:** Don't use pesticides unnecessarily and don't overdo fertilizers or organic amendments. Excess nutrients can be a source of environmental pollution, cause an imbalance of nutrient ratios in the soil and add unnecessary salts.

See CSU Extension GardenNotes and Fact Sheets (cmg.colostate.edu) for information on dealing with soil compaction, irrigation management, and the proper use of fertilizers and organic amendments.

**Seed potato orders**  
Certified seed potatoes are still available, but only if you order by tomorrow. Call the office at 264-5931 to find out what varieties are left for purchase. They are \$1 per pound.

## Upcoming events

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, 264-5931.

Aug. 1-4: Archuleta County Fair. Do you quilt or sew, can vegetables or fruit, grow hay crops, veggies or flowers? Maybe you do leather or wood work? Possibly brew beer or make wine? Or maybe you have a hidden crafting talent that you would like share with us? If so, then you can enter the Archuleta County Fair Open Classes. Go to [www.archuletacountyfair.com/exhibitors](http://www.archuletacountyfair.com/exhibitors) to find out how to enter. It's homegrown and county pride.



Photo courtesy Robin Young

**Terry Schaaf was honored as the Kellie Clark Outstanding Administrative Assistant by Colorado State University Extension Western Regional Director CJ Mucklow last week in Ouray. Schaaf was nominated by her supervisor, Robin Young, for the exceptional work she does for CSU Extension. Schaaf has worked in the Archuleta County Extension office for nine years, and in that time, she has held the office together through good times and hard times, including the death of an agent. She is a wonderful asset to the office and the community.**

**CPR and first aid classes**  
CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the CSU Extension office on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

We will also attempt to schedule classes on additional dates with five or more registrations. Cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. The type of first aid information provided will vary by the needs of the audience.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Terry Schaaf on her outstanding administrative assistant award.

## LIBRARY NEWS

# Fun facts about reading habits around the world

By Carole Howard  
SUN Columnist, and the library staff

In what countries do people read the most? What about the reading habits of Americans? And what are the most popular books around the world?

Brendan Brown is an independent consultant for libraries and the founder of a leading online editing and proofreading company. He has studied reading habits around the world and his findings for 2018 are interesting.

People from India spend more hours reading per person per week (10 hours, 42 minutes) than any other country. Next is Thailand (9:24), China (8) and the Philippines (7:36). The U.S. figure is 5:42, 22nd on the list. European countries that read the most are Estonia, Finland, Poland and Hungary. France ranks last.

In the U.S., 77 percent of us shopped for books in 2018. Some 74 percent of Americans read a book in any format in the past year. Only 37 percent of those with a high school degree did so.

The three most-read books in the world of all time are "The Holy Bible," "Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung" and the Harry Potter series. Favorite popular books cross borders and span oceans. "Becoming" by Michelle Obama was the most popular book in 2018 in France, Spain, Denmark, Norway, Finland and Greece. In fact, American politics seems to be a favored topic. "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House" by Michael Wolff was the most popular print book worldwide in 2018. In Australia, the Harry Potter books were the most popular at libraries.

## ESL classes start this week

We are now holding free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes twice weekly year-round at your library. Classes will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. with two highly experienced teachers.

Joyce Holdread will teach the intermediate/advanced group and Ellynn Ragone will teach beginners. No registration is required. Similar to other library programs, we are not able to provide child care as a separate component.

Comenzando el 1 de mayo, la biblioteca ofrecerá clases de inglés como segundo idioma (ESL). Las clases se llevan a cabo los miércoles y viernes desde el mediodía hasta las 2 p.m. Todas las clases son gratuitas y no es necesario registrarse. Por favor ayúdanos a correr la voz sobre el regreso de las clases de inglés como segundo idioma en nuestra comunidad de Pagosa.

Please help us spread the word about the return of ESL classes to our Pagosa community.

## Lifelong Learning lectures

The fourth lecture in the free spring Lifelong Learning series on Thursdays takes place May 9, when Dr. Andrew Gulliford will discuss "The Woolly West: Colorado's Hidden History of Sheepscapes."

May 16 is "Financial Fraud Awareness" with Elsa White and Samantha Armitstead from the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office. There will be no presentation May 23. May 30 is "Chasing Denali," when author and adventurer Jon Waterman shares his observations from 40 years of mountaineering on North America's highest mountain.

Pick up a brochure at your library with more details on all these very interesting talks.

## Spanish conversation

Please note that there will be no Spanish classes in May. They will resume in June.

## Teen advisory board today

Today, Thursday, May 2, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book.

## All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, May 3, from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session where you can enjoy video gaming on Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family. Starting this month, please note permanent change of time to 2:30 from 2 p.m. because of ESL classes at 2 p.m.

## Paws to Read Saturday

Saturday, May 4, from 11 a.m. to noon, youngsters from kindergarten through the fifth grade are invited to share their favorite books with Hon-do, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories, at a free Paws to Read session. This is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence.

## Tween gaming

Free gaming for those in the fourth through eighth grades is Monday, May 6, from 4 to 5 p.m. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

## 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, May 8, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your

imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

## Computer classes

Today, May 2, is Gmail Basics, and it will be the only class in May. The regular program of free sessions from 1 to 2 p.m. on alternating Thursdays to learn a useful technology skill or application resumes in mid-June. No registration is required.

## 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 from Thursday, May 2, through Thursday, May 9, or on May 21.

## DVDs: More Academy Award films

"The Wife" garnered Glenn Close a best actress nomination in the Academy Awards and she won in the AARP Best Movies for Grownups awards. "Mirai" was a nominee for best animated film at the Academy Awards and Golden Globes.

## Other DVDs

"Aquaman" is an action story. "The Circus" is the American Experience four-hour mini-series. "The Brontës of Haworth" is part of the Dramatic Lives of the Literary Legends series. "Live. Die. Repeat." is a thriller involving a time loop. "Justice League" pairs Batman and Wonder Woman with Aquaman, The Flash and Cyborg. "Columbo" is the complete first season. "On the Basis of Sex" is the story of the early career of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. "Winter" is the complete series.

## CDs

"Upon a Burning Throne" is book one of the Burnt Empire saga. "The Pattern on the Stone" by computer wizard W. Daniel Hillis uses lucid explanations and colorful anecdotes to explain how computers work. "Great Jobs for Everyone 50+" by Kerry Hannon shows where the opportunities are for people in their 40s, 50s and beyond, and how to get them. "The Last Three Minutes" by Paul Davis about the ultimate fate of the universe is part of the Science Masters series.

## How-to and self-help

"The Bartering Mindset" by Brian C. Gunia shows you how to use a nonmonetary mindset to negotiate more successfully. "The Second Mountain" by David Brooks explores the four commitments that define a life of meaning. "The

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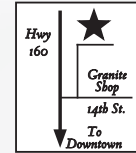
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## SENIOR NEWS

# Zentangle, art classes and more to be offered at Senior Center

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
SUN Columnist

Zentangle is a form of relaxation using easy-to-learn patterns, drawn by focusing on single lines one at a time. The method focuses on simple, elemental strokes that anyone can draw, regardless of creative ability, and allows the mind and body to release stress while creating beautiful images.

A class on Zentangle will be held May 22 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.

## 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.

The next meeting will be May 15 at 1 p.m. in the Community Café dining room at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center.

Questions? Call 731-6878.

## Art classes

Art classes for the Senior Center will be provided by the Pagosa Springs Arts Council.

The next class will be held May 14 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in room B11 at Pagosa Springs High School. The instructor will be Kathy Steventon. The medium will be painting with a palette knife; materials will be provided.

Please RSVP to jennmwaite@gmail.com or 264-2167.

## Senior Center Caregiver Support Group

Learn practical self-care information, talk through challenges and ways of coping, learn about community resources and support. The next scheduled Caregiver Support Group is scheduled for May 21 at 1 p.m. and will be facilitated by Elaine Stumpo.

For more information, please call 264-2167.

If you are a caregiver of a friend or a family member, please join us for a support and respite group. 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.

## Health and wellness

The Senior Center is continuing the pilot program which expands 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.

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 May 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Menu

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch. If you are a senior (60 years and older), for only a \$4 suggested donation, you are eligible for a hot meal, drink and a salad prepared by our kitchen staff.

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.

Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, May 2 — Chicken Alfredo, Italian spinach with mushrooms, asparagus roasted with walnuts, milk, salad bar and peach cobbler.

Friday, May 3 — Lemon baked tilapia with tartar sauce, whipped sweet potatoes, snow pea medley, milk, salad bar and carrot cake.

Monday, May 6 — Turkey terrazini with egg noodles, squash calabacitas, steamed asparagus with lemon, milk, salad bar and cherry cream cheese pie.

Tuesday, May 7 — Pork zuppa Toscana, eggplant gratin, buttered corn, focaccia bread with butter, milk and salad bar.

Wednesday, May 8 — Chicken enchiladas, charro beans, Mexicali corn, milk, salad bar and lemon dessert.

Thursday, May 9 — New England clam chowder, spinach sautéed with mushrooms, bacon green beans, buttermilk biscuit with butter, milk and salad bar.

Reservations and cancellations are required. You can make a reservation at 264-2167 by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you would like to dine in the Community Cafe at the Senior Center.

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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 NO. 75408.**  
**Also known by street and number as: 443 MIDIRON AVENUE, PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147.**  
**THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S) IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 06/26/2019, 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.  
First Publication: April 11, 2019  
Last Publication: 5/9/2019  
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**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  
By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Joseph D. DeGiorgio, Esq. #45557  
Barrett Frappier Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711  
Attorney File # 0000000809521  
The attorney above acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148  
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**Plarmign Property Owner's Association, Inc. Plaintiff**  
v.  
**James E Hemphill, et al Defendants**  
**Case No.: 2019CV30009**  
Attorney for Plaintiff: Christopher B. Conley  
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC  
700 South 21st Street  
Fort Smith, AR 72901  
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Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**  
**TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):**  
**JAMES E HEMPHILL, INDIVIDUAL AND CO-TRUSTEE OF THE HEMPHILL FAMILY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED AUGUST 21, 2001**  
**MARTHA K HEMPHILL, INDIVIDUAL AND CO-TRUSTEE OF THE HEMPHILL FAMILY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED AUGUST 21, 2001**  
**LINDA GENE ALEXANDER**  
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**KYLE FRIE**  
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.  
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Plarmign Townhouses for failure to pay assessments to Plarmign Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.  
Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.  
Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions: Plarmign Townhouses -- PHASE I  
Matter Amount  
Property Owner: James E Hemphill, Individual and Co-Trustee of the Hemphill Family Revocable Living Trust dated August 21, 2001  
Unit Number: 7207  
Building Number: 4  
Lot (Unit) Number: 8  
in that property which is described as Parcel 'E'- Plarmign Townhouses as recorded in Plat Sheet No. 324 & 324A under Reception No. 153256, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmign Townhouses recorded February 4, 1988, under Reception No. 153260 and re-recorded on February 18, 1988 under Reception No. 153557 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Plarmign Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
Lien Amount: \$2,228.39  
Plarmign Townhouses -- PHASE II  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: Billy Gene Alexander and Linda S Alexander  
Unit Number: 7216  
Building Number: 8  
Unit Week Number: 8  
in that property on which is located four (4) one-story buildings containing two (2) one-level townhouses units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 5, Units 7209 and 7210; Building No. 6, Units 7211 and 7212; Building No. 7, Units 7213 and 7214; and Building No. 8, Units 7215 and 7216 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 325 under Reception No. 156199, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain First Supplemental Declaration to Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmign Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156200, Book 219, Page 33-38, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners 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.  
Lien Amount: \$2,185.20  
Plarmign Townhouses -- PHASE III  
Matter Amount  
Property Owners: Barry Leece  
Unit Number: 7222  
Building Number: 11  
Unit Week Number: 36  
Lien Amount: \$2,185.20  
Property Owners: Kevin Frie and Kyle Frie  
Unit Number: 7222  
Building Number: 11  
Unit Week Number: 29  
Lien Amount: \$2,185.20  
in that property on which is located three (3) one-story buildings containing two (2) one-level townhouses units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326 under Reception No. 156202, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain Second Supplemental Declaration

to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmign Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156203, Book 219, Page 45-48, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.  
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Plarmign Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.  
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First Publication: April 25, 2018  
Last Publication: May 23, 2019  
/s/ Christopher B. Conley  
Christopher B. Conley  
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC  
700 South 21st Street  
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**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION**  
**CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE**  
**SALE NO. 2019-005**  
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
On February 20, 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) MATTHEW COTTLE and ELIZABETH CAMPOS, and KURT DARGAN.  
Original Beneficiary(ies) PAMELA CLARK MORRILL.  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt PAMELA CLARK MORRILL.  
Date of Deed of Trust February 28, 2014  
County of Recording Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust February 28, 2014  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 2140097  
First Publication: May 23, 2019  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$6,246.29  
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 20 AND 37, RIO BLANCO VALLEY SUBDIVISION UNIT FOUR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD JANUARY 15, 1970 AS RECEPTION NO. 72863.**  
**Also known by street and number as: 139 & 164 Eagles Crest Place, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.**  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 06/20/2019, 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.  
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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: 02/20/2019

Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado  
By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Kenneth J. Miller #32909  
Kenneth J. Miller 422 Pagosa St, PO Box 1020, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970) 264-2460  
Attorney File # MORRILL  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO  
Court Address: 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 1  
P.O. Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Phone Number: (720) 264-8147  
Plaintiff: PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
v.  
Defendants: BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, FKA/ THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-1 6CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1 6CB, ANY PARTY IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY.  
Attorney for Plaintiff: ORTEN CAVANAGH & HOLMES, LLC  
Jonah G. Hunt, No. 34379  
Marcus T. Dumville, No. 49471  
Address: 1445 Market Street, Suite 350  
Denver, CO 80202  
Phone Number: (720) 221-9780  
Fax Number: (720) 221-9781  
Email:jhunt@ochhoalaw.com  
Case No.: 2019CV030038  
Division: MG

**SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION)**  
**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**  
**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: ANY PARTY IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY; and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY;**  
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this Court an Answer or other responsive pleading. You are required to file your Answer or other responsive pleading within 35 days after the service of this Summons upon you. Service of this Summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the Court.  
If you fail to file your Answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint in writing within the applicable time period, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.  
This is an action against real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado more particularly described as 672 E. Golf Place, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-9313. Said real property is legally described as: Lot 49 of Block 11 in PAGOSA IN THE PINES, according to the plat thereof recorded March 13, 1970 as Reception Nos. 73014 through 73027.  
DATED: APRIL 17, 2019  
ORTEN CAVANAGH & HOLMES, LLC  
By: /s/ Jonah G. Hunt  
Jonah G. Hunt, No. 34379  
Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun  
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DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO  
Court Address: 46 Eaton Drive, Ste. 1, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Case Number: 2019CV30033  
Division/ Courtroom: MG  
Blue Spruce Servicing Company, LLC, Plaintiff,  
Curtis Bullard, individually; Robin Denice Bullard, individually; Winona West, individually; San Juan River Village Metropolitan District; San Juan River Resort Property Owners Association, Inc.; Community Funding Solutions, L.L.C.; and Elsa White as Treasurer for Archuleta County, Colorado,  
Defendants.  
**Attorney for Plaintiff**  
Christopher J. Conant  
Hatch Ray Olsen Conant LLC  
700 17th Street, Suite 200  
Denver, Colorado 80202  
Phone Number: (303) 298-1800  
Fax Number: (303) 298-1804  
Email Address: cconant@hatchlawyers.com  
Atty. Reg.#44-02069

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**WINONA WEST, Individually**  
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.  
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If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.  
This is a quiet title action to confirm that the Archuleta County Treasurer performed adequate diligence and gave adequate notice to all persons and entities with a redeemable interest in the subject real property of the pending issuance of a Treasurer's Deed as required by C.R.S. § 39-1-128, for property more particularly as described below, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.  
The real property at issue in this lawsuit is generally described as: Lot 49 in San Juan River Resort Unit No. 1, according to the amended plat thereof filed for record October 4, 1972 as Reception No. 76530.  
Commonly known as 740 Harman Ave, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147  
Dated this 16th day of April, 2019.  
HATCH RAY OLSEN CONANT LLC  
By: /s/ Christopher J. Conant  
Christopher Conant  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO  
449 San Juan Street  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Plaintiff: The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, CO  
v.  
Defendants: Nicholas N. Kazarinoff and Linda Coyote  
Case Number 2019CV30015  
Attorney or Party Without Party:  
Todd A. Weaver, Reg. No. 31708  
P.O. Box 1507  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Phone Number: (970) 264-8321  
Fax Number: Withheld Pursuant to Rule  
Email: TWeaver@ArchuletaCounty.org  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO  
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: NICHOLAS A. KAZARINOFF  
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.  
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**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
CAROL A. BASSHAM  
1815 MACKINNON AVE  
CARDIFF, CA 92007  
ROBERT E. BASSHAM  
1815 MACKINNON AVE  
CARDIFF, CA 92007  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 1st day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to  
NICK P. LUPFER  
the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
**Lot 230 IN LAKE HATCHER PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD NOVEMBER 5, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 78738.**  
Account Number: R001735  
Schedule Number: 558336203048  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2012-02333  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to NICK P. LUPFER  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011  
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of CAROL A. BASSHAM and ROBERT E. BASSHAM for said year 2011.  
That said NICK P. LUPFER on the 27th day of March 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to NICK P. LUPFER  
On the 4th day of September 2019, unless the same has been redeemed,  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
Witness my hand this 3rd day of April 2019  
/s/ Elsa P. White  
Elsa P. White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
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**Lot 250 IN LAKE HATCHER PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD NOVEMBER 5, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 78738.**  
Account Number: R001802  
Schedule Number: 558336204023  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2012-02335  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to NICK P. LUPFER  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011  
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Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2

## Town continues consideration of liquor license amendments

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

On April 18, the Pagosa Springs Town Council continued consideration of amending the required distances between schools and businesses that hold certain liquor licenses, with the council set to discuss the topic again on May 7.

On March 21, the council approved an ordinance, Ordinance 905, upon first reading that would eliminate the distances between schools and all types of liquor licenses except tavern licenses.

But, when it came time for the second reading of the ordinance on April 2, the council opted to postpone action in order to allow the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) to discuss the matter.

On April 18, the council heard from representatives of both the BOE and Pagosa Valor Academy.

The vice president of the BOE, Bruce Dryburgh told the council that, while his board did not take action on the topic, it had

discussed it and wanted to see the town keep the 500-foot distance requirement between liquor stores and schools, as well.

"The others seem to include a lot of development, which we're all in favor of," he said.

Steven Porter, head administrator of and board member for Pagosa Valor Academy, noted that he had spoken with ASD Superintendent Linda Reed and with his board, though the board discussion did not discuss any specific types of liquor licenses.

He suggested that the council "consider something over zero" in terms of distance requirements, such as 250 feet.

He added that there are two factors: access to alcohol by students, and the chance of interacting with someone on the sidewalk if a restaurant or store does not do a good job of cutting off someone's alcohol intake.

Audience member Bill Hudson explained that a liquor store was probably not a big threat to young people.

"I think that I certainly want to take into account what the school boards want," Council member Nicole DeMarco said, "and I initially was ready to get rid of everything other than the tavern license."

She added that she was approached by other school board members about retail stores.

Council member Mat deGraaf agreed with DeMarco, with the pair suggesting that tavern licenses remain with a 500-foot requirement and retail stores have a 250-foot requirement.

A motion to continue the second reading of the ordinance to allow for the proposed changes was approved unanimously.

The second reading of the ordinance will be considered at the council's May 7 meeting, which will begin at 5 p.m. at Town Hall.

### Land conveyance

Also relating to ASD, at the same meeting the council unanimously approved the second reading of Ordinance 907, which

conveyed land from ASD to the town to accommodate the town's planned consolidated maintenance facility.

The town plans to construct a new consolidated maintenance facility at the site of its current town shop on South 5th Street, with that effort also slated to include a shared parking area with the school near Golden Peaks Stadium and Yamaguchi Park and making the South 6th Street extension permanent.

On April 2, during the first hearing of the ordinance, Dickhoff explained that an 80-foot strip of land would be conveyed to the town from ASD, with half of that serving as town right of way for the town to expand its shop into and the other half being a public right of way.

In response to council questioning at that meeting, Dickhoff explained that the 40-foot public right of way would allow enough room for an additional travel lane, sidewalk on one side of the roadway and drainage.

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## LPEA phone scamming moves to cellphone/text threats

By **Indiana Reed**  
Special to The SUN

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is once again cautioning its members to not be fooled by impersonators who claim to be from LPEA and threaten disconnection for lack of payment. The current scam appears to be targeting cellphones — specifically text messaging.

"There's always a new twist and now they've moved from landline phones to cellphones," said Ron Meier, LPEA manager of engineering and member services. "They've kicked their efforts up a notch because many people no longer have landlines. Threatening our members with electricity disconnection certainly is unsettling."

Beyond not making threatening phone calls to immediately disconnect anyone's electricity for lack of payment, Meier notes that LPEA absolutely does not send threatening text messages

and members should never enter a credit card number in response to any text that comes across their cellphone. When an account is past due, LPEA customers receive a series of written notices and are given adequate time to settle their bills before any disconnect would take place.

If receiving a questionable phone call, and now text message on cellphones, demanding immediate payment, LPEA members are asked to record a call-back/text number from the presumed scammer, then call LPEA directly to see if a true issue exists with their account. If a text is blatantly fraudulent, LPEA members are advised to call local authorities.

LPEA's customer service representatives can be reached during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, at 247-5786 for clarification of any billing questions. LPEA members can also review the status of their account at any time online at [www.lpea.coop](http://www.lpea.coop); click on the SmartHub icon.



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## ARTS & LIFE

# Charity auction, dinner and dance

Friday, May 3 • Ross Aragon Community Center



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# Charity auction to benefit high school vocational trades programs

By Kim Elzinga  
Special to The PREVIEW

Build Pagosa invites all to its second annual charity auction, dinner and dance this Friday, May 3, at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Festivities begin at 5 p.m. with a rustic gourmet dinner prepared by Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Culinary Arts students — their first major catering event. The evening's musical spotlight once again will showcase The San Juan Mountain Boys with local duo Ron Lowe and Glenn Unrath.

Friday's auction features several dog houses and, new this year, an 8-foot-by-16-foot garden shed. All structures were built by students from the PSHS Building Trades program. Also new this year, attendees will be able to bid on 5-gallon bucket deals filled with goodies donated by local businesses.

"We are truly blessed to live in a community that cares about the success of its young people," commented Build Pagosa board president Larry Ash. "Last year, our first dog house auction was a total success — mostly because people saw the potential of what's happening at the high school with the vocational trades program and were willing to support it ... and have a great time in the process. We're anticipating even more fun and great outcomes this year. It's amazing to see what can happen when we all work together. We are Build Pagosa!"

Advance tickets are available online at buildpagosa.org, \$20 per adult and \$6 for kids. Or, purchase tickets at the door for \$25 per adult, \$6 per kid. Adult admission includes dinner, two free drink tickets (beer/wine) and an auction card. All proceeds will return to PSHS's Building Trades and Culinary Arts programs to help provide

additional classes, materials, supplies and more.

The rustic gourmet dinner includes smoked barbecued brisket, smoked sausage, smoked chicken wings, spicy deviled eggs, hummus and pita, cilantro slaw and chipotle pineapple black beans. Complementary beverages include water, tea and lemonade. Archuleta School District's food service director, Todd Stevens, created the menu.

Dog houses up for auction are insulated, painted and roofed. Students from the Building Trades I class built each dog house (same design as last year's model), applying valuable construction skills they gained throughout the school year. Students in the Building Trades II class built the 128-square-foot garden shed, which is fully weatherproof and includes a 4-foot sliding door.

"It has been a joy to work with my students in the Building Trades program and witness their enthusiasm, commitment and work ethic," said Build Pagosa board member and PSHS vocational trades program instructor Tor Hessman, who is a veteran builder himself with more than 30 years experience in the trade. "You can tell that this program is making a big difference in their lives. For many of my students, they now have a concrete direction and life purpose that they didn't have before. It's so inspiring and gratifying to see the transformation."

Build Pagosa is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing volunteer opportunities for those in the building trades industry, local businesses and Pagosa Springs residents who want to support the educational, vocational, communication, economic and stabilization goals within the community. For more information about the group or ways you can be involved, head to buildpagosa.org.



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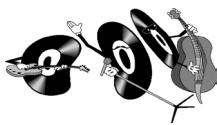


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# Pagosa Springs Photography Club to hear about geyser photography

By Gregg Heid  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will hold its May meeting on Wednesday, May 8, at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Longtime photographers and those just starting out are welcome to attend.

The Photography Club normally meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room of the Methodist Church.

The speaker at the May meeting will be Bill Johnson, a retired nuclear scientist who lives part-time in Pagosa Springs and part-time in Los Alamos, N.M. He holds a Ph.D. in nuclear chemistry and spent most of his career at Los Alamos National Laboratory in arms control, nuclear nonproliferation and counterterrorism. His fundamental research interests were diverse and ranged from cosmic-ray physics to the geosciences to computer chess.

Since his retirement, his volunteer activities include serving as “shop-keeper” for the Geyser Observation and Study Association ([www.geyser-study.org](http://www.geyser-study.org)), an organization “devoted to the collection and dissemination of information about geysers and other geothermal phenomena in Yellowstone National Park and elsewhere.”

Johnson’s talk will cover topics in geyser and hot spring photography, emphasizing the geysers of Yel-

lowstone and how best to go about photographing them, but extending to geyser fields worldwide.

Geyser photography at Yellowstone is a timely topic, not just because the national park is opening for the year, but also because several rarely seen but spectacular geysers are in an active state at this time. Steamboat Geyser, the world’s

tallest, which after decades of near-dormancy, has been exceptionally active for the last year.

Club members may bring up to 10 photos on a thumb drive to share with the group after the presentation.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact our president, Andy Butler, at (512) 581-1470 or visit [pagosaspringsphotoclub.org](http://pagosaspringsphotoclub.org).



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The Pagosa Springs Student Art Show, an event to celebrate K-12 student art in Pagosa Springs, is set for May 8 at the high school.

# Pagosa Springs Student Art Show set for May 8

By Jenna Gannon, Julie Ogier and Kelly Lewis  
Special to The PREVIEW

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Pagosa Springs Student Art Show, an event to celebrate K-12 student art in Pagosa Springs. This art show aims to bring the community together around art and celebrate the hard work of our student artists.

The show will take place Wednesday, May 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School commons area. Artwork will be on display until Wednesday, May 15.

The show will be juried, with jurors Kathleen Steventon, Janet Ford, the Pagosa Springs Arts Council and Superintendent Linda Reed.

This year's awards will include: Archuleta County School District Purchase Awards at the Elementary, Middle and High School level; Pagosa Springs Arts Council Purchase Awards at the elementary, middle and high school levels; Best Craftmanship; Most Creative; Best Storytelling; Jurors Favorite; and Best in Show.

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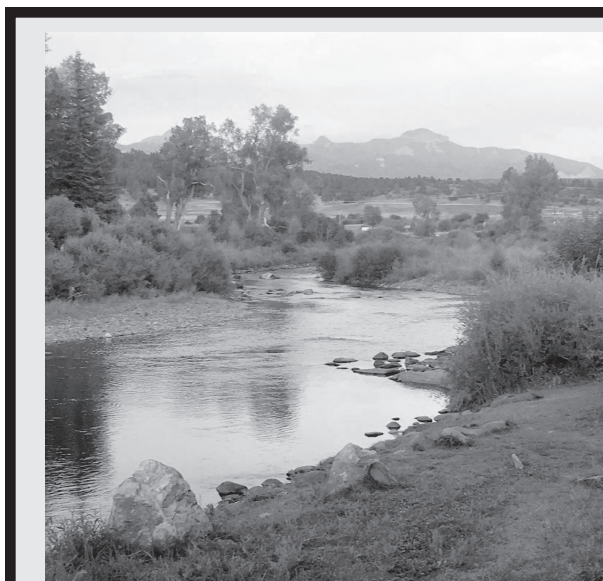
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# Pagosa Springs High School students rack up awards at IML art show

By Jenna Gannon  
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On Thursday, April 25, the Pagosa Springs High School Art Department attended the Intermountain League Regional Art Show in Cortez.

We took 77 works of art and competed against five other schools. The students did amazing. Please congratulate these students when you see them.

All of the artwork that was taken to the show will be on display in the art hallway next week. All the award winners will go on to participate in our new art show, the Pagosa Springs Student Art Show, on May 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the high school commons area. Awards will be given in five categories and there will be six purchase awards made that evening. All schools, K-12, will be in participation. Mark your calendars; we would love to have you stop by.

We had two students win Judge's Choice awards: Grace Thompson, Judge's Choice Advanced 2-D; and Elise Yeager, Judge's Choice Beginner 2-D.

## Awards

3-D: Megan Greenly, Metal Art Beginner, third place; Ameilia Davis, Metal Art Beginner, honorable mention; Nick Voelker, Special Talents Advanced, second and third place; Cerenity Keating, Sculpture Beginner, honorable mention; Kristina Moore, Sculpture Advanced, third place; Edgar Arellano, Sculpture Beginner, third place; Marie Wright, Sculpture Beginner, first place; Samuel Castaneda, Sculpture Beginner, honorable mention.

Collaborative Installation: Sculpture Beginner, first place, Kylie Keuning, Zoie Condrey, Alex Cizek, Brandon Watson, Yonder Breedlove, Ebanie Wilkins, Sophie Heidelmeier, Sebastian Bancesco and two students to be named at a later date.

2-D: Wright, Drawing Ink Beginner, first place; Wright, Painting Beginner, second place; Wright, Drawing Ink Beginner, second place; Madeline Stewart, Photography Color, third place; Stewart, Watercolor Beginner,



Photo courtesy Jenna Gannon

Pagosa Springs High School's Grace Thompson won the Judge's Choice Award for Advanced 2-D at the Intermountain League Regional Art Show in Cortez on April 25.

second place; Celia Taylor, Drawing Ink Advanced, second place; Ivory Carpenter, Paper Collage Beginner, third place; Zoie Condrey, Surrealism Advanced, first place; Condrey, Surrealism Beginner, first place; Nicole Bartz, Watercolor Beginner, honorable mention; Bartz, Drawing Monochromatic Beginner, first place; Bartz, Drawing Color Beginner, second place; Yeager, Drawing Monochromatic Beginner, first place; Yeager, Mixed Media Beginner, honorable mention; Simon Mitchell, Mixed Media Advanced, honorable mention; Simon Mitchell, Watercolor Advanced, honorable mention; Smudge Plate, Drawing Color Advanced, first place; Greenly, Mixed Media Beginner, second place; Stella Schuchart, Printmaking Advanced, first and second place; Anneka Slead, Watercolor Beginner, first place; Gracie Horras, Paper Collage Beginner, first place; Joel Munoz, Special Talents Beginner, honorable mention; Thompson,

Scratchboard Advanced, second place; Thompson, Metal Art Advanced, first place; Megan Foster, Scratchboard Beginner, honorable mention; Ashley Hernandez, Paper Collage Beginner, second place; Nina Smith, Paper Collage

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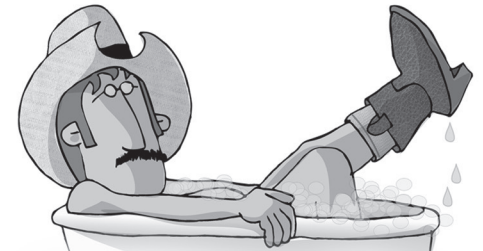
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Pagosa Springs High School student Elise Yeager won the Judge's Choice Award for Beginner 2-D at the Intermountain League Regional Art Show in Cortez on April 25.

## Art

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Beginner, honorable mention; Tyler Inez, Drawing Monochromatic Advanced, second place; Nicole Echavarria, Drawing Color

Beginner, honorable mention; Michael Wedemeyer, Drawing Color Beginner, second place; Kristina Moore, Painting Advanced, first place; Tiarra Downing, Surrealism Beginner, third place; Braxton

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# Sam Reider and the Human Hands to perform twice at Folk 'N Bluegrass

By Crista Munro  
Special to The PREVIEW

The 14th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass celebration is just a few weeks 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, Kate Lee and Forrest O'Connor Band, Dead Horses, Old Salt Union, Circus No. 9, Fireside Collective, FY5, Halden Wofford and the Hi\*Beams, Bonnie and the Clydes, Sugar and the Mint, and this week's featured band: Sam Reider and the Human Hands.

A jazz pianist turned roots musician, Brooklyn-based composer, pianist and singer Sam Reider is redefining American music on the accordion.

He's traveled extensively overseas as a musical ambassador for the U.S. Department of State, been featured at Lincoln Center and on NPR, and performed alongside pop stars, jazz and folk musicians ranging from Jon Batiste and Stay Human, Bluegrass mandolin prodigy Sierra Hull to Venezuelan cuatro virtuoso Jorge Glem.

Reider's debut record, "Too Hot To Sleep," presents his unique compositional voice alongside an ensemble of top-drawer musical collaborators and compadres called The Human Hands: Alex Hargreaves on violin, Roy Williams on guitar, Eddie Barbash on saxophone, Dominick Leslie on mandolin and Dave Speranza on bass.

Reider grew up in San Francisco,



Photo courtesy FolkWest

Sam Reider and the Human Hands will be returning to Reservoir Hill this June with a headlining set at the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival on June 7 and another performance the following day.

the son of a musical theater composer and klezmer musician. He began performing at a young age and was interviewed on Marian McPartland's "Piano Jazz" on NPR when he graduated high school. At Columbia University, he fell in love with American folk music. While writing his senior

thesis comparing the songwriting of Woody Guthrie and Ira Gershwin, Reider began studying bluegrass and old-time music, transcribing the fiddle melodies for the accordion and learning to sing the songs.

This set him off on a journey that

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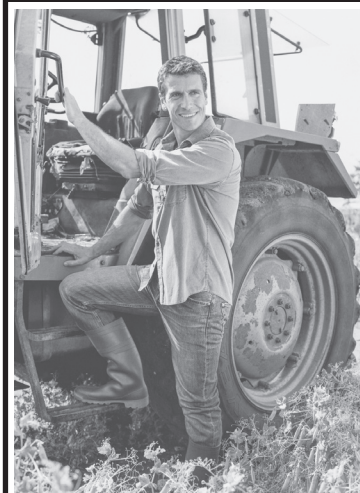
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# Festival

■ continued from previous page has taken him from back porches and dive bars to concert halls and major festivals in practically every state in the country. Representing the U.S. Department of State as a musical ambassador, Reider has traveled to China, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Vietnam, Turkey and Azerbaijan, carrying his accordion on his back everywhere he goes and

collaborating at every opportunity with international artists.

Now he's surrounded himself with a crew of some of the most in-demand young acoustic musicians on the scene in Brooklyn. The Human Hands have developed a cultish following and a reputation for mind-bending sets of high-energy, improvised music.

Sam Reider and the Human

Hands made a huge impact on the FolkWest audience when they made their Reservoir Hill debut last September on the Four Corners Folk Festival stage. They'll be headlining June 7 at Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass with an 8:30 p.m. set, and then turning in one more main stage performance on June 8 at 5:30 p.m.

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.

Volunteer applications are currently being accepted; volunteers who put in two four-hour shifts earn complimentary three-day festival admission. It's a great way to meet people and have fun.

Information about tickets, volunteering, festival schedules and performers can be found at [www.folkwest.com/folknbluegrass](http://www.folkwest.com/folknbluegrass). Tickets can be ordered by phone by calling (877) 472-4672.

## Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

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

Steaming across the water with its long, stiff tail held upright, the ruddy duck is a fun bird to watch. Seen now in colorful breeding plumage, the male ruddy with his sky blue, scoop-shaped bill, bright white cheek patch, blackish head cap and chestnut colored body looks like a clown. Like most ducks, the female is less colorful with a brownish body, black bill and whitish cheek patch crossed by a black stripe. After breeding season, the male loses his colorful attire and more resembles the female.

Both sexes are small, compact ducks with thick necks. With legs set far back on the body, these ducks are nearly helpless on land, but they are adept divers who paddle with their feet to reach the bottom of shallow waters to feed. Here, they scoop up mouthfuls of mud, which they strain through their large bills to extract the aquatic invertebrates that they eat. Typically, ruddys feed at night and spend much of the day sleeping on water with their heads tucked.

Although most ruddy ducks breed in the prairie pothole regions of south-central Canada and north-central U.S., some breed here and stay year-round. Fossil records show that ruddy ducks have lived in North America for at least 11,000 years. Their future depends on the protection and restoration of the wetland areas where they breed.

For information on local bird-watching events, visit [www.weminuche-audubon.org](http://www.weminuche-audubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/](http://www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/).

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Photos courtesy Allora Leonard and Gustavo Palma

Local favorites Allora Leonard and Gustavo Palma will be featured with the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir and Sisters in Song on Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church.

## Pagosa Springs Girls Choir concert to feature Allora Leonard and Gustavo Palma

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir and the Sisters in Song are once again ready to wow their audience at their annual spring concert, "An Evening with Friends," on Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church.

Sharing the stage with the choirs will be Pagosa Springs' own Allora Leonard and Gustavo Palma. These two young artists will treat concert goers to both composed and original music.

Leonard is a 14-year-old cowgirl originally from the rolling hills in south Texas. However, she is glad to call Pagosa Springs her new home. Leonard is honored to be singing with the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir after watching their stunning performance at the Tim Sullivan Foundation, where Leonard was the winner of the singing competition. She would love to see you this upcoming October in New York City, where she will be performing at Lincoln Center. You might also recognize her from singing with the high school's Americana Proj-

ect and after playing the lead role of Rusty in "Footloose." Leonard is very excited to be part of this concert.

Palma is a Pagosa Springs High School graduate and is currently attending Fort Lewis College in Durango. Palma is a theatre major with a minor in vocal performance. Last year, he received the Robert Frost Award from the Sullivan Foundation and performed last October as part of "Jazz at Lincoln Center" in New York City. Palma has been acting and singing since his freshman year of high school and, today, he is a junior in college. He has performed in 20-plus productions throughout his career, his most recent performance in the role of Benjy Stone in "My Favorite Year" at Fort Lewis. Palma wants to thank all of his mentors, friends and family for supporting him through the years and looks forward to being a part of this concert.

The community is in for a real treat, so make plans now to attend the spring concert of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir and Sisters in Song on Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church. Admission is free, but your donations will be gratefully accepted.



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# Buy your tickets for Dancing with the Pagosa Stars on May 10

By Lisa Peters  
Special to The PREVIEW

The kids at Seeds of Learning are enthusiastically breaking out their dance moves in anticipation of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars. And our 2019 local stars are doing the same, already preparing their routines for your votes.

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars will be held at 6 p.m. on July 20 at the Ross Aragon Community Center. We have added a few more tables this year.

Tickets for this exciting event will go on sale at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 10. To purchase tickets, please call Lisa Peters at (281) 650-0875 or Dee McPeck at 317-3224 after 9 a.m. on May 10. No tickets will be available at Seeds of Learning. All tickets must be paid for at time of

purchase, and reservations require purchaser address, email, guest names as well as the star being honored with the purchase. Please go to the Seeds website at <http://growingseeds.org> for additional ticket purchase instructions and for more information on our stars.

Tickets include a meal, the dance competition and open dancing before ending with the awards ceremony. A limited amount of first- and second-row tickets are available. The front-row seats cost \$200 each and include a personal waiter for serving food and drink. All other seats are \$125 each and do not come with a waiter. If paying with a credit card, there will be a small processing fee.

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# Grief support meetings to begin May 9

By Beverly Arrendell  
Special to The PREVIEW

Grief support meetings are scheduled at the Community United Methodist Church beginning next Thursday, May 9, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The meetings will be held in the church library on Thursday afternoons through June 27. The meetings are free and are open to the public.

The purpose of the sessions is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member (spouse, parent, child, close relative) or a special friend. Eight

weekly meetings are scheduled. A person may attend one or all of the meetings. The topics will vary, so there is no progression of subjects.

Interested persons can call the church office at 264-5508 for further information. The church is located at 434 Lewis St. downtown. The Rev. Leighton Mekeal is pastor.

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# UUs to hear about paganism as a source

By **Pauline Benetti**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Unitarian Universalism (UU), a church with no creed; hence, a church in perennial debate on a number of issues: Are we a denomination or an association of independent congregations? Do we gather in churches or meeting halls? Do we worship? And, the list goes on.

Amazing, then, that in 1984, congregational representatives at the National Association adopted nearly unanimously seven principles as guideposts and five sources as traditions from which we draw our teachings. These have lasted virtually unchanged since then except for the addition in 1995 of the sixth tradition of earth-centered religions, as follows: spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. That addition testifies to the evolving and “living tradition”

that is UUism and is the topic of Sunday’s service.

Michael Demchak, a Unitarian Universalist lay leader and ordained minister, will speak to one aspect of the earth-centered tradition — paganism and Beltane. Beltane is an ancient Gaelic May Day festival that celebrates the fertility of spring. Considered an important pagan holiday, also known as a sabbat, it is still observed by neopagans today, typically on May 1. Celebrating the return of spring and all of life that flourishes with it, Beltane is a kickoff for the greening of the earth, and the warm days of summer ahead.

Demchak will review the history of this holiday, as well as its symbols, customs and rituals and will share what this time of year means to him spiritually.

Demchak was raised with a Unitarian Universalist background for most of his childhood in Connecticut. He moved to Denver with his family in 1976 and began attending the Mile High Church of Religious Science. He studied computer science at Metropolitan State College, but pursued other careers, including pharmacy technician, accounting and facilities management.

In 2006, Demchak helped facilitate a weekly intentional dance with live musicians and a spiritual emphasis. In 2007, he became active in a pagan meet-up group and

helped it grow into Living Earth Church, where he co-created many circles and events as a Pagan priest. He also created and was the music director of Beltania, an annual pagan music festival, from 2009-2011.

Demchak has been an ordained minister since 2008 and has officiated several weddings and handfastings. He enjoys camping, four-wheeling, skating, music, reading, photography and nature. He now lives in Pagosa Springs with his daughter, Katie, and is a member of the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Ours is a welcoming congregation; we invite everyone to share in our faith community. Usually, leadership is by Pastor Dean Cerny on third and fourth Sundays; however, this Sunday a lay leader will preside. The Religious Exploration program for 2- to 9-year-olds continues in May on May 19 and 26. For more information, contact Anna Ramirez at afrancis@hotmail.com.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Join us. For further information about the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, visit pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.

## Preview Calendar

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

### Thursday, May 2

**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.

**Scholastic Book Fair: Dino-Mite Book Fair-Stomp, Chomp and**

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**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 one.

**Duplicate Bridge.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Hand and Foot Card Game.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Gmail Basics.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your basic technology questions related to computers, tablets, smartphones and more. 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.

**Teen Advisory Board.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. 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.

**San Juan Outdoor Club.** 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port

Ave. Tyler Albers will be speaking on trail clearing and trail maintenance due to beetle kill in the forest. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome. For more information, visit [www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org](http://www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org).

## Friday, May 3

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**Scholastic Book Fair: Dino-Mite Book Fair-Stomp, Chomp and Read!** 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Families, teachers and the community are invited. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available, and there is always a huge supply of bargain books. For more information, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

**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.

**ESL English as a Second Language.** Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Hand and Foot Card Game.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Gaming.** 2-3:45 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. Crested Butte.

**Yoga.** 5-6 p.m., Community Center.

## Saturday, May 4

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

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**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.

**Archuleta County Genealogical Society.** 11 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Our May program is on the Family Search website. Call Carolyn Paschal at 946-3255 for more information.

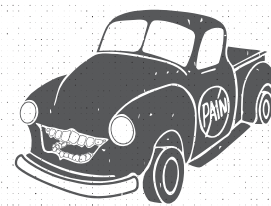
**Boys' Varsity Baseball.** 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Monte Vista.

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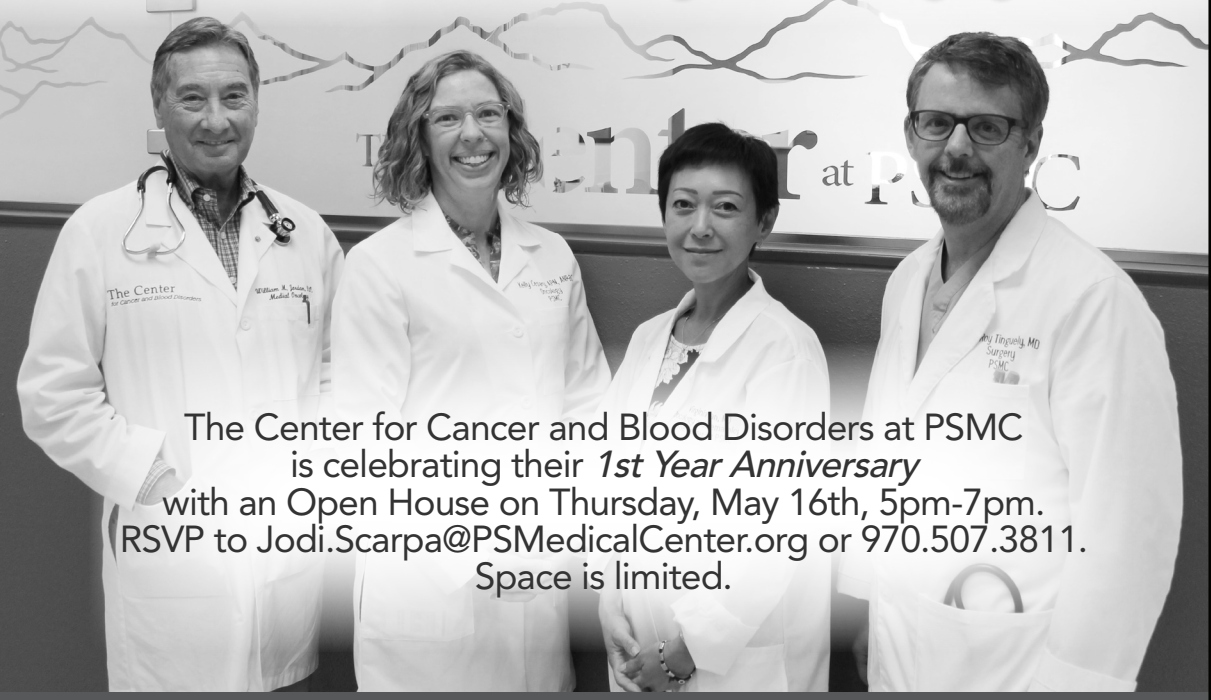
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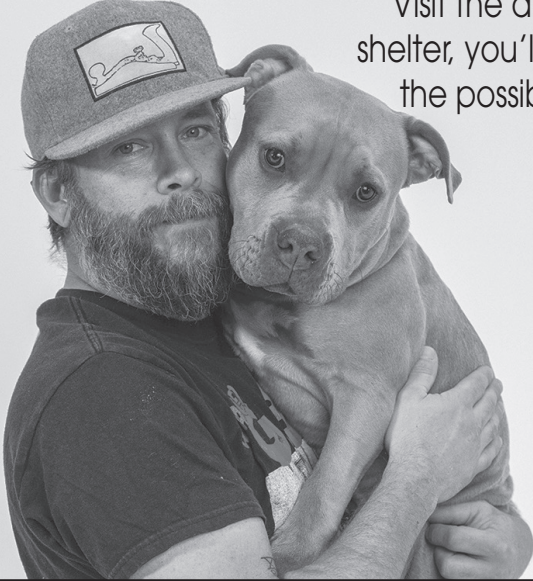
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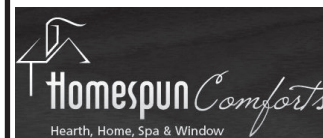


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**Paws to Read.** 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the K-5th grade. Come and share your favorite book with Hondo, a dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Archuleta County Republican Women.** Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. What is the 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? Amanda Sanders, NRA-ILA, will address these and other questions. It is also the 3rd District Spring Meeting. Join us at 11:45 a.m. for Guns and Roses Formal High Tea Luncheon, to hear the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir and listen to the speaker. Cost is \$15, all tickets must be purchased in advance form Deb Jennings at (720) 563-1519.

**Boys' Varsity Baseball.** 1 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Monte Vista.

## Sunday, May 5

**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, May 6

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**Scholastic Book Fair: Dino-Mite Book Fair-Stomp, Chomp and Read!** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Families, teachers and the community are invited. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available, and there is always a huge supply of bargain books. For more information, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

**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.

**Qigong.** 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

**Guest Speaker.** 11 a.m., Senior Center. Guest speaker from Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

**Bingo.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Bridge for Fun.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Tween Gaming.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-8th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

## Tuesday, May 7

**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.

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**Pagosa Springs Women's Golf Association.** 9 a.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Call Lynne McCruden at 946-2517 for more information.

**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.

**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.

**American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary.** 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

**Teen Gaming.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

## Wednesday, May 8

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**Scholastic Book Fair: Dino-Mite Book Fair-Stomp, Chomp and Read!** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Families, teachers and the community are invited. There are a

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**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.

**ESL English as a Second Language.** Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Hand and Foot Card Game.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**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.

**Pagosa Springs Student Art Show.** 5-7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. An Archuleta School District art show with top artwork from elementary, middle and high school art programs. Come enjoy appetizers and fantastic artwork from our school's talented artists.

**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Commu-

nity Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**American Legion Post 108.** 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St. Veterans group meeting.

**Pagosa Springs Photography Club.** 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Longtime photographers and those just starting out are welcome to attend. Join us for socializing at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Bill Johnson, who will cover topics on geyser and hot spring photography. For more information, contact Andy Butler at (512) 581-1470 or visit pagosaspring-photoclub.org.

**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, May 9**

**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.

**Scholastic Book Fair: Dino-Mite Book Fair-Stomp, Chomp and Read!** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Families, teachers and the community are invited. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available, and there is always a huge supply of bargain books. For more information, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

**A Course in Miracles Study Group.**

10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

**Mountain View Homemakers.** 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. Pagosa gardening guru Ron Chacey will be sharing tips for vegetable gardening in our area. A potluck lunch will be provided by members. For more information, call Tozi at 731-3360.

**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

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**Grief Support Group.** 4-5:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Grief share is a national nondenominational program. The purpose of the meetings is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member or of a special friend. A person may attend one or all of the meetings. Topics vary, so there is no progression of subjects. Interested persons can call the church office at 264-5508 for further information.

**Lifelong Learning Lecture: 'The Woolly West: Colorado's Hidden History of Sheepscares.'** 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Dr. Andrew Gulliford from Fort Lewis College will speak about historical archeology and the wide variety of sites related to sheep movements. He will show photographs and discuss cultural traditions and stories for Basque, Hispano and Greek herders and sheepmen who have grazed and still graze the state's public lands. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**CRIA Lecture Series.** 7 p.m., The Springs Resort and Spa EcoLuxe building. The presentation will be given by Linda Baker: "The Momentum of the Southern Ute Museum Since the Takeover by the Tribe in May 2016." Join us for social hour at 6 p.m. For more information, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**Pagosa Springs Girls Choir Spring Concert: 'An Evening with Friends.'** 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Featuring a variety of songs that speak of home, family and friends. In addition, the choir will host a performance of the women's chorus, Sisters in Song. For more information, call Linda Parker at 264-1434 or email [singpagosa@gmail.com](mailto:singpagosa@gmail.com).

**Friday, May 10**

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**Scholastic Book Fair: Dino-Mite Book Fair-Stomp, Chomp and Read!** 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Families, teachers and the community are invited. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available, and there is always a huge supply of bargain books. For more information, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or [sranch@centurytel.net](mailto:sranch@centurytel.net).

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**ESL English as a Second Language.** Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Free Legal Clinic.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Please check in at the front desk. Everyone will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a free legal clinic via computer link for parties who have no attorney. Volunteer attorneys will answer

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

- 1 View with a skew
- 5 Involuntary twitch
- 10 Tip, as a hat
- 14 Leave one's mark on
- 15 An Obama girl
- 16 Bushy do
- 17 Publisher of kids' books
- 19 Word before crazy or fry
- 20 "So \_\_\_!"
- 21 Record of hours worked
- 23 Stun gun
- 25 Blustery
- 26 Roll call mark
- 29 Flash of light
- 31 Advil target
- 32 Child-rearing
- 37 Stray, in a way
- 38 Economical
- 39 Pasture sound
- 40 Body of voters
- 42 City near Phoenix
- 43 Peculiar habit
- 44 Still packaged
- 46 Grieve (for)
- 48 Vocal cords, slangily
- 50 Former South African policy
- 53 Rose oil
- 57 It may be dominant
- 58 Satisfactory
- 60 Something pumped
- 61 Nautical hazard
- 62 Threads in shreds
- 63 Quitter's word
- 64 How some things are contested
- 65 Outdated expletive

**DOWN**

- 1 Numero uno

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- 2 Eczema symptom
- 3 Yearning
- 4 Tailor's task
- 5 F.I.C.A. funds it
- 6 Sticky stuff
- 7 Moving about
- 8 Leveling wedge
- 9 Defensive spray
- 10 Debonair
- 11 Frequently
- 12 Type of rice
- 13 Milestone birthday
- 18 Ground beef option
- 22 Playground item
- 24 Foggy state
- 26 Cathedral nook
- 27 Get-out-of-jail money
- 28 Indispensable condition
- 29 2010 remake, "True \_\_\_"
- 30 Suspect showcase
- 33 Gear-shift position
- 34 Car protector
- 35 Amount to win by
- 36 Prod into action
- 38 Prison stretch
- 41 Up-to-date
- 42 Frank topper
- 45 Shipshape
- 46 Orlando NBA team
- 47 "Don Giovanni", for one
- 48 Embroidered loop
- 49 Anagram of "ailed"
- 51 Greasy spoon fare
- 52 Say again
- 54 Alpine transport
- 55 Pond dweller
- 56 Take a breather
- 59 Tissue layer

**Answers to Last Week's Crossword:**

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Pagosa Springs Middle School sixth- and seventh-grade girls, Cheryl Bowdrige and Stacey Lewis pose in front of the Alley House during the group's recent Girls Group Luncheon. The event is a culminating activity for Girls Groups electives taught by Lewis and Bowdrige. Community volunteers and high school mentors help cover topics like communication, stress and anxiety management, healthy lifestyles and the perception of beauty, to name a few.

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Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson

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Yoga. 5-6 p.m., Community Center.

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Pablo Picasso said, "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up."

According to clinical psychologist Dr. Dina Haslan, everybody is born creative and free-spirited, but we learn how to rein in our creativity because of our beliefs about how we

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International Children's Day is just around the corner. While it is designated as a day to celebrate children, it also seems appropriate to celebrate the child within everyone. There is joy, wisdom and happiness in being childlike. The more we can regain it, the better our quality of life will be. The inner child needs to be nurtured and celebrated each and every day.

Our childlike qualities need exercise by playing with children, hiking in the woods, flying a kite, river rafting, singing in the shower, playing a musical instrument, skiing, making friends, finger painting, writing, dancing, swimming — or whatever game plan we can mobilize.

Albert Einstein said, "To stimulate creativity, one must develop the childlike inclination for play."

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4	9	3	7	5	6	8	2	1
1	7	5	3	8	2	4	9	6
3	1	9	4	6	8	2	7	5
6	2	4	5	1	7	9	8	3
8	5	7	2	9	3	6	1	4
7	4	1	9	2	5	3	6	8
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**MECHANIC/ MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN** wanted for local farm. Part-time or on-call with retainer. Should be able to maintain tractors, vehicles, and field implements. Some carpentry or electrical experience is a bonus. Wage DOE. Call (706)233-2188 or text (480)524-4430 for more information.

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**A&M CONSTRUCTION AND EXCAVATION** is looking for Class A CDL drivers with experience. Please apply at the Weber Sand and Gravel office, located at 2980 E. Hwy. 160. (970)264-4568.

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**DENTAL ASSISTANT POSITION** available now. If you are looking for a fun and rewarding career, this is it. Duties include helping with interesting procedures, being a patient advocate and operational maintenance. Be a part of a profession that is always in high demand. Will train career minded, motivated individuals. Please send resume to denprac@yahoo.com.

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**PAGOSA PEAK OPEN SCHOOL** is hiring for a full-time Office Manager and a Part Time Custodian. For more information, please visit our website. Send resumes to [abeach@ppos.co](mailto:abeach@ppos.co).

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**RUNS WITH SCISSORS IS** looking for a part-time hair stylist. Great downtown location and walk-in traffic. Call Julie at (970)507-1234.

**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](http://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](mailto:rsmith@archuletacounty.org). Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**DENTAL HYGIENIST:** San Juan Dental is seeking a caring and compassionate dental hygienist to join our team. Please email resume to [dreicrsmithdds@aol.com](mailto:dreicrsmithdds@aol.com) or stop by our wonderful office and meet the team. (970)264-9436.

**SUMMIT SKI & SPORTS** is hiring Part-Time Retail Employee for summer and possibly into fall and winter season. Experience is a plus, but will train the right person. Must be able to work weekends, especially Sundays. Accepting applications starting May 8th to May 13th, Apply in person at 172 East Pagosa Street.

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**Terry's Colorado Home Supply and Ace Hardware**

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**GTS IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS** for part-time or full-time employment. Please apply within at 31 Goldmine Dr.

**GENERAL LABORER.** Help wanted- full time. Please call (970)264-5000. Pagosa Cattle Company.

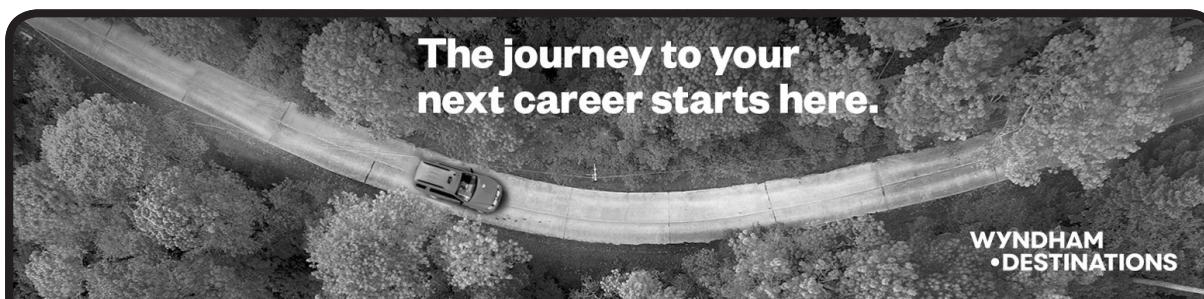
**FRONT DESK/ RECEPTIONIST POSITION.** Experience in Microsoft Office, customer service, and organizational skills. Team player needed for a busy and positive outpatient clinic. 8a.m.-5p.m. Monday- Thursday. Email letter of interest and resume, with references included, to admin.inbalance@centurytel.net. No phone calls or walk ins.

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**AT YOUR DISPOSAL IS** hiring year round full-time Class B CDL drivers. Starting at \$17 an hour with benefits. Please apply at 128 Bastille Dr.

**ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT** has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosaschools.com under the "Job Postings" icon. Openings for the 2019-20 school year are: Middle School (6th grade) Social Studies Teacher, Middle School (6th grade) Reading and Math Intervention Teacher, High School Head Cheer and Dance Coach, Bus Drivers and Substitutes. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

**DELIVERY/ WAREHOUSE ASSISTANT.** Assist in performing delivery and warehousing functions. Scheduled hours are Monday- Friday with weekends off. Must be reliable and pass a background check. Apply in person at Pagosa Springs Sears, 2800 Cornerstone Dr.



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**PEAK DELI NOW HIRING** multi-taskers to help coordinate deliciousness for summer. Stop in for application. No calls.

**PHYSICAL THERAPY TECH PRN** for a busy outpatient clinic. Monday- Thursday on an as-needed basis. This is a great job for an active retiree or person who wants some extra work from time to time. On the job training. Email resume and letter of interest to admin.inbalance@centurytel.net. No phone calls or walk-ins.

**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.

**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.

**TWO CHICKS AND A HIPPIE** hiring Prep Cook and Dishwasher. Bring resume to the shop. Call (970)731-6020.

**EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I.** The Archuleta Public Works Department is accepting applications for an Equipment Operator I. 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.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for **Housekeepers**. Must be willing to work nights and some weekends. Looking for full or part time. We offer full benefit package to our full-time employees including health insurance, discounts at our facility, retirement and paid time off. Applications may be picked up at the human resources office, or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for friendly, customer service oriented Volunteers. Our volunteers greet and assist patients with way finding and information from our front entrance. Applications may be picked up at the volunteer desk (next to registration). Applications are may be submitted to jodi.scarpa@psmedicalcenter.org or returned to the volunteer desk.

**LOOKING FOR MECHANICALLY SKILLED** person with Class A CDL. Pay commensurate with experience. 731-1200.

**SAN JUAN LIFESTYLE & Sweets & Treats** is looking for full- and part-time sales professionals. Apply in person at Sweets & Treats, 424 Pagosa St.

**CDL/ TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY.** Minimum 1 year experience. Forestry equipment knowledge helpful. Must Pass Drug Test. Local Driving Only. Send resume to PO Box 4490, Pagosa Springs, CO 81157 or email: pagosaland@pagosa.net.

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**BUCK FRISBEE LANDSCAPING IS** now hiring. Call Buck (970)946-0996 for application and interview.

**SEEKING COOKS, SERVERS, HOSTS & DISHWASHERS.** Pagosa Brewing seeks full- and part-time team members for brunch, lunch and dinner. Applications at 118 N. Pagosa Blvd & online. No phone calls.

**KITCHEN HELP, MORNING AND** afternoon shifts. No experience necessary. Flexible schedule and competitive wages. Apply in person, Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs. EOE.

**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.

**SALES REPRESENTATIVE-** Are you organized? Do you work well under deadlines? Would you enjoy getting to know local business owners and managers? We are looking for a self-motivated sales person to join our team selling weekly paper, website and special issues. Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop and marketing experience a plus. Email your resume to helpwanted@pagosason.com. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.

**LANDSCAPERS, TREE MITIGATION,** fence work. (970)403-2228.

**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 THERAPEUTICS AND GREENHOUSE PAGOSA** are looking for happy, enthusiastic people to join our budding business. We are willing to train the right candidate if you're committed to being a part of this continually growing industry. Please send a copy of your resume to employment@jandjinc.net along with a copy of your **Colorado M.E.D. Badge**.

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**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.

**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.fcd@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.

**YARD SALES**

**SPRING CLEANING! SATURDAY, MAY 4,** 8a.m.-1p.m. 60 Stevens Circle. No early birds.

**SPRING SALE! HOP TO IT!** 181 River Forest Dr. Saturday, May 4th, 9a.m.-2p.m. Home goods, home decor, etc.

**THE TOOLS AND NOTHING** but the tools, construction, hand and power. Painting Titan 440 20 hours. Riding mower, backpack blower and whacker. April 4th, 9a.m.-4p.m. at 373 Oakwood Cir. (303)885-9374.

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

**MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE.** Saturday, May 4, 8a.m.-noon. Behind the courthouse.

**MOVING SALE: SATURDAY, MAY 4,** 7a.m.-2p.m. Camping equipment, kayak, kitchen items, furniture, household items. 256 Sundown Circle.

**HOLIDAY ACRES LARGE GARAGE SALES.** 165 Big Horn Ct. Saturday 9a.m.-3p.m., Sunday 10a.m.-3p.m. Tools, household goods, sports and books.

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 8:30A.M.-1P.M.** 1030 Shenandoah Dr. Collectibles, refrigerator, dining table, clothing, miscellaneous household.

**MOVING SALE, 317 ARROWHEAD DR.** Saturday, May 4th, 8a.m.-5p.m. Take Hwy. 160 west and turn right on N. Pagosa Blvd., then left on Lake Forest Circle and left on Arrowhead Dr. to house #317. Kitchen supplies, tools, snowblower, riding lawn mower, table saw, small band saw and lots more.

**PUBLIC AUCTIONS 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.

**PERSONALS**

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**LOOKING FOR A PROFESSIONAL FARRIER** who does quality work, shows up on time and calls you back? Call Mike Garcia at (303)601-5498.

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**STAINING HOUSES.** Exterior house painting and staining. Gravel driveways, roof tightening, gutter cleaning, build pads with gravel. (970)946-9571, (432)847-6451.

**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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**GET YOUR FIREWOOD NOW!** Guarantee yourself dry wood this coming season. Get a HUGE dump truck load, split and delivered for \$335! Ponderosa Pine. Contact Dan with FIRE&ICE at (970)582-0006.

**14 FT. JUMPSPORT TRAMPOLINE** with net and spring covers, excellent condition, \$500. Full size Temperpedic mattress and box spring set with wooden bed frame, includes head and foot boards, \$600 OBO. ODC 1220 2 man pontoon boat, tubes are great, frame needs help, \$150. 264-4668.

**WATER TRANSFER TANKS.** 275 gallons. 6 miles west of Pagosa Springs on Hwy. 160. \$200 cash. Call Kurt (801)201-2122.

**BIRD LOVERS BIRD FEEDER.** 40"x4", approximately 7' 6" to top of roof. Hold 30 gallons of feed that is caged to prevent deer from stealing it. Years of enjoyment for you and others, \$640. See at 10373 W. Hwy 160, Pagosa Springs or call (801)201-2122.

**RESTORED 1978 CJ5, \$15,000;** 4.2 I6, under 20K on motor, 31 inch new AT tires, many extras. 2015 Suzuki 650 Enduro, \$5,000; 174 miles, many extras. Call for detail (650)898-4570.

**RAISED GARDEN, 3' HIGH,** 10' diameter with 6' 6" deer barrier. Must be custom built on your property. See at 10373 W. Hwy 160, Pagosa Springs or call (801)201-2122.

**ATTENTION CONTRACTORS AND HOME-OWNERS.** Are you remodeling or tearing down? Call Durango Salvage, we buy and sell building materials. Tom, (970)749-2271, Mark, 749-8235.

**16' HYSIDE RAFT.** Older bucket boat. Needs a little TLC. Includes 4 paddles and miscellaneous parts for repairs. \$500. Call or text for pictures. (908)619-9892. Will consider trade for canoe.

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**2004 BMW MOTORCYCLE.** 35,000 miles. \$3,900. Call Jim Smith (970)264-3208.

**FRED HARMAN OIL PAINTING** (Too Late to Hibernate). Interested parties: ablais273@gmail.com.

**8 EARTH PLANTING BOXES,** heavy black plastic, 3 feet long, 10" wide, 10" deep, \$10 each or \$75 for all. Manure spreader, John Deere Model H, box 8 feet long, 3 feet wide, 2 feet deep, tires 80%, \$300. Bob Case 731-5593.

**2-MAN PONTOON FISHING BOAT.** Includes trolling motor and trailer. Pictures upon request. (214)755-9227.

**MOVING TO ARIZONA AT** the end of the month, must sell. Blizzak winter tires, 265/ 170/ R17, 10 ply, like new, \$350 OBO. Also 16" tires, like new, \$300 OBO. Exercise bike, \$250 new, asking \$50. (970)764-0427 after noon.

**SELL OR TRADE YOUR GUNS.** We buy for cash or trade it. No hassle. Licensed, bonded, insured. San Juan Trading Post, 635 San Juan St. 731-PAWNN (7296).

**1969 AIRSTREAM LAND YACHT 27'.** Partially restored. \$14,000. Call (603)953-6616 for more information.

**WRIGHT NATURAL BAKERY.** Locally owned Whole Grain Organic Bakery. Delicious, nutritious items at Choke Cherry Tree and Joy's Natural Foods. Wrightnaturalbakery.com.

**2001 VICTORY DELUXE CRUISER.** 1500cc, major service done. Asking \$3,000 OBO. (970)731-1773.

**2010 SUPER DYNA HARLEY.** 9,700 miles, very fast, great condition, custom pipe. Ride proud for \$7,000, sold new 20,000. (970)731-2064.

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

**\$7,500. 2001 SIERRA** by Forest River 5th Wheel. 25' long and has 1 tipout. Call 759-8109.

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**1999 FORD SEA VIEW.** 32', 12' slide out, 32,000 miles. \$15,000 OBO. (970)946-6083.

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## AUTOS

**1996 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE** 4x4. Runs good, good tires, \$1,200. 1999 Toyota Land Cruiser, 4x4, runs good, \$1,500. Other vehicles as low as \$400. (970)946-3762.

**USED JEEP WRANGLER SAHARA** 2013. Excellent condition, \$22,900 with new tires. See at 10373 W. Hwy 160, Pagosa Springs or call (801)201-2122.

**2003 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT** 4x4. Runs and looks good, good tires, A/C. Books for \$5,100, sell \$4,000. 1999 GMC Suburban 4x4. Runs and looks great, tires 90%. \$3,000. (970)946-3762.

**2005 DODGE RAM 2500.** 3/4 ton, 4 door, 4" exhaust, with a programmable performance chip and 154,000 miles. \$20,000. (970)749-4033.

**2015 TOYOTA TACOMA TRD** Off Road, 4 door, 56,000 miles, \$27,300. (970)903-1614.

**GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL!** 4X4 Auto Sales, 21698 Hwy. 160 West, Durango. (970)385-7940.

**2011 RAM 1500 SLT.** V8, 4.7 liter, 4X4, 73K miles, \$15,000. (970)731-9490.

**2005 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER.** Runs good. Call Joe Bob Leake for information. (970)946-5563.

## VACATION RENTALS

**SUMMER RENTAL. MAY 1ST** through September 30th. Furnished house in Pagosa Highlands. Next to National Forest. Pagosa Peak view. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1,100 per month. Includes utilities, TV, internet, washer/dryer. No smokers, no pets. (970)946-2728.

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**LONG TERM SINGLE FAMILY HOME** needed on or about June 1st for professional couple with well-mannered 9 year old son and no pets. In Pagosa 6 years and planning to stay. Excellent references, credit and background, current renters insurance. Nonsmokers. Minimum 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. \$1,300 to \$1,800. Mike (970)403-9222.

**4-PLEX DOWNTOWN, NEW CONSTRUCTION.** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, granite throughout, patios. All utilities included. 3 units long term, 1 unit minimum 1 month. Fully furnished. (318)347-6100.

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## RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

**MASTER SUITE AVAILABLE** in Hatcher Lake area. Fully furnished with queen bed and mattress, solid wood furniture set, lamps, walk-in closet, and master bathroom with shower. Shared spaces fully furnished as well, living room, dining room, kitchen with all new appliances and wireless internet, as well as a covered deck at back of house. There is a washer/ dryer, and a large shelf for renter in garage. Yoga, meditation, 4/20, and LGBTQ friendly. No tobacco, no pets, no hard drugs, and no drama allowed on premises. \$850/ month, everything included. Email Pagosa\_Springs\_Home@yahoo.com with interest.

**LOFT FOR RENT. SHARE** kitchen, vegetarian household, chicken and fish okay. Wifi satellite TV. Beautiful rural setting, 8 miles from town. 4WD or similar vehicle needed. \$550 a month plus utilities. First months rent, \$350 deposit and references required. Must be healthy, honest, responsible person. Call 264-5049.

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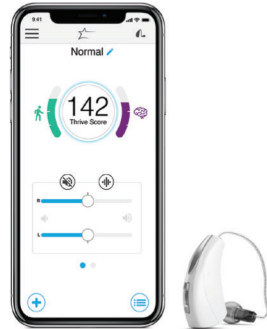
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Osteoporosis can adversely affect the three tiny bones in the middle ear, which can lead to hearing loss.

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### Safety/Balance

People with mild hearing loss are 3x more likely to have a history of falling than people with normal hearing.



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### Cognitive Decline

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\*75 years and older

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