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Photo courtesy Sally Riggs

The Pagosa Springs High School class of 2019 gathers for the traditional class photo. The Saturday, June 1, commencement ceremony is slated to include the graduation of 78 students. The class of 2019 will be led by valedictorian Nathan Lewis and salutatorian Madison Peart.

Class of 2019 set to graduate 78 students

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The class of 2019 from Pagosa Springs High School will soon take the next step in their collective journey as 78 students are set to graduate on June 1 at 10 a.m. in the high school's gym.

This year's class motto takes from some thoughtful advice from Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, with a quote that reads, "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

The sunflower was chosen as the class of 2019's flower, while "Take Me Home, Country Roads" by John Denver will be the class of 2019's song.

The class of 2019 will be led by valedictorian Nathan Lewis and

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Pagosa inmate dies in La Plata County Jail

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A male who allegedly died by suicide on May 26 in the La Plata County Jail has been identified as an Archuleta County man.

The man, Saul Hernandez, 21, is reported to have died of self-asphyxiation on May 26 around 5:35 p.m., according to an article in The Durango Herald.

Durango Police Department Cmdr. Jacob Dunlop explained to The Herald that no signs of foul play were discovered, and Hernandez was found in his cell.

Hernandez was an Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) inmate being held in the La Plata County Jail.

Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez reported that Hernandez was arrested in October 2018.

According to Valdez, Hernandez had an existing warrant for felony menacing and second-degree burglary, and received additional charges of felony menacing and resisting

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Schools outline draft budgets

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Various budgetary items including salary schedules and capital projects were discussed at a work session of the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education on May 28.

The first item discussed involved salary schedules for various positions at ASD, and according to ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson, all full-time employees could receive a \$1,000 increase to their base salary.

For example, a beginning teacher salary is now \$41,000 when before it was \$40,000, Hodgson described, adding, "Which is what we had after the MLO [mill levy override] passed."

This recommendation was made by ASD's salary committee, Hodgson noted.

Initially, the raise to base was only going to be \$500, Hodgson added later.

Hourly employees such as bus drivers and cafeteria workers re-

■ See Schools A8



Memorial Day

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

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



Town, county continue discussions on river take out

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

Toward the end of a joint meeting between the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and Pagosa Springs Town Council on May 28, the two groups discussed the possible purchase of a one-acre parcel on Trujillo Road that is regularly used by boaters as a take out on the San Juan River.

The BoCC had been approached at its work session on May 14 by Town Planning Director James Dickhoff and Tobi Rohwer, a representative from the nonprofit Friends of the Upper San Juan River and suggested that the town, county and the nonprofit jointly purchase the land for about \$5,000 each, with the county assuming ownership.

"Honestly, we didn't get a warm reception on the county owning that," Dickhoff said at the joint meeting Tuesday, characterizing his initial proposal to the BoCC on May 14.

County commissioners Ron Maez and Steve Wadley commented that ponying up the \$5,000 wasn't an issue, but wouldn't commit to owning

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EDITORIAL

Advice to the high school class of 2019

We asked SUN readers and Facebook friends what advice they have for the high school class of 2019 and the responses were overwhelming. The following is an unedited sampling of what they had to share:

"Don't give in and Don't give up!" — Tari Lynn Woods

"Don't be afraid to open new doors. Be true to yourself above all." — Linda Lattin
"Travel as much as you can, while you can." — Nick Tallent

"Always be authentic and speak your unique Truth." — Kathleen Wells Steventon

"Call your mom." — Kristi Holst-Smith

"Never give up, be a lifelong learner, and be true to yourself!" — Melanie Cowan

"Follow your dreams and live within your means, and you will live a successful life." — Brandye Byrd Kiker

"Take a few chances, and step out of your comfort zone." — Amy Brown Wilson

"Establish lasting friendships along the way. Be good and generous with your friends. They are gold in your spiritual bank. They will be there for you when you need them." — Sally Logee Neel

"Never in your life will you have as much free time, energy and health as you do now. Use those things where ever you go to help the environment, your neighbors, strangers, good causes." — Laura 'Faith' Moore

"Be kind to one another. Be supportive. Be empathetic. Everyone's journey is unique. No one's path is superior to another's. Encourage each step and live them in the present, not worrying about what happened yesterday or what will be tomorrow." — Leanne Haase Goebel

"Always learn." — S.J. Cooper
"Be kind. Be compassionate. And this: To change the world, you must touch the world!" — Carter Newton

"Don't let anyone tell you what you can and cannot do. Follow your heart, make mistakes because you wanted to try something new, and stay true to yourself." — Joni Croce Bussoli

"You've probably gotten a lot of advice to follow your dreams because if you love your job, you'll never work a day in your life. While doing that, consider what you want in the way of income and job security. If you choose your dream job, but it doesn't pay much, or if you have to change employers frequently, remember that's the path you chose. If you choose

a good income and job security, be content in your work, even though it's not your dream, knowing that's the path you chose. Sometimes you can have it all. Sometimes you can't. Choose what works for you and own your choice." — Dan Mayer

"Don't be so hard on yourselves. There can be detours at every road you have planned to take so be flexible enough to explore another path - the journey will always surprise you!" — Annie Jacobi

"Follow the career that brings you 'joy', don't follow the money. If you love what you do, you will automatically work longer and harder at it without realizing it. Others (like your boss or clients) will notice and the money will follow. You spend too much time in your waking hours to not love what you do for work. Also if you get into the wrong job...find another...quick. Never stay in the wrong job for all the wrong reasons. You'll regret it later." — Di AL

"The world is at your fingertips. You determine your future, no one else. Believe that anything you want to do you alone make that possible. If you fall, always stand back up and dust yourself off, the world is rough, but you got this! Good luck class of 2019." — Amanda Maurer

"Start at a community college. Way cheaper and lots of good programs. Then go to 4 year college if you want to continue. Do it while you are still young.... it's easier." — Kelley Malcolm

"Live your dreams! (Job probably required)" — Eddie Abbott

"We all walk different paths. Walk yours with confidence." — Ashley Brooks

"Save absolutely nothing for a special future day. There's no day but today!" — Eloiwila Minhas

"Adventure is the best medicine." — Jenny Yurechko

"Never listen to people who say you can't accomplish something." — Bob Kavli

"Always be prepared for constant change." — Tony Medrano

"Who you are/were in high school doesn't define you! You have a clean slate to start over!! Take it and run with it!!" — Beth Ford Ross

"Find something you love, do it well and teach others." — Charlotte Ballard

"Learn a trade." — Phillip Todd Smith

"Take a year off. Dont go to college immediately. Take a year to explore this country and beyond, meet different people, discover foods you've never had.

Deep sea fish. Volunteer to serve other people. Have a beach bonfire. Read that book you keep thinking about. Learn a language. Build a fence (one way to build your character with your bare hands), unplug from your phone and go camp in the woods with your buddies. And most of all...call your momma everyday!!" — Greg Pilgrim

"Work hard but have fun. We're all just making it up as we go." — Lowell Wiles

"Very few will see a value from college, if acquiring high student loans to fund it. Payments will be due, and it will anchor you down." — Kathy Baringer

"Hard work and good decisions will take you a long way. Value older people's opinion/advice." — Darrell Smith

"In what ever form it comes, learn to love your work or else you will spend the rest of your life trying to fill a void that does not exist." — Jason A. Judd

"Live & create your dream. You can do anything, just show up!" — Jana M. Romero

"Go to school while your still young. Put off having children until your done with school. If you can't go to college go to trade school and learn a trade." — Elmo J. Sandoval

"Don't burn bridges; you'll come to realize most of those folks were right. Don't commit to judgements based on anyone else's opinions, especially about groups of people in any form. You'll figure out most of those people were uninformed. You're incredibly lucky to have grown up in a small town in the mountains with a diverse involved community and nature galore." — Justin Dermody

"Don't become part of this society that expects everything given to them. Work hard dream big admit when your wrong and realize a certain politician can help your situation but only you can fix it. Your life has no remote you got to get up and change yourself. Last but yet the most important when you find yourself lost and you will find yourself lost ask Jesus to find you and help you." — Gary Alan Crowder

"Never stop learning. Think outside the box. Be a lion instead of a sheep. Do whatever you are capable of to contribute to the common good." — Mike Zeck

"In all things stay balanced." — Doug Robert
There were so many contributions that we couldn't run them all, but we are certain you will find some valuable advice to guide you through life.
Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 31, 1929

The Archuleta county board of commissioners have entered into a contract with H.B. Clary and E. Barber of the Farmington section for the drilling of a natural hot water well on the county court house property, the water to be used in heating the new structure. The rig will soon arrive from Farmington and drilling will commence.

Threatening storm clouds, driven by a dust laden wind, failed to keep at home those people who had partaken of the real western hospitality dispensed by the Pargin brothers in previous years, and over 200 residents from every section of the San Juan Basin gathered for the annual picnic and fish fry at the Doll Pargin ranch on the Piedra Sunday.

Burton Bros., of Iron county, Utah, who purchased the 1750-acre ranch in Washington Flats from Doll Pargin last fall, have a shipment of 300 head of purebred Rambouillet sheep en route from Utah, which is expected to arrive this week. The Burtons shipped in 500 head of sheep in February. For the past 25 years they have been raising thoroughbred bucks, which business they will continue in this section.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 2, 1944

Memorial Day, Tuesday, was ushered in by a beautiful spring morning dawn of the Rockies as an almost perfect day for our National Memorial Day. No plans were made for any flashy observing programs and parades by the public in Pagosa Springs because of the shortages and restrictions over the entire country at this time. However, restrictions of war did not prevent personal observance. The cemetery had been previously cleaned up and prepared for grave decorations by all who wished and the numerous beautiful decorations gave the cemetery in general an appearance that showed Memorial Day was not forgotten.

A fire destroyed the chicken house on the Hersch's Upper Ranch Thursday afternoon. Mr. Pat Dutton had put straw in the attic for warmth in the winter for the chickens, and in the attic the fire originated. The cause is still a mystery. Through the aid of Dutton's friends and neighbors the fire was kept from spreading to other buildings. Therefore the only loss was the chicken house.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
May 29, 1969

Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises are scheduled at the Pagosa Springs High School Sunday, June 1, and Monday, June 2. The Baccalaureate services will be held June 1, in the Community Methodist Church starting at 8 p.m. There are 36 graduates listed to receive diplomas this year. This is not as large a class as some years in the past but is still one of the largest in the history of the school. Greg Schick is class valedictorian and will give the valedictory address, Alice Olsen is salutatorian and will give that address.

J.S. Chandler Construction Co., of Cortez, was awarded the contract for the addition of two kindergarten rooms to the new elementary school. He was the only bidder when bids were opened last Thursday evening on the project. Chandler's bid on the construction for the kindergarten rooms was \$48,177. Of this amount \$45,556 is a federal grant and the school district will pay only the difference between the two amounts plus the architect's fees.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
June 2, 1994

A capacity audience filled Mamie Lynch Gymnasium Saturday morning to honor 62 graduates at the 84th commencement exercises at Pagosa Springs High School. Led by co-valedictorians Jason Mitchum, Frank O'Caña and Alexa Schmidt who maintained perfect 4.0 grade point averages during their four years in high school, 21 of the seniors were cited for high academic achievements and membership in the National Honor Society.

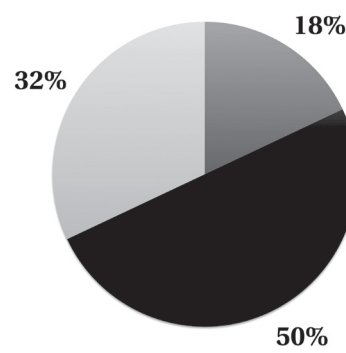
Vandals struck in the early morning hours of June 1, turning on fire hydrants west of town, wasting nearly 1 million gallons of water, and depriving Pagosa Hills subdivision of water service for several hours. Calls about the open hydrants were made to the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District at approximately 2 a.m.

WHADDYA THINK?

What advice do you have for the high school class of 2019?

Poll results (114 votes)
Follow your dreams. — 18 percent
Work hard and good things will happen. — 50 percent
Get a job. — 32 percent

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Letters



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1033 property: Black or white

Dear Editor:
Has black and white disappeared into a sea of gray shades so that nothing is clear any more? It appears so. It looks as though Archuleta County Government is currently unable to clearly define or understand who is in control. Are the Colorado Revised Statutes, (CRS), that confusing or so voluminous, or so incomprehensible and continually changing that they can not be used to clear up the question who is in charge? Then I'd say they should not be the States' Regulation or Statutes'. Someone please help me understand how we have come to this stalemate of unclear, gray scales between black and white as to the chain of command and the checks and balances of our local government.

It is clear to me that our elected Board of Commissioners is in the position of over site of the local government. If any of the elected Officials over step their authority or, even worse fail to fulfill their obligation granted to them by the People in their elected position, then the Board has the duty and the obligation to the People to correct and hold responsible all of the Elected Officials. The Board of Commissioners, at the top of the chain of command, the Board holds the purse strings of the County, and therefore is responsi-

ble to set the financial budget, and hold all the county departments to strictly adhere to that budget. And it is further clear that all the departments are obligate to work with the Board of Commissioners, in cooperation with them to insure that the People of the county are served the best possible services, amendments, and infrastructure available. They can not do that if they are not in control of budget or cooperation. It is also clear to me that our elected officials are independent of one another in the job they have been elected to serve but not independent as one above the obligations of their service.

Our District Attorney was quote as saying that our sheriff dose not work for the board of commissioners and the Sheriff is under no obligation to provide the Board a list of the 1033 program assets, which is incorrect according to Statute. I will remember this next election.

One deputy admitted to selling 1033 program asset with permission of a supervisor not okay.

The BoCC's problem seems to be they cannot clearly define who the 1033 assets belong to and they know it. The program states the assets become the property of the agency they were distributed to. That agency was the Archuleta County Sheriff Office. That Agency is not Independent of the County. The ACSO operation is solely under the County budget, their vehicles, equipment, insurance, bonds, training, are paid by the county. That seems black and white to me. Why are the 1033 program assets in one of the many gray shades area?

Is it a case of abusive power of the elected? Or of the entitled mind set of society?

Rob Keating

Keep chain saws out of wilderness

Dear Editor:

My love of southwestern Colorado is based in its mountains – the craggy peaks, wildflower valleys, and alpine stillness that define the Colorado high country. I head to the mountains to hear the chatter of birdsong, the whisper of wind through aspen leaves, the bugle of an elk in the fall. The last sound I hope to hear in wilderness is the rumble of chainsaws, growling as they cut into native spruce trees.

Yet that is exactly what will happen, unless a recent Forest Service decision is stopped.

On May 7, regional officials for the Forest Service approved the use of chainsaws to clear downed trees in two Southwest Colorado wilderness areas this summer. This decision supersedes protections in the 1964 Wilderness Act, and it is an appalling breach of the Forest Service's duty to protect wilderness. To make matters worse, the decision was made unilaterally, with no opportunity for public input.

According to the Forest Service, chainsaws are needed so that Rio Grande and San Juan National Forest employees, partners, and volunteers can clear bark beetle-killed trees that are obstructing access to the Weminuche and South San Juan Wilder-

nesses. However, the use of chain-saws to clear trails for recreational use goes against the very reason that wilderness areas were created. Crosscut saws and hand methods have been used for decades to clear trails in wilderness areas, in order to preserve the primitive nature and the wildness of these areas we seek to protect. There is no reason that similar hand tools cannot be used to clear trails in this instance.

Using chainsaws simply to make visitor access to wilderness easier is antithetical to the spirit and law of the Wilderness Act. The Wilderness Act charges the Forest Service, as a steward of the Weminuche and South San Juan Wildernesses, to protect and preserve wilderness character. Chainsaws, and other motorized equipment, are not compatible with that preservation mandate. In addition to being loud and unsightly, chainsaws disrupt our primitive connection to wild places. Ultimately, the Wilderness Act did not prohibit chainsaws solely because of their noise; chainsaws are prohibited in wilderness because they remind us of our domination over the land. Wilderness is a place for humility, a natural world that reminds us how inconsequential we are in the grand scheme of Mother Nature's plan.

Wilderness areas, unlike other public lands, are managed with minimal interference with natural processes. They are rare havens where humans step back and let nature take its course. The framers of the Wilderness Act reminded us that we would have to practice humility and restraint for these unique places, and the very idea of wilderness, to endure. That means that all of us – visitors and managers – have to be willing to do things differently in order to preserve wilderness for future generations. In this case, it is the duty of the Forest Service to restore trail access in the Weminuche and South San Juan Wildernesses in a responsible manner, using hand tools and primitive skills – a once proud tradition in the Forest Service.

Clare Mack

Saving our wilderness trails

Dear Editor:

Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures. I feel that we are in just such a time as it relates

to our wilderness here locally and throughout Colorado. The beetle kill that we have experienced has led to massive tree death and subsequent unprecedented number of downed trees that clog our trails. About 9,500 trees are falling each year and less than half are cleared annually, this leads to a backlog of downed trees between 7,300 and 16,800. The forest service does not have the necessary funding to secure the resources to deal with the magnitude of this problem, so groups such as the San Juan Back Country Horsemen of Pagosa Springs has taken up the challenge of assisting with these efforts. In 2018 our group cleared ~ 500 trees with crosscut saws. While impressive, this number can't compare with the results that were obtained by two volunteers who used chainsaws on several weekends in non-wilderness areas last year. They were able to clear as many trees during that time as the entire eight-person Pagosa Ranger District backcountry trail crew using crosscut saws all season.

There now is a chainsaw exemption that runs from June 1 -August 17 to allow for expedient removal of trees that clog our trail system. The forest service will supervise the removal and notify the public when and where the work will be done. There are also guidelines to be followed such as Chainsaws may only be used when there are 40 or more downed or leaning trees per mile obstructing the trail route.

The Judicial and temporary use of chainsaws to protect our wilderness and preserve our trail system is not only warranted but is a necessity. This problem must be solved; clogged trails result in environmental degradation as the bypassing of downed trees create alternate routes and severely inhibit access and prevent regular trail maintenance as well. We face the real threat of losing some of our wilderness trails that may become permanent.

The use of chainsaws in Wilderness areas is not new. In Colorado the Rocky Mountain National Park of which 95% is designated wilderness uses chainsaws to clear trails each year "to prevent resource impacts caused by park visitors forced

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Town council amends noise regulations

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

With a 3-1 vote, an emergency ordinance concerning noise abatement was approved by the four members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council present at the council's May 23 meeting.

The emergency ordinance, which became effective upon a single reading of the ordinance and its subsequent passage, amends chapter 13 of the town's municipal code and, among other things, implements maximum permissible decibel levels.

"This is presented as an emergency ordinance tonight," Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained. "Of course, we do want to consider this carefully. We don't take emergency ordinances lightly. Typically, we do two readings of an ordinance, but we do have a need to immediately move forward with a new noise ordinance."

The emergency ordinance came about, according to an agenda brief written by Phillips, after the town's noise ordinance was challenged as being "too vague."

"In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Town, the Attorney and staff feel that it is appropriate to amend the municipal code governing noise regulations in Town to allow for a more objective standard of measurement and

that the Town adopt this on an emergency basis," the brief states.

In informing council at the meeting, Phillips noted the new ordinance uses a more objective standard of measure that many communities are moving toward.

The ordinance reflects that, for residential zoning districts, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., the maximum permissible level is 55 decibels. From 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., that level drops to 50 decibels.

For mixed-use and nonresidential zoning districts, the maximum permissible level between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. is 70 decibels, with that level dropping to 65 decibels between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.

The town's police chief, Phillips explained, is comfortable with the new ordinance, and the town will need to purchase meters, calibrate them and train staff to use them.

Phillips added that the decibels will be measured at the property line where the concern/complaint originates.

Town Attorney Bob Cole added the code can be enforced without a complaint, later pointing out that if the decibel levels are exceeded on any property beyond where the noise is originating, it is a violation.

Public comment on the matter centered on how and where measurements would be taken, that the situation is not an emergency and needs more study, and specific busi-

nesses and how the amended code would apply to those businesses.

While the ordinance was made effective upon passage, during discussion on the matter, council member Mat deGraaf suggested the town would not be able to enforce the changes until the meters have arrived and staff has been trained to use them.

Before a vote was taken, Mayor Pro Tem David Schanzenbaker, who was running the meeting in Mayor Don Volger's absence, suggested that he is OK with the amendments, but that he was not in favor of doing them via emergency ordinance.

With that, a motion to pass the ordinance was made by deGraaf and was approved with a 3-1 vote. deGraaf, Matt DeGuise and Madeline Bergon voted in favor, while Schanzenbaker voted against the motion.

To view the ordinance amending the code, visit: www.pagosaprisings.co.gov/vertical/sites/%7B175F1D4C-10BE-47AA-AF3E-C1BCDE2446A6%7D/uploads/Ordinance_912.pdf.

In other business at the meeting, the council:

- Approved Ordinance 909, rezoning the property at 125 Harman Park Drive, upon second and final reading.

The rezoning request by Archuleta County was one step in the process of building a new

detention center at the site.

- Approved an agreement with Archuleta County and the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) for broadband services management.

- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with Archuleta County for the management of fiber assets and broadband deployment.

- Approved a temporary use permit for a frozen treats cart to operate along the Riverwalk downtown.

- Heard information from staff about proposals made to the U.S. Census Bureau to adjust the boundaries for area census tracts and blocks, as well as proposals for the creation of a Census Designated Place with roughly the same boundaries as the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District to help with future growth projections.

- Heard a report from the CDC and approved paying an invoice for first-quarter expenses.

- Heard from Phillips that "things are looking good" in relation to sales tax revenues, with March's revenues up 6.5 percent over the same month in 2018.

For more information about sales tax revenues, see related article.

The next regular council meeting is set for 5 p.m. on June 4 in Town Hall.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Monday, June 3
Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session. 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, June 4
Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Thursday, June 6
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special meeting. 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Monday, June 10
Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation regular board meeting. 4 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Tuesday, June 11
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.

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

551 Hot Springs Blvd.
Archuleta School District Board of Education regular meeting. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.

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

Wednesday, June 12
Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors training with Heather Otter. Noon, 7 Parelli Way.

Thursday, June 13
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special meeting. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Monday, June 17
San Juan Water Conservancy District meeting. Time to be determined, 46 Eaton Drive, Unit 5.

Tuesday, June 18
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.

Wednesday, June 19
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.

Thursday, June 20
Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.
Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

Friday, June 21
Joint county commissions/planing commission work session. Noon, Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Tuesday, June 25
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, Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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.

Obituary

Pilar Martinez

Pilar Maria Martinez, age 88, died peacefully, surrounded by loved ones at Four Corners nursing home on Sunday, May 19. She was born on May 8, 1931, in Mone-ro, N.M., to Margarita Adelia and Juan Teodoro Rivera. The family relocated to Rosa, N.M., in 1941; they later moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., where she met Fred Joe Martinez. Pilar and Fred married on Oct. 21, 1961, in Allison, Colo. Together they raised four children: Anthony Rivera (Dixie), Phillip Martinez (Heidi), Priscilla Martinez and Ricky Martinez.

Pilar leaves behind her four children as well as nine grandchildren:



Laura, Audrey, Nacole, Fred, Jennifer, Joni, Amy, Valerie and Tony; as well as 16 great-grandchildren: Yareli, Daleysa, Elias, Izabella, Treanna, Leo, Ty, James, Alixandra, Kaleb, Trevor, Keira, Avery, Casey, Dylan and Bianca; and one great-great-grandchild, Analayah. She also leaves behind her sisters: Dolores Gurule, Fabiola Rivas, Jeannie Baldwin; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends; and a special thank you to her sister-in-law, Dora Rivera, of Durango, and family, who visited Pilar every day during her stay at Four Corners.

Pilar's days were spent crocheting, making tortillas, being a handy-woman fixing anything that broke, ranching, and taking care of her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Pilar is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Fred, her brothers, Ike, Raymond and Ted Rivera, and her sister Sandra Rivera.

Letters

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off trail and establishing unwanted routes" (Rocky Mountain National Park Backcountry/Wilderness Management Plan and Environmental Assessment July 2011)

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Business

County unemployment falls to 3.1 percent in April

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County decreased to 3.1 percent in April from 3.7 percent in March, with 6,980 people in the labor force and 216 of those claiming unemployment.

In March, there were 6,830 people in the county's labor force, with 256, or 3.7 percent, claiming unemployment. The total workforce increased by 150 people over the course of the month, while the number of unemployed people decreased by 40.

In April of 2018, there were 6,681 workers in the county, of which 208, or 3.1 percent, were unemployed. April of 2019 finds the unemployment rate is the same as it was a year ago.

Looking at the April 2019 employment situation for the rest of the state, Huerfano County had the highest unemployment rate for

the month at 5.8 percent, while Kit Carson County had the lowest rate at 1.5 percent.

The unemployment rate in Colorado decreased 0.1 percent from March to April to 3.4 percent, according to the survey of households.

Statewide, the number of people actively participating in the labor force in Colorado decreased 800 from March to April to 3,138,800 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 4,600 to 3,033,700.

The national unemployment rate decreased two-tenths of a percentage point from March to April, dropping to 3.6 percent.

The unemployment rate, labor force participation, total employment and the number of unemployed are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from this survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

However, nonfarm payroll jobs

estimates are based on a survey of business establishments and government agencies, and are intended to measure the number of jobs, not the number of people employed.

The business establishment survey covers about seven times the number of households surveyed and is therefore considered a more reliable indicator of economic conditions.

Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by work site and the other measuring persons employed and unemployed by household, estimates based on these surveys may provide seemingly conflicting results.

From March to April, employers in Colorado added 9,500 nonfarm payroll jobs for a total of 2,765,700 jobs, with private sector jobs increasing by 8,300 and government jobs increasing by 1,200.

Over the month, the largest private-sector job gains were in pro-

fessional and business services, financial activities, and leisure and hospitality.

The largest over-the-month decline was in trade, transportation and utilities.

Over the year, the unemployment rate is up four-tenths of a percentage point from 3 percent. The number of Coloradans participating in the labor force increased 65,500, total employment increased 52,000 and the number of unemployed increased 13,400.

Other data that is gathered by the survey of business establishments includes private-sector average weekly hours, average hourly earnings and average weekly earnings.

The average workweek for all employees in private nonfarm payroll jobs decreased from 33.9 to 32.6 hours from January to April.

Average hourly earnings increased from \$28.79 to \$30.34 during the same time period.
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Walton presents first-quarter financial report to BoCC

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

At the regular meeting of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on May 21, Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton presented the "First Quarter 2019 Financial Report of Archuleta County."

"Revenue was, overall, received as expected in the first quarter. No revenue short falls are (so far) indicated," Walton's presentation noted. Walton's presentation outlined that:

- Fifty out of 54 county categories/departments are within budget and without issues. The four that were not within budget were due to manageable issues like Road and Bridge paying their entire annual insurance premium in the first quarter.
- No departments are projected to exceed their expense budgets by the end of 2019.
- No county departments were on the Finance Department's "watch list." Walton noted there were seven departments on the watch list last year.
- The Highway Users Tax Fund, essentially a gas tax, as Walton noted, is coming in 23 percent over the seasonally adjusted budget and is anticipated to bring in at least \$180,000 more than the county had budgeted for by the end of the year.
- Sales tax revenue is 8.5 percent

above what the county had initially budgeted for the first quarter.

Walton also briefly touched on the U.S. Supreme Court ruling against Wayfair, an Internet retailer. The ruling allows for local governments to collect sales tax from online retailers depending on where an online purchase is made.

"As a result of the Supreme Court South Dakota vs Wayfair decision, the state of Colorado will now collect state sales tax and state-collected local and special district sales tax from out-of-state retailers. Out-of-state retailers are considered those that do not have a physical presence in Colorado," explains a brief on the topic by the Colorado Department of Revenue.

Walton anticipated some increase in revenue because of the Wayfair decision, but wouldn't speculate as to how much money it could gain for the county.

"The people whose opinion I respect on the matter don't have an opinion, let's put it that way. They don't feel like they know," said Walton when asked by the commissioners for specifics about the increase in revenue for the county.

In a follow-up phone call, Commissioner Steve Wadley said he looks forward to being able to use online sales tax revenue as a way to help the citizens of Archuleta County.

"The Wayfair lawsuit is something that I think counties across the nation are waiting to see how it impacts us. I think it's fair, a lot of purchases that come into Archuleta County are Internet sales, I make a lot of them myself. We try to shop local, but not everything is available locally. So, if we can collect taxes on Amazon and everything else coming in, including eBay, that money needs to be put to work for the citizens of Archuleta County. The county needs

the income; our buying power is going down every year," said Wadley.

Walton's presentation also highlighted the significant amount of time the finance office spent on assisting with the new jail project by helping to evaluate and select a contractor, assisting the county in obtaining a credit rating from Moody's Investors Service and completing the 2017 audit that had been delayed by the 1033 investigation, among other things.

After the presentation, Wadley thanked Walton and the entire Finance Department for their hard work, especially in helping to obtain a credit rating for the county, which helped them get more favorable terms on financing the jail.

Because of the Finance Department's work, "the amount of interest we will have to pay will be substantially less," Wadley said.
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BoCC updated on broadband project, HR Department

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

At their work session on May 28, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) discussed specifics about bringing additional broadband Internet connectivity to the area and were updated on the Human Resources (HR) Department by the department's administrator, Robert Smith.

Jason Cox, co-broadband services manager for the joint project by the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC), town and the county to improve broadband in Archuleta County, came to the BoCC to ask for a letter of support to build an approximately 60-foot fixed-wireless tower on the Archuleta County Road and Bridge Department building, which would take the broadband Internet signal and broadcast it

wirelessly. BoCC Chair Ron Maez asked Cox if the tower could be used by larger cell providers in addition to broadcasting the Internet signal, a move Cox noted would be a good idea to explore.

"Because as we know the cell coverage down there is awesome," joked Cox.

The board also discussed the revenues from leasing the dark fiber, or unused broadband fiber, with Maez seeking clarity on who gets how much money.

"I wanted just some clarity on the dark fiber, once it becomes used and then some of the revenues that are generated from that, most of that kinda goes to the COG?" said Maez, referencing the Southwest Colorado Council of Governments.

Cox responded, "At this point, yeah the way the contract is written with cog, it's 75 percent, which

I think is —"

"Highway robbery," stated County Attorney Todd Weaver.

Cox explained he didn't want to make any disparaging statements publicly, but that "I don't know it's proportionate," referencing the terms of the dark fiber revenue.

In a follow-up phone call, Cox reiterated that he wants to discuss the terms of the deal with COG "to make sure [the deal] still makes sense and that the revenue allocation still matches reality."

Additionally, Smith gave an update to the board about the HR Department.

According to Smith, the county currently has 163 employees, and offered the following statistics:

- 11 percent of county employees have been employed at the county for at least five months.

- 31 percent of county employees have been employed at the county at least one year, five

months.

- 42 percent of county employees have been employed at least two years, five months.

- 51 percent of county employees have been employed at least three years, five months.

- There have been six workers' compensation claims in 2019, totaling \$43,756.

- There were 13 workers' compensation claims in 2018, totaling about \$110,000.

- There have been eight property liability claims in 2019, totaling \$39,859.

- In 2018, there were 17 property liability claims, totaling \$110,439.

The BoCC's regular work session and meeting on June 3 have been canceled, and the next work session of the BoCC is scheduled for June 11 at 8:30 a.m. in the commissioners' meeting room at 398 Lewis St.

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Town abolishing impact fee program

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The four members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council present at the council's May 23 meeting unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance repealing the town's impact fee program.

Second reading of the ordinance is slated to take place during the council's June 4 meeting, which will begin at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall council chambers.

On May 7, the council directed staff to come back with an ordinance repealing the program following years of discussion on the matter and months of work with consultants to determine how the town could update the fees if it so chose.

"Based on recommendations and discussions with Economic and Planning Systems, who we used as a consultant to review our impact fee program and categories, and discussions with the community, hearing a lot of public feedback on the desire to repeal impact fees to help spur development, this ordinance is provided for your review and consideration," Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained.

The ordinance, Phillips continued, would repeal all of the existing impact fees, but would still allow the town to waive building permit

fees and plan review fees for projects that are public-private partnerships, intergovernmental partnerships, accessory dwelling units and projects located on town property, as well as affordable housing projects.

"That ability is still within the code, it's just repealing all of our other impact fees," she said.

An agenda brief on the topic explains that the ordinance would cease impact fees, including public land dedication.

"So, if we do this, are there individuals or people that have paid impact fees recently that should be compensated for that?" council member Mat deGraaf asked, further asking if that had been given consideration or if it would just be moving forward.

"So, we talked about that quite a bit and I think if we went backwards, I feel like it would be arbitrary and potentially unfair because where do you draw the line?" Phillips responded, adding that the ordinance was written to take effect upon passage.

She indicated that is probably the most legally defensible way to do it.

Phillips explained that some developers have indicated they are waiting to submit applications until the impact fee program is abolished, while the town is holding other applications while council is considering the ordinance.

After being opened to public comment, an audience member asked how much money the difference would be if the town didn't collect impact fees.

On average, Phillips explained, the town brings in about \$50,000 per year in impact fees, though if the program were to continue, the town would need to look at a new fee structure with an updated nexus.

Other comment from the audience was in favor of the council moving forward with the abolishment of the program because what development does to a community should be looked at, not just what it does for a community.

A third member of the audience asked what the town would do to subsidize the loss.

deGraaf explained that impact fees was something he had wrestled with since he got on council, and while he is "still not convinced" getting rid of impact fees is the best course of action, he was glad the council is doing something.

Council member Madeline Bergon added that she had no second thoughts about repealing the program.

With that, Mayor Pro Tem David Schanzenbaker and council members deGraaf, Bergon and Matt DeGuise voted unanimously to approve the first reading of Ordinance 911.

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Sales tax revenue continues to climb in March

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The March sales tax report for Archuleta County disseminated by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton shows a 6.5 percent revenue increase compared to March 2018.

The 6.5 percent increase amounts to an additional \$53,034 in sales tax revenue compared to

March 2018.

The gross amount of the March sales tax revenue is \$870,310.68. The town's share is \$434,472.34 and the county share is \$435,838.34.

The town and county split sales tax revenue evenly; the difference between the two amounts is a transfer made for aviation taxes.

February sales tax brought in \$705,627.80 by comparison.

The March 2019 report indicates

that the following categories have increased revenue compared to March 2018:

- Retail is up 7.7 percent, or \$89,467.

- Accommodation/food service is up 15.6 percent, or \$54,521.

- Professional services is up 17.4 percent, or \$9,236.

- Manufacturing is up 6.3 percent, or \$5,111.

- Real estate/rental is up 18.6

percent, or \$13,429.

- Other services is up 5.1 percent, or \$1,533.

Categories that have seen a decrease in sales tax revenue compared to last year are:

- Miscellaneous is down 7.7 percent, or \$28,401.

- Information services is down 10.4 percent, or \$8,662.

- Construction is down 6.8 percent, or \$2,816.

Springs Resort holds second public meeting about vacant land

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Springs Resort and Spa hosted the second of a series of meetings on May 16 regarding 27 acres of vacant land adjacent to the resort, with the meeting discussing preliminary ideas for the property, including a community square, retail, housing and areas for interaction with the natural environment.

That meeting, like the first, was headed by David Dronet, the managing principal for the ownership group of The Springs Resort and Spa.

As was explained during the first community meeting on the topic in February, Dronet, Jack Searle, Ryan Searle and Rory Burnett created a joint venture to consider the development of the 27 acres, which are owned by Jack Searle.

Dronet also explained in February that the water rights for the mother spring are partially owned by The Springs and partially owned by the Searles.

The northern portion of the property, Dronet explained in February, is zoned mixed-use/town center, while the southern portion is zoned mixed-use/residential.

To begin the May 16 meeting, Dronet summarized the community feedback from the first meeting, including the importance of the Riverwalk, wetlands and interaction with the river.

He also pointed out the sentiment that the development shouldn't be "normal" because it is a special place, and that it should be walkable, a community gathering place, should include affordable housing, should include pocket parks, should incorporate water throughout, and that the mother spring should be more of a public amenity.

Concern touched upon by Dronet including light pollution, the impacts on main street businesses and emergency access.

Dronet further explained that those involved have looked nationally and internationally at ideas for community squares, and that they had met with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and would be continuing to work with the tribe.

"This isn't something that will happen quickly," Dronet said, explaining it could take 15 to 20 years to be built out.

Dronet also outlined the guiding concepts for the design of the vacant property: a gathering place for the community, stewardship, embracing Pagosa's unique heritage and culture, health and wellness, smart growth, and that it be a one-of-a-kind-in-the-world development.

To help determine what would be appropriate on the site and where, Dronet told those present that sun studies were done to see where shadows are cast various times of the year.

After hearing additional feedback from the audience concerning the shape of the community square, accessibility, parking and more, Dronet presented preliminary ideas of what the development could entail, including a community gathering area of about a half acre in size near the mother spring with surrounding hotel, retail, restaurant and potentially

conference space.

Dronet later noted that he envisions the hotel would be the first part of the development and would seed the square, which could then grow organically.

He also suggested there is a need for flexibility in the design and, in response to an audience question, suggested there is need for additional hotel rooms currently.

Paths radiating out from the spring would help create different spaces that feel different.

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Taming the Wild West

Bramwell retires after 40 years of brand inspecting

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Jim Bramwell doesn't consider himself a cowboy, but after 40 years as a brand inspector wrangling up cattle and livestock, ensuring they are in the proper place, Bramwell's story sounds an awful lot like something from the days of Billy the Kid or Butch Cassidy.



Jim Bramwell

For those not aware, a brand inspector's main duty is to ensure that livestock are in their right place with their rightful owners, according to Bramwell.

Livestock can mean anything from horses to mules, Bramwell noted.

"It's to make sure the right people get the money for the cattle when they sell," he explained.

In rural areas such as Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County, brand inspectors are important, Bramwell explained.

"There's still thieves," he said. "Horse thieves, cow thieves in Colorado, and a lot more than people realize."

Oftentimes, those thieves will try and steal others' livestock and attempt to sell it for their own profit, he explained.

But what's really important is how Bramwell got into the business of brand inspecting — a story that he tells with pride and nostalgia.

Bramwell's uncle, George Shahan — but affectionately referred to as "Babe" — was a brand inspector, but the time came for Babe to hang it up himself, leading him to ask Bramwell to split duties along with Shahan's son, Bob Shahan.

Both Bramwell and Bob Shahan agreed to split that part-time job, and the rest was history.

A humble man, when asked what he believed his impact was on the community as a brand inspector, Bramwell grins slyly, gazes off into the distance and responds that he had a great rapport with many of the ranchers he worked with.

"I tried to serve the livestock community [to] the best of my ability," he said.

But Bramwell's influence wasn't just felt in Archuleta County. Bramwell acknowledged the fact that he has also served most of La Plata County.

However, with any job, there comes a time where one must assess the landscape of the profession and decide if it's time to step away.

For Bramwell, that time came when he took stock (no pun intended) of how long he had been doing the job.

"I'd been there 40 years. That's probably about long enough," he said with a bit of mirth, but also more realism than anything.

The advent of technology was a bit of a transition as well for Bramwell. Despite him adjusting to that change, he figured it was time to give some of the younger generation a chance.

The most rewarding part about being a brand inspector for Bramwell? The people and the animals.

Some folks who have worked with Bramwell in that 40 years acknowledged what a special community member he is.

"He's just super," Alan Higgins said.

As a brand inspector, Bramwell was fair, Higgins explained.

"He was just, as a brand inspector, he was top-notch. And as a man he's even higher than



Photo courtesy Terry Schaaft

With a 40-year career sunsetting, Jim Bramwell is retiring as brand inspector; however, he will, no doubt, don his boots and spurs as he enjoys retirement on his ranch.

that," Higgins said.

Bramwell was described as "always there" and dependable by Higgins.

"He's just one of those people you can count on. Even when you don't see him for a long time, you know if I need some help, I can call Jim," he explained. "You're not going to find a better person, I don't think."

Alex Sponsor explained that Bramwell has been a big part of the local 4-H program, working with kids and explaining the importance of brand inspectors.

Bramwell not only made time to explain the importance of his job to the youth, but also to the individuals he was working with.

"He's just dependable. If he told you he'd do something, he does it," Dick Schutz said. "He definitely did the job the way it was supposed to be done."

When asked about his legacy as a brand commissioner, in typical fashion, Bramwell shrugged

off the praise and praised his brand commissioners, whom he called "the real cowboys" — a move that is reminiscent of the anonymous quote that states, "A true cowboy knows love, pain and shame but never cares about fame."

For Bramwell, being a brand inspector came with countless hours of accounting for animals, rounding up those who were attempting to do misdeeds with others' property and working behind the scenes to the extent that, at times, his important work might have been overlooked.

But, for Bramwell, none of that stuff mattered; none of the fame or adoration was needed. He was simply just doing his job. An important one at that.

After 40 years, Bramwell decided to call it a day on being a brand inspector and has opened the door for the younger generation to fill his shoes, riding off into the sunset like a true cowboy.

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Water

PAWSD implements changes to rules and regulations

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Various changes to rules and regulations were approved by the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board during a regular meeting on May 16.

Many of the changes involved adding definitions for things such as: availability fees, debt service fund and water service charge, among other things.

One change added language to PAWSD's operating principles that allows for insured contractors and licensed plumbers to enter the district's meter pits.

"In reality, no one is allowed in our meter pits but us," PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey explained in an interview.

However, for those who are working on housing developments, such as a contractor or plumber, it gives those individuals flexibility in entering the meter pits in order to do their

jobs, Ramsey explained.

Another change within the PAWSD rules and regulations centers around applications for service, with the change adding language that requires any additional information necessary for PAWSD to see if any infrastructure is available when an application for connection is requested.

In addition to that change, the inclusion fee for engineering and legal costs was increased from \$800 to \$1,000.

A compound meter is now required in the event that a fire line is installed without PAWSD's ability to inspect the installation.

"Where that came from is our last rule change, this was probably a year or a year and a half ago, that happened. So then we changed the rules to actually, at that point, require all fire lines to have compound meters," he explained. "Well, compound meters are very expensive and there was a big outcry, so we changed it

to give it a little bit more flexibility."

If the fire line is installed by a registered engineer, per PAWSD's specifications and details, and pressure tested, you do not have to have a compound meter installed, Ramsey explained further.

"There are several areas where the fire line leaks and getting people to fix it is hard because they don't want to spend the money because it's not costing them anything, because fire lines don't have meters on it and we don't charge for water for fire line," he added later.

Some of the final changes to the rules and regulations involved permits, fees and charges.

Those changes included the following:

- Changing the name of the raw water fee to the lake raw water fee for clarification, while also clarifying that the fee is an annual fee.
- Added the raw water acquisition fee.
- Added the model data use fee to

rules and regulations.

• Incorporated a resolution that required a change of use to change number of equivalent units (EU).

That resolution, specifically, is titled Resolution 2013-06, was implemented in part due to an older resolution, Ramsey explained.

According to Ramsey, an older resolution, that he hypothesized was done in 2006, said that property owners cannot change the amount of EUs on their property without a change of use.

"So, we didn't want people coming in every day saying, 'Hey, I think I only have six EUs or I want eight EUs' and changing it around because I guess it got to be a book-keeping issue," he said. "I just took that resolution and stuck it into the rules so it's not a resolution anymore. So, it's really not a change, it's how we've always done it; it's just the resolution is no longer needed. It's in the rules."

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Snow water equivalency near 400 percent of median this week

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

This week, snow water equivalency (SWE) is 395.1 percent of median — an increase of 207.9 percent from last week — according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

As of May 27, SWE data was reported at 32 inches, when last week it was 30.7.

The SWE median dropped in half from last week, going from 16.4 inches to 8.1 inches this week.

The median and averages are based on data from 1981 through 2010.

"The median high snow water equivalency up there is 32.3 inches, I think, we have 32 now and the median high is usually April 12," Ramsey said in an interview. "We usually run out of snow up there, the median is June 3. Right now there is 67 inches of snow up there."

Precipitation has seen an in-

crease from last week, with totals going from 50.1 inches to 52.3 inches this week.

The precipitation average has also increased, going from 39.8 inches to 40.4 inches this week.

Precipitation data is currently 129.5 percent of median, an increase from last week, when it was 125.9 percent of median.

All lakes remain full this week, as was the case last week, and total cumulative available lake water for treatment and delivery also remains at 100 percent.

Total diversion flows remain at 10.5 cubic feet per second (cfs), with the West Fork diversion still adding 3 cfs, the Four Mile diver-

sion still contributing 6 cfs and the San Juan diversion still adding an additional 1.5 cfs.

About 2 cfs is still going into Hatcher Lake and another 4 cfs is going into Stevens Lake, the press release notes.

Water from the San Juan diversion is going into the San Juan water treatment plant to prepare the plant for operations, the press release states, adding that the plant is not currently producing potable water.

From May 17 through May 23 of this year, water production totaled 11.83 million gallons.

Last year, in that same time-frame, water production was listed

at 11.4 million gallons.

Contributing to this year's total for May 17 through May 23, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 4.16 million gallons and the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 7.67 million gallons.

From May 10 through May 16 of this year, total water production was 11.12 million gallons.

Ramsey explained that the search for a large leak in the Meadows area is still ongoing.

River report

As of May 29, the San Juan River had a recorded flow of 941 cfs, below the average for May 29, which is 1,560 cfs, according to data from the U.S. Geological Survey.

Last week, the San Juan had a flow of 985 cfs.

The highest recorded flow total for May 29 came back in 1979 with reported flows of 3,740 cfs.

The lowest flow total came back in 2002, when the San Juan had a recorded flow of 121 cfs.

"We usually run out of snow up there, the median is June 3. Right now there is 67 inches of snow up there."

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey

Snowpack close to 700 percent of median

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

It's almost June and snowpack levels are now more than twice what they were last week, with local basins having a collective snowpack total of 693 percent of median this week.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins were 330 percent of median last week, according to data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Once again, the local basins have the highest recorded collective snowpack total of the eight basins recorded.

The closest basin this week is again the Gunnison River Basin, which sits at 528 percent of median. Last week that basin was 308 percent of median.

The Upper San Juan site is 602 percent of median this week. Last week the site was 223 percent of

median.

For the Upper Rio Grande Basin, a 134 percent jump was reported, with snowpack totals going from 300 percent of median to 434 percent of median this week.

The Arkansas River Basin has a snowpack total of 393 percent of median this week; last week that basin was 239 percent of median.

A 68 percent increase was reported for the Yampa and White River basins, with totals going from 156 percent of median to 224 percent of median this week.

The Laramie and North Platte River basins saw a 62 percent increase when snowpack totals jumped from 133 percent of median to 195 percent of median this week.

The South Platte River Basin is 290 percent of median this week; last week it was 166 percent of median.

A 130 percent increase was recorded for the Upper Colorado

River Basin; totals went from 213 percent of median to 343 percent of median since last week.

The Wolf Creek summit was 191 percent of the May 29 peak and 128 percent of the median peak. Last week, the summit was 156 percent of the May 22 peak and 127 percent of the median peak.

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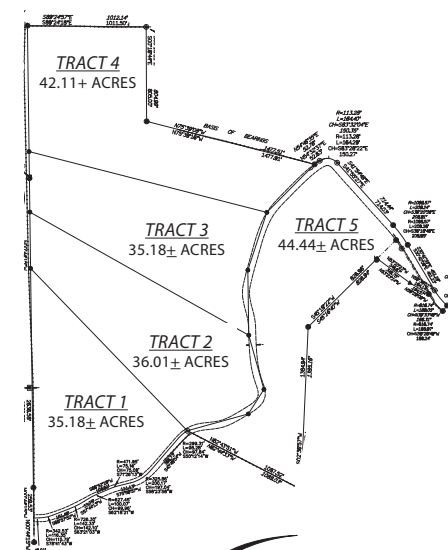
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Outdoors

EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

PlayCleanGo: Why it is important in Archuleta County

By **Ethan Proud**
SUN Columnist

PlayCleanGo Awareness Week takes place June 1-8 across North America. The goal of the campaign is to show outdoor enthusiasts how they can stop invasive plants and pests from spreading — while enjoying the great outdoors.

PlayCleanGo is a program that promotes healthy outdoor rec-

reation and partners with many agencies involved in the fight against invasives.

Noxious weeds are arguably one of the biggest threats to our natural areas that are frequented by tourists and travelers from out of state. Vehicles are a major vector of weed seeds that can cling to the tires or undercarriage of cars, ATVs and bikes. Even our own county residents can be responsible for the

spread as driving from one trail-head to the next could introduce a new species of weed.

Cleaning off vehicles, boots and our pets is necessary to stop the spread of weeds. By taking a few moments to remove the mud from your shoes, you can save you and your subdivision from accidentally bringing a noxious invader home with you. Not only is chemical treatment costly, but waging a war with invasives is a lifelong commitment; a single plant going to seed is enough to repopulate your yard with hundreds to thousands of plants. Prevention is the best management practice.

While planting a diverse lawn of native grasses, proper watering, and mowing or grazing when necessary are great cultural practices you can undermine all of that by taking home a hitchhiker.

Harboring noxious weeds is not the problem of a few select negligent individuals. There are 19 prevalent species in Archuleta County from a tiered state list of 70 A, B and C list species and another 24 species on the watch list. On top of the state noxious weed list, there are many species which are invasive, though their control is not mandatory. Kochia is problematic on county road shoulders and areas that see frequent disturbance, along with Canadian horsetail and Russian thistle (which is not a thistle).

All landowners in Colorado have a legal responsibility to manage populations of noxious weeds, and there are many tools in a land manager's arsenal and all should be used as part of an integrated management plan. The most important tool, however, is prevention and education.

The major hurdle of noxious and invasive plants is that until they exhibit invasive behavior in their new habitat, they are classified as introduced and may not cause problems. Our ecosystems are full of imported plants that have settled in alongside their native neighbors without outcompeting them. If you spot a new plant in your yard, don't run for the pesticides either, take a few pictures or a sample (a specimen with roots, leaves and flowers is easiest to identify) and make a stop at the Archuleta County Extension office or Weed and Pest (offices are located in

the Road and Bridge building now, above Building and Planning).

When you find yourself recreating in our natural areas, take a look around and try to spot some noxious weeds. The sea of yellow flowers that wasn't there three years ago is certainly a prime suspect. Imagine transporting those seeds by accident to your favorite area and watching as it, too, falls to invaders. Always brush mud off your boots, pick the burs from your socks and make a quick stop at the car wash. A little effort goes a long way in preserving our native ecosystems.

Controlling noxious weeds is not about prejudice against foreign plant species, but mitigating our effect on natural habitats, weeds that would normally not be introduced to a region are being transported via human activity.

Upcoming events

June 3-4: Free babysitting course. There are a few spaces left; call the office to sign up at 264-5931. This is sponsored by Department of Human Services and Noon Rotary of Pagosa Springs.

July 13: Archuleta County Annual Weed Tour.

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

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



Photo courtesy Susan McAdams

This red fox kit enjoys a bit of sunshine while playing close to its den recently.

Compensation available for landowners wanting to protect forestlands

By **Ryan Lockwood**
Special to The SUN

Colorado landowners who want to protect environmentally valuable private forest areas that could someday be threatened by development or conversion to other non-forest uses — and who desire to receive monetary compensation in the process — now have the opportunity to submit proposals to protect their forestlands.

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) is accepting Forest Legacy Program proposals from Colorado landowners. The program authorizes the CSFS or U.S. Forest Service to purchase permanent conservation easements on private forestlands to prevent those lands from being converted to non-forest uses.

The application deadline is July 31 for federal fiscal year 2021 funding, and proposals must be submitted by standard mail.

The purpose of the Colorado Forest Legacy Program is to protect environmentally important private forest areas that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The program provides an opportunity for private landowners to retain owner-

ship and management of their land, while receiving compensation for unrealized development rights.

Forestlands that contain important scenic, cultural, recreation and water resources, including fish and wildlife habitat and other ecological values, and that support traditional forest uses, will receive priority. Landowners who elect to participate in the program are required to follow a land management plan approved by the CSFS. Activities consistent with the management plan are permitted, including timber harvesting, grazing and recreation activities.

The Colorado State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee will evaluate proposals and recommend to the state forester those proposals that have sufficient merit to forward to the U.S. Forest Service. Forwarded proposals will then compete at a regional and national level for funding.

For additional information or to obtain an application packet, contact Carolyn Aspelin at (970) 491-1869 or carolyn.aspelin@colostate.edu. Applications also are available online at <http://csfs.colostate.edu/funding-assistance>.



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Sports

LPEA Golf Tournament to benefit youth scout organizations

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) will host its annual golf tournament at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club on Saturday, June 15. Space is limited and the registration deadline is June 10.

Organized by LPEA's line personnel, members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (Local IBEW 111 26A) based in Pagosa Springs, the LPEA Golf Tournament is open to all community members. Tournament proceeds this year will benefit the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts in Archuleta County, as well as the local Venturing Crew.

As noted in a press release, the scouting organizations provide an opportunity for both boys and girls, ages 5-20, with a comprehensive program that teaches and reinforces core values such as teamwork, citizenship, responsibility, self-confidence and peer leadership. Youth also learn practical outdoor skills and take an active role as stewards of the community and natural resources.

The tournament is a four-person scramble, with four flights beginning with a 9 a.m. shotgun start, rain or shine. Entry fee is \$70 per person, which includes lunch, golf cart, \$5,000 in prizes and more. The field will be limited to the first 34 teams registered. Hole sponsorships are also available to support the scouts

and independent donations are welcome. All funds remain in the community.

An incentive for community members to participate this year is a special "hole-in-one" prize for golf vacation to Myrtle Beach for two (valued at \$7,500).

Cash or checks (made payable to the "Brotherhood Fund") will be accepted (no credit cards) via mail to LPEA, P.O. Box 305, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or in person at LPEA's Pagosa Springs office, 603 S. 8th St.

"Once again we are going to be golfing for a good cause," said LPEA Equipment Operator Garrett Hammer, who is organizing the event with Journeyman Lineman Jeremy Matney. "Golfers can enjoy a day on the links, plus lunch, and are eligible for more than \$5,000 in prizes, plus that trip to Myrtle Beach, in addition to raising funds for our kids here in Archuleta."

To register, or for further information regarding the golf tournament, visit www.lpea.coop or contact Hammer at 946-9434, Matney at 759-8881 or Daron Selph at 749-1473 directly.

Since the LPEA Golf Tournament's inception in 2003, the event has raised more than \$130,000 for a variety of nonprofit organizations in Archuleta County, including Archuleta County Search and Rescue, Pagosa Early Learning Center, Foundation for Archuleta County Education, American Cancer Society and Relay for Life.

RECREATION NEWS AND COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Registration for softball teams closes May 31

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

Looking for something fun for your child to do this summer? The Town of Pagosa Springs Ross Aragon Community Center Parks and Recreation Department is happy to announce the K.I.D.S. Day Camp is returning.

The camp is open to children ages 5-12.

K.I.D.S. Day Camp will start on Monday, June 3, and run through Aug. 2. It will be offered Monday

through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities scheduled for each day will start at 9 a.m. and will end at 4 p.m.

All children that are registered for the week must be signed in and dropped off no later than 9 a.m., no exceptions.

Applications for this program are currently open. Program fees are: \$85 per child per week, \$25 per child per drop in (upon availability), and there is a onetime ap-
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TRACK



A bevy of Pagosa Springs High School Pirates competed at the recent state track and field meet at Jefferson County Stadium in Lakewood. Several Pirates fared well in the state competition.

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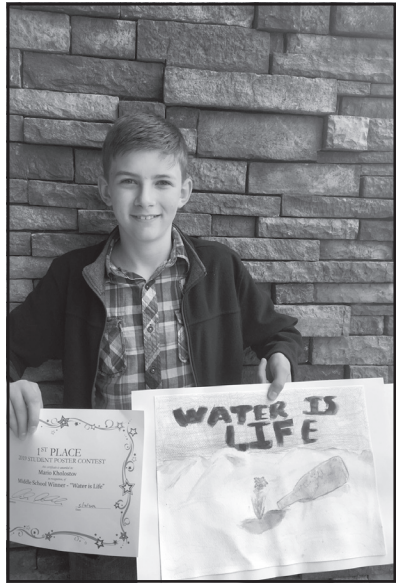
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Education



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Winners of the Historic Preservation Board's poster contest for Historic Preservation Month were announced on May 17 at Pagosa Peak Open School by board members Andre Redstone and Chrissy Karas. The first-place elementary school winner is River Stuck, the first-place middle school winner is Mario Kholostov, the People's Choice winner is Juniper Stuck, and the People's Choice runners-up are Teyve Zissman and Aliya Johnson. This year's theme is water.

Ability Summit to offer day of workshops, networking

Ellen Stein
Special to The SUN

The Growing Together Ability Summit is taking place Tuesday, June 4, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Fort Lewis College Student Union Building.

The summit offers youth and adults with disabilities, their families, friends and support professionals

across southwest Colorado a day of educational workshops, networking and a free lunch. Topics include youth leadership, technology for independent living, CO Medicaid Waiver Programs and consumer-directed services and supports, brains and behavior, self-advocacy, music therapy and more.

Jeff Newman, case manager and PCT-certified trainer at Com-

munity Connections, will deliver the lunchtime keynote address on person-centered thinking, a set of philosophies and skills to equip people with disabilities, and those who support them, to have positive control over a life they have chosen for themselves.

A reception and free public screening of the film "Life Animated" will take place at 2:30 p.m. in the Fort

Lewis College Vallecito Room.

The Ability Summit is a collaborative offering of San Juan BOCES, The Arc of Southwest Colorado, the Southwest Center for Independence, the Adaptive Sports Association and Community Connections.

For information and to register, visit sjbores.org. Questions? Contact Lisa Reimers at lreimers@sjbores.org or 247-3261.

Chase Regester Memorial Scholarship recipients announced

By Lisa Scott
Special to The SUN

Karrington Castro has been awarded the Chase Regester Memorial Scholarship and will receive \$1,000 for the 2019-2020 academic year. Additionally, Sarah Ross, DeAnn Schaaf and Ashley Smyth will receive \$150 each.

This scholarship is designed to honor the memory of Charles "Chase" L. Regester III, May 29, 1986-Aug. 2, 2006, who was raised on a ranch and spent his childhood and youth involved in 4-H, rodeos and ranch life. He graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in May 2005 and was pursuing ranching as a career. Regester loved animals, the great outdoors, his friends and family and had a great sense of humor and a "whipping and spurring" approach to life. This

scholarship was endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindner to honor Regester and his family for living and preserving the history and traditions of the American West.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell Jr. added to that endowment in 2007, as did Tiger Regester in 2012.

Castro has been very involved in Future Farmers of American (FFA) and rodeo.

"One of my goals when I started high school was to become the FFA president," said Castro. "I have strived to make our FFA chapter bigger and better by letting others know how much fun it is."

Horses and participating in



Karrington Castro

rodeo events have been activities since fifth grade; barrel racing and pole bending are her primary competitive events. For these reasons, Castro has chosen to pursue an education in agriculture business and will be attending Central Arizona College to obtain her degree. She also plans to join the collegiate rodeo team. Castro also maintains a 3.2 GPA, is president of the FFA chapter, participates in local rodeos and has worked throughout high school to save money for college.

The other three students attend Pagosa Springs High School, have excellent grades, are very active in school activities, have participated in a variety of 4-H projects and club activities and have held leadership positions in 4-H. Ross

will be attending Southern Oregon University; Schaaf has enrolled at Western Colorado University; and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs will be Smyth's college. Each of these scholars are tremendous role models within the 4-H program.

This scholarship was designed to support a student pursuing post-secondary education of any variety, which can include university, college, community college, technical, business, vocational, agricultural or ranch training program. The basic requirement for any scholarship applicant is that they have participated in rodeo, 4-H, FFA, or have agriculture or ranching background and upbringing during their high school years.

Celebration

Carson Grose

Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. Pagosa Springs resident Carson S. Grose, a Northeastern University student majoring in engineering, was recently named to the University's dean's list for the spring semester.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulations from their college dean.

GOAL to host Four Corners regional graduation on June 8

By Bill Ray
Special to The SUN

GOAL Academy's Four Corners-area graduation will be held on June 8 at Fort Lewis College Community Concert Hall, 1000 Rim Drive, Durango.

Recreation

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Registration forms are available at the department office, which is located at the Community Center. Anyone who is 16 years of age or older is eligible to participate in the leagues. Team registration fees are \$250, plus a \$30 fee per player. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Town of Pagosa Springs.

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

Adult softball registration

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

Registration forms are available at the department office, which is located at the Community Center. Anyone who is 16 years of age or older is eligible to participate in the leagues. Team registration fees are \$250, plus a \$30 fee per player. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Town of Pagosa Springs.

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Crista Munro announces departure from FolkWest

By Crista Munro
Special to The SUN

After 24 years at the helm of FolkWest, Crista Munro will be leaving her position as executive director, effective after this year's Four Corners Folk Festival.

"I have been hired as the executive director of Sisters Folk Festival in Sisters, Oregon, and — while grateful for this amazing opportunity — it is with great sadness that I close the door on my long chapter in Pagosa Springs," Munro said.

Many Pagosa SUN readers may remember Munro and her husband, Dan Appenzeller, from their 20 years living in Pagosa Springs. The couple co-founded FolkWest together and produced the very first Four Corners Folk Festival on Reservoir Hill in 1996 with a lot of help from the community. In the years since, the event grew by leaps and bounds, and in 2006 Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass was added to the FolkWest annual lineup.

In 2003, Appenzeller was diagnosed with cancer and underwent aggressive chemo and radiation treatments that saved his life, but left him with health challenges that worsened until he was no longer able to live at a 7,200-foot altitude.

"We relocated to Eugene, Oregon, in 2011 (elevation 200 feet) and have continued to produce the festivals from there ever since, spending a month or more in Pagosa Springs each summer. Although we live in Eugene, the organization remains firmly planted in Colorado, with 13 seasonal employees and dozens of local vendors and contractors," explained Munro.

Recent developments with Appenzeller's health have prevented him from traveling to Pagosa Springs for the events, beginning in the summer of 2018. He has since moved to a part-time role with FolkWest, maintaining responsibility for artist



Crista Munro and Dan Appenzeller

booking and service contracts.

Munro, Appenzeller and their Pagosa crew have been working diligently to put together two incredible festivals for the 2019 season.

Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass takes place June 7-9 on Reservoir Hill and features The Del McCoury Band, Sierra Hull, The Travelin' McCourys, Sam Reid and the Human Hands, Kate Lee and Forrest O'Connor, Old Salt Union, Dead Horses, Circus No. 9, Fireside Collective, Halden Wofford and the Hi*Beams, Bonnie and the Clydes, FY5, and Sugar and the Mint.

The 24th annual Four Corners Folk Festival will be held Aug. 30-Sept. 1 on Reservoir Hill. The lineup includes The Earls of Leicester, Billy Strings, Molly Tuttle, Darrell Scott, Amy Helm, The Mammals, The East Pointers, Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley, JigJam, Lindsay Lou, Mile Twelve, Wild Rivers, Maybe April and The Arcadian Wild.

Tickets and information about both upcoming events can be found at www.folkwest.com.

The FolkWest board is currently in discussions with an entity for the possible takeover of the festivals.

"We are hopeful that with the deep history and long success of FolkWest's events, the legacy will live on and thrive under new leadership," Munro said.



An American white pelican sits on the bank of Lake Hatcher one evening last week.
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Springs Chamber of Commerce.
Jodi Scarpa

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We would like to thank all the businesses and people of Pagosa Springs and southwest Colorado that supported the Vets4Vets golf tournament. The tournament was a great success and we think that a good time was had by all.

It is this spirit of servanthood that makes Pagosa Springs such a special place to live. By your generosity, the Vets4Vets will be able to support those veterans in need.

Thank you once again and may God continue to bless this special town.

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Theater spotlight: Allie Tamburello in the ‘Season of Songwriters’

By Bill Hudson
Special to The PREVIEW

New York-based actress Allie Tamburello arrived in Pagosa Springs a few weeks ago, along with the other four actors/singers/musicians who make up the cast of Thingamajig Theatre Company’s summer 2019 production of “Ring of Fire” now playing at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

“Ring of Fire” celebrates the life and times of iconic American songwriter Johnny Cash through the various songs he made famous during his long career. In the Thingamajig production, Tamburello is the sole female musician, and plays and sings — in a dramatized, fictional sense — the important women in Cash’s life: his mother, his first wife Vivian Liberto, and his musical collaborator and second wife June Carter Cash.

Tamburello also acts, dances, and sings a lead role in the Thingamajig production of “Mamma Mia!” — a Broadway comedy based around the numerous hit tunes written and made famous by the Swedish pop quartet ABBA during the 1970s and 1980s.

“Mamma Mia!” has opening night shows tomorrow, Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1, at the Pagosa Center for the Arts at 7 p.m.

She had time for a couple of brief interviews, in moments stolen during her (rather ambitious) rehearsal and performing schedule at the Pagosa Center, to talk about

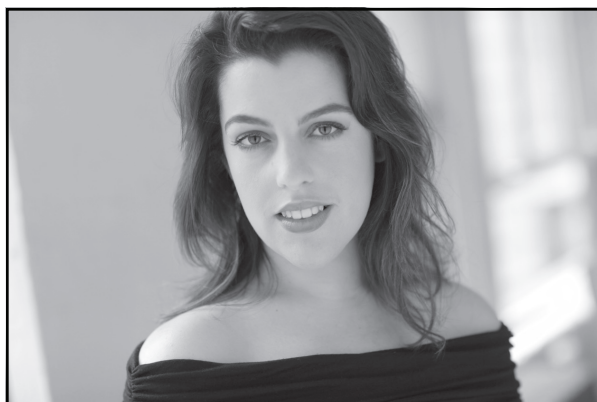


Photo courtesy Allie Tamburello

Singer, actor, musician Allie Tamburello is currently performing at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts as part of Thingamajig Theatre Company’s 2019 “Broadway in the Mountains” summer repertory season.

her acting and singing career. And about songwriting.

Three of the five shows picked by Artistic Director Tim Moore for the 2019 Broadway in the Mountains summer season were constructed around the work of songwriters — had sprung, that is, from a collection of songs not originally intended to be used in a theatrical produc-

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Riff Raff on the Rio: Ben Gibson Duo, 6 p.m.

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 tion. Any piece of musical theater is highly dependent upon the craft of songwriting, but unlike some more typical Broadway musicals where the authors first conceive a story and then write songs to fit the story, these three Thingamajig summer shows — “Ring of Fire,” “Mamma Mia!” and “The Who’s Tommy” — are based upon popular song collections that were originally conceived purely as “listening music.”

And who better to comment on these collections of songs-transmuted-into-dramatic-theater than a songwriter?

Tamburello explains, “My whole family is very musical; my uncles all played in bands, so I grew up with an interest in music — but not sure if I wanted to do it [as a career.]”

After she was diagnosed with Crohn’s disease as a teen, her mother sought artistic outlets to help her find an “escape” — which led to her enrollment at the Long Island High School for the Arts, where she majored in musical theater and was especially encouraged by her choir instructor, Larry Wurtzel. She eventually went on to get a graduate degree in theatre performance.

“I was involved in a lot of classical music ... I started out singing opera, which is very far from Johnny Cash.” She laughed. “But I grew up listening to a lot of folk singers. Joan Baez. Joni Mitchell. Johnny Cash. People who influenced my style of singing, and my style as a songwriter.”

Even as a young child, she remembers having an interest in songwriting — beginning with some creative re-writing of commercials.

“I’m really drawn to lyrics, which is why I’m attracted to people like Johnny Cash and Joni Mitchell — they have so much ‘meat’ in their lyrics,” she said.

She learned to play guitar and ukulele, and started writing her own songs.

“In fact, before I left for Pagosa, I was working on an extended playlist [of original songs] that I was hoping to release this spring,” she added.

That project was put on hold

when she landed the summer repertory gig with Thingamajig Theatre.

“I’m working with a producer ... and I’m hoping a can perform a couple of my original songs at the Broadway Gala,” Tamburello explained. (Learn more about Thingamajig’s annual Broadway Gala at pagosacenter.org/psca-in-the-media/.)

Asked if she had some favorites

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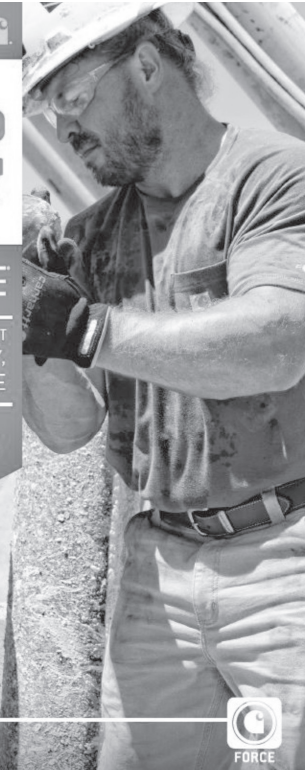
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Grammy-winning The Travelin' McCourys will take to the stage of the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival as the Saturday night headliner at 7 p.m. on June 8.

The Travelin' McCourys to headline at Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass

By Crista Munro
Special to The PREVIEW

The 14th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass celebration is just a few weeks away, taking place June 7-9 right here on Reservoir Hill.

This year's lineup features the top names in folk, bluegrass and Americana music, including the The Del McCoury Band, Sierra Hull, Sam Reider and the Human Hands, Kate

Lee and Forrest O'Connor Band, Dead Horses, Old Salt Union, Circus No. 9, Fireside Collective, FY5, Halden Wofford and the Hi*Beams, Bonnie and the Clydes, Sugar and the Mint, and this week's featured band: The Travelin' McCourys, who won the 2018 Grammy Award for Best Bluegrass Album.

The Travelin' McCourys do not stand still. They are on the road — and online — entertaining audi-

ences with live shows that include some of the best musicians and singers from all genres. It's always different, always exciting and always great music.

No other band today has the same credentials for playing traditional and progressive music. As the sons of bluegrass legend Del McCoury, Ronnie McCoury

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Theater

■ continued from previous page among the songs featured in "Ring of Fire" — which opened on May 17 — and in "Mamma Mia!" — which opens May 31 at the Pagosa Center, Tamburello said, "One of my favorite songs I sing in 'Ring of Fire' is a song called 'I Still Miss Someone.' It takes place in the moment where Vivian [Johnny's first wife] decides to give up on their marriage. It's a beautiful piece ... one of the more tender and emotional moments in the show. I love to be able to tap into some of the acting chops of playing Vivian.

"My favorite songs in 'Mamma

Mia' feature Donna, Tanya and my character, Rosie. We sing the iconic ABBA song, 'Dancing Queen,' in the show. I really admire friendship between these characters — all fiercely independent — and I think the audiences will love their character arch throughout the show and how you can still be your own person but also find love. It's gonna be a blast of a show and I think we are all super excited to share that joy with our patrons.

"As a songwriter, it's truly a joy to sing and play these songs. They are so iconic ..."



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Las Vegas Night in Pagosa set for June 21

By JoAnn Laird
Special to The PREVIEW

Are you hankerin' for a fun night in Las Vegas, but don't want to spend the time or money to drive there? Your wish is Rotary's command.

That fun-loving group welcomes you to its own version of Las Vegas by presenting Casino Night Las Vegas on June 21 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

Think dancing, wagering and consuming tidbits and beverages. You will even get \$50,000 of play money to make those roulette wheels sing or regale to the seldom heard phrase of, "Hit me." Whatever you win at the end of the night, your chips will be converted into tickets. Those tickets will then be drawn for prizes. Dance to the music of the Retro Cats, win at the silent auction, enjoy the cash bar, munchies and desserts, and have a merry ol' time.

So, put on that Las Vegas outfit (or not) and come out to support the Rotary Scholarship Fund plus other projects that help our local students. Not only does Rotary gift over \$20,000 a year for higher education to our graduating students, but it provides other needs in education such as the Teacher Mini-grant Project, the ever-popular Third Grade Dictionary Give-Away and the Student Foreign Exchange Program.

Rotary's benevolent sponsors have funded all of the night's expenses so that any ticket, bar and auction proceeds go directly to the scholarship fund and these educational needs.

The number of tickets are limited due to the event's popularity and space. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce, the Choke Cherry Tree or from any Rotarian. Tickets are \$45 or \$50 at the door. Either way, it's a lot cheaper than going to Vegas.

Festival

■ continued from previous page on mandolin and Rob McCoury on banjo continue their father's work — a lifelong dedication to the power of bluegrass music to bring joy into peoples' lives. And with fiddler Jason Carter and bassist Alan Bartram, the ensemble is loved and respected by the bluegrass faithful. But the band is now combining their sound with others to make something fresh and rejuvenating.

They recently played with the Allman Brothers at Wanee Fest and then brought the house down at Warren Haynes' Annual Christmas Jam, an invitation-only Southern Rock homecoming. Their jam with the Lee Boys was hailed by many as the highlight of the evening, and once word of the live video hit the streets, sent new fans online to watch a supercharged combination of sacred steel, rhythm and blues, and bluegrass. They've also performed with Warren Haynes, Phish and have a tour scheduled with the aforementioned Lee Boys. Ronnie McCoury described it as "peanut butter and jelly." It was just right.

The Travelin' McCourys can push forward so far because their roots are so deep. The band has a confidence that only comes with having paid their dues with 20 years on the bluegrass road. Other groups and new fans hear this immediately — the tight rhythm, the soulful material and the confidence in taking bluegrass from the safety of the shore into uncharted waters.

Ronnie McCoury said, "We like to go in and play traditional bluegrass music the way we do it with Dad, but we also like to be able to step into situations where we can really stretch out. If we need to plug in, we'll plug in. We're open to anything."

It's that attitude, backed up by talent, that marks great musicians — traditional or progressive. The Travelin' McCourys are 21st century musical pilgrims and adventurers. They're onto something new, just like Bill Monroe was in the 1940s, but now we can see and hear that adventure live.

The Travelin' McCourys will close the festival on June 8 with a 7 p.m. headline set on the main stage.

Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass is a family-friendly, all-ages event. Children 12 and under do not require a ticket for admission when accompanied by an adult. There are still a few volunteer opportunities available; call 731-5582 for more information.

Information about tickets, volunteering, festival schedules and performers can be found at www.folkwest.com/folkbluegrass. Tickets can be ordered by phone by calling (877) 472-4672.

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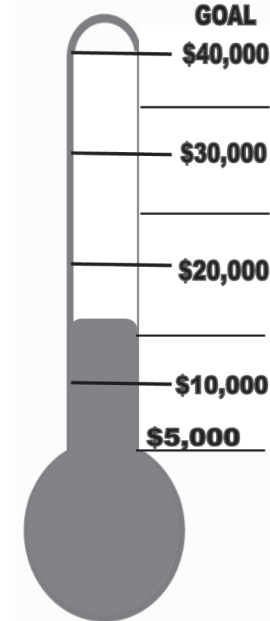
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Curtains Up Pagosa's 'Tarzan' set for July

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Springs has the most amazing talent group. Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is fortunate to be able to cast some of these talented actors and performers into our shows.

"Tarzan the Musical," CUP's summer show, is overflowing with local talent. Kaitlen Smith will be playing the role of Kala, the loving and passionate ape mother who finds a baby in the jungle, names him Tarzan and raises him herself. Smith is a veteran performer in Pagosa and with CUP; she was most recently seen in last summer's "Children of Eden" spectacular, where she gloriously played the role of Eve.

Cast in the role of Kerchak, the silverback leader of the tribe, Jason Rose will be making his debut on the musical theater stage. Rose has been singing and touching people's hearts with his amazing voice; he tried out for "Tarzan" and blew us away with his audition. He is an absolute natural.

"Tarzan" plays six shows the



Photo courtesy Dale Johnson

Kaitlen Smith

first two weekends of July. Our talented and hardworking cast of 50, ranging in age from 6 to 68, has been working for five weeks so far singing the beautiful score written by Phil Collins, working on ape movements and learning extensive choreography.



Photo courtesy Dale Johnson

Jason Rose

Musical Director Dale Scrivener and Pit Conductor Leo (Billy) Baughman are excited about the fantastic local musicians they have gathered for the show. Plan on attending this fabulous show. Make it part of your Fourth of July holiday plans.

Community singers begin rehearsals Tuesday for patriotic concert

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

Community singers in Pagosa Springs will begin rehearsals next Tuesday evening in preparation for a patriotic concert to be held on July 3.

Rehearsals will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church each Tuesday in June. All who love to sing are invited to join in this op-

portunity to lift your voice and let freedom ring.

The choir will be directed by Linda Parker, and Kathleen Isberg will serve as accompanist. There will be only five rehearsals, so it will be important for everyone to be present as much as possible.

Get out your red, white and blue and come join the fun for another star-spangled Fourth of July. There is no charge to join the choir. Come be a part of Pagosa's Independence

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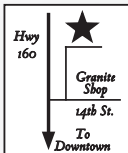
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Pictured, left to right, are Hannah Rockensock, Kaeden Thomas and Karissa Foster in Pagosa Springs High School's production of "Footloose." The three are serving as music and theater performing arts apprentices.

Curtains Up Pagosa eighth-grade apprentices announced

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs High School music and theater performing arts program, in partnership with Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP), offers an eighth-grade apprenticeship program.

Students active and interested in performing arts may apply for

an apprenticeship, which allows them to audition for and be cast in the spring high school musical, as well as perform in CUP's summer show. Students selected learn alongside their castmates, working on acting, vocals, dance and theater arts skills. They also act as mentors for younger students cast in CUP's summer show, which this year is "Tarzan the Musical."

Three exceptional students were selected as eighth-grade apprentices this year: Karissa Foster, Hannah Rockensock and Kaeden Thomas. They all performed in "Footloose" at the high school and are now hard at work on "Tarzan." We are very proud of these three young people, their performances, their hearts and their passion for the performing arts.

New Thought topic: Born to be joyful

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

"We are born to be happy, to be abundantly supplied with every good thing, and to unite with the Divine Power that is around and within us." — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

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Joy and fun abound at weekly 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, June 4, at noon.

"It's a rarity that I get through a day without randomly breaking into song," said middle school student Leea Johns, who is visiting her grandparents in Pagosa Springs.

"I've always been one to try new things, and attending the hand-drumming class gives me an opportunity to experiment with another instrument. The class is relaxed and there is no pressure if I mess up. It differs from my former musical experiences because of the free-flowing structure that gives you an opportunity to experiment with new ideas and simply make music.

"I believe starting the creative flow early in life is important and can help develop musical or art skills later. While here in Pagosa, I've volunteered in the kindergarten classes and shared some songs with them on the ukulele. Seeing the teachers and students so excited to sing along is cool."

She continued, "I sang in a professional children's chorale, which performed throughout Colorado. We frequently had crowds in the thousands. This required very



Photo courtesy Kara Johns

Left to right are Pam Guiden, Leea Johns, Paul Roberts, Eve Taylor and Beverly Sondag at a recent hand-drumming class. While visiting her grandparents in Pagosa Springs, Johns attended the weekly session.

involved rehearsals and a great deal of focus. During many of our performances, audience members would be laughing out loud or streaming tears, depending on what emotion the song caused. It was a neat feeling to have that kind of impact."

Johns added, "Music has helped me create new friendships over the several moves I've had in my short life. When people are involved in music, it generally makes them happier. One of my

closest friends in the chorale had physical handicaps that kept him from participating in most sports, but when he sang with us, we were all equal."

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.

'God is in Hollywood, too'

It's graduation season: a time for fresh faces, bright eyes and young minds full of hope and ideas to venture out to new places beyond our little town of Pagosa Springs.

I remember the class of 1981. We watched as our first child received her high school diploma. The class song initially recorded by Barry Manilow said it best: "I made it through the rain. We dreamers have our ways, of facing raining days and somehow, we survive. We keep the feelings warm, protect them from the storm until our time arrives."

I held one hand on the door as our oldest child prepared to leave for Biola Christian University in Southern California. I said to her, "If you haven't learned all that you need to know before now, I don't know what else to say."

How many times would I replay that conversation in my head as our family sat at the dinner table with an empty chair. I felt like a mother hen with one of her chicks missing, but we had to let her go, do, be.

I can only imagine that my daughter felt the same way I had back in '81 as her own son left after high school. He, too, would attend and then graduate from Biola University. This week, we learned that

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



he was offered employment at the LA Film School in Hollywood, Calif.

Teach our children young? We can only do our best. How on earth can we prepare a next generation as they walk in places where we have never walked? At 14, this grandson was directing and editing skateboard videos and laying down background tracks. He designed DVD jackets, produced collaterals and even held premieres.

From an early age even until

now, there is certainly no shortage of drive, faith and talent in this young man. He has positioned himself for a career in the film industry and I find I'm asking myself, "Is he really equipped for Hollywood?"

Two years ago, my grandson asked if I would join a weekly video conference prayer group. Of course, I said, "Yes." The meetings are attended by several parents of children who are film students at Biola. We pray for guidance and direction as these young people pursue their senior projects and degrees.

As my grandson now embarks on his career, he has the added burden of shopping his own film at independent film festivals. All I can

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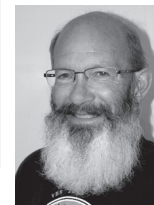
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Curtains Up Pagosa announces new music director

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa is happy to announce the appointment of its new music director, Dale Scrivener.

Dale Scrivener Jr., having graduated from Mansfield University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor of music in vocal performance in 2016, is very passionate about theater and performing. Scrivener grew up on the east coast in a small town similar to Pagosa Springs on the New York/Pennsylvania border. He was involved in choirs and bands beginning at 7 years old. His passion has always been music and theater since a very young age.

Scrivener grew up going to see community theater and high school theater productions with his mom and had always wanted to be involved. He got his start in theater in ninth grade when he played MT Space in a play called “Lazy Daze Inn.” After that show, he started learning more technical aspects of theater. He designed the lights and sound for the plays at his high school his sophomore through senior year.

While being involved in his high school theater programs, he also was heavily involved in the music



Dale Scrivener

program. Scrivener played piano for five choirs and the high school jazz band, as well as singing and choreographing for the show choir, playing in concert band and marching band, and singing in his local church choir and community choir. Outside of the music industry, Scrivener worked at a camp as a camp counselor during the summers, as well as doing some landscaping, working in a candle shop and walking dogs. Scrivener has been involved in the church he grew up in, playing piano for services, singing special music, working with the Jr. Church program, being involved in the puppet ministry, teaching for VBS, as well as going on two missions trips to Slovakia.

Upon graduation, Scrivener had the opportunity to travel four countries in Europe with a choir through the American Music Abroad program. This trip gave him the opportunity to sing a solo with a choir in various famous cathedrals and venues across Europe, as well as learning music and world history. This trip took him to places such

as Dachau Concentration Camp, St Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice and many more places. Dale is an avid musician playing several instruments, including, but not limited, to piano, bassoon and violin.

Scrivener is the current accompanist for the Pagosa Family School choir and has recently been named the resident music director for Curtains Up Pagosa. Not long ago, Scrivener resigned from his position as box office manager, head of wardrobe and board operator at Thingamajig Theatre Company.

Outside of theater, Scrivener does work as a seamster, landscaper and vocal coach/teacher.

His past credits include “Foot-loose” (vocal coach, keyboard 2), “Little Women” (sound technician), “A Christmas Carol” (light/sound board operator), “Nutcracker the Musical” (assistant music director, orchestration, rehearsal accompanist), “Hunchback of Notre Dame” (keyboard 2), “Godspell” (Jeffrey, co-music director), “Avenue Q” (music director, keyboard 2), “Die Fledermaus” (Alfredo), “Titanic: A New Musical” (pittman/henry etches), “Always... Patsy Cline” (fiddle, vocals), “Shrek the Musical” (pig 2/knight 2), “The Consul” (the Magician), “Snoopy!!!” (Snoopy, assistant music director), “A Christmas Carol” (Young Scrooge, caroler), “Children of Eden,” “Les Miserables” (Grantaire), “Pirates of Penzance” (Ensemble), “Les Miserables” (Coufeyrac/Valjean understudy, rehearsal accompanist) and more.

Scrivener enjoys long walks on the beach, barefoot, at sunset. He enjoys cooking, eating, bowling, camping and riding roller coasters.

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think about is how my grandson may soon be rubbing elbows with the wolves of the world.

This last week, I said to my daughter, “Spencer (my grandson) must chose to be around people who share his same beliefs and values so he's not eaten up by the ways of Hollywood.”

She said to me, “God is in Hollywood, too. We just need to have a little more faith.”

Final brushstroke: As parents (and grandparents), we know that we have to let go of our children and watch them walk away as young adults. Yes, there will be an empty chair at the family dinner table. And if you are like me, you will ask yourself over and over if you did everything you could to teach your child all that you could. Fortunately, as the song goes, “I made it through the rain, I kept my world protected. I kept my point of view, and found myself respected, by the others who God rained on too and made it through.”

Congratulations to the class of 2019.

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Unitarians to ask, what tethers UUs?

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

Defining what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist (UU) is a never-ending UU endeavor with a multitude of outcomes, as this Sunday's service will demonstrate. It is also a necessary and useful endeavor within a religion that does not subscribe to a creed as other religions do.

It has been said UUism is more a frame of mind than an organization. This Sunday, we will examine the characteristics of that mindset and the tension that is created between it and the organizational needs and, perhaps, in so doing, understand why the numbers of individuals who identify as Unitarians are two to three times larger than indicated by membership numbers recorded in various population research polls.

This service should provide "food for thought" for all levels of interest from those who are UUs "in spirit" to those who are committed members. In any event, UU boundaries are quite permeable, so anyone looking for "something on a Sunday morning," should feel welcome to drop in and discover if or whether they are on the spectrum.

Pauline Benetti, lay leader, holds in her history a teaching career devoted to shaping and forming creative, thinking individuals and a corporate career as a trainer and technical writer. The transition from one to the other was dramatic. Now here in Pagosa, she has returned to her genetic roots: soil, water, plants and critters, and has time to add the satisfaction of service—whether it be with the Pagosa UU Fellowship, the Pagosa Farmers Market or the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership.

Ours is a welcoming congregation; we invite everyone to share in our faith community. Usually, leadership is by Pastor Dean Cerny on the third and fourth Sundays; however, this Sunday a lay leader will preside.

The Religious Exploration (RE) program has reached its end for this school year, but will start up again in September. 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 UU Fellowship, visit pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.

Chrissy Karas next Luminosity Talks speaker

By **Veronica Johnson**
Special to The PREVIEW

A brave new world of awakening and transformation is on our doorstep. What does this mean for us? How does this affect us on our earthly sojourn? Being forewarned is being forearmed. By knowing what is going on in the cosmos, we have the opportunity to choose how we see a situation within the shadows or the light.

Chrissy Karas, a well-known local Pagosa astrologer, will share what she is seeing with the upcoming planetary events that will have an impact on most of us and our daily lives.

Karas will share her astrological knowledge and foresight with Luminosity Talks attendants on Friday, May 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Thought Center for Inspirational Living located in the Momentum 24/7 building downtown. Bring your travel mug; come early for socializing, hot tea and a light snack.

"There will be several mind blowing celestial events that will lead up to the years 2020 through 2030. These events are the culmination of several planets dancing with each other in the sky around the same time frame. Some of these planetary interactions haven't happened in centuries. We are taking a quantum leap and most of us feel these changes which are upon us. The old structures have been falling away. The earth is shifting and so are we. We will explore some of the old Roman and Greek planetary archetypes to see what these powerful gods and

goddesses were up to and how it applies to us today," shared Karas.

For all those who are interested, bring your correct birth information—name, date, time and place—on a piece of paper. Karas will offer a quick assessment of impacts that may directly affect you.

Astrology has been in Karas' life since she was in high school. Her first astrologer predicted the loss of her first husband and also picked the day she married her current husband, Nick, of 46 years. Her first formal class was in 1993. She studies with Kepler College, Astrology University and has traveled to study with astrologers from around the world.

Luminosity Talks is a not-for-profit group that presents innovative speakers and films to educate, inspire and inform. All are invited to this free event and your donations help to keep this valuable organization viable.

Grief support meetings continue today

By **Beverly Arrendell**
Special to The PREVIEW

To experience grief can be a difficult time for many people. Professional counselors say that sharing the experience with others in grief is an effective way for a person to heal.

Grief support sessions are being held every Thursday afternoon through June 27 at the Community United Methodist Church. The meeting time is 4 to 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to participate in these free sessions, which are nondenominational in nature.

Each session is self-contained, so a person does not have to attend in sequence. People can come for one, several or all of the remaining meetings.

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By Jessica Tanner
Special to The PREVIEW

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"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away." — Matthew 24:35.

Information on Social Security's Wounded Warriors website

By Kay Kaylor
Special to The PREVIEW

As the part-time long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County, I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge, a 24-hour extended care home, and BeeHive, an assisted living residence. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life.

Both homes have veterans as residents and I recently learned the Social Security (SS) Administration has a Wounded Warriors website for answers to questions on disability benefits for veterans. The address is <https://www.ssa.gov/people/veterans/>.

For military service members who became disabled on active military service on or after Oct.

1, 2001, an expedited process is available for disability claims. Also, as of March 17, 2014, veterans who have a Veteran Administration compensation rating of 100 percent permanent and total may receive expedited processing of applications.

Active duty status and receipt of military pay, for example, do not necessarily prevent payment of SS benefits.

"If you are receiving treatment at a military medical facility and working in a designated therapy program or on limited duty, we will evaluate your work activity to determine your eligibility for benefits," notes the SSA on the Wounded Warrior page.

The website also answers questions about how Medicare affects

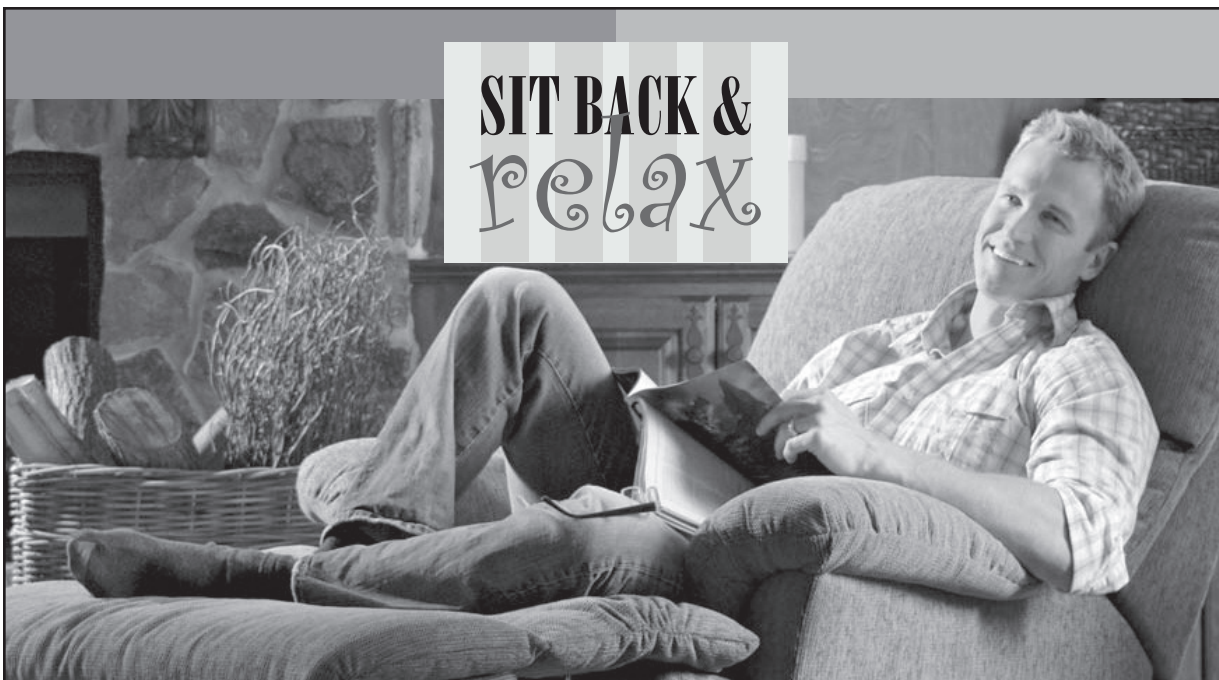
TRICARE, has a link to recent changes in the TRICARE law, and explains how the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 provides for a 12-month Medicare Part B special enrollment period for TRICARE beneficiaries who are entitled to Medicare Part A.

With several useful publications and links, the website asks applicants to call and make an appointment before visiting the regional office in Durango.

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

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Traipsin', tradin' and explorin'

Last week we pointed out that slaves were the most lucrative trade products on the Old Spanish Trail between New Mexico and Los Angeles, Calif.

Low-scale immigration from New Mexico to California used parts of the trail in the late 1830s when the trapping trade began to die. New

Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

It seems unlikely, but it's a fact that many of the earliest settlers of Southern California reached that locality by way of a trail traipsin' across southwestern Archuleta County.

Mexicans settled in Southern California via this route. Some settled first in Politana, then established the twin settlements of Agua Mansa and La Placita on the Santa Ana River. These were the first towns in what became San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

The family of Antonio Armijo moved to Lower California and his father acquired Ranch Tolanos. A number of Americans, mostly naturalized Mexican citizens in New Mexico and formerly in the California trade over the Old Spanish Trail of the fur trade days, settled in Southern California and became important citizens in later years. Among these were Luis Rubidoux, John A. Rowland, William Workman, Benjamin Davis Wilson and William Wolfskill. It seems unlikely, but it's a fact that many of the earliest settlers of Southern California reached that locality by way of a trail traipsin' across southwestern Archuleta County.

Returning to the slave trade and horse-stealing subject of earlier columns, it is also interesting to note that American Indian selling American Indian constituted a significant portion of those illicit shenanigans.

Most of the horse raids were made by Mexicans, ex-trappers, and American Indian tribes, primarily Utes, most famously Walkara. These predators stole, altogether, hundreds of thousands of horses. The Paiutes suffered the most harm from the



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

Henry Gordon died at his ranch on Gordon Creek near O'Neal Park at the age of 101. Born near St. Louis in October of 1832, Gordon lived a full career "Out West" and represents a true picture of a cowboy.

slave trafficking. They were an extremely poor tribe and often sold their children in order to survive. The consequences of this human trafficking had a long-standing effect on those who lived along the trail. Even after the trail was no longer in use, intermittent American Indian warfare along the trail often resulted from the unscrupulous traders and raiding American Indians.

John Fremont, "The Great Pathfinder," used this route in 1844 with

Kit Carson as a guide. Trade along the Old Spanish Trail continued into the 1850s. Starting about that time trails that could accommodate freight wagons replaced the old pack trail route. No one ever managed to drive a wagon the full length of the old trail because of the rugged terrain it crossed.

Next week we'll begin telling the tale of another pathfinder in 1859, U.S. Army Engineer Capt. John N. Macomb.

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Legal document preparation assistance set for June 14

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.

The instructor will be Roberta Strickland, CZT, who can be reached at 946-4582 or 264-2167. The next class date is to be announced.

History club

Are you interested in reading and talking about history with others? If so, please join us and bring your ideas and experiences as we continue a history discussion group at the Senior Center.

The discussions will cover many historical subjects based on the preferences of the group. Please come and bring your friends who might also be interested.

Facilitated by Jim Van Liere, the group meets the third Wednesday of every month.

The next meeting will be June 19 at 1 p.m. in the Community Café dining room at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center.

Questions? Call 731-6878.

Caregiver support group

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 wellbeing. It is a chance to speak with other caregivers who have common experiences with caregiving, learn about resources available in the community and nationally, learn how to keep yourself healthy so you can better deliver the care, and a chance for respite.

The next scheduled Caregiver Support Group is scheduled for June 19 at 1 p.m. and will be facilitated by Elaine Stumpo.

Learn practical self-care information, talk through challenges and ways of coping, learn about community resources and support.

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2019 Senior Discount Club Memberships are now offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

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

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$8.50 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

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

Thursday, May 30 — Salmon and spinach Florentine, roasted cauliflower with red peppers, honey garlic green beans, milk, salad bar and baked apples with pears.

Friday, May 31 — Turkey pasta bake, steamed asparagus with lemon, creamed corn, milk, salad bar and pumpkin pie.

Monday, June 3 — Barbecued meatballs, bacon green beans, zucchini medley, milk, salad bar and peach cobbler.

Tuesday, June 4 — Seafood sandwich on croissant, spinach/Mandarin orange salad, three-bean salad, milk, salad bar and dessert.

Wednesday, June 5 — Chicken-fried chicken with cream gravy, cauliflower mashed, caramelized butternut squash, dinner roll with butter, milk and salad bar.

Thursday, June 6 — Turkey wrap, chilled asparagus soup, salad bar, cucumber/tomato salad, milk and pumpkin muffin.

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

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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Scene ... at the annual fourth-grade Mountain Man Rendezvous at Pagosa Springs Elementary School. At the event, students participated in activities and traded goods for "gold," which they then used on treats, including s'mores and fry bread.



Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, May 30

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.

A Course in Miracles Study Group. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

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.

Horseshoe Pitching. 4 p.m., South Pagosa Park. Beginners welcome. Learn the game, have fun. Shoes available. Call Mark at 264-2838 for more information.

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PALS Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m.,

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Lifelong Learning Lecture: 'Chasing Denali: The Sourdoughs, Cheechakos and Frauds Behind the Most Unbelievable Feat in Mountaineering.' 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join author and adventurer Jon Waterman as he shares his observations from 40 years of mountaineering on Denali, North America's highest mountain. Waterman will share the story of how mountaineering began on Denali in 1910. Was the early expedition a success or a hoax? Waterman's lecture is about answering this question and solving a mountaineering mystery. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

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

One of the birds that is most often heard before it is seen is the green-tailed towhee. Hiding in its preferred dense shrub habitat, only its mewing calls may give it away until the male hops out to perch and sing in the open.

This large sparrow is a colorful bird with a green-yellow wash on its back, wings and long tail. Its head and breast are gray, and it sports a bright rufous, tufted cap on its head. In Colorado, it is a common summer bird, but its secretive ways mean it is not well understood. Like its cousin the spotted towhee, this bird uses a double-scratch, two-footed hop in the leaf litter to uncover the seeds and small insects in its diet.

The green-tailed towhee breeds here in dry, shrubby habitats of Gambel oak, mountain mahogany, serviceberry, chokecherry and snowberry. It is also found in sagebrush, but typically avoids forests. It is seen here from late April until early October, when it heads back to its winter homes in our southern states, Mexico and Baja California.

According to Colorado Partners in Flight, up to 40 percent of the entire green-tailed towhee population breeds in our state, giving us an enormous responsibility to protect these birds and the shrubby habitat they depend upon to survive.

For more information on local bird-watching events, visit www.weminuchaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminuchaudubon/.

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Friday, May 31

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.

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.

DUST 2 Kickoff Party. 6 p.m., Schaffer's Shredder, 2245 County Road 400. A potluck at 7 p.m., DUST2 will provide the meats; please bring a dish by your last name category: A-G: sides/appetizers, H-L: condiments/toppings, M-S: desserts, T-Z: paper products/cutlery. Music by Brooks-i 6-8 p.m. For more information, go to DUSTX2.com.

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Saturday, June 1

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. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Archuleta County Genealogical Society. 11 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. The June program is family stories on the Battle of Normandy and WWII. For more information, contact Carolyn Paschal at 946-3255.

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ing an unforgettable show. This is a mother, a daughter, three possible dads and a trip down the aisle you'll never forget. For tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

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, June 3

Babysitting Course. CSU Extension office. This is sponsored by Department of Human Services and Noon Rotary of Pagosa Springs. Call 264-5931 for more information and to sign up.

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.

Guest Speaker. 11 a.m., Senior Center. Speaker from Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

Tween Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and

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Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

Tuesday, June 4

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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. 8:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Call Lynne McCrudden 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.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop-in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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.

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

PALS Adult Education. 2-7 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.

American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary. 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

Teen Gaming. 4-5 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.

Let's Dance Pagosa West Coast Swing Workshop Meet and Greet. 5 p.m., Ramon's Restaurant. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Community Singers Patriotic Concert First Rehearsal. 6:30-8 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Rehearsals will be held each Tuesday in June. For more information, call 264-1434 or email singpagosa@gmail.com.

Let's Dance Pagosa West Coast Swing Workshop. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Review of the basic pushes, passes and whips used in West Coast swing. The price for the full package is \$50 per person which includes the Saturday evening social dance. Individual workshops are \$15 per person per workshop and \$5 for the Saturday social dance. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, June 5

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. Zookeeper Amanda Breman will share stories and artifacts about native and exotic

wildlife. Join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts, 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. 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.

Red Hat Meeting. 11:30 a.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant.

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

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

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Knitting Club. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 5th-12th grade. Bring your knitting, crochet or needlepoint projects and hang out with other crafters. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The

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Thursday, June 6

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.

A Course in Miracles Study Group. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

Medicare 101. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Do you have questions about Medicare? Katy Deshler will help you understand your rights, options, deadlines and where to get more information. Contact Kay Kaylor at 264-0501, ext. 1 for more information.

Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

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

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

Computer Class: Google Drive Basics. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn how to create documents, save your files online and collaborate with others on Google Drive. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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San Juan Outdoor Club. 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Dean and Susan Dussel will present a slideshow about their recent travels to seven European countries in seven weeks. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome. For more information, visit sanjuanoutdoorclub.org.

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Summer Reading Program starts next week

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

One of our most popular events of the year — the free Summer Reading Program for all ages — starts next Monday, June 3, and runs through July 26. A Universe of Stories is this year's theme.

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Each bingo sheet is filled with age-appropriate activities to help you learn, grow and stay engaged throughout the summer. Completing bingo sheets also enters you into



the drawing for our grand prizes that will be awarded for each age group at our closing Summer Reading party on July 26 from 4:30 to 6 p.m., when everyone will enjoy live music, food and crafts. (Note that you must be present at the party to win a prize.)

We'll be detailing the prizes in future columns. They will be divided into four age groups: babies to pre-K, children kindergarten through fifth grade, sixth through 12th grades and ages 18-100.

The Summer Reading Program

offers special events, fun surprises and reading incentives throughout June and July. Summer Reading themes will be incorporated into our regular programming as well. Watch for details and dates in this column every week, or pick up activities calendars so you don't miss anything.

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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. For tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Friday, June 7

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.

English as a Second Language. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. 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.
Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass Festival. Reservoir Hill. This year's lineup features the top names in folk, bluegrass and Americana music. Visit www.folkwest.com/folknbluegrass or call (877) 472-4672.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Mamma Mia.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This funny sunny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. The storytelling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels the enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. This is a mother, a daughter, three possible dads and a trip down the aisle you'll never forget. For tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Let's Dance Pagosa West Coast Swing Workshop. 7:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Check in and warm ups. West Coast Swing: Beyond the Basics and practice. The price for the full package is \$50 per person which includes the Saturday evening social dance. Individual workshops are \$15 per person per workshop and \$5 for the Saturday social dance. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

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Lifelong Learning lecture

The sixth and last lecture in the free spring Lifelong Learning series on Thursdays takes place today, May 30, when author and adventurer Jon Waterman shares his observations from 40 years of mountaineering on North America's highest mountain in a talk called "Chasing Denali."

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, May 31, from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session where you can enjoy video gaming on Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family. Please note the permanent change of time to 2:30 from 2 p.m. because of ESL classes at 2 p.m.

Tween gaming

Free gaming for those in the fourth through eighth grades is Monday, June 3, from 4 to 5 p.m. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Knitting Club for teens

Next Wednesday, June 5, this free club meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for seventh- through 12th-graders. Bring your knitting, crochet or needlepoint projects and hang out with other crafters. Note that teaching will be available only for knitting. If you don't know how to knit, come anyway and we'll get you started on some of the basics.

ESL classes

We are now holding free English as a Second Language classes twice weekly Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. with two highly experienced teachers. Joyce Hold-read is teaching the intermediate/advanced group and Ellynn Ragone is teaching beginners. No registration is required.

Su biblioteca está ofreciendo ahora clases de inglés como segundo idioma. Las clases se llevan a cabo los miércoles y viernes desde el mediodía hasta las 2 pm. Todas las clases son gratuitas y no es necesario registrarse. Por favor ayúdanos a correr la voz sobre el regreso de las clases de inglés como segundo idioma en nuestra comunidad de Pagosa.

Medicare 101

Do you have questions about Medicare? San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging Medicare counselor Katy Deshler will help you understand your rights, options, deadlines and where to get more information at a free class next Thursday, June 6, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Kay Kaylor at 264-0501, ext. 1.

Teen advisory board

Next Thursday, June 6, the teen advisory board will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs.

Share an idea to pick out a free book.

Computer classes

The is a free program from 1 to 2 p.m. on alternating Thursdays to learn a useful technology skill or application. June 6 is Google Drive Basics and June 20 is Transparent Language Learning, packed full of pronunciation, speech, grammar, writing and vocabulary building lessons. No registration is required.

Adult education moves to summer hours

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) moves to summer hours as of June 4. It now takes place on Tuesdays from 2 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help from Mark with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

CDs

"The Road Home" by Richard Paul Evans is the conclusion to the Broken Road trilogy. "The 18th Abduction" by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro is the latest Women's Murder Club thriller. "Redemption" by David Baldacci is an Amos Decker mystery. "Storm Cursed" by Patricia Briggs is the 11th book in the Mercy Thompson supernatural series. "Neon Prey" by John Sandford is a Lucas Davenport mystery.

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"Odd Partners: An Anthology" edited by Anne Perry is a collection of mystery stories featuring pairs solving cases written sponsored by the MysteryWriters of America. "The Scent of Murder" by Kylie Logan features a volunteer who works with cadaver dogs.

How-to and self-help

"Navigating With or Without a Compass" by Miles Tanner describes how to use bearings and nature to find your way. "Glacier National Park" by Becky Lomax is a Moon travel guide. "Essential Oils Diet" by Dr. Eric Zielinski discusses essential oils and bioactive foods for weight loss and disease prevention. "Easy Keto For Busy People" by Jennifer Marie Garza offers recipes and low-carb inspirations. "Asian Paleo" by Chih Yu Smith provides Asian recipes for Paleo followers. "The Ultimate Scratch & Sniff Guide to Loving Beer" by Richard Betts explores the ingredients, science and processes of the most popular alcoholic beverage in the world. "Aging in Reverse" by master sports nutritionist Natalie Jill is a 10-day plan to get in shape and be your best self. "The Dad Lab" by Sergei Urban provides 50 science projects for parents and kids.

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8	2	6	7	1	4	9	5	3
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9	4	2	5	6	8	7	3	1
6	3	1	2	9	7	8	4	5
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A.A. PAGOSA SPRINGS GROUP. 315 N. 2nd St./CR 200- Snowball Rd. Sunday 10a.m. (OD); Monday noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (C-BB); Tuesday noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (CM); Wednesday 7:30a.m. (OD), noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (OD); Thursday noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (ON); Friday noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (OD); Saturday 7:30a.m. (OD), 5:30p.m. (OD). (Last Friday of the month 6p.m. potluck, 7p.m. birthday speaker meeting.) Questions, contact (970)245-9649, aa-westerncolorado.org or aadistrict18.org, or call Ed K. 946-2606 or Val V. 946-6086 or Ellen C. (214)566-5921.

AL-ANON meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in the Parish Hall. www.al-anon-co.org.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETS WEDNESDAYS, 7p.m. at 315 N. 2nd St./ CR 200, Snowball Rd. For information contact Woody (970)582-0065 or Carl (970)903-2346.

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THE UPPER RIO GRANDE (previously Del Norte) School District is looking for an energetic and experienced candidate to serve as a Jr/Sr High Language Arts Teacher for the 2019/2020 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License with a secondary Language Arts endorsement. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Russell Randolph, DNHS Principal at randolph@del-norte.k12.co.us or contact Russell at (719)657-4020. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at www.dncsd.org.

PAGOSA WELLNESS IS LOOKING FOR- Front Desk/ Administrative Assistant, to join Pagosa Wellness team when we open at our new location the Pagosa Lodge; June 2019. Please send resume to: info@pagosawellness.com (970)422-7161.

OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED WITH excellent customer service and computer skills. Be able to lift 50 lbs. and willing to learn and use propane parts and fittings and fill propane bottles. Also if you're looking for summer work. Call 264-5823 to have an application faxed or get one in person at 1040 E. Hwy. 160.

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ANNUAL MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE. Saturday, June 1st, 8a.m.-1p.m. Greenbrier Plaza unit 15 (corner of North Pagosa and Park Ave.).

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White House VA Hotline surpasses 250,000 calls from veteran community

Pledged by President Donald J. Trump as part of his administration's commitment to reforming the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), as of May 14, the White House VA Hotline has answered more than 250,195 calls since it went live June 1, 2017.

The hotline, (855) 948-2311, serves veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors by giving them a direct, nonemergency, contact line available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with agents — the majority of whom are veterans or from a veteran family — who are trained to address general and common VA inquiries.

"The White House VA Hotline is quickly becoming VA's front door for questions or concerns about VA and community resources," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "This milestone is a testament to VA's commitment to improving the veteran experience."

While veterans are encouraged to use existing VA contact centers, the hotline offers an alternative "always the right number" approach, transferring calls when needed to VA subject matter experts, such as the Veterans Crisis Line. The hotline serves as the VA's front door to listen to veterans' experiences, identify trends in veteran feedback and resolve veterans health, benefits and services concerns anywhere in the department.

More than half the calls to the hotline are general inquiries about the VA's care, benefits and memorial services. Concerns that cannot be resolved immediately are entered as cases, accessible to the VA Offices of Client Relations. To date, 94 percent of the total 157,346 cases created have been resolved.

According to recent data from

Veterans Corner

Raymond Taylor



April, the average wait time to speak to a live agent was nine seconds, with calls typically lasting about 15 minutes. About 1 percent of all calls were compliments.

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 established by the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This is a mandated program of the state of Colorado.

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@archuletacounty.org. Bring your DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA

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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.

Important numbers

- 799-VETS, www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org.

- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.

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