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New details emerge in 1033 investigation, county takes action

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) full report on the case regarding missing 1033 Program assets given to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) was released to The SUN Monday, and has revealed new details about the case and elicited new actions from the county commissioners.

The 1033 Program is a U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) initiative to transfer, without charge, excess military supplies and equipment to local law enforcement agencies and

first responders.

CBI's investigation clears Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez and the ACSO of any wrongdoing relating to 1033 assets.

Some of the new details that have emerged are that former Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) deputy and current county coroner Brandon Bishop sold backpacks and a tent online, items he received through the 1033 Program — which was deemed "an ethical issue, it's not an illegal issue" by Undersheriff Derek Woodman in an interview

■ See Investigation A8

Property valuations mailed, valuations up 10 to 24 percent

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

Local residents may have received an updated property valuation from the Archuleta County Assessor's Office recently, with many property owners learning that their properties are valued higher than before.

According to Archuleta County Assessor Natalie Woodruff, the county is required by state statute to reappraise properties every odd

year.

When asked if there was a blanket amount that the properties increased by, Woodruff said, "Everybody is different. [Property values] went up anywhere from 10 percent to 24 percent."

Some residents may compare what percentage their property increased by with the percentage of their friends, but Woodruff cautioned that each house's valuation

■ See Valuations A8

Town council votes on county rezoning request

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its Tuesday meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council voted on the first reading of Ordinance 909, rezoning the property at 125 Harman Park Drive to allow for Archuleta County to build a detention facility at the site.

If approved upon second reading on May 23, the ordinance will change

the zoning of the parcel from mixed-use corridor to public/quasi public.

The zoning change, Planning Manager James Dickhoff explained to the council Tuesday, came at the request of the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission when that board was considering a conditional use permit application from Archuleta County.

■ See Rezoning A8

\$100,000 Powerball ticket sold in Pagosa Springs

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

If you played the Powerball recently, you may be the winner of \$100,000 and not even know it, as the winner of the May 4 Powerball has yet to claim their ticket.

According to the Colorado Lottery, a winning Powerball ticket worth \$100,000 was sold at the Everyday store in Pagosa Springs last weekend.

If you are in fact the lucky winner of the Powerball, you have a few options to claim your ticket.

The Colorado Lottery has four claims centers that winners can choose to go to in order to claim their winnings. For Pagosa Springs residents, the closest claim center would be the one in Pueblo.

"They have to bring it in to a claims office, I don't know why any-

■ See Powerball A8





Red Ribbon Week

SUN photos/Chris Mannara

Pagosa Springs Elementary School fourth-grade students were taught the importance of a drug-free lifestyle by personnel from the Red Ribbon Counter-drug Team from the Colorado Army National Guard and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. As an added bonus, the students were treated to a tour of a Blackhawk helicopter flown in from Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora. Red Ribbon Week has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice in remembrance of Enrique Camarena, a former DEA special agent who was abducted and murdered while on assignment in Mexico.



		
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EDITORIAL

LPEA should make CEO's salary public

La Plata Electric Association Inc. (LPEA) is a cooperative owned by its members.

Chances are, if you have electricity and live in Archuleta County, you are a member of the cooperative.

LPEA is governed by a board of directors. Those directors are all members. Those directors are all elected by members.

LPEA just hired a new CEO Jessica Matlock.

As a member of LPEA, The SUN asked for Matlock's salary information and a copy of her contract.

LPEA staff politely informed of the policy and process to receive such information and we were given a link to download the proper form to file an information request.

Since LPEA is not a governmental entity, it does not have to follow the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA). This act begins with a broad and powerful statement: "It is declared to be the public policy of this state that all public records shall be open for inspection by any person at reasonable times."

Through CORA, the contracts and salary information for CEOs of public entities is deemed public information.

On April 24, The SUN officially requested contracts and salary information for both current LPEA CEO Mike Dreyspring and Matlock.

Dreyspring responded via email,

"Thank you for the information request. LPEA Board Policy 108, which governs the release of information, in section II D 1 (a) provides that personnel information release will be determined by the board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled board meeting after the request. I've directed LPEA staff to put your request on the May 15 agenda."

We believe it is in the interest of the members of LPEA to know how much the cooperative is paying its top executive.

A look at LPEA's website shows that Dreyspring was paid \$296,896 in salary and benefits in 2017. This information is included on the organization's 990 form.

Unfortunately, the 2018 form 990 is not readily available. When asked where that 990 form was, Dreyspring explained that they filed for an extension, and when the form is available, it will be posted.

It is customary for The SUN to obtain copies of contracts and salary information for CEOs of public entities.

Over the years, SUN staff has found some interesting details in contracts of local CEOs. We've discovered a CEO who received thousands of dollars in taxpayer money for residency benefits that they should not have received. We found excessive vacation benefits erroneously written into a contract. We found an agreement for someone

who had expired credentials that were required by their contract.

In the newspaper's role as the community's watchdog, we made the organizations aware of the problems, and in each case, the situation was corrected.

LPEA belongs to its members. Those members should know what they are offering their CEO.

Stipends and expenditures for LPEA board members are publicly posted on the organization's website. We believe that the CEO's current contract and salary should also be public.

There should be an easier and more timely way of accessing that information rather than waiting weeks for the next meeting of the board.

The board's time is valuable and this is a policy that should be changed to streamline the process and become even more transparent.

LPEA touts its transparency. As part of its strategic plan, LPEA has posted its board commitment online. It reads, in part: "We will pursue our mission with transparency, community engagement, acknowledgement of risk, trust of our members by performing our fiduciary responsibility."

We encourage LPEA's board to further its commitment to keeping its members informed of the financial and contractual obligations it makes.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 10, 1929

The Hersch Merc. Co. is busy this week in shipping about 10,000 head of ewes, which wintered on the Navajo reservation, from La Boca to the Sunetha lambing grounds.

The Women's Civic Club is again sponsoring the annual clean-up day at Hilltop cemetery, which will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd. All are requested to come early for an all day session, as there is much to be done. Bring hoes, rakes, shovels and basket lunches; coffee will be served by the Civic Club.

The new steel cable guard line on the east side of Pagosa street along the San Juan river bank from the town hall to the City park entrance, was put in place this week.

At the school election Monday John Galbreath, president of the board of education, was re-elected for a term of three years without a dissenting vote. There being 62 votes cast.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 12, 1944

Ben Lynch, manager of the local Jackisch Drug Store, is now enjoying about ten days rest from his duties, which was started Tuesday. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lynch with their family expect to make a short visit with their folks at Minturn and Leadville, Colorado. Before returning they will also go to Denver on business. Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Jackisch, of Denver, are taking their place in business at Pagosa Springs during their absence.

Phillip Lara has been wanted by Alamosa County Sheriff Smith on the charges of stealing a horse and saddle at Alamosa about the middle of April. Early Crouse, Sheriff of Archuleta County, arrested the man at Pagosa Junction Monday. Friday Sheriff Smith arrived to take the man back to Alamosa.

County Sheriff Crouse was in Pagosa Junction Monday making investigations in regard to the destruction of railroad and telegraph property that has been proceeding in that community. Facts show this destruction is done by Juveniles, so no arrests were made. However, if this destruction continues, this investigation rendered sufficient data to warrant a step in by law without further warning.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 8, 1969

In a busy session Monday night the Town Board met with several delegations, discussed bid opening on the new water supply system, and heard officials of the Ralanco Industries, Inc., describe some of their plans for development of the area west of town.

Edwin Crowley, an out-of-town resident, appeared and asked the Board if he could haul water from the town and was told he could.

Permission was asked for allowing a house trailer on a lot during construction of a new home. Town zoning ordinances do not allow trailer houses in that zone. The Board, though, in line with previous actions gave permission for the house trailer to be used as living quarters until the new home is finished.

Gordon Benedict, vice president of Ralanco, and Damon Vernon, local representative of the firm, met with the Board and discussed airport improvements. They also showed the Board drawings of a 120-unit motel that is planned for the development at Sunetha.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 12, 1994

Mayor Ross Aragon declared the week of May 15 to May 21 as "cleanup Week '94" in Pagosa Springs, and in a proclamation urged all residents of the town to join the effort to clean up public and private properties. Aragon noted that a clean and orderly town instills a sense of community pride in its residents and portrays a favorable image to its visitors, and linked the cleanliness of the town to its economic development and future.

A drive to provide scholarship funds by recycling aluminum cans ends Saturday and local elementary school kids need a helping hand from the community to reach their goal. The aluminum can drive was started by Clifford Lucero, of L&M Disposal, to produce funds for the company's Environmental Awareness Scholarship. The scholarship fund was created last year and made its first \$500 award to a member of the 1993 graduating class at Pagosa Springs High School.

WHADDYA THINK?

Whaddya think should be at the Yamaguchi South location?

Poll results (117 votes)

- An open space park — 39 percent
- Ball fields — 15 percent
- Community garden — 20 percent
- Something other than a park — 26 percent

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LOOKING BACK



From the May 22, 1980, Pagosa Springs SUN. ALL CONFERENCE — Coach Jerry Driessens, left and the four Pagosa Pirates that were named to the Southern Peaks League all-conference team. They are left to right: Ronnie Vivian, Ernie Caldera, John Childres, and Mark Young.



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.

Action on climate change

Dear Editor:
I appreciate your sentiments, Mr. Tyler, and the challenge issued in your submission from 2 weeks ago, entitled, 'The Impossibility of Climate Change'. In it, you line out your despair and its logic so very well, echoing what a lot of us feel and think. We, as Americans, are portrayed accurately in your rendering of our hopelessness vis-a-vis what it would take to meaningfully change. You make clear the fact that we are all irreducible and irremediable over-achievers with a slovenly sense of urgency surrounding climate change, devoted to increase, satiety and improvement like a nation possessed, driven, ironically, by a will for survival that is so focused on the immediate that we forget the long-term implications of our 'common sense' devotions. Regarding total disregard as a birthright, we treat all duty to responsibilities we must begin to fold into our daily regimen and collective mission as nothing more than a mess of pottage. As long as we have our rails under us, stopping this train, or even slowing it down some, is, as you say, 'impossible'.

And so what is the answer: to derail? No. It's to grow up. We are adolescents. Wasting all for the now, overestimating the worth of a joyride. And it's high time that we grow up.

Eating a cheap hamburger the other night, frittering time watching 'Our Planet', the new documentary series about the state of the earth, now streaming on Netflix, wonderfully narrated by Sir David Attenborough (I'd like to see Donald Trump call it false news), I had a thought. The freedom that America cherishes, provided for and by its citizenry, is not the thing to sing songs about. Not the thing we fight wars for. The songs and the wars should be directed toward what is done with that freedom. An adolescent uses any freedom he or she has indulgently, it is a period of time we explain away and make allowances for... but, eventually, the individual who wishes to understand more about life must rise from that adolescence, and learn that there is something more to be done with freedom than to indulge. Not since WWII has America experienced a call to maturity like we face now, a call to dig deep and achieve potential, make the sacrifice.

Yes, we must make changes. And we already are. The USA uses 40% less coal than it did in 2008. In today's news, on NPR (April 30th), it was announced that in this quarter, renewables out-produced fossil sources for the first time ever. It's happening. Kick and scream all you want. The joy is in maturity. In caring more for what is around us than for what we can derive from those surroundings. Caring more about our children than about gratifying ourselves. And trusting that this earth will meet us with at least as

much will for healing as we present, if we go ardently in the direction of the work that will make us proud.
Jonathan Dobson

Property tax valuation

Dear Editor:
I was shocked and quite frankly angered when I received the new property tax valuation in the mail, a feeling that must be shared by most Archuleta property owners. This was unexpected and feels like a kick in the teeth after this county passed the school mill levy last election. I have never seen a real property valuation climb by such a high percentage in one re-valuation. Adjustments of this caliber are typically gradual increases over several years out of consideration for those affected. I have never paid taxes anywhere in the US on 100 percent of the actual value of my home, ever! This will put a hardship on many county residents who live on the edge. I have not seen a spending plan for this money, but something tells me it's to pay for the gold plated jail we voted down. This is unacceptable and needs to be reconsidered. Sad day for this area.
Terrie Fisher

LPEA: Hopeful

Dear Editor:
Kudos to the Colorado legislature, LPEA and congratulations to Holly Metzler for winning the board position on LPEA. The annual meeting, May 2, was well run by Bob Lynch who led with humor and good will. The future of the generation and delivery of electric power looks bright with desperately needed attention being paid to reducing carbon generation as well as keeping prices as low as possible. The 50 year contract with Tristate will change due to our Board's due diligence as well as the passage of new regulations affecting carbon generation by the legislature.

I feel hopeful for the first time in a long time.
Robert Hagberg MD

Response to coverage

Dear Editor:
I would like to comment on two

subjects receiving recent coverage in the SUN: The CBI report on the 1033 Program and the reported need for upgrades to and/or replacement of the dispatch center

Regarding the 1033 Program issue, I am not surprised that the CBI found no wrongdoing on the part of our sheriff's office. The whole issue to me smacked of a politicized turf war from the outset. I regret that things devolved to where the CBI was contacted, as I am sure they have more important things to investigate. I am quite disappointed that this issue was not resolved locally as it should have been.

To those who publicly accused our sheriff and his office of malfeasance: Please copy the SUN on your letters of apology, as we readers would like to see them.

To all our elected officials: Remember that, regardless of any statutory reporting relationships, you and your minions all report to us, the voters.

Regarding the reported need for replacement of and/or upgrades to our dispatch center, you cite six possible alternatives for financing, I think ascribed to PFPD Chief Larson I submit that there is a seventh alternative: The bond-interest payments we will be making on the new jail. [Having served on the Jail Committee I am a proponent of a new jail, but I remain opposed to our borrowing to finance it.]
Vic Lucariello

Property tax relief for seniors

Dear Editor:
My May 3 email to Representative McLachlan:

Living and loving new home in Pagosa Springs. But property taxes going up every year. Certain that many Colorado Seniors are facing this due to increasing property values in our state.

Current law allows for seniors to reduce this tax burden but only if resided in the same residence for 10 years.

Please offer an amendment to that requirement to being a Colorado property tax payer for 10 years or even 20 years.

I could sure use some relief as could many others.

Thank you ... Tony Medrano

Politically motivated?

Dear Editor:
As a retired Law Enforcement Officer I have followed with considerable interest the allegations against and the subsequent investigation of Archuleta County Sheriff Richard Valdez and his Department, for the possible misuse or theft of acquired military equipment. Having conducted many different types of investigations during my career, I had a lot of questions after reading your article in the May 2nd Sun. As a Citizen of Archuleta County I was very happy to hear that the individual that I voted for to serve as our Sheriff, or his staff, did not commit the crimes they were alleged to have committed. However, I have serious questions as to how this whole investigation got started in the first place.

I was really bothered by the fact that this "issue" was reviewed/ investigated by 3 previous investigative Agencies who told the individuals pushing this investigation, that there was no wrong doing and the Sheriff's office was in compliance with the 1033 program requirements. Yet, it was taken to another Agency and the allegations made public. In reading the summary report by CBI published by the Sun on May 2nd, I was struck by the wording used by the Investigator in the report. The Investigator put in their findings, using the strongest possible terms, that this was a waste of everyone's time and resources. To use language like "a gross misrepresentation of a non-issue and the creation of a false narrative" spoke volumes to me about how the Investigator felt about the entire issue.

I now have a few questions of my own. What motivated this "investigation"? Was it politically motivated? Was it a personal vendetta of some kind? Most states have laws about knowingly falsely reporting a crime. Does Colorado? If so, maybe the real investigation should be about why this investigation happened in the first place. As for some of the letters to the Editor that were published about this, even before an investigation could

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Letters

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 be completed, some of them were clearly politically motivated.
 Andy Planeta

Protest the assessment

Dear Editor:
 From what I've heard from many, wherever they live in the County, their property assessment with a residence went up \$35,000.00. It was a blanket raise. It doesn't seem to matter what, or how much is on the property. Vacant property up here in Aspen Springs was brought up however much it took to make all acres \$9,000.00. This is an outrage and unfair. I'm not going to go into a rant, but here is what I think everyone in the County should do. Everyone. Protest the assessment. Make them, if they can, earn the raise. Force them to respond. We as voters can't do anything about what the County does in the assessment department, but we should be cognizant that the next thing they're probably going to do is raise the property taxes. Pay close attention to each and every County and local (District) ballot to insure they're not also going to raise the property taxes. Vote all tax hikes down. Keep voting them down until they discover what they did was not worth it.

Douglas Roberts

Vindicated sheriff

Dear Editor:
 Our sheriff and his department of loyal public servants were just vindicated in an unnecessary investigation. This pointless investigation was a culmination of a term where the former Board of County Commissioners and county attorney could not get along, find common ground or make progress through collaboration. We should all be offended by

the lack of communication and thoughtlessness about chain of command. This issue could have easily been hashed out internally but instead the sheriff was personally attacked and the concern was pushed to investigation. This county has limited resources and the investigation demonstrated it was meritless and undertaken as a personal vendetta — it is obvious from the report that there was never a legitimate issue to be investigated. This was a complete waste of taxpayer time and money.

Quoting from the report: "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 [the jail dispute]."

It's time for the elected county commissioners to collectively turn their attention to building the jail and courthouse they should have finished long ago and focus on repairing roads that have been neglected and badly damaged by winter weather and authorizing other necessary community improvements and services.

Sheriff Valdez deserves an apology.

Lisa Scott and Joni Rose

Political correctness

Dear Editor:
 Much division in this country is centered around one issue: homosexuality and same-sex marriage. In the early days, as stated in the Old Testament, men were castrated to negate their sexual desires. These men were referred to as Eunucks and were hired by Kings to guard the bedroom doors of their harems.

Turning to my Bible for guidance, something interesting is recorded in Mathew 19:10-12 in

which Jesus Christ was discussing the issues of adultery and marriage. The disciples asked him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, is it better not to marry?" Jesus replied: "not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. For some are eunucks because they were born that way, others were made that way by men ..." The one who can accept this should accept it," Hmmm, born that way.

Then, moving on, the missionary Paul, instructing Timothy about faith and spirituality brings me to wonder if he is predicting the times we are living in today. 1 Timothy 4:1-6: "The spirit clearly says that in later times, some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth, for everything God created is good and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving because it was consecrated by the word of God and prayer."

Let's stop being politically correct, think for ourselves, pray for others, pray for our democracy, and live our true faith. "Political Correctness" is destroying our country. Let's get it out of our lives and see the truth in all things. Know all are loved,

Patty Tillerson

Climate crisis

Dear Editor:
 I am grateful for Jan Dixon's, Terry Hansen's, and Dan Mayer's letters in the May 2 copy of The Sun, responding to my letter in the previous issue. I believe that robust public dialog is the only adequate stimulant for a response to issues like the climate crisis. I thank them

for blessing me with their input. I look forward to spending some quality time with the "Economists' Statement on Carbon Dividends" and having my mind changed for the better.

Emrys Tyler

1033 investigation

Dear Editor:
 1033 investigation: Absolutely no wrongdoing Pagosa Sun 5/2/19
 As I was reading the article I came to the following paragraph "When Starr was presenting his case to the district attorney, Starr claimed he had information ... (oh my gosh, where have I heard that phrase before, could it be we have our very own Adam Schiff in little ole Pagosa?) ... I continued reading; 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 there was 2.2 million missing from the Archuleta County coffers and indicated that he believed Sheriff Valdez took these monies". Yes, Todd Starr aka "Adam Schiff" is right here in our own River City.

The comments made by Todd Starr about our sheriff are absolutely despicable, childish, below the dignity for an officer of the court, and appear to be vindictive. To this writer, there appears to be more here than meets the eye. Later in the article, in a statement he 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"

One has to wonder who these clients are. Do these clients have personal animosity against Sheriff Valdez, did they direct Todd Starr to go after Sheriff Valdez with such a horrific, despicable narrative to the district attorney? And finally, according to the Sun article, when Starr was being interviewed by the CBI he quickly directed Agents to Larry Walton, the finance director for Archuleta County, another player in this fiasco.

The CBI's conclusion as stated in the Pagosa Sun:

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

And I might add, while trying to destroy the reputation of Sheriff Valdez.

I believe Mr. Starr owes a public apology to Sheriff Valdez, his family, and the citizens of Archuleta County.

Are we likely to hear more about this matter?

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Obituary

Sally Ann Kufrin

Sally Ann Kufrin passed away Sunday, March 3, at Pine Ridge Extended Care. She was 86 years old.

Sally was born May 27, 1932, to Neal and Eleanor Sundin in Brookfield, Ill. She grew up in Brookfield. Over her life, she was married several times and to those marriages, four wonderful children were given. In 1981, she moved to Tulsa, Okla., to live close to her daughter, Jody, and there raised two of her grandchildren. She and Jody moved to Pagosa Springs in 2004 and together they raised her great-granddaughters and enjoyed each



other's company until her passing. Sally's faith was paramount in her life and she was a devout Seventh-Day Adventist. She was a member of the Pagosa Springs Seventh-Day Adventist Church and attended SDA churches in her former hometowns. Sally worked for the University of Illinois Extension Center, John M. Smyth Homemakers Furniture and very much enjoyed her time working for Dillard's Department Store in Tulsa.

Most of all, Sally was a wonderful mom, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a friend to many and never met a stranger. Through her failing health, her attitude and faith made her a joy to be with and care for. She'll be remembered as always praising the Lord and when asked how she was feeling, she would answer without fail, "Super-Fine!"

She is survived by her children:

Jody Moon, Bill Schieberl, Sara Jackson and Neal Schieberl; sister Ellie Mae Banas; grandchildren: Allen O'Brien, Shannon O'Brien-Montgomery, Erin Findley, Heavin Schieberl, Madison Bailey, Connor Schieberl, Carl Schieberl, and Mason Schieberl; great-grandchildren: Celestial O'Brien, Serenity O'Brien, Evan Findley, Zack Findley and Aidyn Cole.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Rae Kolf.

A memorial service will be held Friday, May 17, at 3 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs SDA Church, 40 Oren Road.

Memorial contributions may be sent to: Pagosa Springs SDA Church Fund - IT IS WRITTEN Project: Eyes for India.

Obituaries

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Deadline is 1 p.m. Tuesday for the following Thursday's edition. The SUN reserves the right to edit all submissions.

Elementary school accepting kindergarten enrollments

By Kendra Bridges
 Special to The SUN

Pagosa Springs Elementary School is now accepting kindergarten enrollments in the front office Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Preschool children who are not currently attending Seeds of Learning or Head Start, please call 264-2229 to schedule a screening.

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CHAMBER NEWS

Economic outlook luncheon set for May 22

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) will be hosting an economic outlook luncheon with the theme being “Thinking Outside the Economic Box.”

The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at the new Pagosa Springs Arts Council building at 197 Navajo Trail Drive from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The CDC is pleased to have as the guest speaker Jeff Kraft, who is the division director for business funding and incentives with the state’s Office of Economic Development and International Trade. Kraft will be in Pagosa, not only being the guest speaker on May 22, but is also working with a group of interested people and businesses on May 21 on how the state can assist our community on Opportunity Zone projects.

Kraft will cover topics such as state and local demographics, state programs and funding assistance, the new federal Opportunity Zone

initiative and how the state and Pagosa can take advantage of this economic opportunity, and future hot developments such as the hemp and renewable energy industries. The speakers from the state’s economic offices always give an interesting presentation and are highly sought-after for their ease of understanding, relative data and clear presentations.

Those interested in attending can purchase individual tickets or your business can purchase a table. Tickets are available online at www.pagosapricescdc.org. Click on the announcement listed on the home page to take you to the registration tab. Vegetarian or gluten-free lunch options are available.

If you have been interested in some of Pagosa’s economic development issues and how we can move forward on these issues and how we can garner assistance from the state, you should be at the Thinking Outside the Economic Box luncheon.

Questions can be directed to the Chamber of Commerce, which is the administrative arm of the CDC,

at 264-2360.

Home-based business networking open house May 9

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? 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?

Come out for an evening of idea exchanging and information. Networking is a powerful tool. Don’t underestimate its effectiveness. We look forward to visiting and finding out more about your home-based

businesses, your business needs and your engagement in our community.

For more information, contact Mary Jo Coulehan at 264-2360 or director@pagosachamber.com.

Membership news

It was mentioned in last week’s SUN article that the Maximizing Your Membership class to be held on Tuesday, May 14, would be from 9 to 10:15 a.m. There is a correction. The class will be held an hour earlier, from 8 to 9:15 a.m. The date remains the same, Tuesday, May 14. The free informational breakfast is open to the public and focuses on Chamber benefits and how you can best take advantage of them. Please reserve your seat at the table by contacting Rick at 264-2360.

We welcome two new businesses to the Chamber this week: San Juan Basin Public Health and Durango is The Payroll Department.

Our renewing members this week include Re/Max Eagle’s Nest Realty, Kap Creations and The Lindblad Group.

Metzler elected to LPEA Board of Directors

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

Results of the board of directors elections for La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) were announced at the electric cooperative’s annual meeting, held Thursday, May 2.

In accordance with LPEA’s by-laws, annually one seat in each of LPEA’s four districts comes up for election. Holly Leann Metzler and Joe Lewandowski are two new LPEA board members, with incumbents

Dan Huntington and Jack Turner re-elected to their seats.

In District 1, Archuleta County, with two new candidates running for the seat vacated by retiring Mike Alley, 1,855 members cast votes and Metzler received 1,106 votes, with Michael Whiting receiving 794.

In District 2, south and west La Plata County, out of the 2,478 votes cast, incumbent Huntington received 1,751 votes, compared to the 727 cast for challenger Jeffery Mannix.

In District 4, which covers north

and east La Plata County, 2,246 members cast votes and incumbent Turner received 1,277 votes, with challenger Sarah Ferrell receiving 969.

In the city of Durango, District 3, only one candidate, Joe Lewandowski, submitted an election petition and he has been appointed to the board.

Out of the 25,411 ballots mailed in Districts 1, 2 and 4, a total of 6,624 LPEA members cast votes for an approximate 26 percent return, which is on par with the 2018 election, which was also 26 percent. In recent years, LPEA saw a 28 percent return in 2017; 22.5 percent return in 2016; 22.6 percent return in 2015; 25 percent return in 2014; and 22.5 percent return in 2013.

An estimated 350 LPEA members attended the LPEA annual meeting, including the 263 voting members registered. Balloting and tallying was managed by an independent Election Supervisory Committee, overseen by the La Plata County Clerk’s Office, which was retained by the LPEA Board of Directors as an independent third party.

“As a rural electric cooperative, LPEA exists to serve its members. Everyone has an interest and voice in LPEA’s future,” said CEO Mike

Dreyspring. “We thank those who cast their votes and took time to participate in the cooperative process.”

All members in good standing, who pay their electric bill to LPEA, are qualified to vote for the directors who represent them, as well as the bylaws, which are the governing directives of the cooperative.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the LPEA Board of Directors is Wednesday, May 15, beginning at 9 a.m. at LPEA’s Durango headquarters, 45 Stewart St. (Bodo Park). Per the bylaws, officers will be elected at that time. Member comment will be heard immediately following.

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Colorado Judicial Department launches pilot program for self-represented litigants to file documents electronically

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Judicial Department recently launched a pilot program in Douglas and Larimer counties enabling self-represented litigants to file court documents electronically, commonly known as e-filing.

The e-file pilot program is open to those litigants without attorneys in dissolution of marriage, dissolution of a civil union and custody cases. Approximately 75 percent of litigants in these case classes are

self-represented. Since the pilot launch on April 15, more than 125 self-represented litigants have enrolled to e-file.

Only named parties to the case are eligible to e-file. Requests to waive fees cannot be made through the e-file system at this time. Thus, indigent parties will need to continue filing paper documents at the clerk’s office in the courthouse.

More information on this program can be found at www.ColoradoEfilingsInfo.com.



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Medical center highlights first-quarter accomplishments

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

As part of her CEO report on April 23, Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb presented the board of the Upper San Juan Health Service District a list of the medical center's first-quarter accomplishments.

The three-page report details accomplishments in the areas of clinical programs/services for patient care, revenue cycle and financial goals, plant and equipment, compliance, quality program, and community presence and involvement.

Clinical programs/ services for patient care

The first accomplishment highlighted is the medical center's work for the Hospital Transformation Program (HTP), which the document explains is a "Colorado Medicaid initiative that requires, over the next 5 years of the program, for PSMC to meet identified performance measures to receive the Medicaid supplemental payment." For that program, PSMC tasked a director-level administrator and an HTP committee to address the HTP, completed community engagement with stakeholders meeting at PSMC and Mercy Regional Medical Center, conducted a scan of possible priorities relevant to PSMC and the stakeholders, and prepared a "comprehensive midpoint report for submission by April 19 deadline."

The second accomplishment topic noted involves suboxone, which the document explains is used to help physicians and advanced practice providers transition patients with dependence on opioids to suboxone.

PSMC, the accomplishment report notes, has certified three pro-

viders and is preparing to launch the service.

The third accomplishment noted is that the new ear, nose and throat service line launched in 2018 is "proceeding successfully," with the number of procedures for the first quarter of 2019 exceeding budget.

The service line, Webb said, has "been very successful for us."

The oncology service line started in 2018, the accomplishment list noted, and celebrated its first anniversary during the first quarter of 2019.

Under the topic of behavioral health, Webb's report states that five members of the PSMC staff participated in a state conference on preventing suicide, with PSMC's social worker set to attend a national conference addressing suicide during the second quarter.

Webb's report further notes that PSMC's Dr. Kevin Kelly is facilitating an eight-week program on memory and healthy brains.

The final point under behavioral health notes that PSMC now offers behavioral health Monday through Friday and two Saturdays per month.

The report notes that telehealth services have been expanded to include infectious diseases and bone fragility.

Too, PSMC has added more respiratory therapy availability through an existing employee of radiology, the report notes.

The final accomplishment listed under clinical programs/services for patient care is "Assessed and prepared plans to expand, in a budget-neutral manner, the hours of Radiology services."

Revenue cycle and financial goals

Under the category of revenue

cycle and financial goals, the following accomplishments are listed:

- Ongoing efforts to enhance the ability to collect revenues, including: improving the number of clean claims and minimizing denials, changing the procedure to collect patient co-pays at the time of service, contracting with a third party to collect out-of-state Medicaid, contracting with a third party to handle motor vehicle and workers' compensation claims, contracting with a third party to outsource collecting self-pay, continuing "comprehensive chargemaster correction" and refining and enhancing the preauthorization process.

- Ongoing efforts to decrease expenses, including: reduced personnel through restructuring and attrition, and eliminated certain ongoing contract expenses (such as leased space, service contracts for equipment and supply contracts).

- A project to optimize "surgery and supply chain charging for services performed."

Plant and equipment

Accomplishments listed by Webb for the category for plant and equipment include continued work on the HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning), implementing the informational technology capital replacement plan, working to fit all existing employees into the main hospital/clinic building to avoid ongoing lease costs for space, and work on the automated pharmaceutical dispensing cabinets to a new platform that is a better machine with a lower cost that will improve patient safeguards.

Compliance

The accomplishments listed under compliance are:

- PSMC conducted an annual hazard vulnerability assessment.

- Participated in a Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment "tabletop to develop crisis standards for hospitals to facilitate protocols for disasters.

- A new facility-wide policy for prescription of opioids to meet the requirements of new regulations.

Quality program

Accomplishments listed under the quality program category center around quality reporting for various merit-based incentive payment and performance award programs.

Webb noted that a lot of resources go toward the quality reporting, which pays for itself.

For the merit-based incentive payment systems, commonly referred to as MIPS within PSMC, PSMC received high preliminary scores for 2018.

Kathee Douglas, PSMC's chief operating officer and chief nursing officer, informed the board that PSMC scored higher than ever before for the hospital quality incentive payment.

Webb noted that the quality metrics are designed "to have you prove you provide quality care" and focus on quality, not quantity.

Community presence and involvement

Under the final category of Webb's report, PSMC's involvement with other entities is highlighted, including PSMC employee involvement on a number of boards, work with Archuleta School District to support a student internship program and with speakers at career-exploration events, and more.

The report also notes that PSMC has 12 volunteers and added three new volunteers during the first quarter of 2019.

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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
Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting. Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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.

Tuesday, May 21
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting. 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation Opportunity Zone work session. 3 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Wednesday, May 22
Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation Economic Luncheon. 11:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Arts Council building, 197 Navajo Trail Dr.
Archuleta County Planning Commission regular meeting. 6

p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Thursday, May 23
Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, May 28
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Joint town/county work session. Noon, Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Archuleta School District Board of Education work session. 5 p.m., 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.

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

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

Thanks

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The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce, The Springs Resort and Spa and Riff Raff Brewing Company for their donations to a gift basket for the CCI Foundation's Summer Conference in June. The donations are deeply appreciated.

Celebration

Jennifer Nicole Smith

Jennifer Nicole Smith, of Pagosa Springs, earned a bachelor of science in agricultural economics from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at University of Nebraska-Lincoln during commencement exercises May 3 and 4.

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Wildfire Preparedness Day events celebrated locally

By Bill Trimarco
Special to The SUN

May is Wildfire Awareness Month. Jared Polis, the governor of Colorado, and the governors of 10 other states have signed a proclamation to officially declare it as such. On a national level, Saturday, May 4, was Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. Across the country, local groups performed activities to mark the event. Here in Pagosa Country, two events were held.

Residents on the Lower Blanco set up a WUI checkpoint on County Road 335. WUI is the acronym for wildland-urban interface, which is the area where wildfire and homes come together. Almost every home in Archuleta County is within the WUI boundaries and can be touched by wildfire or the embers that blow ahead of the fire. At the checkpoint, volunteers handed out one-page reminders to their neighbors about the threat of wildfire in their community. Some

important things to check, clean up suggestions and contact numbers were also on the sheet. In previous years, these checkpoints have also been set up by other communities in order to spread the word.

The other local project was Operation Helping Hands. Over a dozen volunteers and members of the Archuleta County Emergency Management team went out and did some spring wildfire cleaning for elderly and disabled residents in the Pagosa Lakes area. The group split into teams and headed out to the homes of six participants in need of help. The efforts concentrated on removing combustibles from under decks and within 30 feet of the homes. Most of the work involved raking and bagging pine needles within that first 30 feet.

This spring cleanup helped protect our neighbors who can no longer help themselves. There were a lot of contributions to this project beyond that of the volunteer crews. The Pagosa Lakes Property Own-

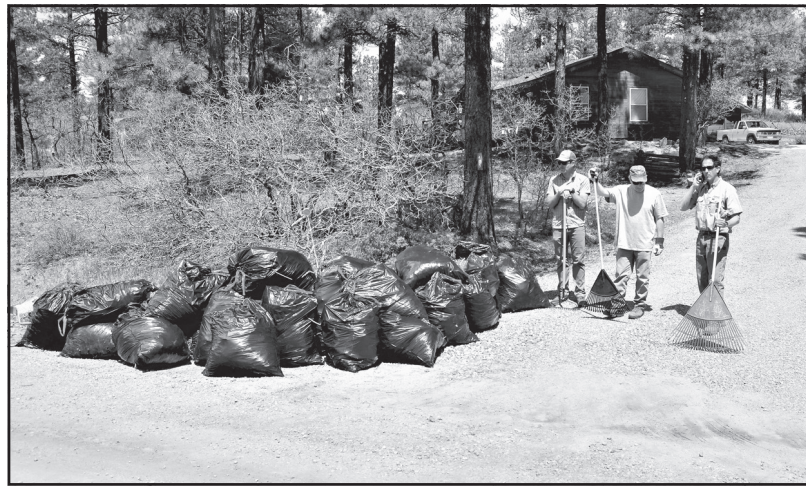


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Local groups perform activities to mark Wildfire Community Preparedness Day on May 4. The day included a spring cleanup and a wildland-urban interface checkpoint.

ers Association, Wildfire Adapted Partnership, the National Fire Protection Association, Firewise/USA and others had a hand in making this happen. The volunteers celebrated with a barbecue afterwards

at the Pagosa Lakes administration building.

For more information on how to prepare your home for wildfire season, go to wildfireadapted.org or call 385-8909.

The Blotter

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

- April 22 — Noise regulations, Pineview Road.
- April 22 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), improper registration, registration rescinded, canceled or issued for another vehicle displayed/possessed fictitious/canceled/revoked/suspended, County Road 600/Eagle Drive.
- April 23 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), U.S. 160/Colo. 151.
- April 23 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, crimes against at-risk adult/juvenile-theft no force, Ute Drive.
- April 23 — Information only, Great West Avenue.
- April 23 — All other thefts, Cloman Boulevard.
- April 23 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.
- April 23 — Missing property, Solomon Drive.
- April 24 — Drove vehicle under F.R.A. suspension, North Pagosa Boulevard.
- April 24 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.
- April 24 — Identity theft-possesses, all other thefts, County Road 600.
- April 25 — Domestic violence, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, false imprisonment, 15th Street/U.S. 160.
- April 26 — Violation of restraining order, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, Great West Avenue.
- April 26 — Domestic violence, harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, criminal mischief, Deer Trail.
- April 26 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, warrant arrest, warrant arrest, South 8th Street.
- April 26 — Reckless endangerment, recklessly discharges a firearm, vehicular assault-reckless driving, unlawfully aims a firearm at another, County Road 982.
- April 27 — All other thefts, Red Ryder Circle.
- April 27 — Information only, Caddy Circle.
- April 27 — Failed to drive in single lane (weaving), drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drove vehicle when blood alcohol content 0.10 or more, 14th

- Street/U.S. 160.
- April 28 — Criminal mischief, third-degree criminal trespass, Canyon Circle.
- April 28 — Violation of restraining order, resisting arrest, trespass warning, Handicap Avenue.
- April 28 — Warrant arrest, Canyon Circle.
- April 29 — Open burning in unincorporated Archuleta County, Colorado Place.
- April 29 — Menacing-felony-agg-weapon, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Davis Cup Drive.
- April 29 — County warrant, Davis Cup Drive.
- April 30 — Under investigation, County Road 600.
- April 30 — Agency assist, Nutria Circle.
- May 1 — Agency assist, Aspen Village Drive.
- May 1 — Under investigation, Bunker Court.
- May 1 — Unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon, possession of weapons by previous offenders, false reporting to authorities, Ute Place.
- May 1 — State warrant, Dyke Boulevard.
- May 1 — All other thefts, Seminole Drive.
- May 2 — Warrant arrest, County Road 500.
- May 2 — Information only, U.S. 160/Deer Trail.
- May 2 — All other thefts, third-degree criminal trespass, Meadows Drive.
- May 2 — Unattended death, Divide View Place.
- May 2 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, Panorama Place.
- May 3 — Second-degree forgery, Ponderosa Drive.
- May 3 — Sexual assault (when victim and offender are the same or opposite sex), no location listed.
- May 3 — Fraud by check-other method, Navajo Trail Drive.
- May 4 — Drove vehicle without insurance, County Road 600.
- May 4 — Agency assist, South Pagosa Boulevard.
- May 5 — Information only, USFS Road 024.
- May 5 — Littering of public or private property, County Road 335.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

- April 22 — Animal/running at large, Bienvenido Circle.
- April 24 — Traffic/license/insurance/registration, Aspen Village Drive.
- April 24 — Violation of restraining order, North 8th Street.

- April 25 — Agency assist, 14th Street.
- April 25 — Identity theft, Cornerstone Drive.
- April 25 — Information only, Country Center Drive.
- April 28 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs Boulevard.
- April 28 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, North 3rd Street.
- April 28 — Agency assist, Handicap Avenue.
- April 29 — Warrant Arrest, South 6th Street.
- April 29 — DUI, U.S. 84.
- April 30 — Warrant arrest, Loma Street.
- April 30 — Agency assist, Aspen Village Drive.
- May 1 — Animal/running at large, San Juan Street.
- May 1 — Traffic/insurance/disobeyed traffic device, U.S. 160.
- May 1 — Warrant arrest, Eaton Drive.
- May 1 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.
- May 1 — Fraud by check, Country Center Drive.
- May 1 — Animal/running at large, Talisman Drive.
- May 1 — Warrant arrest, Goldmine Drive.
- May 1 — Violation of probation, Eaton Drive.
- May 2 — Possess/consume alcohol/open container, San Juan Street.
- May 2 — Possess/consume alcohol/open container, San Juan Street.
- May 2 — Animal/running at large, Pagosa Street.
- May 3 — Criminal tampering, Lewis Street.
- May 3 — Failed to yield to oncoming traffic, South 10th Street.
- May 3 — Information only, Vista Boulevard.
- May 3 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.
- May 4 — Animal/running at large, U.S. 160.
- May 5 — Found property, San Juan Street.
- May 5 — Warrant arrest, Pagosa Street.
- May 5 — Warrant arrest, 14th Street.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

- April 24 — Jairos Monaletto Lopez-Lehi, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$120.50.
- April 24 — Clinton L. Manzanares, careless driving, total fines and costs — \$113.50.
- April 24 — Clinton L. Manzanares, drug paraphernalia-possess, total fines and costs — \$68.50.

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Outdoors



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Scout Troop 807 participated in the District Camporee, held April 26-28. Scouts and Venture crews from throughout the San Juan Mountain District convened for a two-night event at Ute campground in outdoor skills including cooking, lashing, fire building, knot-tying, first aid and orienteering. The troop is gearing up for an active summer, including a climb up Pagosa Peak, backpacking and rafting trips, and trail service projects in conjunction with the Pagosa Area Trails Council. Boy Scouts of America programs provide citizenship, ethics, adventure, learning, challenge and responsibility to boys and girls alike from kindergarten through age 20. For more information on our local units, visit beascout.scouting.org.

Chimney Rock National Monument opens for the 2019 season Wednesday, May 15

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

Come experience a unique part of America's heritage this summer in the shadows of Chimney Rock National Monument's awe-inspiring twin spires. Chimney Rock will open for the 2019 season on Wednesday, May 15.

The site is accessible for guided tours and audio-guided tours. The price for guided tours is \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). The price for audio-guided tours is \$12/adult and \$6/child (ages 5-12). There is no charge for children under 5.

Chimney Rock National Monument is a protected archaeological site with limited access through tours only. Tours begin at the visitor cabin, where fees are collected. Then guests drive in their own vehicles to the high mesa. All tours are first-come, first-served. No reservations are required.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) sponsors monthly and annual events at Chimney Rock National Monument including the Night Sky: Our Solar System

Program, Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies Program, the Full Moon Program, Sunrise photo tours, geology tours, the Stories at Sunset Program, and the always fun and free Life at Chimney Rock Festival.

The first program of the season will take place on Saturday, May 18. The Full Moon Program occurs against the backdrop of the Great House Pueblo at the top of Chimney Rock Mesa. The program includes an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site, such as the ancestral Puebloan culture, archaeoastronomy theories or area geology. Then, guests watch the full moon rise to the music of Charles Martinez's Native American flute. (This moon-rise does not occur between the spires.) You'll be torn between looking west to see the spectacular sunset and focusing on the eastern mountain range to see the first sliver of moon.

The program lasts approximately three hours including check-in, driving to the mesa top and hiking to the Great House Pueblo. This program is recommended for ages 8 and up. There is a \$20 fee for at-

tending or \$25 to attend the Full Moon Program with an early tour.

Guests who plan to attend the early tour, please check in at the visitor cabin by 6:15 p.m. Guests who plan to attend the Full Program only, please check in at the visitor cabin between 6:45-7 p.m. The Full Moon Program begins at 7:45 p.m. The Full Moon Program is approximately 2.5 hours long. For tickets, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center. Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for the monthly and annual programs.

CRIA also hosts a lecture series several times a year to offer the opportunity for the public and CRIA volunteers to gather and hear a speaker whose topic relates to southwest archaeology, archaeoastronomy and/or Chacoan culture.

The next lecture will be held on Thursday, May 9. Linda Baker, the director of the Southern Ute Museum in Ignacio, will be presenting "The Momentum of the Southern

Ute Museum since the Takeover by the 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. The public is invited to join CRIA for the social hour preceding the lecture at 6 p.m. This is great way to meet our amazing volunteer team and learn more about Chimney Rock and ways to get involved.

Include Chimney Rock in your plans this summer. This ancestral Puebloan cultural site is located 17 miles west of Pagosa and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. To view the Chimney Rock National Monument 2019 Calendar of Events, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under a participating agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest.

Tips for identifying birdsong to be offered at Weminuche Audubon meeting

By Stacey Couch
Special to The SUN

It's springtime and the air is filled with the songs of birds, but do you know which melodies belong to which of your feathered friends?

At the next chapter meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society on Wednesday, May 15, board member and ornithologist Stacey Couch will host a "Birding by Ear Workshop." The meeting will start with socializing at 6 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street.

While colors and markings are key ways for identifying bird species, bird song is a critical, yet often overlooked, aspect of birding. If you're not listening to the songs, you're missing a significant portion of the numbers and species of birds out there.

In this interactive workshop, Couch will emphasize the reasons why birding by ear is a valuable skill to develop. She will share tips and free tools for learning and identifying birdsong. Then we will work together as a group to listen to recordings of birdsong common to the area and discuss ways to memorize the songs.

This WAS event is free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. The presentation will be made after a short business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. To show our appreciation to the Methodist Church for our meeting place, we are asking that you bring a contribution of nonperishable food to be donated to its food bank.

Call Jean Zirnelt at 731-2985 for more information.

For information on local birding events, go to: www.weminucheadubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/.

Fun, informative morning set to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day

By Jean Zirnelt
Special to The SUN

Audubon Rockies, the U.S. Forest Service and the Weminuche Audubon Society are joining to present a fun and informative morning for kids and adults to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day this Saturday.

Bring the family and stop by our tent at Mary Fisher Park on the banks of the San Juan River in town between 9 a.m. and noon. Join us for a guided birding tour along the San Juan River trail (9 and 10:30 a.m. tours), meet a peregrine falcon, fly

through migratory bird courses, participate in art activities and more.

Join with people from across the world as we come together to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day. Migration is an amazing feat in birds driven by the need to travel yearly to and from rich breeding grounds which have the resources to raise and feed young. Along the way, birds rely on finding suitable stopover points to eat and rest.

Events across the globe, including ones in South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, Mexico, Canada and even Pagosa Springs, are part of the

understanding that the survival of migratory bird populations depends on international cooperation. Birds know no political boundaries and depend on diverse cultures coming together with the common goal of conserving them and the habitats they require to survive.

The theme of this year's event is

"Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution."

According to worldmigratorybirdday.org, 8 million tons of plastic enter the world's oceans each year. Find out why this is a problem for birds and what you can do to be part of the solution. For information, contact kbruno@audubon.org.

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Sports

TRACK

Pirates nab two first-place finishes at Terry Alley Invitational, new school record set

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School track and field teams picked up a pair of first-place finishes at their lone home meet of the season on May 4 and broke a school record in the process.

Coach Connie O'Donnell noted that the Terry Alley Invitational has a view that other teams envy.

"It's got the best view of all of our meets, people always say that," said O'Donnell, adding that the meet is only attended by a small number of teams but that it's crucial for the Pirates to have an event in Pagosa Springs.

The school record that was broken was in the girls' 800-meter sprint medley, with Jessica Hartley, River Pitcher, Mackenzie Wedemeyer and Emma Heidelmeier running the event in 1 minute, 53.33 seconds, earning first-place and 10 points for the team.

The record had been held since 2015.

Wedemeyer also earned first place in the 200-meter race, finishing less than a half-second ahead of Jordan Elder from Dolores at 27.35 seconds, taking first place and earning 10 points for Pagosa.

"It made her second in the all-time top 10 list that I keep," said O'Donnell, adding, "I've kept it for over 20 years of everybody who's run. It's kind of hard to make because after 20 years there's some good marks on there."

The girls' relay team was on fire at the event, snatching first place in each event they participated in, continuing their dominant streak throughout the season.

In the 800-meter race, Megan Greenly and Michelle Saucedo took first and second places, finishing within a second of each other. Greenly finished at 2:42.60 and Saucedo at 2:42.87.

In the 400-meter race, Daily Valdez and Arden Blakemore finished close together as well, netting third- and fourth-places, and six and five points for the team.

"A lot of times, you'll see teams have people finish around the same



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Arden Blakemore, Daily Valdez and Kylie Keuning dash for the finish during the 100-meter race at the Pirates' only home meet of the season, the Terry Alley Invitational, on May 4. Lexie Valdez (not pictured) took fourth in the event on the way to the girls' team netting first place.

time and I think that has to do with training," O'Donnell said.

Nell Taylor and Celia Taylor earned first and second places in the 1,600-meter relay, netting 10 and eight points for the Pirates.

Emma Heidelmeier earned third place in the girls' long jump, launching 14 feet, 10 inches and gaining six points for the team.

The girls' team took first-place at the event with 152 points, well ahead of second-place Monte Vista (108) and third-place Dolores (106).

On the boys' side, Cam Hinger ascended to the top as the day's champion in the 110-meter hurdles due to some good luck toward the end of the race.

"The poor Dolores kid tripped on the last hurdle and fell. He still got up and got second, but Cam beat him right at the end," O'Donnell said. "There was like bodies and hurdles flying everywhere at the end of that race ... They kind of caused each other to wreck."

The "Dolores kid," Cael McHenry, got his revenge on the 300-meter hurdles, when he bested Hinger by just over one second to earn first place.

Mason Blakemore was nipping at Hinger's and McHenry's heels in the 300, falling just behind them at third place, earning six points for the Pirates.

The boys' relay team had a stellar day, snatching first place in the 4x200-meter relay, the 4x400-meter relay and the 4x800-meter relay.

Michael Wedemeyer, who sat out this week's triple jump as he is currently ranked third in the 3A division in Colorado already, took first in the 200 to earn 10 points for the Pirates.

In Wedemeyer's absence from the triple jump, his teammates picked up the slack and placed high.

Nolan Kay and Aidan O'Donnell took second and third places, respectively, earning eight and six points for the team.

Dean Hudran snatched first-place with a throw of 37-2 1/2 in the shot put, not far ahead of his teammate, Evan Raymond, who got second with 35-5 1/4.

Raymond and Hudran also dominated the discus, with Raymond this time snatching first and Hudran nabbing second, with throws of 115-1 and 112-1, respectively.

The boys took first by a gigantic

margin with 226 points. No other team was close, with Monte Vista in second (94) and Dolores in third with 74 points.

Trackie of the Week was awarded to freshman Dimitriy Kholostov, who earned the accolade "because he improves every week and gets pretty excited about it. We tell him that's what track is about is competing against yourself and your time," O'Donnell said.

O'Donnell explained that the focus for the teams is qualifying for state, and some events need some improvement to reach that milestone.

"[Our goal right now is] definitely qualifying for state. So one of our big ones, we've got to really focus on our 4x8 and our 4x4's this week, and those relays are just so close," said O'Donnell.

The next event for the track and field teams is the Monte Vista Last Chance Meet.

It is indeed the last chance for all track and fielders to improve their times so they can qualify for the state championship.

The Last Chance Meet gets underway on Saturday, May 11, at 8 a.m. at Monte Vista High School. john@pagosasun.com

Tiger Woods will not play at Vets4Vets Golf Tournament

By Ted Eckerson
Special to The SUN

We are sorry to announce that Tiger Woods will not be able to make the Vets4Vets Golf Tournament this year.

But, the good news is that we still have some openings left. So, come on out May 25 and honor all that have served. It is a four-man scramble. Get a team together,

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Baseball

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letes who makes everyone around him better and he is a pleasure to coach and represent our school. This weekend he played a crucial role in rallying his teammates to pull out the walk off win vs Monte Vista in game 2 at home. He also led the charge in game 1, striking out 10 with no walks or runs in 7 innings for the win."

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BASEBALL

Pirates ride four-game win streak into final league games

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

Thanks to a complete-game shutout by pitcher Paden Bailey in game one and a walk-off double by Ryan Lewis in game two, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team extended its win streak to four with Saturday's doubleheader.

With a 9-11 overall record and 4-4 Intermountain League (IML) mark, Pagosa is now No. 26 in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) standings, which help determine postseason play.

Pagosa welcomed the No. 42 Monte Vista Pirates to town Saturday, with both teams entering the day with equal 7-11 records.

Coach Mike Remlinger noted that he and the team are "super happy" after the weekend's wins.

"I mean, the goal was to go in there and win two games, and we did that," he said.

The first game proved to be a pitching matchup, with both teams' starting pitchers completing the game — with Bailey throwing 81 pitches and Monte Vista's Tucker Jones throwing 83.

Bailey and his Pirates held the Monte Vista bats quiet in the affair, allowing three hits while striking out 10.

Bailey did not allow any walks in the affair.

"Clearly, PJ pitched outstanding," the coach said of Bailey. "For me, any high school game where you have zero walks as a pitcher for seven innings, and then also the fact that you're more of a strikeout pitcher than not, and to have zero walks, I was super impressed with that."

Jones and his Pirates allowed three runs (two earned) on seven hits and no walks while striking out seven.

Pagosa's first run came around in the bottom of the first inning on a ground out by Zach Haines.

Two more Pagosa runs came around in the sixth, with Wyatt Schuchart logging an RBI in the inning. Those runs helped lead Pagosa to a 3-0 win.

Monte Vista committed two errors in the game, while Pagosa committed one.

A trio of Pagosa players logged two hits each: Bailey (both doubles), Ryan Lewis and Schuchart (including a double).

Bailey also scored two runs, while Lewis scored one.

Taylor Cotts added one hit in the game.

The afternoon affair was a different matter, with Pagosa pulling out a walk-off 12-11 win over the visiting Pirates.

"Clearly, in game two we would liked to have not let them back into that game the way it worked out, but very happy with how the boys rallied to come back and score a run right there in the seventh and take care of business," Remlinger said.

By scoring two in the first, two in the second and three in the third, Pagosa took a 7-0 lead before Monte Vista found its way on the scoreboard with a pair of runs in the top of the fourth.

Pagosa countered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the inning, and Monte Vista scored another run in the top of the fifth, with that run again countered by two from Pagosa in the bottom of the inning. Monte Vista rallied for seven in



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pagosa's Paden Bailey slides into home ahead of a Monte Vista throw during Pagosa's 3-0 victory over the visiting Monte Vista Pirates Saturday. Pagosa is scheduled to host the Centauri Falcons this weekend to close out regular-season league play.

the sixth inning and another in the top of the seventh to tie the game.

"I didn't really have to say anything," Remlinger said. "They took it upon themselves to rally the troops a little bit right there. And I was super happy with that, the way my captains took control and then to not only say, 'Hey, let's do this,' but to turn around and start the inning off with a triple and put the pressure directly back on them after they'd just took the lead ..."

Pagosa started off the bottom of the seventh inning off with a triple by Bailey and went on to end the inning with a run-scoring double by Lewis to give Pagosa the walk-off win.

Remlinger pointed out that he feels good teams don't dwell on why a lead was lost, but stay in the game and work to take the lead again.

Eric Huddleston started the game on the mound for Pagosa, allowing three runs (two earned) on three hits and four walks while striking out three.

Schuchart, Lewis and Cotts pitched in relief in the game, combining to allow eight runs (four earned) on five hits and four walks while striking out three.

Three different Monte Vista players took to the mound in the game, combining to allow 12 runs (10 earned) on 14 hits and seven walks while striking out two.

Pagosa committed five errors in the game, while Monte Vista committed four.

Bailey led the team with four hits in the game, including a double and a pair of triples, and an RBI.

Lewis followed with three hits, including two doubles, along with three RBIs.

Haines logged two hits, including a double, and a pair of RBIs.

The coach also pointed out that he was "super impressed" with Bailey's performance at the plate on the day, going 6-for-7 with two triples and three doubles.

Remlinger said Bailey "really stepped forward for us when we needed it."

On deck

Now, Pagosa's Pirates will look to close out league action on a strong note, with the team welcoming the No. 36 Centauri Falcons to town, weather permitting.

The Falcons are 7-12 overall and sit in last in the IML with a 1-7 league record. The Falcons' league

win came over the Monte Vista Pirates on April 20 by a score of 10-3.

Remlinger explained that the team continues to work on fundamentals and offense, and continues to maintain a next-game mentality.

"My big focus right now is to try to improve our offense, get more guys involved," he said.

Remlinger explained the team focuses on a model of next pitch, next play, as well as being realistic about the mental nature of the game and what a game of failure baseball is.

The games are slated to begin at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Heading into the final weekend of league play, No. 13 Bayfield sits atop the IML with an 8-0 IML record and 12-8 overall mark.

No. 12 Alamosa follows with a 6-2 league mark and 10-8 overall record.

Pagosa sits third, followed by Montezuma-Cortez (3-5, 10-8), Monte Vista (2-6,) and Centauri.

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SOCCER

Lady Pirate soccer clinches postseason berth, takes on No. 1 Mustangs

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The No. 32 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate (6-7-2 overall, 4-1-1 in league play) soccer team has found itself in the postseason for the first time since the 2017 season.

Pagosa was pitted against the No. 1 overall seeded Colorado Academy Mustangs (14-1 overall, 9-1 in league play) for a first-round matchup on May 8.

As of press time Wednesday, results for that game were not available.

Pagosa was the lone Intermountain League (IML) team to make the postseason this year.

The winner of this matchup will go on to face either the No. 16 seed DSST: Byers Falcons or No. 17 Lutheran Lions on May 11.

This season, Colorado Academy has scored 82 goals and has only allowed four.

Pagosa, on the other hand, has scored 18 goals and given up 34.

The Mustangs closed out the 2019 regular season on a nine-game winning streak, outscoring opponents 56-3 in those nine games.

Despite being ranked No. 1 in the 3A classification, Colorado Academy was third in the Metro League standings, behind the Kent Denver Sun Devils and the Jefferson Academy Jaguars.

The Lady Pirates were able to capture first place in the IML standings ahead of Bayfield, Montezuma-Cortez and Alamosa.

Senior Mari Annest leads the Mustangs in goals with 31, while the next closest, sophomore Maya Pellegrini, has 13.

Lady Pirate sophomore Nicole Bartz leads the team in goals with seven, while senior Morgan Thompson is next with four goals.

Colorado Academy has two keepers that finished the season with more than 500 minutes in net, those goalies being Sarah Morrison and Juliet Cramer.

Morrison finished with a team-high 578 minutes in net this season and allowed three goals while also saving 30 shots.

Cramer had 520 goalie minutes and allowed just one goal while saving 20 shots.

For the Lady Pirates, freshman Trista Tully finished with 920 minutes in net, ending the regular season with 19 goals allowed and 150 total saves.

The Lady Pirates know that the Mustangs are going to be a chal-



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Lady Pirate senior Diana Scott attempts to get one past the Crested Butte Titan goalie during the May 3 matchup between the two teams. Crested Butte was able to hold Pagosa scoreless, coming away with a 2-0 win in the regular-season and home finale for Pagosa. Despite the loss, the Lady Pirates qualified for the postseason for the first time since the 2017 season and took on the No. 1 Colorado Academy Mustangs Wednesday. Results for that game were unavailable by press time Wednesday.

enge, coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason explained in an interview Monday.

"I am sure that the girls will play their hearts out," he said. "We'll just see what happens."

In preparation for the Mustangs, Pagosa treated the game the same as it would any other, he indicated.

"We've had some great success on defense and some great opportunities to score. It's a growing team," he said of the Lady Pirates.

Before their first-round playoff matchup, however, Pagosa closed out its regular season with four straight losses, the final two coming up against the Bayfield Wolverines (7-8 overall, 4-3 in league play) and the 2A Crested Butte Titans (12-2-1 overall) on May 2 and 3, respectively.

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In addition to her 14 saves, Tully was nominated as player of the game by Kurt-Mason against Bayfield.

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their passes and they were making good runs," he said. "It didn't look like the Bayfield team we played the first time. Of course, our team didn't look like the team that we played with the first time, either."

In the second half, the Lady Pirates were able to rally and moved the ball more effectively.

Also in the second half, however, was when the Wolverines scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal off of the foot of Mattie Moore, with the assist coming from Madison Wells.

"There were a couple of scoring chances right at the end that we didn't finish," Kurt-Mason said.

The Wolverines finished with 23 total shots against Pagosa.

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to end the regular season as they fell to the Titans 2-0 at home.

"We knew that Crested Butte was a solid team," Kurt-Mason explained. "But our girls stood up to them."

Twenty-one minutes into the first half, the Titans scored its first goal, squeaking one by Tully to take a 1-0 lead going into halftime.

However, Pagosa nearly equalized it off of a Diana Scott header that just missed the back of the net with 32 minutes left in the second half.

Crested Butte put the game away with 8:20 left in the second half off of another close goal just past Tully's outstretched hand to clinch the 2-0 win.

Tully finished with 14 saves in total against Crested Butte.

The Lady Pirates finished with nine shots on goal against the Titans.

The player of the game against Crested Butte was senior Sarah Ross.

"She has an uncanny ability of reading angles and when to come out on a player and when not to," he explained. "She has really come into her own as a central defender."
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Veterans Memorial Park launches new look and fundraising campaign

By Jim Van Liere
Special to The SUN

To all residents of Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs, the time has come for the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County (VMPAC) to raise \$60,000 to continue the construction of the park this summer.

Last summer, construction of the park started in earnest by building the first half of the parking area and a concrete pad for a handicapped picnic shelter.

To continue the construction in an orderly manner, the VMPAC board would like to complete the parking area and site preparation for the construction of the trails, the memorial area, the facilities building, the picnic pavilion and the play area. It is essential that the site preparation be completed so the layout for the items mentioned can be finalized and the under-

ground infrastructure be installed.

The VMPAC board estimates that if every business in the county and town donated one-tenth of 1 percent of its gross income, enough money could be raised to complete this summer's construction. For example, a business grossing \$500,000 would amount to only a \$500 donation. As always, the board is continuing to develop other sources of income, such as memorial brick sales, the annual golf tournament and applying for grants.

It is important to remember that once the park is completed, or even partially completed, visitation will be increased, which in turn, will increase the economy of the area.

By completing the parking area and, as funds permit, some trails could be constructed and more parking would become available for next fall, which would open the area for hiking, walking and cross-

country skiing.

The VMPAC is proud to reveal its new website. Visit us at www.vetsmemorialpark.org to stay informed of our progress, current events, fundraising and volunteer opportunities. So, as a strong community commitment, let's keep this park going by sending a donation through our website or via mail to Veterans Memorial Park, P.O. Box 2642, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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LIBRARY NEWS

A 30 million-page library is heading for the moon

By Carole Howard
SUN Columnist, and the library staff

A little lunar probe aboard Israel's Beresheet spacecraft is carrying a 30 million-page archive of human knowledge etched into a DVD-size metal disc.

The Lunar Library, as the archive is known, constitutes a "civilization backup" to help ensure that our distant descendants never lose humanity's collective wisdom, according to Nova Spivack, co-founder of Arch Mission Foundation, the Los Angeles-based nonprofit behind the project.

The foundation is building a space-based archive designed to survive for 6 billion years or more — a million times longer than the oldest written records in existence today.

Sending a library into space isn't entirely new for the Arch Foundation. Before Elon Musk launched a Tesla Roadster into orbit around

the sun last year, Spivack and his team put in the glove box a quartz disc containing the entire text of Asimov's famous "Foundation" trilogy of science-fiction books.

For the Lunar Library, the scope had to be far wider.

"We're building a Rosetta Stone for beings who inhabit our solar system in the future," Spivack said.

One small component of the archive is a collection of songs, children's drawings and writings about Israeli culture and history. The rest is truly encyclopedic. It includes more than 200 gigabytes of data with the entire English-language version of Wikipedia, tens of thousands of fiction or nonfiction books, a collection of textbooks, and a guide to 5,000 languages along with 1.5 billion sample translations between them.

Since people in the far future may not have a DVD player handy, and might not speak any language now

in use, the top of the Lunar Library's disc is engraved with tiny images of books and other documents explaining human linguistics, along with instructions on how to read the library beneath.

Lifelong Learning lectures

The fourth lecture in the free spring Lifelong Learning series on Thursdays takes place today, 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 Armistead 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.

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'Ring of Fire'

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Thingamajig Theatre's 'Ring of Fire' to open summer season May 17

By Thingamajig Theatre staff
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company's 2019 "Broadway in the Mountains" summer season kicks off next week with the opening of "Ring of Fire" at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Opening nights are Friday, May 17, and Saturday, May 18, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

A special "Parents Play Date" is scheduled for the Sunday, May 19, afternoon performance, which includes free child care at the Pagosa Play Place.

"Ring of Fire" celebrates the music of one of America's most popular singer songwriters, Johnny Cash. The show does not, however, attempt to portray the man in black directly. Instead, the contours of Cash's life and art can be seen through narratives woven by his music. The story — told through Cash's music — develops an earnest dialogue about home and family, the people you love and what holds people together in the face of tough times.

The group of five singers, actors and musicians that make up the "Ring of Fire" cast are multitalented artists from around the country.

Thingamajig audiences might spot a favorite from the years past: Steven Sitzman, who appeared in such

Thingamajig productions as "Sister Act," "Big River" and "West Side Story." The other four performers are new this year to the Thingamajig stage: Rayshaughn Armant, Allie Tamburello, Nick Abbott and Tommy Paduano.

This talented group of artists will be singing and playing a variety of instruments to bring Cash's musical legacy to life right before your eyes.

Cash was born Feb. 26, 1932, in Kingsland, Ark., the fourth of seven children. He grew up with music as an integral part of his household and began to write songs and play guitar at age 12. After his graduation from high school in 1950, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving with the Air Force Security Service in Landsberg, Germany — where he organized his first band, the Landsberg Barbarians.

Following his discharge from the Air Force in 1954, he auditioned for Sam Phillips' Sun Records and with a couple of mechanics, Marshall Grant and Luther Perkins, formed a trio known as Johnny Cash and the Tennessee Two. The three friends recorded hit songs such as "Cry, Cry, Cry" and "Folsom Prison Blues."

Throughout the late the 1950s and into the 1960s, Cash continued to produce hit records. His songs "Don't Take Your Guns to Town," "I Got Stripes," "Understand Your Man" and "The Ballad of Ira Hayes"

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Rosie's Pizzeria: Crooked Sky, 5:30 p.m.

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Pagosa Brewing Company: The San Juan Mountain Boys, 5:30 p.m.
Rosie's Pizzeria: Dan Evans, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Coyote Moon: Karaoke with Lisa Saunders, 9 p.m.
Riff Raff downtown: Gary Gorence, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff on the Rio: Brooks-i Band, 6 p.m.

Sunday

Riff Raff on the Rio: Bob Hemenger, 4 p.m.

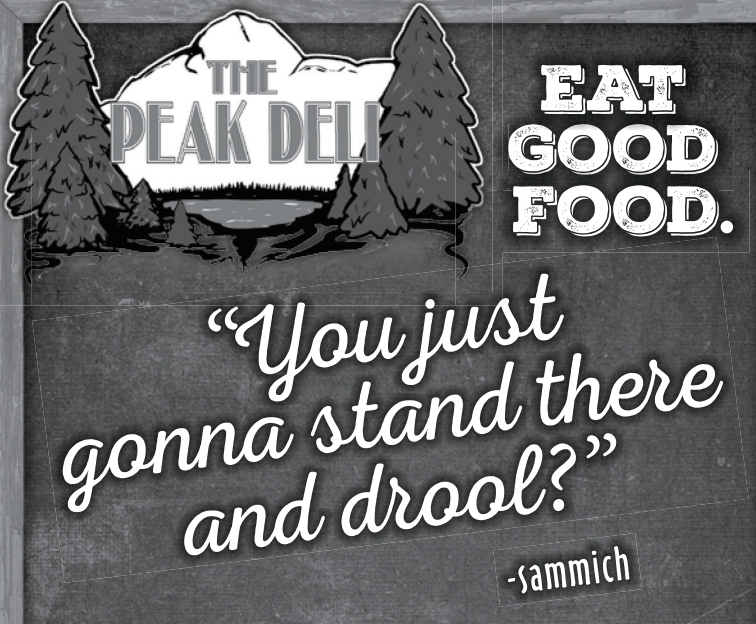
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all hit near the top of the record charts. Cash also produced arguably his most popular song, “Ring of Fire,” at this time — co-written with June Carter.

Despite Cash’s success on the charts, he struggled throughout his career with drug and alcohol abuse. Following his divorce from Vivian Liberto in 1967, he moved to Nashville in 1967 and worked with June Carter, who helped Cash overcome his drug addiction. The two went on to marry in 1968 — and produced top charting duets, including “Jackson,” “Long-Legged Guitar Pickin’ Man,” and “It Ain’t Me, Babe.”

In 1980, at the age of 48, Cash became one of the youngest inductees into the Country Music Hall of Fame. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inducted Cash in 1992 as one of the few musicians recognized in both organizations.

Although he suffered from complications from diabetes, Cash continued to write and record, earning a Grammy for best contemporary folk album — “American Recordings” — in 1994, another Grammy for best country album — “Unchained” — in 1997, and a Grammy for the best male country vocal performance for his cover of Neil Diamond’s “Solitary Man” in 2000. In 2003, Cash earned three CMA awards, and his video for “Hurt” won an MTV award and a Grammy.

Cash lost his wife to heart failure in May 2003. He passed away a few months later, on Sept. 12, 2003.

Cash’s rugged simplicity and honesty in his work extended the scope of country music and broad-

ened audiences throughout his career. “Ring of Fire” soars through his iconic music and will leave you humming “I’ve Been Everywhere” and “I Walk the Line” for days to come. You’ll laugh along with “A Boy Named Sue” and struggle to not sing along with “Folsom Prison Blues.”


This music-lovers’ musical is directed by veteran artist Christopher Willard, who some Thingamajig fans may remember from “Fully Committed” — the very first

production ever performed on the Pagosa Center stage.

Willard leads a talented crew of designers: Thingamajig costumer designer Nanette Cheffers (“A Christmas Carol” and “Legally Blonde, The Musical”); resident set designer and technical director for Thingamajig, Matthew D. McCarren, who has created yet another beautiful set design; and Laine Wong, long-time lighting designer, back for another season dramati-

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Students from the Americana Project and Intro to Guitar Class from Pagosa Springs High School will be performing songs in Town Park from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14. This is the Americana Project's "final exam" concert and each member of the class will be responsible for leading one original or cover song for their classroom grade. The show is free and will be moved into the high school commons if the weather doesn't cooperate. Please come out and support these fine young musicians. Bring your own chairs, blankets and refreshments.

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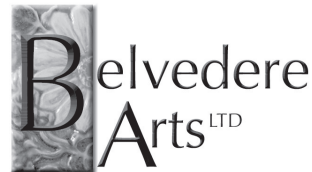


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“Ring of Fire” is opening at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Friday, May 17. Opening night tickets — for May 17 and 18 — include a drink, dessert and exclusive invitation to a post-show “talk back” with the cast and crew.

“Ring of Fire” is a part of Thingamajig Theatre’s “Broadway in the Mountains” summer season, which includes four other exciting musicals: “Mamma Mia!,” “The Who’s Tommy,” “Jekyll and Hyde,

the Musical” and “Alice in Wonderland Jr.”

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Experience the magic of music at hand-drumming sessions

By Paul Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, May 14, at noon.

Music can be a bridge from disturbance to health. A young lady in my music therapy program at a psychiatric hospital said, "Music is the easiest kind of communication there is. It gives me an outlet for my emotional buildup, which I am having trouble expressing in other forms. Music is a great release for me. When I please myself musically then I please myself all around."

She continued: "I feel creative when I'm doing music. Right now, I don't feel very creative or spontaneous, as far as people go. I'm depressed and, as a result of it, I don't feel the spontaneity that you do when you're not."

"In music, it's almost as if I'm normal. I'm not sick when I play music. It's a realm that's beyond sickness, so it's marvelous for me. It's magic almost. I have said I'm going to kill myself in the morning and then in the afternoon, I'm singing my heart out. It's brought me time and time again out of depression."

A friend's question goes to the heart of one of life's mysteries.

"How can there even be such a

thing as music and beings like us who are so affected by it?" she asks rhetorically.

The interesting thing about this question is that it shifts awareness away from rational thinking to a state of wonderment, wherein resides the marvelous magic of music.

The hand-drumming class is a family-friendly activity in which

joy, fun and playfulness abound. No previous experience is necessary. Drums are provided for those who do not have one. For more information, call 731-3117. The Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave.



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Pagosa Springs History Museum announces opening

By Frank Zellner
Special to The PREVIEW

Members of the Pagosa Springs History Museum organization are excited to announce the 2019 season opening celebration will be held Saturday, May 18, between 9 a.m. and noon.

A special quilt show will be featured, along with the museum's thousands of historical exhibits.

President Loretta Ross wants the entire community to make it a point to visit the museum and come to appreciate our community's heritage.

The museum is one of the community's valued treasures, depicting the history and cultures of the Pagosa Springs valley.

Refreshments will be served. This will be a perfect time to tour the museum. Please make it a point to see this treasure first hand.

Note: While the celebration is scheduled for May 18, the museum doors actually open on May 15.

Please contact Frank Zellner at circlez15@gmail.com or 264-2872 with any comments, concerns or questions.



Photo courtesy Linda Parker

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will honor local service individuals and organizations tonight, May 9, at 7 p.m. at Community Methodist Church at its concert, "An Evening with Friends."

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir concert tonight will honor local service workers

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

Tonight, the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) and the Sisters in Song will be honoring individuals and organizations who make Pagosa "the best kept secret in Colorado." The concert, "An Evening with Friends," will begin at 7 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church.

The PSGC, along with our community women's group, Sisters in Song, the audience will hear music about home, family and friends.

"So many individuals, businesses and organizations make Pagosa

the special place that it is, including law enforcement, firefighters, volunteers, veterans, ministers and teachers, and the list goes on and on," said Director Linda Parker. "Many people in Pagosa enrich our lives every day and we want to say 'thank you' by honoring those individuals and their work through our music. So many of these folks are taken for granted and we want them to know that what they do is appreciated."

Concert goers will enjoy familiar tunes such as "You've Got a Friend," "The Wind Beneath my Wings," "Friendship" and many others.

This concert theme is based on the travel plans for the PSGC this summer. Each summer, the girls have an opportunity to experience the arts in a variety of locations, venues and genres. Last year, the choir traveled to New York City for its summer educational trip. It was an amazing experience for all, but Parker wants the girls to under-

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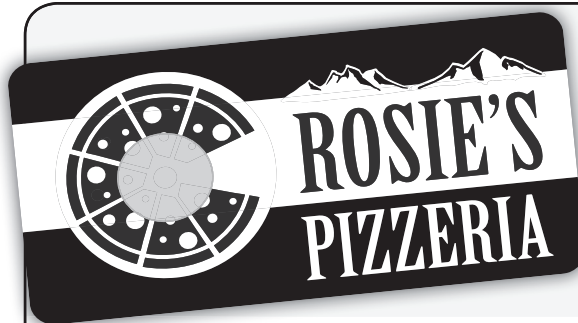
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The Kate Lee and Forrest O'Connor Band will perform on the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival main stage on June 7 at 7 p.m. and again on June 9 at 3 p.m.

Kate Lee and Forrest O'Connor Band set to perform twice at Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass

By **Crista Munro**
Special to The PREVIEW

The 14th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass returns to Reservoir Hill in downtown Pagosa Springs June 7-9.

This year's lineup features performers in the folk, bluegrass and Americana music genres, including legendary bluegrass supergroup The Del McCoury Band and the 2019 Best Bluegrass Album

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Also on the lineup are Sierra Hull, Sam Reider and the Human Hands, Dead Horses, Circus No. 9, Old Salt Union, FY5, Fireside Collective, Halden Wofford and the Hi*Beams, Bonnie and the Clydes, Sugar and the Mint and this week's featured group: the Kate Lee and Forrest O'Connor Band.

Americana duo Kate Lee and Forrest O'Connor will perform on June 7 at 7 p.m. and June 9 at 3 p.m. **See Festival on next page**

Concert

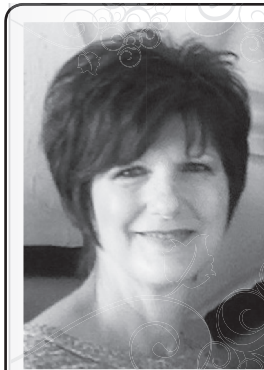
continued from previous page stand the importance of knowing what's in their own backyard.

This summer, the girls will enjoy the benefits of southwest Colorado, attending performances and activities in the Pagosa and Durango area.

"No matter where life takes our girls, there will be music and arts opportunities, if they know to look for them. Many of our girls haven't experienced the artistic side of our

community and the summer will be eye-opening for them," Parker went on to say. "With concerts, artistry and fun activities, the girls will be treated to four days of exploring our own backyard."

We hope the community will join us in celebrating Pagosa Springs and its people at the concert. There is no admission fee for "An Evening with Friends." However, donations will be gratefully accepted.



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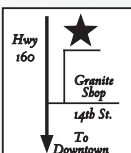
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Sunday Night Unplugged to feature vocalist Dale Scrivener

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

This Sunday evening at 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church's Sunday Night Unplugged will feature the vocal talents of tenor Dale Scrivener.

Sunday Night Unplugged is a service of meditation, a time to take a deep breath and enjoy the beauty of music, the luxury of silence, and the contemplation of spiritual readings and prayers. It is a monthly offering that takes place

on the second Sunday evening of every month and is free and open to the public.

Scrivener came to Pagosa Springs in 2018 as a part of the Thingamajig Theatre Company staff. He currently is working with Curtains Up Pagosa as its musical director and performs as an artist in various venues around town.

He certainly is no stranger to the arts at St. Patrick's nor to Sunday Night Unplugged. He will bring his beautiful tenor voice to enhance the contemplative setting this Sun-

day evening, no doubt enabling participants to further soak in the beauty of our surroundings and the prayerful quiet nature of the service itself.

"We are always delighted to have Dale with us at St. Patrick's. He willingly steps in to assist us whenever he is asked and always enhances our services with his beautiful singing voice and generous nature," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "I am certain that all who attend Sunday Night **See Unplugged on next page**

Festival

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rest O'Connor have earned national recognition as co-lead singers and primary songwriters of the O'Connor Band, a bluegrass group they co-founded along with O'Connor's father, seven-time CMA Award-winning violinist Mark O'Connor. They wrote the majority of the band's debut album, "Coming Home," which debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Top Bluegrass Albums Chart and won a Grammy Award in 2017.

Both independently and as part of the O'Connor Band, Lee and Forrest O'Connor have collaborated with Paul Simon, Zac Brown, Kenny Loggins, Clint Black, Bela Fleck, Jerry Douglas, Dan Tyminski and many others. Their music has accumulated more than half a million streams on Spotify, and they have performed at the Grand Ole Opry, the Ryman Auditorium and Fenway Park, as well as some of the most prominent festivals and performing arts centers around the country.

Lee and Forrest O'Connor were introduced in 2014 by Nashville-based arranger Kris Wilkinson (Tim McGraw, Lady Antebellum, Brandi Carlile), who believed their powerful, expressive vocals and writing sensibilities would align. Forrest O'Connor, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Harvard and former Tennessee State Mandolin Champion, shared a love of '60s classic rock, '70s folk rock, '90s country, bluegrass and modern pop music with Lee, a Belmont graduate and violinist who frequently backed up stars ranging from John Legend and Kelly Clarkson to Keith Urban and Carrie Underwood at the CMA Awards and CMA Country Christmas shows.

They soon began performing together as a duo, and their first EP, "The Demonstration," reached No. 13 on the iTunes singer-songwriter chart with no label or promotion campaign. After performing for three years with the O'Connor Band, they're excited to focus again on their duo project with

the help of a backing band featuring two-time national mandolin champion Isaac Eicher, Grammy Award-winning bassist (and doctor of music) Geoff Saunders and country vocalist Mallory Eagle.

The Kate Lee and Forrest O'Connor Band will perform on the festival main stage on June 7 at 7 p.m. and again on June 9 at 3 p.m.

We're currently looking for our last few volunteers to round out the schedule. Work two four-hour shifts to 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. Tickets can also be ordered by phone at (877) 472-4672.

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Last year's Dancing with the Pagosa Stars was a great success. Bob Brobst and his coach, Ashley Butcher, shown above, danced in the 2018 event. You'll want to see this year's stars in action.

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars tickets go on sale tomorrow

By Tess Wisher and Lisa Peters
Special to The PREVIEW

Tickets for the most exciting event in Pagosa Springs this summer go on sale tomorrow, Friday, May 10, at 9 a.m. Dancing with the Pagosa Stars pits eight Pagosa Springs celebrities and their coaches against each other for the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy. You can witness this spectacular event for yourself on July 20 at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars will be held on July 20 at 6 p.m. at the

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.

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Unplugged

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Unplugged will agree that Pagosa Springs is very fortunate to have someone with his gifts and talents among us."

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Pagosa Springs Girls Choir seeking new members for 2019-2020

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

Registration for the 2019-2020 Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) has been set for May 20 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs Middle School band room. The choir is open to girls who will be in the fifth through eighth grades in the 2018-2019 school year.

Information packets for public school girls will be sent home. Any girls who are home-schooled or are in an online educational program can obtain an audition packet by calling Linda Parker at 264-1434 or emailing her at singpagosa@gmail.com. The packet is also available on the choir's website, www.singpagosa.org.

The PSGC is a community choir of girls who love to sing and who would like to further their music education. The choir is a wonderful opportunity for girls to learn about vocal and choral techniques and to perform in a select choral group. Girls will learn and perform high-quality choral music in a variety of styles, including pop, folk and country (some music will include choreography and props). The girls also have the opportunity to study with a professional vocal coach during rehearsal time, where private mini voice lessons are taught. This is a service that is provided by the PSGC as part of the tuition charge.

The PSGC performs regularly throughout the school year, both for community events and organizations, and presents its own concerts in December and in May.



Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will hold registration for new members on May 20 in the Pagosa Springs Middle School band room.

Additionally, featured soloists and choral groups are invited to be a part of the concerts, giving the girls the opportunity to work and perform with other talented musicians. A highlight for the girls each year is to participate in a master class taught by professional musicians, K.T. Sullivan and Natalie Douglas, both of New York City. The girls have also been featured on a Christmas CD with singer Judy James.

In addition to performance, the girls are able to participate in summer educational trips. The girls have traveled to Santa Fe, N.M., to study opera; they spent eight days in the Dallas/Fort Worth area in June of 2015 attending performances of professional music theater; they travelled to Vail, Colo., to attend a performance of the New

York Philharmonic Orchestra; and to Salt Lake City to hear the Temple organ and the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir. To culminate their fifth year of existence, last summer, the girls traveled to New York City, where they visited landmarks and heard world-class music performances.

Rehearsals for the choir will be held on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m. in the band room at Pagosa Springs Middle School beginning the first Monday after school starts.

There is a nonrefundable registration fee of \$10 which will be credited toward the tuition fee of \$200 per year if a girl is ultimately selected. Scholarships are available; no student will be excluded because of financial reasons, and a

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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.

We expect to sell out quickly, so don't be left out — call early on May 10 for your reservations.

Funds from this event will enable Seeds of Learning to continue to prepare the Seeds preschoolers, mostly at-risk, for public school and their future. Thank you, Pagosa, for your unbelievable support of this fundraiser and the children at Seeds.



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Thingamajig Theatre Company offering pair of programs for parents and kids

By Bill Hudson
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company is pleased to offer two great programs for kids and parents during the 2019 “Broadway in the Mountains” summer season.

We will be partnering with Pagosa Play Place for our “Parents Play Date” on May 19 and, also, registrations are now open for the Whatchamawhozits Summer Theatre Camp for Kids, with early-bird pricing through June 1.

Thingamajig Theatre and the Pagosa Play Place are partnering together for a special “Parents Play Date” matinee performance on Sunday, May 19, at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. With the purchase of a ticket to Thingamajig Theatre’s “Ring of Fire,” parents can drop off their children, free of charge, at the Pagosa Play Place (located in Aspen Village, just a few blocks away from the theater) at 1:30 p.m., before the show. This way, both children and parents can enjoy an afternoon of well-deserved, worry-free recreation.

Curtain goes up on our “Ring of Fire” matinee at 2 p.m. on May 19. Reservations are a must for this special date. To reserve your child’s spot and purchase tickets, call 731-SHOW (7469) or email thingamajigbox@gmail.com.

“Ring of Fire” celebrates the music of one of America’s most popular singer songwriters, Johnny Cash. The show does not, however, attempt to

portray the man in black directly. Instead, the contours of Cash’s life and art can be seen through narratives woven by his music. The story — told through Cash’s music — develops an earnest dialogue about home and family, the people you love and what holds people together in the face of tough times. The five singers, actors and musicians who perform “Ring of Fire” cast are multitalented artists from around the country.

And there’s more. The Whatchamawhozits Summer Theatre Camp for Kids, for children ages 7 through 12, offers an early-bird registration option that ensures your child’s spot in the camp. Early bird registration also offers \$50 off the price of the three-week camp. (Special requests for 6- or 13-year-olds will be considered.)

Professional performers hailing from across the country teach a variety of lessons, and the children will participate in the creation of a collaborative masterpiece while also learning valuable life skills like teamwork, collaboration, public speaking, articulation, critical thinking, self-confidence, physical fitness and, above all, empathy.

This summer, the three-week camp will run from July 1 to July 18, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp will culminate in three performances of “Aladdin KIDS” on July 19 at 2 p.m., July 20 at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., and July 21 at 6 pm.

Students can sign up for just the first week of camp, which focuses on

general theater lessons and games, or for the combined second and third weeks, where the kids rehearse and perform “Aladdin KIDS.” Thirdly, students can sign up for all three weeks of theater fun. The cost for just the first week is \$150. The cost for just the second and third weeks is \$300. If registered before the early-bird registration deadline June 1, registration for all three weeks will cost \$350.

After June 1, the price for all three weeks will be \$400. For additional questions on the best summer camp in southwest Colorado, please contact Laura Moore at laura@pagosa-center.org or call 731-7469.

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Choir

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scholarship application is available by calling 264-1434 or emailing singpagosa@gmail.com. A payment plan for tuition will be available, so it can be paid throughout the year.

Registration is being held this year during our regular rehearsal time. Current choir members will be on hand to meet and welcome interested girls. They will also be available to answer any questions. Parents are also invited to attend.

“It’s a time to get to meet each other so that new girls can get a better idea of the choir and the organization,” said Parker.

If a girl has a conflict on the registration date, please call Parker at 264-1434. An additional registration meeting will be held in August.

“I hope the young girls in Pagosa will take advantage of this opportunity to learn about singing, to improve their own instrument and to see the possibilities that exist for them through working and performing in the arts,” said Parker, director of the PSGC. “We have many very talented young girls in Pagosa, and I look forward to beginning this musical journey with them, as well as continuing the journey with current PSGC members.”



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Defined by dignity or pride?

My Sweet Al came home from the doctor's office distraught. "I can't believe Mayor Abigail wouldn't take a plea bargain and has now been replaced."

"Who is Mayor Abigail? What plea bargain? Replaced?"

"The woman on TV who got her daughters in to college."

It took me a few minutes to process what he had said. "Al, get a grip! You are spending too much time in the doctor's office reading gossip magazines. Besides, Mayor Abigail on your favorite TV show is not the same person you are hearing about on the news."

My Sweet Al's favorite television series is "When Calls the Heart." He follows the show so closely that he followed the plot of one of the actresses right through to the evening news.

Apparently, the heart was called, won't bend, won't repent and can't see itself guilty. I'd be shaking in my boots and falling on my face before God if I were in the mayor's real shoes. According to the gossip magazine Al had read earlier in the day, the producers of "Heart" have already dismissed the actress.

My own teachable moments have taught me that if you hang on to your pride, you will lose your dignity. One of the Hollywood actresses in the current university admissions scandal may just be the perfect example of a person who can't let go of her pride. We see it all the time. Successful men fall, great churches go dark, and friends and family members sever all ties.

It is impossible to take away a person's pride. Try and a person will defend themselves with more pride. According to Job in the Bible, God spoke to him and asked if a man can look on everyone who is proud and humble him — if you can, then your own right hand can save you. We have known since the time of creation that no man can save himself.

I get it. We hold ourselves to a standard and then build ourselves up when we fall below a certain line. It starts with self-preservation

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



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of reputation, then the reimagining of the persona we present to others.

A character in an 18th century novel by writer Samuel Johnson said it best: "Pride is seldom delicate; it will please itself with very mean advantages." I am not judging, but it begs the question, is that what happened to Aunt Becky?

There is a difference between pride and dignity. Pride is clinging to a haughty, boastful self-view that may even sign autographs on the way to a courtroom. Our sense of identity is who we create ourselves to be rather than who we are.

Dignity is that expression of

who we are. It's not about our social status or our personal assets or achievements. Dignity is a state or quality of being worthy of honor and respect.

What a perfect example of irony. A person who acts squeaky-clean, but refuses to bow her heart for mercy when actions are anything but. Reality check. It's not about how we act, but who we are at our core.

My Sweet Al can't grasp the fact that his beloved Hallmark character may spend years in prison. He comments about it every time he hears a newscaster talk about her "other" story line. "The next time we see her it will be in 'The Walking Dead.'"

Final brushstroke: It can be difficult to separate "real-life" from the one portrayed, especially when a pedestal made of pride is involved. I've never thought there was anything wrong with climbing to the top, but may find we are on a slippery surface if we are not mindful. While I don't believe that God pushes us off, we can be thankful that he has a way of comforting us when we fall because of our own undoing.

Readers' comments

From M. Metcalf regarding "Borrowed beauty," published April 14, 2019. "This is so very provocative ... in that it reveals to me my own narrow eyesight, and provokes me to examine my heart, to root out my own tendency to judge only by what I see."

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Snake on a stick

By Hank Slikker
Special to The PREVIEW

I have a hard time with snakes. Not sure why, except when I see one, I move the other way. But I think I'm like most humans. We have protective DNA. Scientists call it ophidiophobia, or rather, fear of snakes.

I remember the first time I saw a "two-step" snake. It's a lethal bamboo viper we sometimes ran into on patrol in Vietnam as we moved through bamboo groves and elephant grass. Our unscientific name for it meant that two steps is all the time you get before you go down, before the venom strikes the nervous system. Thanks to our attentive point man, this one had no head.

Our fear of snakes may also be related to a spiritual DNA. After all, the Bible says the whole world is snake-bit. You may recall the primal story of Adam and Eve in Genesis. The great Prince of Deceit, or the enemy of souls, disguised himself as a serpent and lured our first parents into eating death.

Or you may have read about the thieving serpent in the Epic of Gilgamesh, the ancient Babylonian account of the flood. In the story, King Gilgamesh searches for and gains the gift of eternal life from Utnapishtim, the Babylonian Noah. But on his return home to the city of Uruk, the serpent steals the gift while the king sleeps.

We might say then, that in bringing death to the world, the snake holds the loftiest position in the spiritual underworld.

This seems kind of odd. And I say this because, if you've ever seen an ambulance, you might have noticed a serpent twirled around a stick inside the blue EMS symbol of the "star of life," whose six squared beams reference six themes involved in life-saving rescue.

But there's more oddness. The same snake adorns the stately logos of the World Health Organization and the World Medical Association. Also, an eminent statue of the father of medicine, Hippocrates, shows him with his famous Oath in his left hand, and a staff with a snake curled around it in the other.

In light of this, we might ask how

A Matter of Faith

an image related to death became such a lofty image of life.

Wikipedia tells us the snake image may come from ancient Greek mythology. It is known as the Rod of Asclepius, a Greek deity associated with healing and medicine. The entwined serpent on his walking stick reveals a belief that the snake possesses healing properties and references medicinal potions made of snake venom.

But there's another take on the origin of the image that precedes the Greek image by about 1,000 years.

It might be the world has adopted the snake image from an Old Testament story about Moses, Israel and an angry God (Numbers 21). The story is about poisonous snakes God sends into Israel's camp to punish them for despising His provisions.

He had rescued the nation from 400 years of slavery and sent them on their way to a land all their own. But the road resembled traversing through Death Valley — no water, no food or 7-Elevens, no restrooms, or any other road-trip convenience.

So, God provided miracle food from heaven and miracle water from giant rocks. He could have turned the terrain into an oasis with cool springs, palm trees and dates, and wildlife for steaks and barbecues. But God does things His way. He no doubt believes a little hardship on the road of life never hurts. As old soldiers like to say, pain is weakness leaving the body.

But the people ultimately tired of His provisions and told Him they were sick of His leading and loathed His miracle food, day in and day out. He took it hard. Up until then, He put up with lots of displeasure, but murmuring lit an already short fuse. So, in response, He sent "fiery serpents" (perhaps referring to the sting of the bite) into their midst to punish them. Many who were bitten died, and many others got sick

on their way to death.

So, they cried out to God and to Moses, who had less tolerance for bellyaching than God did. But Moses had nowhere else to go, so he interceded and begged God to do something. Finally, God tired of his special pleading and relented.

He instructed Moses to make a bronze snake replicating a fiery serpent, attach it to a pole and set it up in the middle of the camp. Then He told Moses to inform the people if they wanted to be healed of the snake bite to go look at the bronze snake on the stick. That's it. Life was just a look away (Numbers 21:8-9).

At any rate, when Jesus Christ, the Son of God, commented on His mission to earth to save humankind, He took the story of the bronze serpent as the best way to describe what he came to do. He said, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him [may] have eternal life" — John 3:14-15 (NASB). That's it. Eternal life is just one simple look away.

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UUs to celebrate Mother's Day

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

"Nothing we do will be perfect," the title of an article in the Unitarian Universalist (UU) periodical UU World regarding racial justice work, applies equally to this Sunday's talk about motherhood.

The bar is set very high both by cultural expectations of mothers as well as mothers' own expectations, and failure is met with opprobrium and self-condemnation.

Yet if we take to heart the UU belief in the motive force of love, — "The governing principle in human relationships is the principle of love, which always seeks the welfare of others and never seeks to hurt or destroy" — learning to love our imperfections is indeed an important "motive force" and "principle of love" that introduces compassion where there are imperfections.

Motherhood is an art, not a science, and as challenging as it is, the rewards, perhaps, have no equal and perfection, as in any art, has no place.

Melissa Edwards, Sunday's lay

leader, will help us navigate some of the challenges inherent in motherhood through the exploration of motherly advice, trends that never caught on, animal kingdom mothers and mothering techniques abroad. Edwards hopes to expand awareness and tolerance to accept our differences in mothering, reserve judgments and build connection through compassion.

Edwards enjoyed life in Manhattan, Santa Monica, St. Croix, Lake Tahoe, Seattle and more before returning to her home state of Oklahoma for 25 years to help both parents navigate cancer and heal their relationships.

She feels her "gypsy years" are fueled her openness and curiosity. She has led a varied professional life, including national makeup trainer, outside sales, customer care (auto industry), research/design of CEU courses, design/decoration/contract work for a 4,000-square-foot decorative concrete showroom, and landscape design.

She is currently the proud owner of two small log cabins, managing

one as a vacation rental. She now happily spreads her roots in Pagosa Springs, where she enjoys hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country and hydrotherapy at our hot springs. She loves her life of connection.

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.

Sunday's New Thought will honor mothers

By **Lisa Burnson**
Special to The PREVIEW

All are welcome to join the Rev. Janet Wyrick and the New Thought Center For Inspirational Living (NTC, formerly Pagosa Community of New Thought) on Sunday, May 12, at 10 a.m., for our presentation, "Honoring Mothers."

Please join us for a fun-filled celebration as we honor all mothers, including those who have nurtured biological and fostered children, as well as four-legged children, and our mother, the earth. All mothers will be given a gift of a flower.

Participants are welcome to

bring a potluck dish, but it is not required.

Upcoming events and more information

We have changed to summer hours and meet at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

Reiki classes are held at NTC.

Please call NTC for more information. Donations are appreciated.

NTC is a New Thought center based on fostering living a spiritually centered life and promoting the philosophies of the Centers for Spiritual Living and the Agape Centers. NTC honors all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine.

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NTC events are held at 40 N. 15th St., in the Momentum Fitness building.

Request a concentrated affirmative mind treatment or obtain information by joining us, emailing PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052, or calling (505) 604-5031. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or our website, www.PagosaNewThought.org.

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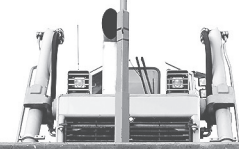
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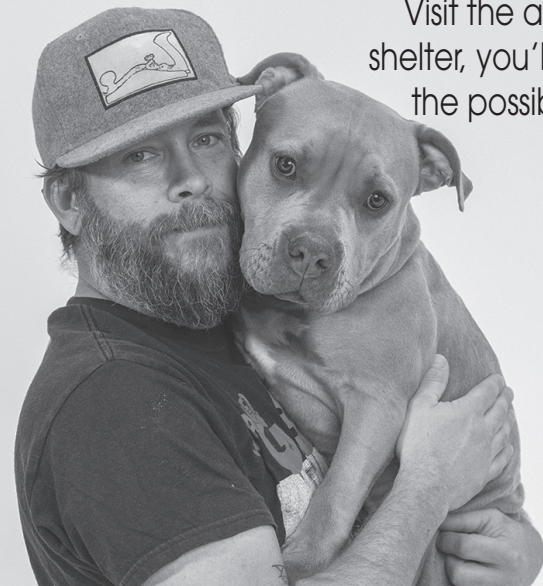
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Zentangle, art classes and more offered by Senior Center

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW 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 jenmwaite@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 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

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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.

Free legal document preparation

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging provides legal services for seniors through the program attorney, Daniel Fiedler. Fiedler will be spending the day at the Senior Center on June 14.

Following are the legal services Fiedler can assist with:

- Public benefits and utilities shut off.
- Landlord-tenant problems, such as persons being evicted.
- Simple wills, power of attorneys, medical durable power of attorney and living wills.
- Consumer issues such as advocating for persons harassed by debt collectors.
- Emergency limited long-term care guardianship and domestic problems, such as abuse.

Please come by or call the Senior Center office (inside the Ross Aragon Community Center) located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. or call 264-2167 to schedule an appointment.

Medical alert system

Medical alert monitoring systems are available for seniors. We can help you get set up with a system and assist with the monthly service charges or, if you already have a system in place, we can help supplement the monthly service fees.

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

Friday, May 10 — Beef stroganoff, glazed carrots, roasted cauliflower snowflakes, milk, salad bar and chocolate cake with mocha frosting.

Monday, May 13 — Beef Philly cheesesteak, cream of broccoli soup, smoked paprika sweet potato fries, milk, salad bar and brownie.


Tuesday, May 14 — Tuna casserole with noodles, shredded Brussels sprouts, green peas, milk, salad bar and blueberry pie.

Wednesday, May 15 — Pork and green chili stew, sautéed cabbage, roasted Parmesan green beans with pine nuts, buttermilk biscuit with butter, milk and salad bar.

Thursday, May 16 — Turkey Rachel sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, 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 Café at the Senior Center.

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



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BUILD PAGOSA AND PAGOSA SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING TRADES CLASSES AUCTION

Photos courtesy Kim Elzinga

Scene ... at the second annual dinner, dance and charity auction hosted by Build Pagosa and the Pagosa Springs High School building trades classes. Dog houses and a garden shed built by students were auctioned at the event, with that auction raising upwards of \$11,000. Dinner at the event was provided by the school's culinary arts students and music was provided by the San Juan Mountain Boys.





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

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.

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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.

Duplicate Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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 Sheepscapes.' 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.

Home-Based Business Networking Open House. 5-7 p.m., Pagosa Brewing and Grill. Come out for an evening of idea exchanging and information. For more information, contact Mary Jo Coulehan at 264-2360 or director@pagosachamber.com.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Lecture Series. 7 p.m.,

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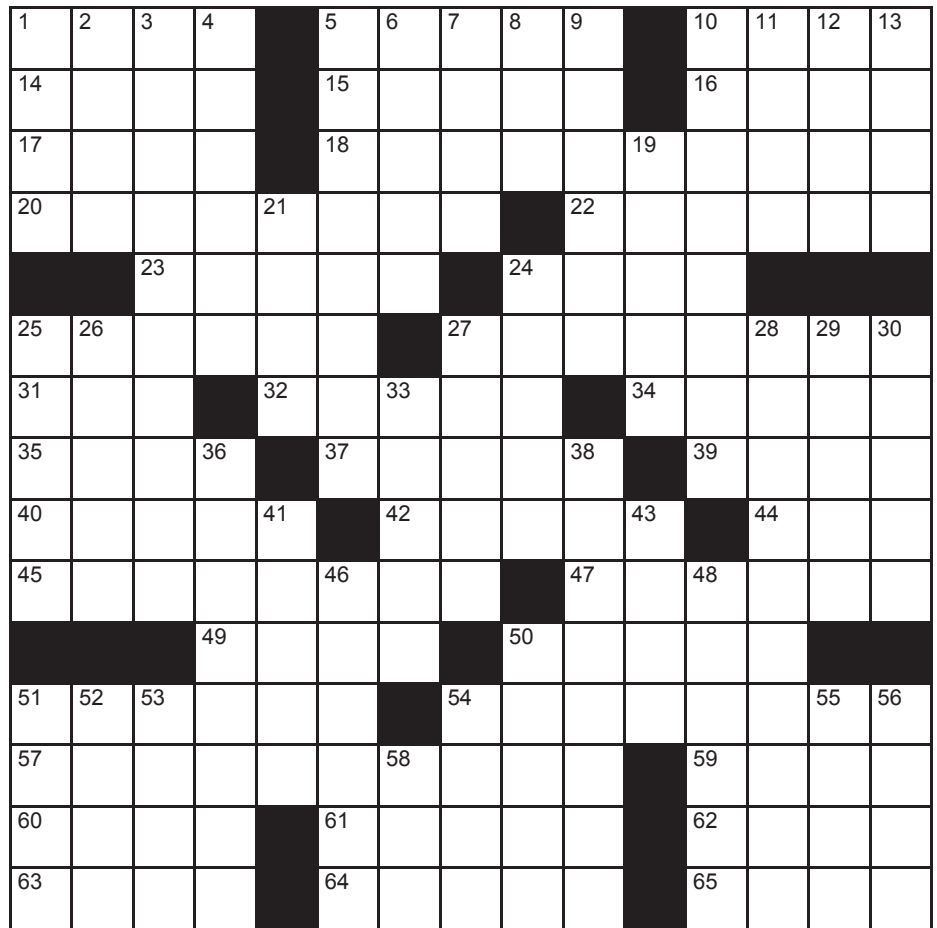
by Margie E. Burke

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- 10 Play the lead
- 14 Verve
- 15 Antipasto morsel
- 16 Legal lead-in
- 17 Yearn
- 18 1984 Olympics locale
- 20 Not to mention
- 22 Work boot feature
- 23 Slack-jawed
- 24 Kind of ring or swing
- 25 Get tangled up
- 27 Renounce firmly
- 31 Cattle call?
- 32 Tally, in Britain
- 34 Philly footballer
- 35 Bloom County penguin
- 37 Illustrious
- 39 Meditative exercise
- 40 Tithing portion
- 42 Big commotions
- 44 Scoundrel
- 45 Female hormone
- 47 Attractive
- 49 Bit of news
- 50 Like one who errs?
- 51 Type of voyage
- 54 Lunatic
- 57 Speed up
- 59 Highchair feature
- 60 Chipping choice
- 61 Hulu offering
- 62 Zombie-stopper Grimes
- 63 Bad impression?
- 64 Quite proficient
- 65 Masseur's target

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- 1 College grant
- 2 Balm ingredient
- 3 Equivalent (to)
- 4 Captivate
- 5 Publisher's imprint
- 6 "Leave me _____!"
- 7 What dough does, often
- 8 In vitro items
- 9 Trusted advisor
- 10 Place for a race
- 11 It's softer than gypsum
- 12 Square feet, eg.
- 13 Coarse file
- 19 Gander's mate
- 21 Bringing up the rear
- 24 Scooter's kin
- 25 Over-dramatize
- 26 Slangy refusals
- 27 Collapsible bed
- 28 Self-absorbed
- 29 Like pond scum
- 30 Rough-and-_____
- 33 Tribal pole



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- 36 Hard on the ears
- 38 MS Word file, e.g.
- 41 Setting for "The Shining"
- 43 Vague amount
- 46 Taxonomic categories
- 48 Words to live by
- 50 In a lather
- 51 Hotel worker
- 52 Farmland unit
- 53 Coin anagram
- 54 Put forth a challenge
- 55 To _____ his own
- 56 TV legend Dick Van _____
- 58 Skelton of comedy

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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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.

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.

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.

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.

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

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.

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 questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran's benefits and civil protection orders. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Gaming. 2:30-3:45 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.
Yoga. 5-6 p.m., Community Center.

Saturday, May 11

Walk for Moms. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Aspire invites Pagosa Springs community members to sign up. Open to people of all ages, including kids. All participants will receive a goody bag filled by event sponsors with a complimentary event T-shirt for those who raise \$100 or more. Additional prizes will be given for teams and individuals who raise higher amounts and for additional engagement. For more information and to register online, visit www.aspirepagosa.org/upcoming-events.

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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Weminuche Audubon Society: Migratory Bird Day. 9 a.m.-noon, Mary Fisher Park. Presented by Audubon Rockies, Weminuche Audubon and the U.S. Forest Service. Bird walks, meet a peregrine falcon, activities, information and family fun.

Tara Mandala Open House. 9:30 a.m., Tara Mandala Retreat Center. We invite the public for a free day of events, including a guided tour, a brief introduction to meditation with time for Q-and-A and a vegetarian buffet lunch. For more information or to register, go to www.taramandala.org/open-house.

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.

Fundamentals of Buddhism: A Practice and study with Debra Quayle. 10 a.m., Universalist Unitarian, Suite B-15, 70 Greenbriar Drive. All are welcome.

Boys' Varsity Baseball. 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Centauri.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Boys' Varsity Baseball. 1 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Centauri.

San Juan Stargazers: National Astronomy Day. 1-5 p.m., Visitor Center. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be activities for adults including viewing past lessons about amazing Hubble photos and improving telescope skills. There will be hands-on activities for children of all ages. At 8:30 p.m., telescope operators will bring their telescopes to the Visitor Center so you can see wonderful views of the moon.

Sunday, May 12

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 13

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network. 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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.

PALS Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Bridge for Fun. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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.
CPR Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension Office.

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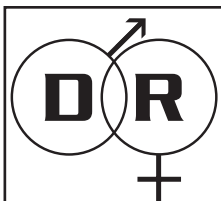
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Tuesday, May 14

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.

Pagosa Springs Women's Golf Association. 9 a.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Call Lynne McCruden at 946-2517 for more information.

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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.

Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church library. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Vets for Vets at 507-3005 for more information.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Book Club for Adults. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. We will be discussing "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. Light snacks and beverages will be served. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Art Classes. 4-5:30 p.m., Senior Center. Kathy Steventon with the Pagosa Springs Arts Council will provide instructions on painting with a palette knife. Materials will be provided. There will be transportation from and to the Senior Center. RSVP jenmwaite@gmail.com or

call 264-2167.

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.

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.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn West Coast swing. West Coast is a form of swing dancing that is danced in a slow to moderate tempo blues, R&B and contemporary music. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, May 15

Mountain High Garden Club. Field trip to Durango. Call 731-0044 to RSVP on or before May 11, or email info@mountainhighgardenclub.com.

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Flow Yoga Class. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

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.

History Club. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Are you interested in reading and talking about history with others? Join us and bring your ideas and experiences as we start a history discussion group. The discussions will cover many historical subjects based on the preferences of the group. For more information, call Jim at 731-6878.

Teen Writers. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Calling all teen writers: Stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction — it's all welcome.

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May is National Foster Care Awareness Month

For more information on Foster Care in Archuleta

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Call 264-2209 for more information.
- Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
- Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.
- The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group.** 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.
- First Aid Certification Training.** 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.
- Weminuche Audubon Society.**

- 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Stacey Couch hosts a "Birding by Ear Workshop." In this interactive workshop, Couch emphasizes the reasons why birding by ear is a valuable skill to develop. She will share tips and free tools for learning and identifying birdsong. Join us for socializing at 6 p.m. Call Jean Zirnhelt at 731-2985 for more information.
- 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
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meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

Thursday, May 16

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.

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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.

Duplicate Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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.

PALS Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Lifelong Learning Lecture: Financial Fraud Awareness. 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Elsa White and Samantha Armitstead will be joining us from the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office for an educational presenta-

tion about how you can protect yourself from becoming a victim of fraud. You will learn how to identify and protect yourself from loss of money, identity and have peace of mind. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Valor Academy Informational Meeting. 5-6:30 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. We will discuss the university model of education and how to register for the 2019-2020 school year. Go to academy@pagosavalor.org or call (970) 254-4782 for more information.

Friday, May 17

Pagosa Springs Rotary Club EKG Heart Screenings. Pagosa Springs Middle School. Free EKG heart screenings during physical education classes. This screening is for all eighth-grade students. Consent forms and a FAQs sheet will be sent home to parents prior to the screening. For more information, call Ralph Maccarone at 317-0371.

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

ESL English as a Second Language. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Movie. 2:30-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Teen Miles Morales becomes Spider-Man of his reality, crossing his path with five counterparts from other dimensions to stop a threat for all realities. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 5-6 p.m., Community Center.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Ring of Fire.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Celebrating the music of Johnny Cash. The contours of Cash's life and art can be seen through narratives woven by his music. The story, told through Cash's music, develops an earnest dialogue about home and family, the people you love and what holds people together in the face of tough times. Go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

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Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

County Judge Fil Byrne is showing his age here in his courthouse office circa 1932. Byrne was one of the early county pioneers, having arrived circa 1878, when he served as the first local school teacher and first superintendent of county schools. Throughout his long career in Pagosa Country, Byrne served the community in almost every position, ending as you see him after serving eight years as county judge. Byrne was born in Ohio in 1858 and passed away in 1932.

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This 700-mile-long trail is an important part of Pagosa Country history because for decades traders clip-clopped back and forth across the southwestern part of Pagosa Country, mostly to sell cotton in Los Angeles and horses in New Mexico.

Traveling on the Old Spanish Trail was not a task for cowards. The trail ran through areas of high mountains, deserts and deep cañons. Many historians consider it to have been one of the most arduous of all trade routes ever established in the United States.

First traveled in part by the 1776 Dominguez-Escalante expedition, the trail saw extensive use by pack animals from about 1830 until the mid-1850s.

The name for the trail comes from the publication of John C. Fremont's report of his 1844 journey for the U.S. Topographical Corps, guided by Kit Carson, from California to New Mexico. Fremont's report named a trail that had already been in use for more than 15 years. Fremont became known back east as "Pathfinder of the West" for his western adventures, but Kit Carson was more deserving of that honor.

In truth, Fremont was responsible for one of the more infamous

blunders out West when he led an exploration party. Fremont was looking for a railroad passage across the Rocky Mountains during the dead of winter with the intent

of proving the pass could be used summer or winter. Several mountain men refused to guide Fremont when they learned he intended to cross the mountains a little north of today's Creede during the dead of winter. Fremont finally convinced

Old Bill Williams to be his guide. The expedition on Fremont's frozen course began with 33 men and 120 mules. When Williams recommended Cochetopa Pass, Fremont fired Williams and hired guides unfamiliar with these particular mountains and continued on his chosen course. Ultimately 10 men and 120 mules surrendered their lives to the deep snow and bitter cold.

Next week we continue by describing contributions to the Old

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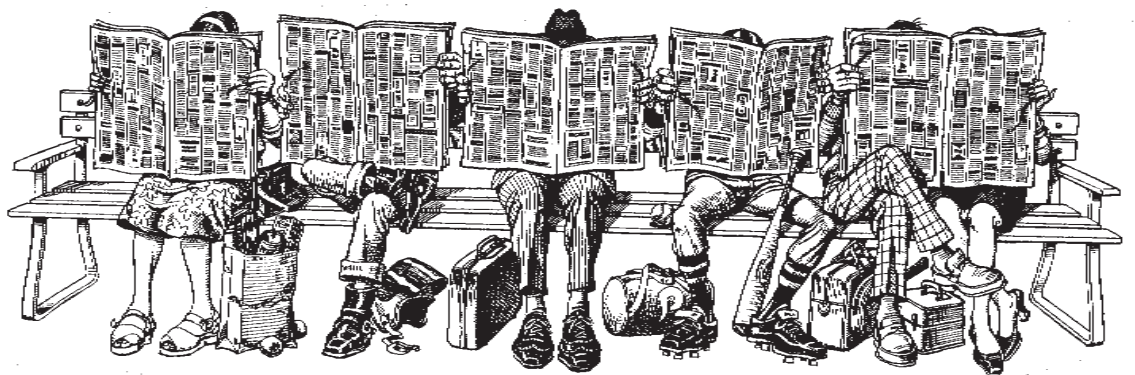


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VA to celebrate Women's Health Week with events at medical centers

In celebration of National Women's Health Week, May 12-18, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Centers (VAMCs) across the country will host events to support women veterans and connect them with the VA's health care services.

"VA is serving nearly a half million women veterans and we want to take care of even more," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "Events like these get them through the doors, so they meet VA health providers and learn firsthand about the comprehensive services and quality care VA provides to women who have served."

Women are among the fastest growing veteran demographics, accounting for more than 30 percent of the increase in veterans who served between 2014 and 2018. The number of women using VA health services has tripled since 2000, growing from about 160,000 to nearly 500,000 today. The VA offers a wide range of primary care and specialty services for women veterans, such as health screenings, preconception counseling, maternity care, menopausal support and more.

VAMCs with dedicated women's health clinics will celebrate National Women's Health Week by hosting either an open house or outreach events. Veterans attending these events can speak with health providers about the broad range of services offered at their medical centers and hear from experts on topics such as maternity care and child safe homes. Tours of the clinics and educational materials will be available.

For further information, please contact the Veteran Services Office.

For more information

The office of the Archuleta County veterans service officer (VSO) provides assistance to qualified military veterans and their families, or a veteran's survivors, in applying to and in obtaining VA program assistance, benefits and claims. This assistance is provided within the guidelines, policies and procedures

Veterans Corner

Raymond Taylor



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For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office, located at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard. The best way to contact me is to set up an appointment, for either at your home or in the office, so I can schedule a specific time in order to answer and assist each veteran in Archuleta County.

The office number is 264-4013; fax number is 264-4014 and email is raytaylor@archuleta.org. Bring your DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO office.

Veterans' groups

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

- American Legion Post 108: Second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.
- American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary: Second Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.
- Veterans for Veterans: Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.
- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: Every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Contact Gary Hanneman at 946-2540.
- Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: First and third Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Sharon Carter's office. Contact Charlotte at 903-9690.

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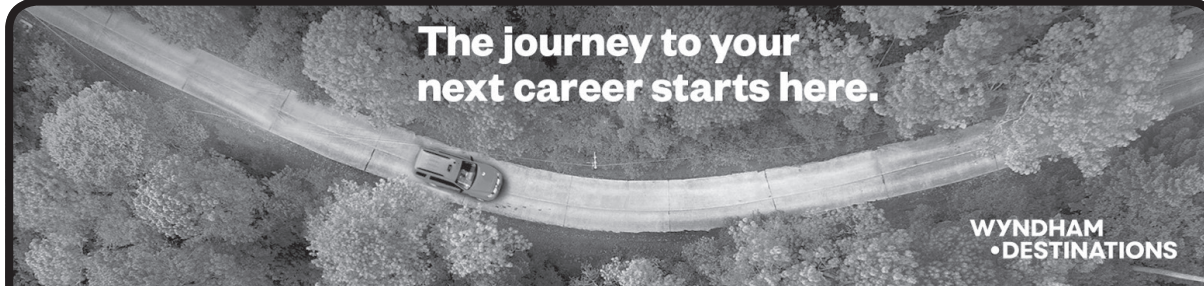
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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SENIOR Level Oncology Nurse Navigator (ONN) as an integral part of the oncology team in Pagosa Springs, our beautiful mountain town in Southwestern Colorado. The candidate must be experienced in providing high quality cancer care as well as having leadership and operational skills. The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Pagosa Springs Medical Center opened its doors in February 2018, with an overwhelmingly positive community response. In August 2018, we added a third experienced oncology-hematology provider. Our team is seeking a highly motivated individual who is capable of taking the lead on assessing patient needs, identifying barriers, coordinating referrals, providing education, and assisting with survivorship care plans for all Oncology/Hematology patients. Applicant must possess specialized clinical skills in the oncology nurse navigation role and be well organized. Applicant will work closely with our three providers and cancer center staff to coordinate patient care and will cross train in Infusion for consistency during absences. BLS, PALS and ACLS required. Resumes and applications should be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.



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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.

WOLF CREEK REALTY is interviewing for an experienced broker who currently is or is interested in becoming qualified as a managing broker. Excellent opportunity for a thorough, detail oriented Realtor in a well established office. Great downtown main street location. Contact Eddie Ring (970)759-8032.

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PART-TIME DHS COMPLIANCE & Program Coordinator. The Archuleta County Department of Human Services is seeking applicants for a part-time Compliance and Program Coordinator. Minimum starting wage is \$24.30 an hour DOQ-DOE. A job description and application is available at www.archuletacounty.org. Submit your application and resume to Human Resources, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, fax to (970)264-1879 or email to rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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 Saturday, May 11
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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GIANT YARD SALE. Emptied a big nice house. Couches, beds, TVs, bar stools, etc. Saturday, May 11th. 9a.m.-1p.m. at PAGOSA SPRINGS CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 2313 Eagle Drive.

GARAGE SALE, MAY 10-11, 8a.m.-1p.m. 72 Moccasin Ct.

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PROPERTY

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Out-of-this-world activities planned for National Astronomy Day event

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

Saturday, May 11, is National Astronomy Day sponsored by the National Astronomical League, of which the San Juan Stargazers Astronomy Club is one of over 250 clubs across the U.S. The Stargazers will be having events at the Chamber/Visitor Center from 1 to

5 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend since there will be something for everyone to do, regardless of age or skill level.

There will be activities for adults including viewing past lessons about amazing Hubble photos and improving telescope skills. People will be able to select a 20-30 minute lesson that they may have missed, or maybe there is a special lesson

you would like to see again. You will have a chance to ask about anything related to astronomy that has you curious.

There will be lots of hands-on activities for children of all ages, 3 to 103. It may be fun for family members to work on an astronomy activity together. Among the many activities, you will be able to make glow-in-the-dark stars and constellations. We have new flashcards with constellations and Messier

Objects. There is an astronomy game to stump the best of us.

There will be refreshments for sale and donations taken for our scholarship fund. If you come, we are certain that you will learn something new about our amazing universe and you will have a wonderful time.

At 8:30 p.m., if the weather is clear, telescope operators will bring their telescopes to the Visitor Center so the people of Pagosa can

see wonderful views of our moon. We will have educational material available inside the Visitor Center and then people can step outside to view the moon. It will be a comfortable, easy viewing experience, especially good for folks who can't make it to Chimney Rock.

Astronomy Day should be an enjoyable time to learn and appreciate our amazing universe. Everyone is welcome at this event. It will expand your life. Hope to see you.

Grief support meetings begin today

By Beverly Arrendell
Special to The PREVIEW

Grief support meetings are scheduled at the Community United Methodist Church beginning today, 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. 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. The Rev. Leighton Mekeal is pastor.

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Ben Bailey

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the violet-green swallow.

Violet-green swallows begin arriving in Archuleta County each April as they migrate north from Mexico and Central America. They take advantage of longer daylight hours, increasing temperatures and growing insect populations to breed and raise their young. Swift aerial acrobats, they swoop and chitter while catching and eating flying insects on the wing. You can spot them near water, in open areas and above our woodland tree canopies until they begin their southward migration in September.

Spotted from a bridge as they skim below, or viewed as they perch on a branch or wire, violet-green swallows shine with iridescent purple and bronze-green backs. Without the right sunlight angle, they may just appear to be dark-backed, small, sleek-bodied birds with long wings. Their white undersides, cheeks and "saddlebag" shaped rump patches make them easier to identify. The colors of female and immature birds may look muted. Females have brownish caps.

Both male and female swallows work to build cup-shaped nests of grass and twigs in tree cavities and cliff niches. They will nest and raise their young near human homes when provided with nest boxes. They generally produce four to seven eggs, which they incubate for 11 to 20 days. Both parents provide care until the young fledge in 17 to 30 days.

Their populations are currently considered to be stable.

For information on local bird-watching events, visit www.weminuche-audubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/.

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