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## Local teen shot in leg, suspect arrested

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

A Pagosa Springs juvenile has been arrested after allegedly stealing a firearm and shooting another juvenile in the leg while playing a variation of Russian roulette.

The arrest charges against the suspected shooter include second-degree assault, prohibited use of a weapon, defacing a firearm, possession of a defaced firearm and one count of criminal trespass, according to Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) Lt. Brooks Brown.

Early in the morning on April 5, around 3:30 a.m., two male juveniles, ages 16 and 17, were up late playing with firearms allegedly stolen from

unattended vehicles around Pagosa Springs, Brown explained.

According to Brown, the two juveniles were playing a variation of Russian roulette and the 17-year-old allegedly shot the 16-year-old in the leg.

The teens were in possession of both a revolver and a semi-automatic rifle. The revolver was used in the shooting.

When the juveniles couldn't get the bleeding to stop, they drove to Pagosa Springs Medical Center, Brown explained.

"Anytime there's a gunshot wound that goes to the hospital, they have to notify law enforcement," noted Brown.

Initially, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

began investigating the case, as it was perceived the incident happened in Archuleta County outside of town limits. Ultimately, it was determined the incident happened on South 6th Street within Pagosa Springs, and the PSPD took over the case.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the 17-year-old is in custody on charges of second-degree assault, prohibited use of a weapon (for using it while intoxicated), defacing a firearm (for scratching the serial numbers off the guns), possession of a defaced firearm and one count of criminal trespass for stealing a firearm from an unattended vehicle.

Kyle McCarver, 19, of Pagosa Springs, who was in proximity to the shooting and allegedly involved

■ See Shooting A8

## On to Globals!



Photo courtesy Becky Thompson

Team Bombulum Draconis advances to the Destination Imagination Global Competition, which will be held in Kansas City, Mo., next month. The team is made up of the dynamic duo of RuthAnn and David Morehouse. See story on page 8.

## Making an impact: High schoolers plan Mental Health Awareness Walk



By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

When Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) student Sarah Ross sat down to breakfast in Telluride last fall, it's unlikely she thought she and a friend would soon be planning a community event centering on mental health awareness and resources available.

But that's exactly how the idea for Saturday's

Mental Health Awareness Walk began.

"It was kind of just shoved in my face, I mean, in a nice way," Ross said.

Ross encountered a suicide awareness walk while in Telluride in October 2018.

As she was eating breakfast along Telluride's main street, the walk, escorted by police cars, moved past.

"It was kind of a show. It was definitely eye-catching, for sure. There was a lot of love and

support and everyone had their own unique way about going in the walk," Ross said, explaining the participants had different shirts and signs.

Some, she noted, walked with dogs, and people jumped in to join the walk along the way — something she also did.

"It was just a super positive event," she said.

■ See Awareness A8

**Mental Health Awareness Walk**  
Saturday, April 13  
Town Park  
Registration 9:30 a.m.  
Walk begins at 10 a.m.  
Informational booths and speaker  
Josh Bramble  
11 a.m. at Pagosa Springs High School

## Missing Louisiana teen found in Pagosa Springs, suspect arrested

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

On April 5, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) deputies apprehended a Louisiana man on charges of transportation with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity after the man was found traveling with a missing 15-year-old in Pagosa Springs.

An ACSO statement released to The SUN reads that around 12:30 p.m. on April 5, deputies were ad-

vised via dispatch that Cory Shane Disotell, 47, and 15-year-old Doreanna Spell were believed to be in the general area of Pagosa Springs, driving a silver 2003 Honda Civic.

Spell was reported missing in Point Barre, La., on March 28.

Deputies confirmed that a federal arrest warrant for transportation with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity existed for Disotell, with the warrant noting he was be-

■ See Missing A8

## Police officer nearly struck by vehicle

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

A Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) officer was nearly struck by a moving vehicle when directing traffic — demonstrating the need for several safety initiatives launched this week by the state.

On April 2 around 11 p.m., PSPD Lt. Brooks Brown was directing traffic on U.S. 160 for a vehicle that was being towed.

In a statement to TheSUN, Brown stated his police vehicle was parked with emergency lights on, flashing a directional arrow to the left directing motorists to move over. Brown was wearing his illuminated traffic vest and using his illuminated traf-

fic wand.

"All was going well and traffic was flowing safely," Brown noted, until a vehicle approached, not moving over or slowing down.

"I turned my head away and let go of my wand thinking I was getting hit. The vehicle hit the wand and somehow missed me," wrote Brown, adding, "I ran back to my vehicle. I activated my siren and caught up to the vehicle ... After looking at the vehicle it appears the traffic wand hit the right side of the hood."

Bill Schwab, owner of Piedra Automotive, was towing the vehicle with Brown and explained Brown's light baton "flew 20 feet" from where

■ See Officer A8



Photos courtesy Colorado Parks and Wildlife

This photo was taken in the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. in 2012 by academic researchers who were looking for old trout specimens. A clip of this fish was taken that identified it as a San Juan lineage Colorado River Cutthroat trout. The fish came to the museum in 1874 after naturalist Charles E. Aiken collected and preserved samples of fish found in the San Juan River near Pagosa Springs.

## Meeting to discuss new San Juan cutthroat trout management

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Special to The SUN

Management plans for a new pure genetic strain of cutthroat trout will be discussed at a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 16 at The Springs Resort, 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

The meeting will be led by representatives from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), Trout Unlimited-Five Rivers chapter and the U.S. Forest Service.

■ See Trout A8



In August of 2018, north of Durango, crews from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the U.S. Forest Service hiked into two small, remote creeks affected by the 416 Fire and removed 58 fish. The rescued fish were identified as being from the San Juan lineage Colorado River Cutthroat trout. CPW anticipates stocking these fish in a creek on Wolf Creek Pass in the future.

## CO leak temporarily closes school

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

A carbon monoxide leak from a boiler room located within Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) on April 9 caused the school to be temporarily closed.

PPOS School Director James Lewicki explained in an interview on April 9 that he first identified the leak that morning when he entered the school at 7 a.m.

According to Lewicki, when he entered the school he could smell gas, and a carbon monoxide detector was alerting in a classroom as well.

Lewicki explained that he then opened some windows to help mitigate the problem.

Upon entering a warehouse located at PPOS, Lewicki noted that more alarms were going off in that building.

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) was then notified and it was determined that the leak was coming from the boiler, Lewicki explained.

"So it didn't take long to realize I have to close school," he explained, adding that the communication of school being closed was made by 7:20 a.m.

After PFPD personnel arrived,

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### EDITORIAL

## Move over: It's the law

The vehicle didn't slow down. It did not even move over as it approached Pagosa Springs Police Department Lt. Brooks Brown in the darkness last Tuesday night.

It was about 9 p.m. and Brown was dressed in a reflective vest and using an illuminated traffic wand to direct traffic at U.S. 160 and Rob Snow Road on Put Hill.

Brown's police unit was parked with its emergency lights turned on and a directional arrow warning oncoming traffic to move over. He was protecting two tow truck operators who were working on the narrow shoulder of the road, preparing to tow a vehicle.

Bill Schwab, with Piedra Automotive, was attaching tow hooks underneath the vehicle while tow truck driver Reg Larkin stood next to their truck.

Brown was near the tow truck as the car drove straight toward him.

He knew he was going to be hit. Brown turned his head away and let go of the wand. Miraculously, the vehicle only hit Brown's illuminated wand and somehow missed striking him.

The vehicle didn't even bother to stop. It continued east toward downtown. Brown pursued in his patrol vehicle and pulled the driver over at

Great West Avenue.

After looking at the vehicle, Brown noted that it appeared the traffic wand hit the right side of the hood. He's lucky it wasn't his body that left an impression on that hood.

About the same time as the car was heading toward Brown last Tuesday night, we were wrapping up last week's editorial urging people to be cautious when driving around road crews who are out making necessary road repairs. We were writing about last year's loss of Colorado Department of Transportation employee Nolan Olson, who died after he was hit by a vehicle while he was filling potholes in February of 2018 on U.S. 160 in Pagosa Springs.

Clearly, some additional reminders are in order.

The Colorado Move Over Law is designed to protect those who protect us. That includes all law enforcement, emergency vehicles, first responders and tow truck drivers. The law was originally implemented in 2005. In a nutshell, drivers must slow down and change lanes whenever possible to give them room.

The law requires motorists to move over one lane when approaching from the rear of an emergency vehicle

stopped on a highway that has its lights activated, if possible (when another lane of traffic moving in the same direction exists, without impeding other traffic). If switching lanes isn't possible, drivers should slow down when passing an emergency vehicle. And, if you have to stop, you should stop.

The law is a sensible measure designed to protect those who come to our aid from becoming victims of the same traffic problems they are attempting to solve.

The intent of the law is to provide an extra barrier of safety to emergency personnel and tow truck operators who often work on narrow shoulders of roads with vehicles speeding by them.

Have you ever had to change a tire along the side of the highway? If so, you know that it can be a harrowing experience.

We're thankful the vehicle didn't strike and kill Brown, Schwab or Larkin that dark night.

We are fortunate that these three men all went home to their loved ones. That isn't always the case.

It's pretty simple: Practice due care and caution. Please be alert. Get off your phone. Slow down. Move over. It's the law.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

### WHADDYA THINK?

What should local government do to beautify highway corridors?

**Poll results (139 votes)**  
Aggressively enforce ordinances. — 48 percent  
Provide incentives for cleanup. — 40 percent  
Nothing; it is not a problem. 12 percent

**This week online:**  
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### LOOKING BACK



From the March 13, 1980, Pagosa Springs SUN. **PAGOSA PLAYERS** — Members of the cast who will take part in the presentation "Commedia Parodia," March 19, 20, and 21 at the Archuleta County fair building are, left to right back row: Kurt Laverty, La Rae Helstrom, Jerry Dermody, Jennifer Alley, Sandra Wedemeyer, and Randall Davis. Front row, left to right, Robert M. Barker, Gene Tautges and Kerry Dermody.



### LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

## 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 12, 1929

**Mason Farrow**, son of Rocky Farrow of Piedra, and who will this year graduate from the State Agricultural College at Fort Collins with the degree of Bachelor of Science, has been retained on next year's faculty at the Fort Lewis School, in charge of high school science and shop.

**Pagosa Springs' first train** since Wednesday of last week will arrive tonight from Pagosa Junction, the bridges damaged and destroyed by the flood waters of last week having been repaired or replaced. Service on the main line was resumed several days ago, and the state highway to Durango was opened to traffic today. During Pagosa's isolation considerable mail was trucked in from the main line.

## 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 14, 1944

**Pfc. Cristoval F. Quintana**, from Pagosa Junction, Colorado, was presented the Silver Star for gallantry in action at ceremonies held at the Fort Logan Reception Center Wednesday afternoon of last week. A retreat parade was climaxed by the presentation of the medal to Pfc. Quintana by Col. John H. Neussdorfer, commanding officer of the reception center, and the reading of the citation by Capt. Garland C. Spann, Adjutant of the station, before assembled military personnel. Pfc. Quintana was inducted into the army in June, 1942. He also has been awarded the Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal, as well as the European Campaign Ribbon.

**Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Hazelwood** received word Monday from their son, Lt. Harley Hazelwood, who has been stationed at Seattle, Washington, that he has been transferred to Lowry Field, Denver, Colo. and arrived there Friday.

## 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 10, 1969

**Rumors the past few weeks** have been thick and fast about a proposed development in Sunetha Flats. This week an announcement was made by Ralanco Industries, concerning the matter. In an interview with the SUN the firm pointed out that to date all efforts have been in the planning of the development. Ralanco Industries, Inc., of Phoenix, Ariz., has announced a planned, four-season recreation complex for Calvin Perkins' 26,000-acre ranch, located near Pagosa Springs. Preliminary planning is underway by the consulting engineers, O'Brien & Speer and the architects, Haver, Nunn & Jensen, AIA, both of Phoenix, Ariz. Gordon Benedict, Executive Vice President of Ralanco Industries, Inc., says the success of any project depends on many factors. One of these involves the restrictive covenants and zoning requirements that accompany the development. Mr. Benedict points out that Ralanco is already committed to some development on the Perkins' ranch approximately 2-1/2 miles west of Pagosa Springs, "and we expect to do some subdividing regardless of the outcome of the entire feasibility study and the acquisition of the long-term funding requirements for the proposed extensive development."

## 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 14, 1994

**Joe Harry Pegg** once owned a lot of property in Archuleta County. Now, he doesn't. U.S. officials are now in the process of seizing Pegg's local assets. Federal authorities posted a notice last Friday on the last of the properties Pegg owned in Archuleta County. The notice makes it clear the house and land north of Pagosa Springs will soon belong to the federal government. The story of how Pegg acquired and then attempted to hide assets here and elsewhere is one of a complex set of actions — typical of financial transactions in the drug underworld. The story also illustrates how a rural county in southwest Colorado is not immune to the problems that infect other areas of the U.S. On November 4, 1993, in New Orleans, U.S. Attorney Robert J. Boitmann and special agent Johnny Phelps of the Drug Enforcement Administration announced the filing of the largest asset forfeiture case in the history of the eastern district of Louisiana. The forfeiture was widespread and involved properties in Archuleta County. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the civil action announced in New Orleans sought to forfeit properties obtained by Pegg, a previously convicted drug defendant and the alleged kingpin of a major drug smuggling operation active from 1975 to 1981.



# Letters

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

## No political game

Dear Editor:  
Serving on the board of directors of LPEA is a huge responsibility, one that affects our lives daily and will affect our future. Decisions made today determine how we will finally free ourselves of coal-fired electrical generation, and while that goal is one we cannot achieve quickly enough, it must be executed in a business-like manner so as to navigate the intricacies of this complicated business with well thought out plans and planning.

Who else better to take a seat on the board than Holly Metzler, a Pagosa local, business woman (Owner, Wilderness Journeys) and holding exactly the right credentials (Master of Science and Environmental Policy from the University of Denver) to represent you and me professionally and passionately.

Sitting on the LPEA Board of Directors is no political game, it's a tough job that requires patience, perseverance, and dedication. Holly Metzler has already proven she is up to the task. When you receive your LPEA ballot, please vote for Holly Metzler as your representative.

Thank you,  
John Egan

## Smart choice

Dear Editor:  
I've never been to a horse race, but I hear if you place a bet, you want to bet on a proven winner with a great "track" record; that would be Michael Whiting. He runs on merit and a history of being willing to get things done and listen. I might add he runs a very classy campaign; some candidates do quite the overkill, with their picture every time you turn a page, expensive ads and getting all their friends to beg you to vote for them. It brings up memories of being bombarded by a use car salesman. Michael is the smart choice for this race. Be smart.

Peg Ellis

## Voting for Metzler

Dear Editor:  
I am voting for Holly Metzler for our La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors. Holly has long-

standing experience in our community, a thorough understanding of LPEA issues, and the dedication to serve Archuleta County. Holly will work to keep our electric rates low and electric supplies steady.

Here's what we need to know that's not in her ad in the Sun. Holly's not going anywhere. Archuleta County is her lifelong home and she has no intention of running for another office.

LPEA is facing significant challenges. Big decisions are already being made about our electric cooperative's future. LPEA's long-standing relationship with Tri-State Generation and Transmission is key to that future. The LPEA Board is twelve seats. Holly has the people skills to listen respectfully and to consider others' points of view. She'll listen to you, too.

Vote for Holly Metzler when your LPEA ballot arrives in the mail this week. Every LPEA account receives one, but few people vote in this important election. Return your ballot by mail as soon possible. You can also turn in your ballot at the LPEA office on 8th Street. The outcome will be announced at the LPEA annual meeting on May 2. Thanks, everybody.

Sally High

## Community's best interest

Dear Editor:  
As a lifelong citizen of this community and someone who has had the honor of working in the public service industry in Pagosa for the last thirty years, I want to publicly support Holly Metzler for the LPEA Board. I've known Holly for close to twenty years, if not more.

About ten years ago, I saw Holly building a garden in her yard. I stopped to chat with her and what struck me most from that conversation was her passion and vision for this little garden. She was actually building this garden as a "community garden for the neighborhood children." In her words, she wanted "to help teach children about sun/soil/water/temperatures and how to use those things responsibly to grow vegetables." She also wanted to show them "what they're capable of doing with their own hands, and how to enjoy the fruits of their labor."

I tell this story as an illustration of the kind of person Holly is — but it's just one story. There's many more. Holly doesn't just talk about doing things; she actually does it.

Personally, when choosing a candidate to vote for, I take into consideration a persons character, integrity and devotion to their cause. Are they driven? Are they honest? Are they in this for themselves or do they truly have our community's best interest in mind and how have they proven that to date? Too often, people are motivated by ego, and have off putting or hidden agendas and lose sight of "the cause." I wholeheartedly believe that Holly has this community as her priority and has proven it time and time again. She is passionate in her beliefs and continually proves it in her actions. Folks, Holly Metzler is the real thing. Give her a chance to prove herself to this community and vote "yes" for Holly Metzler, LPEA Board of Directors.

Tonya Hamilton

## Support Whiting

Dear Editor:  
By now you should have received your LPEA ballot in the mail — all you have to do is mark your ballot and mail it back by the 19th of April or drop it off at the LPEA Office next to the High School by the 30th. The big question is 'who is going to get your Vote?'

For me, it's easy. Michael Whiting is running for a seat on the LPEA Board. I've known Michael for almost 10 years, mostly through interactions with him while he was

a County Commissioner. During that time he has demonstrated to me his honesty and his willingness to work with others to try to reach a mutually acceptable solution as well as his willingness to stand up for his principles when unable to reach an agreement with others.

He has the skills and experience, as well as the right personality, to serve us well on the LPEA board. With the challenges ahead for our community, our region, and LPEA itself in balancing a variety of different sources of electrical power while trying to ensure we have the energy we need at a cost we can afford, we need a thoughtful and strong representative who will watch out for our interests. Michael will do that at LPEA.

He has my support and vote.  
Jim Huffman

## Proffitt has vision

Dear Editor:  
I read the letter from a Mr. Proffitt regarding the need to secure all of the reserve water possible.

He is on the right track. Time will prove all possible water supplies will be useful.

I do not know Mr. Proffitt, I would like to meet him — he has a vision.

For anyone that reads this I pay taxes in Archuleta County — I am very familiar with the history. People — please study the situation and look down the road — long term.

Thanks.  
John Peck  
Plainview, Texas

## Whiting fits the bill

Dear Editor:  
For decades Pagosa has provided the common sense on the LPEA board. Why?

It's simple: in Pagosa hardworking families and businesses pay all the bills. Durango can afford fashionable green politics. Why? Because oil and gas drilling pay the government tab in La Plata.

Democrats and Republicans on the LPEA Board from Pagosa have always supported commonsense environmental progress while keeping the bills low and the service reliable throughout our rugged county.

Why abandon a nonpartisan, ■ See Letters A4

# Elect Holly Metzler LPEA Board of Directors



Holly will work to keep LPEA the successful energy cooperative it has grown into over the past 80 years, while looking to take positive solutions for the future of LPEA to the table.

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

Ross Aragon  
Clifford Lucero  
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## Thank you for your support!

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**April 13th**  
Registration from **9:30-10:00 am** in Town Park 1.5 Mile Peaceful walk. Starts at Town Park and continues down the sidewalk to end at Pagosa Springs High School. Resource booths will be set up with information and local businesses. **First 50 to show up at town park gets free shirt**

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# Town looks at handful of ordinances

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council considered a variety of ordinances at its April 2 meeting.

Those ordinances cover topics such as rezoning land along Hot Springs Boulevard, amending distances for liquor licenses from schools, suspending operation of the town's Parks and Recreation Commission, and conveying land from Archuleta School District (ASD) to the town.

Another ordinance was considered the same evening, with that ordinance being before the council in its role as the board of the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID).

## Rezoning

The first of the ordinances considered, Ordinance 904, was approved upon second reading at the meeting, making a zoning change official for a parcel of land owned along Hot Springs Boulevard.

The 4.87-acre parcel is owned by Archuleta County, with the northern portion of the property anticipated to be the site of a future Low-Income Housing Tax Credit development by the Archuleta County Housing Authority (ACHA).

Archuleta County purchased the property in 1999 from the Fairway Land Trust and earlier this year committed 2.5 acres of the parcel for the potential ACHA development.

"The applicant and the developer has proposed using 2.5 acres of the northern portion of the subject property for a Townhome development that will include a clubhouse and centralized office facilities for the Archuleta County Housing Authority. The southern half will remain undeveloped and it is anticipated that future Archuleta County Administration facilities may be located on the southern portion, however, those plans are not part of any application or design application at this time," an agenda brief on the topic states.

A conceptual site plan handed out at the town's March 21 meeting during the first reading of the ordinance shows 36 townhome units, including 24 two-bedroom, six one-bedroom and six three-bedroom units. It also shows a new ACHA office building, clubhouse and more.

A mixed-use town center zoning, the brief explains further, "is intended to promote a wide range of residential and nonresidential land uses in the downtown. The district is intended to maintain and improve the vibrant downtown area as an environment that has employment and shopping opportunities, a range of housing types, and parks, lodging, open space, and civic uses. New development

should occur in traditional development patterns [sic] with narrower streets, smaller blocks, and smaller lots. The MU-TC district is intended to encourage predominantly vertical with some horizontal mixed use in a pedestrian-friendly environment that is not dominated by one land use or housing type."

While introducing the topic to the council on March 21, Town Planning Director James Dickhoff also explained that the town's planning commission had unanimously approved to recommend rezoning the parcel with conditions.

"The Planning Commission supported the property be rezoned from Public/Quasi Public to Mixed-Use Town Center contingent on the applicant conducting a sketch plan neighborhood meeting and sketch plan work session with the Planning Commission prior to the submission of a Major Design Review application for the proposed project," Dickhoff's agenda brief states.

The property also sits within the Hot Springs Boulevard Overlay district, Dickhoff explained on March 21, with his brief noting that that district was established "to expand the Town center to include new opportunities for commercial and residential development, anchored by a government district."

At the April 2 meeting, two members of the audience spoke on the topic.

"We have got to be bold," Bill Hudson told the council while speaking in favor of the rezoning and project.

He added that it was a step in the right direction.

Pat Ford was the next to speak, explaining that he was there on behalf of neighboring property owner Marc Foulkrod.

While in favor of affordable housing, Ford explained that Foulkrod's main concern is if the project fits in with the town's vision for the town center.

Ford noted a concern that the value of the neighboring property and the environment could be negatively affected by the development, with Foulkrod purchasing the property knowing it would be in the town center, not a residential area.

The second reading of the ordinance was approved unanimously without further discussion by the council.

## Liquor license distances

Despite being approved upon first reading on March 21, the council opted to postpone the second reading of Ordinance 905 to allow the ASD Board of Education to discuss the matter.

Ordinance 905, if approved upon second reading, would eliminate the distances between schools and all types of liquor licenses except

tavern licenses.

The topic was discussed by council on March 5, and the first reading of the ordinance was approved on March 21 with no council discussion and no public comment.

It was noted at that meeting and in agenda documentation for the April 2 meeting that representatives of the local schools had been contacted, with the document explaining, "Representatives from the local schools have provided feedback regarding what types of licenses they feel are appropriate near schools, those being retail licenses, like hotel and restaurant licenses. Town Council determined tavern would not be appropriate near schools but other retail licenses would be acceptable."

However, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained at the April 2 meeting that ASD Superintendent Linda Reed had relayed that some of the school board's members wanted to discuss the matter at their April 9 meeting if the town would postpone the second reading.

"I support that," council member Mat deGraaf said.

With that, the council unanimously opted to postpone the second reading of the ordinance to April 18.

## Parks and rec commission

The third ordinance discussed at the meeting, Ordinance 906, suspends the town's Parks and Recreation Commission, with the ordinance following council's approval of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the town and county on March 21.

That MOU forms a joint parks and recreation commission.

The suspension of the town's commission is open-ended, Phillips explained, as long as the MOU is in place.

The ordinance was unanimously approved upon second reading without public or council comment.

## Land conveyance

The council also heard the first reading of Ordinance 907 at the meeting, with that ordinance relating to ASD's conveyance of land to the town to accommodate the town's planned consolidated maintenance facility.

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

Dickhoff explained that an 80-foot strip of land would be conveyed to the town from ASD, with half of that serving as town right of way for the town to expand its shop into

and the other half being a public right of way.

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

With unanimous approval upon first reading, the second reading of the ordinance will occur on April 18 during the council's 5 p.m. meeting at Town Hall.

## PSSGID inclusion

As the PSSGID, the board also heard an ordinance, Ordinance 2019-16, for inclusion of property owned by River Rock Estates LLC into the PSSGID.

Town Public Works Director Martin Schmidt explained to the board that 15.89 acres would be added to the district, which is anticipated to have approximately 100 townhomes built on it.

Schmidt noted that the PSSGID did modeling to ensure the system and the lift station could handle the additional units, and noted that the units would pay capital improvement fees (\$4,550 each) and monthly service fees.

In response to questioning from the board, Sanitation Supervisor Gene Tautges explained that the system is at about 60 percent capacity.

The board also questioned why the project wanted to be included in the PSSGID instead of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD), with it explained that PAWSD's sewer system is miles away and, under state law, the project could not connect to PAWSD with the PSSGID system so close.

Project representative Ryan Searle was also asked why the property was not being annexed to the town, with Searle responding that, from a business standpoint, the decision was made to not annex.

David Schanzenbaker asked his fellow board members if they were OK moving forward with a very limited amount of information, with Mat deGraaf responding that he was "very OK" with moving forward since the district needs more revenue.

The ordinance was unanimously approved upon first reading, with the PSSGID's next regular meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. on May 7 at Town Hall.

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# La Plata Electric Association Election Tracker

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) ballots were mailed to all members last week.

With the director elections, in District 1, Archuleta County, two new candidates are vying for the seat vacated by retiring director Mike Alley. Holly Metzler and Michael Whiting are on the ballot.

Directors are elected for three-year terms.

The deadline for LPEA to receive mail-in ballots is 4 p.m. on May 1.

Results of the election will be announced at LPEA's special 80th Anniversary Annual Meeting set for the evening of May 2 at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College.

The Pagosa Springs SUN has asked each District 1 candidate to answer the following questions. Candidates and their responses appear in alphabetical order with the answers printed unedited, as they were received.

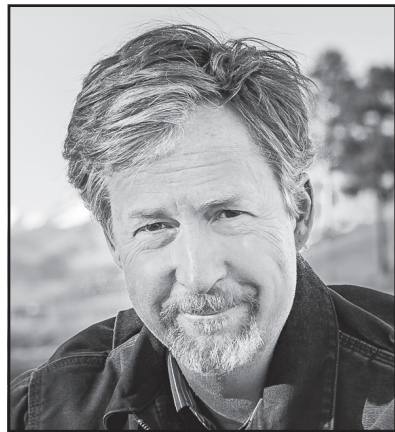
## What are your thoughts on LPEA's contract with Tri-State?

**Metzler:** La Plata Electric Association and Tri-State have a long partnership providing reliable electricity to member-owners. As any relationship matures, so must the understanding between partners. The relationship between LPEA and Tri-State is in transition. Last week, 43 member-coops at the Tri-State annual meeting voted on and adopted by-law changes for Tri-State, designed to help address member-owner concerns. The vote was 42 to 1. I believe these by-law changes, in addition to new Tri-State leadership, transparency and stakeholder engagement, are excellent steps to foster an even healthier LPEA/Tri-State relationship and build stronger cooperation among member-owners of both LPEA and Tri-State.

**Whiting:** It is time to review, rethink, and even exit TriState if necessary. We need a stronger voice, and more freedom in energy choices to keep our bills low. A study on the exit risks, costs, and options is nearly complete. But for us it's about more than just our electric bills. Pagosa lost over 30 high paying jobs from just one shelved local biomass energy project. A win-win-win for ratepayers, jobs, wildfire, and local energy, lost to LPEA/TriState politics. What did that cost us? I won't let that happen again. My experience will matter on this board.



Holly Metzler



Michael Whiting

## What are your thoughts on LPEA's current electricity rates?

**Metzler:** This depends upon perspective. I note that LPEA's standard residential rate (March 2019) is 12.56¢/kWh, higher than the state average of 11.89¢/kWh, but comparable to the national average of 12.47¢/kWh (January 2019 U.S. Energy Information Administration). LPEA's rates are driven by what Tri-State charges us. According to an analysis by Dan Harms, LPEA's Manager of Rates, Technology and Energy Policy, Tri-State's wholesale rates have increased 107% between 2000-2017. From the perspective of the average LPEA rate-payer, that trend is very concerning. With the challenges facing LPEA, Tri-State and the domestic electricity market, we must work together to keep rates affordable.

**Whiting:** We hear our rates are "competitive". But that is meaningless to families struggling every month to pay them. Half our kids can't afford lunch for school. Every move the board makes should be viewed through local eyes. Local people, local businesses first. The global impact of our fuel choices is real, but for someone skipping meals to pay the electric bill, that is more real. Pagosa is a minority on the LPEA board. I have 8 years of success and results, even being the minority voice, looking out for the people I serve.

## Please share your view on where LPEA will be in 5 or 10 years from now?

**Metzler:** I envision an LPEA in 5 to 10 years that keeps electricity rates low, continues to provide reliable electric service and efficiently enacts data-based, objectively-researched 21st Century energy solutions. I've studied the collab-

orative principles of an effective cooperative organization. LPEA, by practicing these principles, can educate member-owners, can achieve democratically-formed community goals, and can recognize voices of consumers on a fair, level playing field. Our relationship with electricity may look very different in 10 years. Through respecting conventional sources of generation, studying the cost and practicality of new technologies, and responding to member voices, LPEA can move us into an affordable, reliable, and innovative future.

**Whiting:** LPEA should be well on its way to achieving or exceeding its 2030 goals on lower emissions and rates. We should have gotten there with more local generation and jobs. In addition, service levels, reliability, and redundancy should be much improved. We should also be far more efficient with the electricity we do use. If we put a few extra bucks into 3 low-tech things like light switch timers, dimmers, and insulating homes, the savings would be huge for LPEA and each ratepayer.

## Should the public pay more for renewable energy? Explain why or why not?

**Metzler:** Society as we know it today has benefitted from the use and diligence of coal and coal miners over the last few centuries. Just as the scribe yielded to the printing press that yielded to the laser printer, energy generation is developing in revolutionary ways. Innovation in technology, data collection, and requests for proposals all help describe this time when it is becoming less economically and ecologically feasible to continue to burn coal. As the energy market

develops, it will reduce the cost barriers associated with increasing renewable energy generation and should not increase consumer rates at all.

**Whiting:** No. The fact is we absolutely can keep our bills and our carbon footprint low at the same time. Raising rates on families or businesses is not the answer. To invest in newer, cleaner, cheaper fuels, like renewables, we can slightly cut or divert the huge tax breaks we still hand out to oil and gas, and use the savings for innovation. Natural gas is cheap because we subsidize it. Would new tech and renewables compete on a truly level playing field? After an appropriate start-up period all subsidies should end, for all fuels and technologies.

## How do you see LPEA meeting its goal to reduce its carbon footprint by 50 percent from 2018 levels by year 2030 while keeping members' cost of electricity lower than 70 percent of its Colorado cooperative peers?

**Metzler:** I am proud LPEA was the first of the 43 Tri-State Cooperatives to set a carbon reduction goal. Without knowing what parameters are being used to measure this goal, I will answer this question from local perspective. Meeting this objective will take a concerted effort among LPEA Board, staff and many member-owners to educate themselves and make a personal choice to support initiatives or technologies providing economic and environmental benefit to themselves and their communities. There are many ways to achieve it. Whether one insulates their home, drives an electric car, or runs for the Board, we all have impact.

**Whiting:** Innovation and home-grown power. It is a conservative and achievable goal, given how rapidly old fuels are getting cleaner and new renewable fuels are getting cheaper. In 2016, an affordable, all wheel drive electric car, with a 250 mile range, was called impossible. Now it's called a Hyundai Kona. But we will also need the push hard for the freedom to innovate, and use every available fuel and technology, while transitioning carefully to hold rates down. Right now we need seasoned representatives to get it done with LPEA and TriState.

## Four lakes remain full, Stevens Lake on pace to be full within two weeks

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Since last week, snow water equivalency (SWE) has increased by 0.1 inches, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

Per Ramsey's press release, SWE has gone from 40.5 inches to 40.6 inches this week.

The SWE median has also increased, going from 31.6 inches to 32.3 inches.

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

This week, SWE is 125.7 percent of median, when last week it was

128.2 percent of median.

Precipitation totals have increased 0.3 inches since last week, going from 43.2 inches to 43.5 inches this week.

The precipitation average also increased from last week, going from 33.8 inches to 35 inches this week.

This week, precipitation is 124.3 percent of median. Last week that total was 127.8 percent of median.

Much like last week, four of the five lakes with recorded levels remain full.

Hatcher Lake, Lake Pagosa, Village Lake and Lake Forest remain full from last week.

Stevens Lake is currently 30 inches from full when last week it

was 72 inches from full.

In an interview, Ramsey indicated that he believes Stevens Lake will be full next week or the week after.

Total cumulative available lake water for treatment and delivery sits at 96.1 percent this week, when last week that total was only 90.6 percent.

Total diversion flows have increased since last week, with current flows sitting at 6 cubic feet per second (cfs).

The West Fork diversion remains at 2 cfs, while the Four Mile diversion has increased from 3 cfs to 4 cfs.

Four Mile diversion flows are still going into Stevens, the press

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# PSMC prepares for changes to Medicaid funding

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

At its meeting on March 26, the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), was given a presentation of work PSMC staff is doing on the Hospital Transformation Program, which is related to Medicaid payments to the medical center.

The Hospital Transformation Program, explained PSMC Director of Clinical Value Anita Hooton in her presentation to the board, is a five-year initiative directed by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) that “utilizes the hospital supplemental payment program to incorporate value based payment strategy into the overall hospital payment program.”

PSMC first learned about the Hospital Transformation Program almost a year ago, Hooton told the board.

“We’ve spent the last year learning about it,” she said.

HCPF, she explained, controls and administers the Medicaid program for the state, and its intention is to change part of the Medicaid payment program.

Currently, Hooton explained, payment is based on a percentage of charges, a fee for service, which PSMC receives as claims are generated.

That, she added, is about 60 cents per dollar.

PSMC also receives a supplemental payment once a year that is based on the number and type of Medicaid patients PSMC serves, the number of uninsured patients serviced, and the differences between what PSMC’s actual costs are and what the Medicaid discounted rate covers, she explained in her presentation.

Now, HCPF wants to change how that supplemental payment is calculated.

“What they want to do now is attach a value-based component to that supplemental payment,” Hooton said. “So instead of it being factors that are totally out of our control, there will be some performance measures that we have to meet in order to get our full payment.”

Hooton explained that all of the hospitals pull out of the same pot of money, meaning if all hospitals do well on the performance measures, they would all receive the same payment as they do currently. If some do poorly and others do well, the hospitals that do well will get more and those that do poorly would get less.

“We intend to be one of the ones that gets extra if we can,” she said.

A measure, Hooton explained, “is a method to quantify, in a non-subjective way, how we performed on something.”

Those measures stem from areas identified by HCPF that need to be changed, improved or transformed, Hooton noted.

As an example of a measure, Hooton noted the number of patients seen in the Emergency Department (ED) for things that don’t belong in an ED, such as a mental health condition, which HCPF believes could be seen in a clinic setting instead.

Board Chair Greg Schulte noted that, from a lay person’s perspective, people with mental health conditions are in distress.

“If it’s the middle of the night, what are they going to do?” he asked.

CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb noted that PSMC wouldn’t be able to decline seeing them due to law.

Hooton explained that one way to affect that measure would be to make sure that the first time someone comes to the Emergency Department for a mental health condition they are given a referral to a behavioral health specialist.

Webb noted PSMC has also added walk-in behavioral health services during the week and some Saturdays.

“This is part of the reason, to be able to reach those patients where they are. We’re being asked to control them coming in,” Webb said.

The expectation is not to prevent everyone coming in, but to reduce the number of those who shouldn’t be in the ED, and to try to impact those people by looking at and studying factors that led to the situation (not taking medication, having nowhere else to go, etc.).

Board member Dr. Jim Pruitt questioned if the measures will apply only to Medicaid patients, with a mixed answer.

Hooton noted it is directed to the Medicaid population, with Webb noting it has not been defined.

“They made it quite clear” they intend to expand what user patient types are tracked, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Nursing Officer Kathee Douglas indicated.

Hooton informed the board that the list of proposed measures started with over 100 and had been “whittled down to 41” as of that day. That list is expected to be finalized by the end of April.

She added that PSMC has two representatives on the proposed measures work group.

Some of those measures will be mandatory, while others will be optional and some won’t apply to PSMC.

“The more measures you

choose, the more points you can get, the more chance you get money. So, you know, it behooves you to try to participate in as many measures as you think you can be successful at,” Hooton said.

She added that the PSMC representatives are fighting for ambulatory measures to be added.

The directive from HCPF was to identify what the health care issues are in the county, look at those in relation to what HCPF identified and try to come up with initiatives to impact that in the acute-care hospital.

To succeed with the measures, Hooton explained, PSMC will come up with process changes that will change the way it manages patients to have the desired effect on the measure.

That, she added, will include utilizing the entire health service system, avoiding duplication of services by working with people who do what you need and being innovative.

Part of the Hospital Transformation Program process, Hooton explained, was doing an inventory of services and resources available. Thirty of the 47 people and entities identified in Archuleta County then met.

“So, there’s interest in trying to cooperate,” Hooton said, noting that others who couldn’t attend wanted to be involved.

PSMC is working to think like a health delivery system instead of an acute-care hospital, she explained.

“We have a lot of people who really care about people in this community,” Hooton said.

Those things identified by HCPF are:

- Individuals with significant health issues and co-occurring conditions, such as diabetes, asthma and hypertension.
- “High health care utilizers” who have repeated visits to the ED.
- Vulnerable populations, such as mothers and the elderly.
- Individuals with behavioral health and substance-use disorders, including alcohol, tobacco and opioids, and depression and anxiety.

That list, she noted, was not prescriptive and tailored to Archuleta County.

San Juan Basin Public Health recently completed a community health needs assessment, Hooton explained, with those needs identified as suicide and suicide attempts, affordable housing, substance abuse, poverty, and availability of jobs and economic opportunity.

Three of those, Hooton noted, are not directly related to health care, but HCPF is interested in how

the social determinants of health can be impacted.

So far, Hooton outlined, PSMC has:

- Created an action plan for completing the environmental scan, which was to gather resources and look at vulnerable patient groups in the community, an inventory of services available and resource gaps.
- Formed the Health Transformation Alliance with Mercy Regional Medical Center.
- Completed the community health environmental scan for both counties to identify the health needs, available resources and gaps in resources for both counties.

• Is preparing the Mid-point Report due April 19 to share the results of the scan with HCPF.

Following that, PSMC will come up with processes to institute to improve how it is performing on its chosen measures and submit its initiatives and program application to HCPF in September for implementation in 2020.

2020 is the first year PSMC would be measured, though that year will be a baseline, with HCPF having expressed that no deductions will be taken until 2022.

It was noted that many payers are moved toward value-based payment programs.

The board and staff also discussed the toll administering the program could have on PSMC.

Douglas explained that the program will cause more work on the front end, as PSMC will have to proactively manage those patients.

Board member Kate Alfred asked if the work would require a new department, with Webb noting that was part of the issue, with PSMC already running on a thin margin.

PSMC would be expected to report on the same measures as bigger hospitals with more staff and profits.

“It is a challenge for us to meet with our limited resources all of these metrics, but, again, this is the best thing for the patients in the end, and we will just do it the best we can,” Webb said.

Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese added that “small hospitals do not have the resources.”

Other discussion centered on the “element of unpredictability,” which Schulte noted could be hard for small hospitals.

“This is going forward no matter what we do,” Webb said, noting that it was a substantial-enough amount of money to pursue.

Schulte asked for another report for the board in September when the application is submitted. [randi@pagosasun.com](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com)

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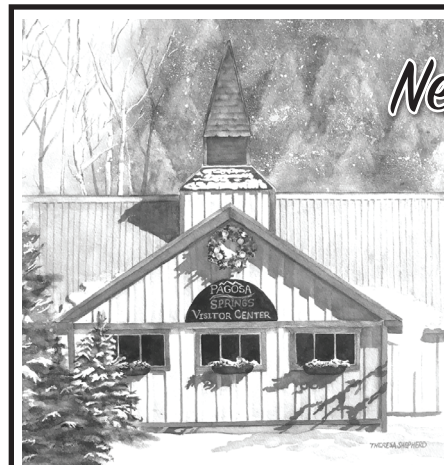
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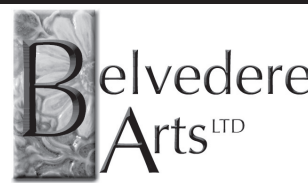
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# Two-story home burns in Upper Blanco area

By **John Finerock**  
Staff Writer

Early Friday morning around 1 a.m., the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) was dispatched to a fire in progress at a two-story home in the Upper Blanco area of Archuleta County.

A neighbor, by chance, had driven by the burning home and called it in to dispatch.

When fire crews arrived, the entire home had “already burnt to the ground” and was still burning according to PFPD Capt. Kelly Robertson.

Robertson reported the home

was unoccupied and there were no injuries in the fire.

The direction of the wind helped substantially in ensuring that a garage and another small residence on the property did not burn down as well.

“Thank God [the other buildings] didn’t catch. They would have lost everything up there if the wind was coming in a different direction,” said Robertson, adding, “The good thing was that the building [that burned] was surrounded by snow, and the snow really kept it contained.”

Fourteen fire personnel were on the scene of the blaze, as well

as a fire engine, four other department vehicles and three water tenders.

Water tenders are essentially water trucks that hold about 2,000 gallons of water. Robertson noted that fire crews cannot depend on fire hydrants anywhere besides within the town limits of Pagosa Springs.

Because the building was “completely gone,” according to Robertson, when PFPD arrived, crews used one water tender to fully extinguish the blaze.

Crews were dispatched at 12:57 a.m. and were en route to the scene in less than two minutes. Crews ar-

rived at the scene, about 13 miles into the Upper Blanco, at 1:42 a.m.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. [john@pagosasun.com](mailto:john@pagosasun.com)

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# Business

## Town looks at abolishing impact fees

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Impact fees in Pagosa Springs may be a thing of the past in the near future, with the Pagosa Springs Town Council providing direction to staff on April 2 to abolish both commercial and residential impact fees.

Council also requested more information on the idea of assessing residential linkage fees, or residential affordable housing impact fees. Discussion on impact fees at the meeting began with the first public comment section of the agenda, with a pair of audience members speaking against impact fees, the lack of development downtown in the last 20 years and that impact fees discourage growth.

Conversation continued after the council received additional information from town staff and staff of Economic and Planning System (EPS), the company charged with updating the town's impact fee

study.

In March, council sought more information on three potential options: no impact fees, maximum commercial fees and no residential fees, and maximum commercial fees and 30 percent of the maximum for residential.

Brian Duffany of EPS provided additional information on those three options to town council on April 2, with board discussion on the matter beginning with council member Mat deGraaf noting the lack of development downtown.

Council member Nicole DeMarco agreed with deGraaf's sentiments, adding that she wants the town to be "open for business" and that the best projects are going to have housing for varied income levels.

Council member David Schanzbaker noted that the numbers presented (ranging from 16 cents to \$1.94 per square foot depending on the type of commercial develop-

ment), dropped "tenfold" from the current fees, which he stated he thinks satisfies those concerns.

He noted that the town had done all it could to get the county to also assess impact fees, but that their unwillingness to participate was not an argument to drop impact fees.

The onus, he continued, is on the county to collect the fees to curb sprawl.

Matt DeGuise agreed with Schanzbaker, but noted he is more of a fan of the residential linkage fee than the standard impact fee.

"This fee mitigates the impacts of jobs created by new residents in market rate housing," an EPS report explains of the residential linkage fee.

The document notes that while the fee "may not generate enough revenue to fully fund an affordable housing development," but that it could be useful for "incremental solutions" such as providing local matching funds for state grants or

assisting with infrastructure costs or tap fee reimbursements.

The conversation then turned to potential legal issues of a residential linkage fee and potential waivers of that fee, as outlined by the town's attorney, Bob Cole, with Cole stating that the issue was "not absolutely clear."

As discussion continued, DeMarco asked if the paperwork would be worth the time if the commercial impact fees were so low.

"You bring up a really good point, thank you for that," deGraaf said.

The conversations then returned to the residential linkage fee before two motions to abolish impact fees and adopt different levels of residential linkage fees failed, one after going without a second and another after being voted down 5-2.

With two failed motions in the books, council asked for more information on the residential linkage fee and waivers for that fee. [randi@pagosasun.com](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com)



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### CHAMBER NEWS

## Capitalizing on Pagosa's tourism market

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

Pagosa has been talking for years about needing to diversify its economy from our tourism-based mainstay. This is a very salient point and one that the community does need to expand upon. However, Archuleta County's job base has tourism as a percentage total jobs at 30 percent, second highest only to "households" at 32 percent which is defined as households that spend money earned elsewhere such as second home owners and retirees.

Of this 30 percent, not surprisingly, business sectors such as retail trade and accommodations and food make up the largest percentage. Therefore, tourism-based businesses need to capitalize on the amenities offered to them locally, regionally and through the state. This includes co-op advertising offers, free listings on websites such as the state's

tourism website and the regional 4 Corners Film Office website, and a strong referral system.

One way you can improve your knowledge of what is out there and how you can take advantage of low-cost or no-cost opportunities is to attend the upcoming Tourism Conference on April 17. The conference will be held at the Ross Aragon Community Center from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. If you cannot attend the whole day, select a tract or two that best fits the needs of your business from experts locally, regionally or from the state's tourism and marketing divisions.

In brief, here are some of the topics that will be covered: an overview of the state's tourism program, how you can leverage the state's marketing outlets such as the Colorado Tourism Office and Colorado.com, developing a presence on social media, the power of collaboration, and learning how to work with

Google. On a more local level, you can also find out about how Pagosa is promoted to tourists and how you can more effectively work with Visit Pagosa Springs, and some tips if you want to organize an event in Pagosa.

To register for the conference, go to <http://bit.ly/2019conferenceregistration> or call the Visitor Center at 585-1200. We can always improve on the way we do business and we should be paying attention to ways we can get our businesses recognized to the increasing amount of tourists that are coming to Pagosa Springs. Make time in your schedule if you are a tourism-related business looking to grow your business.

### Women's Networking Event

One more reminder that the Women's Networking Open House will take place on Thursday, April 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Higher Grounds.

"What Keeps You Up at Night" is the theme of this open house.

Women are invited to creatively identify some topics or develop collaborative groups for future networking events. Come and enjoy some women time, happy hour drink prices and complimentary hors d'oeuvres while we work on ways to address issues. Questions can be directed to the Chamber at 264-2360. Registration is not necessary.

### Membership news

We have a rejoining member to welcome this week, United Way of Southwest Colorado. Renewing as Chamber members this week include Bank of the San Juans, Ramon's Mexican Restaurant, Mountain Home Sound and Security, Mulberry Home Services, Monroe Chiropractic, and KSUT Public Radio.

## Sales tax revenue up in January

By John Finebrock  
Staff Writer

The January sales tax report for Archuleta County shows a 3.9 percent revenue increase compared to January 2018.

The 3.9 percent increase amounts to an additional \$27,885 in sales tax revenue compared to January 2018.

The gross amount of the January sales tax is \$748,135.34. The town share is \$373,699.67 and the county share is \$374,435.67.

In December 2018, sales tax brought in \$944,967.42 by comparison. Archuleta County Finance Direc-

tor Larry Walton noted in a statement to The SUN that "a single month is not a good indicator of overall trends, due in part to pay cycle variations and occasional late payments, which can distort 'month to month' comparisons by material amounts. It is unlikely that we will see any clear 2019 trends until we have accumulated 3 or even 4 months of data ..."

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

- Retail is up 6 percent, or \$23,601.
- Accommodation/food service is up 15.2 percent, or \$15,881.

- Professional services is up 97.2 percent, or \$710.

- Other services is up 11.4 percent, or \$1,117.

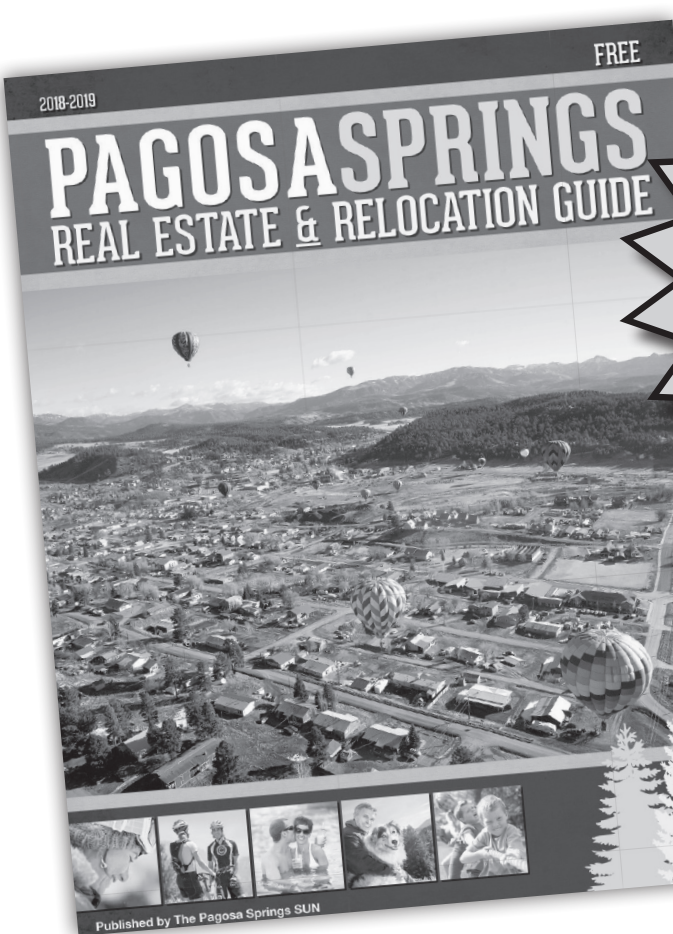
- Information services is up 2.7 percent, or \$645.

- Finance and insurance is up 142.5 percent, or \$643.

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

- Manufacturing is down 5.6 percent, or \$1,613.
- Miscellaneous is down 10 percent, or \$13,020.
- Real estate/rental is down 0.6 percent, or \$108.

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# Discounts for multifamily homes discussed by PAWSD board

By **Chris Mannara**  
Staff Writer

A discussion on a potential change to the way in which the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) calculates its equivalent units (EU) was held at a work session by the PAWSD Board of Directors on April 4.

This discussion was held, according to PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey, following a petition for inclusion request made by River Rock Estates LLC at the last PAWSD board meeting on March 21.

That discussion was covered in the March 28 issue of The SUN.

"We wanted to, kind of, clear up how we're going to do master meters and calculate EUs," Ramsey

said at the April 4 meeting.

According to Ramsey, PAWSD does not necessarily have rules on how to calculate EUs, but rather "guidance."

The way PAWSD is looking at doing things is continuing to look at one house as one EU and having a "discount" for multifamily dwellings, Ramsey noted.

Examples of those multifamily options include: fourplexes, fiveplexes and duplexes, Ramsey added later.

The fixture-unit count would only be done, under this idea, for businesses, commercial projects or apartment complexes, Ramsey explained.

Along with that, Ramsey posed the question on whether or not a

discount should be given on capital investment fee, raw water acquisition fee or the monthly bill fee.

"And do we want to do it as a monetary discount when they connect in, or do we want to do it as an EU discount?" Ramsey asked, adding another question is whether or not the PAWSD board wants to discount sewer flows.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh commented that he thought the way PAWSD calculates one single-family home as one EU is "solid."

Walsh also noted he liked the ways PAWSD calculates EUs for commercial businesses.

In looking at comparable districts such as: Salida, Durango, Bayfield and Cortez, Walsh noted

that he did not see those districts measuring multifamily dwellings under a fixture count.

"I do think we could give discounts to people on the water side of things," Walsh said, "who built duplexes, triplexes, quads and five-plexes. Not apartment buildings, because they don't have integrated heat and hot water and wastewater running like a traditional apartment house."

However, Ramsey noted that he wants something that is fair.

"I think that there's some real logic for us to have each living space be one EU," PAWSD board member Paul Hansen commented. "It's kind of a universal benchmark."

On the capital side of things,

Walsh noted that he is for "generous" discounts.

"But for your monthly bill, I'm on board with everyone just pays their monthly bill," he said.

In regard to wastewater, Walsh noted that, because PAWSD's capital investment fee for wastewater is only \$1,000, he was not in favor of giving a discount on that end.

"I'd like to focus it on the water side and I'd like to give that multifamily developer some nice discount," Walsh said.

PAWSD board member Gordon McIver noted that he agreed that there should be some form of discount for multifamily dwellings.

"I do believe that a single-family dwelling should pay an EU," McIver said. "I think we should be encouraging as many multifamily dwellings as possible from the standpoint of affordable housing." Ryan Searle of Beyond Your Wildest Dreams commented that he agreed with both giving discounts to multifamily dwellings and with PAWSD's one EU for a single-family home.

"We need smart growth in Pagosa. And we need affordability and we need positive impact for our town, county, water districts," Searle said.

Later, Searle noted that PAWSD has previously done multifamily dwellings under a fixture count.

"So, when you guys talk about discount to multifamily, it's actually

a substantial increase to what you currently are doing," he said.

Walsh noted that it could be, but "substantial" depends on the development and how many fixtures there are.

Later in the meeting, Ramsey clarified that PAWSD will continue saying that a single-family home is one EU.

"No additional EUs with an additional dwelling unit on the same meter. An additional one EU if you put it on a separate meter," he added.

Ramsey noted that the system capital investment fees will be based on the EU count, while the monthly billing will be the one EU and typical tier rates will always apply.

In a follow-up interview, Ramsey clarified that PAWSD is open to giving discounts to multifamily dwellings.

"For that multiplex system, the first unit in there is going to be charged one EU. Each following one will be 50 percent of an EU," Ramsey explained. "Billing is going to be the same."

There will be no discount for wastewater, Ramsey noted.

Ramsey added that this item will be on the agenda for the April 16 meeting of the PAWSD board.

That meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. at the district's offices located at 100 Lyn Ave.

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## Community Development Corporation approves revisions to broadband MOU

By **Chris Mannara**  
Staff Writer

At a special meeting of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) Board of Directors, the board approved revisions to its portion of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the town, county and CDC relating to the ongoing broadband project.

During the meeting, held on April 5, the CDC board discussed a variety of revisions to the MOU.

One portion of the discussion revolved around how specific should the MOU be.

### Down in the weeds?

"My general read on the MOU as it was submitted to the CDC from the town and county is that I think it's basically consistent with our objectives," CDC board member Jim Garrett said.

Garrett noted that he believed, within the MOU, that annual appropriation of funds should involve consultation of the three parties involved in the agreement.

"If we all agree that the general purpose of the MOU is consistent with the CDC's objectives, then I would suggest we consider approving it," Garrett said, adding that he would like to have input from broadband subcommittee member Jason Cox on the technical side of things.

According to Cox, the CDC board should keep the high-level approach in mind for this MOU.

The CDC and its board in particular is in

charge of administering the allocated funds, Cox noted.

The MOU also needs to address the leases that are put in place, he commented.

In addition, there is also the management of the broadband services manager contract and services, Cox added later.

"So, essentially we just want to make sure that, again, the fiduciary responsibility is to ensure that the public money gets spent according to its allocation through the budgeting process," Cox said.

From a technical standpoint, Cox indicated that he was not sure how deep the MOU needed to get in that category.

Cox's reasoning centered behind the CDC not knowing what assets it will have as the project moves forward, as the project is fluid and malleable.

"I think as far as the main contract, even if we do expand, it's going to hit us all financially," CDC board member Ron Maez said. "So, I think that's something that we can go back and revise the MOU later as we expand."

The MOU itself should be specific, but could also include addendums and attachments that explain the finer details, Cox indicated.

The document as whole is general, according to Garrett, who suggested that the MOU have some specificity on how the annual funding would be handled, for example.

"My overall sense is that what we're talking about here is a project that's going to take shape as time progresses," Garrett said. "We don't want to get too far down in the weeds

because we don't really know how this thing is really going to play out over time."

If the CDC opted to craft its portion of the MOU in a more complex manner, the harder it might be on the organization, Maez added.

"Essentially, at the end of the day, you say the town and the county are putting in money and the CDC is managing that money and it's going to go to these applications," Cox said.

After more discussion by the board regarding various wordsmithing, the CDC board moved to approve its revisions to its portion of the MOU.

### MOU future

In a follow-up interview on April 9, CDC Administrator Mary Jo Coulehan explained that the MOU revisions were sent back to Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver.

Coulehan explained that the town and the county are now trying to figure out the revenue stream portion of the MOU.

"Right now, it's in review. According to Todd, this morning it looked good," Coulehan explained. "He said they were working out some little details such as the funding."

The town and county will both make revisions to their portions of the MOU as well, Coulehan explained.

"My comment to them was, if there are any changes that are ready to be made, we want to move the process along," she added later.

Coulehan noted that both the town and county think that the MOU will be finalized "fairly quickly."

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## Six nonprofits selected to benefit from 19th Hole Concerts

By **Tracy Pope**  
Special to The SUN

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado announces the six Archuleta County nonprofits selected to benefit from the 19th Hole Concerts at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club this summer. The selected organizations are:

- Aspen House.
- LASSO.
- Pagosa Area Trails Council.
- Pagosa Springs Arts Council.
- Pagosa Springs Girls Choir.
- Rise Above Violence.

The 19th Hole Concerts pair an

Archuleta County nonprofit organization with a local music talent on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club, June 13 through July 25, with no concert the week of July 4.

The events offer fun, community evenings full of entertainment and philanthropy. The cover charge is a \$10 donation, which supports the six nonprofits selected for the 2019 concerts. Corporate sponsors cover event expenses, allowing all proceeds at the end of the series to be pooled and distributed equally to the six featured organizations.

"This is the fourth year we've

offered the 19th Hole Concerts and the popularity of the events is really growing," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "These events are a great way for the community to come together to support local nonprofits."

In 2018, the 19th Hole Concerts awarded \$1,400 to each participating organization. This year, the goal of the Archuleta Committee of the Community Foundation is to raise \$1,500 for each nonprofit. The nonprofits will collaborate to promote the concerts and generate attendance.

"These concerts directly support our Archuleta nonprofits by giving them a platform for their cause and some extra funding for their work," said Gabrielle Dorr, chair of the Archuleta Committee of the Community Foundation. "We hope everyone helps us spread the word for a great turnout this year."

As a community facilitator, the Community Foundation works to increase sustainability and success for nonprofits while maximizing effective grantmaking for philanthro-

pists to make Southwest Colorado a better place to live. The Community Foundation serves Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties.

Below, please find the full schedule for the 19th Hole Concerts:

June 13: Bob Hemenger: Dixieland, jazz, blues, soul and pop; featuring Pagosa Springs Arts Council.

June 20: San Juan Mountain Boys: Country, folk, pop and old rock; featuring Aspen House.

June 27: Denise Chaney: singer/songwriter; featuring Rise Above Violence.

July 11: Retro Cats: Rock 'n' roll; featuring Pagosa Springs Girls Choir.

July 18: Brooks-i Band: Original party rock 'n' roll dance music; featuring Pagosa Area Trails Council.

July 25: Jack Ellis and Out on Work Release: acoustic blues and more; featuring LASSO.

## Clean out your medicine cabinet for Drug Take Back Day

By **Hazel Wedemeyer**  
Special to The SUN

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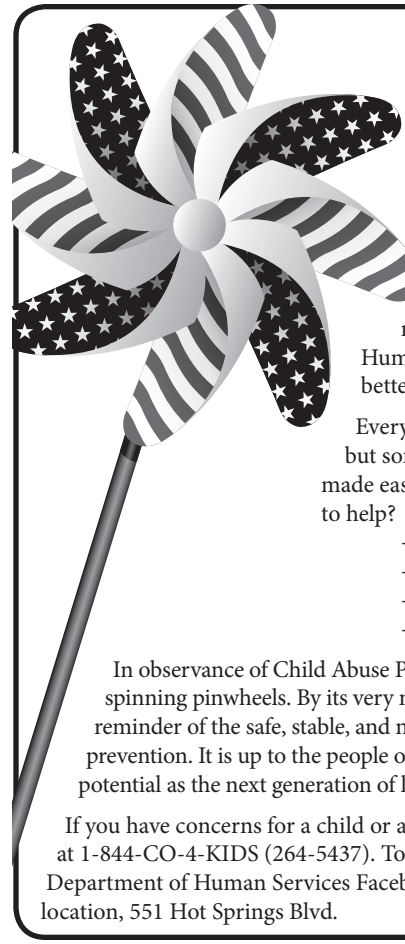
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Every parent wants to provide and nurture their child in a positive, healthy environment, but sometimes parents need a little support along the way. Parenting is hard but it can be made easier when families have access to services and a network to lean on. What can you do to help?

- Invite a neighborhood family to your home for dinner
- Offer to babysit so parents can get a little break
- Organize a community function so families can build supportive networks
- Be a listening ear for a neighbor who is struggling

In observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month you see the lawn of Pagosa Springs Town Park covered in bright blue spinning pinwheels. By its very nature, the pinwheel connotes whimsy and childlike notions - it has come to serve as a reminder of the safe, stable, and nurturing childhoods we want for all children. It is the national symbol for child abuse prevention. It is up to the people of this community to ensure that Archuleta County's children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of our communities, state, and nation.

If you have concerns for a child or a family please report to the Colorado State Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline at 1-844-CO-4-KIDS (264-5437). To learn about more resources in our community, visit the Archuleta County Department of Human Services Facebook page @DHSArchuletaCounty, or call us at (970) 264-2182, or visit us at our location, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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# State bill could affect deputies' retirement plans

By John Finerock  
Staff Writer

Senate Bill 19-106, a bill currently working through the Colorado Legislature, would allow the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) employees to vote out of the county's current retirement plan.

Currently, county employees use the Colorado County Officials and Employees Retirement Association (CCOERA) plan, which requires a 4 percent employer contribution, with employees required to match that amount, according to CCOERA's website outlining its 401(a) plan.

The FPPA (Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado) plan mandates employee contributions at 5.25 percent and employer contributions at 4 percent, and is a

defined-benefit plan, not a 401(a) plan, according to a frequently asked questions document released by the FPPA.

Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman explained the difference between a defined-benefit plan and a 401(a) plan.

"A defined benefit plan is exactly that, you know going in that at x number of years you're going to receive x percentage of your salary and it will last for presumably the balance of your life. The 401(a) is just, it's just like any other IRA (individual retirement account) or something along that line. You contribute money, the county contributes money, it's your money after a vesting period and then when you end up deciding to separate you separate with your money and then you have a pot of money and it's

yours," said Woodman.

The document notes that "over the next three years, the employee contribution will increase by 0.25 percent per year, ending with a mandatory contribution of 6% in 2022."

"That's one bill I actually hope they pass," said Commissioner Alvin Schaaf in a phone interview.

Schaaf noted that he previously worked for the ACSO and that, "by far, that was the most demanding job that I ever had. It's not physically demanding, just the mental fatigue."

The document also details risks of using the FPPA plan, stating, "Once an employer group affiliates with FPPA, there is no option to leave in the future. The employer loses all control over retirement plan direction, associated costs, contribution rates, and benefits."

Woodman championed the FPPA plan in a phone interview.

"I think it's a great opportunity. You know, personally, I think that a defined-benefit retirement is better than a 401(a) plan," said Woodman.

If the bill is approved at the state level, the ASCO employees would have to vote 65 percent in favor of moving from CCOERA to FPPA to make the change.

What the bill does, according to Woodman, is it "allows the opportunity" for peace officers to opt into the plan.

Other county departments are also currently using CCOERA, but the bill only makes peace officers eligible to vote out and into the FPPA plan.

For more information on the bill and its progress visit [leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb19-106](http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb19-106).

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# Local basins post highest cumulative snowpack total in early April

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

As of April 10, the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins have a collective snowpack total of 152 percent of median, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Last week, those basins had a snowpack total of 154 percent of median.

However, even with a 2 percent drop, local basins still have the highest recorded snowpack total of the eight basins recorded.

The Upper San Juan site saw a 1 percent drop in its snowpack totals from last week, going from 128 percent of median to 127 percent of median this week.

For the Upper Rio Grande Basin, a 9 percent decrease was recorded,

with snowpack totals dropping from 146 percent of median to 137 percent of median this week.

This week, the Arkansas River Basin has a snowpack total of 129 percent of median. Last week that total was 141 percent of median.

The Yampa and White River basins have a collective snowpack total of 110 percent of median this week. Last week, those basins had a collective snowpack total of 119 percent of median.

For the Laramie and North Platte River basins, a 6 percent decrease was recorded, with totals going from 119 percent of median last week to 113 percent this week.

The South Platte River Basin snowpack total dropped 8 percent since last week, going from 120 percent of median to 112 percent of median this week.

The Upper Colorado River Basin is currently 123 percent of median, when last week that basin was 130 percent of median.

The Gunnison River Basin is 142 percent of median, compared to last week's total of 145 percent of median.

The Wolf Creek summit was 139 percent of the April 10 peak and 132 percent of the median peak.

Last week, the summit was 146 percent of the April 3 peak and 132 percent of the median peak.

The National Weather Service

(NWS) notes a 20 percent chance of snow tomorrow and Saturday for Pagosa Springs.

On Wolf Creek Pass, the NWS notes a 40 percent chance of snow today and tomorrow, as well as a 30 percent chance on Saturday.

NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta explained that while we might not see any more accumulation of snow, we're also not going to see things drop too much locally because of cooling temperatures.

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# School board addresses town ordinance involving liquor stores and schools

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

In response to the Pagosa Springs Town Council considering an ordinance that would eliminate a 500-foot distance restriction from schools for businesses that hold retail alcohol beverage licenses, excluding tavern licenses, the Archuleta School District (ASD) held a discussion on the matter.

An agenda brief from an April 2 meeting of town council, outlines that Pagosa Springs currently has nine types of liquor licenses that are available in the town.

Of those nine, only eight would be affected if Ordinance 905 were to be approved upon second reading by town council.

At the ASD Board of Education's (BOE) regular meeting on April 9, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed explained that town council agreed to postpone any potential adoption of the ordinance pending the board's discussion.

Reed noted that she wanted to give the board a chance to discuss this item and following the discussion she would communicate any concerns to Town Manager Andrea Phillips.

"When I talked with Andrea she said this is really more about establishments uptown than downtown," Reed explained.

BOE member Bruce Dryburgh

noted that he had no problems with the removal of the distance restriction for most of the list within the town council agenda briefing, aside from liquor stores.

"I don't want a liquor store within 500 feet of any one of our schools," he said. "There's plenty of places to put another liquor store." Dryburgh suggested that ASD request that town council keep the 500 foot distance restriction on retail liquor stores.

"I think it might be appropriate to let them know that we want some limitations on liquor stores and school," BOE President Greg Schick said.

# Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

**Monday, April 15**  
San Juan Water Conservancy District regular meeting, 5 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Unit 5.

**Tuesday, April 16**  
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 informational tour of airport facility, 11 a.m., Archuleta County Airport at Stevens Field, 777 CR 600.

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

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

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board survey plan work session, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Wednesday, April 17**  
Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting, Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**Thursday, April 18**  
Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting, 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Tuesday, April 23**  
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session, 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.  
Joint town/county work session, Noon, Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.  
Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors special meeting, 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.  
Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers,

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

**Wednesday, April 24**  
Upper San Juan Library District board meeting, 4 p.m., Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St.

Archuleta County Planning Commission regular meeting, 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

**Thursday, April 25**  
Pagosa Springs Town Council work session, 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Public meeting information should be sent to [editor@pagosasun.com](mailto: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.

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# Sports

## SOCCER

### Lady Pirates down Alamosa and Bayfield, earn forfeit from Center

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

With two games in five days coming against Intermountain League (IML) opponents, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates came out on top in matchups against the Alamosa Mean Moose and Bayfield Wolverines.

Both wins push Pagosa's overall record to 3-2-2, which includes a 2-0-1 IML record.

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

In the 3A Rating Percentage Index standings, which determine postseason seeding, Pagosa is currently slotted at No. 35 of 61 teams.

Only the top 32 teams at the end of the season qualify for postseason play; however, the winner of the IML would qualify for postseason play.

#### Alamosa

For the first time since the 2017 season, Pagosa came out on top against Alamosa after overtime on April 5 by a score of 2-1.

After a scoreless first half, Alamosa struck first in the second period with a goal from Amanda Parkins in the 42nd minute.

According to coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason, the goal was a deflection off of one of the Lady Pirates.

Facing a 1-0 deficit on the road against the Mean Moose, Lady Pirate Bri Linzalone scored in the 60th minute on a long-distance direct kick, which deflected off of an Alamosa player, to tie the game at 1-1.

"It was a perfect kick. It dropped in the box," Kurt-Mason said.

Despite the fact that it deflected off of a Mean Moose defender, Kurt-Mason noted that he thought it would have gone in regardless.

The rest of the second half was mostly played on Alamosa's end of the field, he added.

In the overtime period, 10 seconds remained and the Lady Pirates held possession on a corner kick, he described.

Nicole Bartz found Samaya Dunn de Pulido in the middle of the field, who connected on the game-

winning goal, he described further. "It was like a one-timer. It was great. Back of the net, Pirates win," he said.

Both Linzalone and Dunn de Pulido notched their first goals of the season against Alamosa in the 2-1 victory.

In net for Pagosa was Trista Tully, who finished with 11 saves and 89 minutes in net.

The Lady Pirates had three corner kicks against the Mean Moose and amassed four total fouls.

"We're doing well," Kurt-Mason said of the Alamosa win. "We work on one thing at a time."

The Lady Pirates' speed is improving, with Kurt-Mason noting that it was great to be on a field.

Kurt-Mason praised the Lady Pirates for their triangle passes as part of moving the ball up field against Alamosa.

"They're starting to know each other and know each others' speed," he said of the Lady Pirates.

Defensively, Kurt-Mason noted Pagosa was "all over" Alamosa.

Marking up and pushing Mean Moose shots to the outside were two things of note done by the Lady Pirates defense, Kurt-Mason explained, adding that Alamosa only had five shots on goal.

That defensive intensity is something that Kurt-Mason will look to continue to see from the Lady Pirates as the season goes on, he commented.

"You need to prevent goals, and we focus on the defensive end of things," he said.

#### Bayfield

After the victory against Alamosa, Pagosa played at home for the first time all season against the Bayfield Wolverines on April 9.

On their home turf, the Lady Pirates posted their second shutout of the season, blanking the Wolverines 2-0.

Pagosa began by taking a 1-0 lead in the first period off of a goal by Bartz, her fifth of the season.

Four minutes into the game, Bartz scored a goal with an assist coming from Morgan Thompson.

"That was our first home goal and the quickest goal we've had all season. It was a great combination," he said.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirates Nicole Bartz, left, and Samaya Dunn de Pulido, right, battle Bayfield Wolverine defenders Sarah Ruybal (8) and Aubree Farmer (9) for possession of the ball during the April 9 matchup between the two league foes. Pagosa defeated Bayfield by a score of 2-0 in its first home game of the season, with Bartz and Dunn de Pulido scoring a goal each.

Pagosa maintained possession of the ball on Bayfield's end of the field for the whole first half, Kurt-Mason described.

In the second half, leading 1-0, Kurt-Mason described the game as being back and forth, but with Pagosa maintaining control of the ball on Bayfield's end of the field.

"In the second half they had four shots," he said of Bayfield, "which were in front of the goal."

With a few minutes left in the game, Pagosa remained up 1-0, but, as Kurt-Mason, described, "everything was up in the air still."

From the corner, Thompson crossed the ball in front of the goal.

Diana Scott then passed it to Dunn de Pulido on a volley, with Dunn de Pulido scoring on the play to put Pagosa up 2-0.

"It was really cool," Kurt-Mason said.

The Lady Pirates finished with six total shots on goal against the Wolverines, with Dunn de Pulido leading the team with three.

Thompson registered two shots herself while Bartz posted one.

Tully again found herself in net for the Lady Pirates, tallying 11 total saves.

The player of the game against Bayfield was Tully. According to Kurt-Mason, Tully finished with 12 saves.

"She had probably five saves that were not actual saves, but she came running out as a field player and cleared the ball out of the box. She was just attacking. She was just a menace to the Bayfield attack," Kurt-Mason said.

Pagosa accumulated four corner kicks against Bayfield, but also committed five fouls.

Kurt-Mason praised the Lady Pirates' effort in their win against Bayfield, noting that the Lady Pirates moved and connected passes well.

#### Center

Originally, Pagosa was scheduled to hit the road to take on the

2A Center Vikings Friday; however, Center had to forfeit Wednesday due to not having enough players, according to Athletic Director Marcie Ham.

This season, Center has an 0-6 record and sits in last place in the 2A Region 4 league standings.

Last season, Pagosa earned a forfeit win against Center for the same reason.

This means that the next opponent for Pagosa will be the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on April 18 at home, with varsity action starting at 4 p.m.

On April 2, Pagosa and Cortez tied 0-0.  
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**Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week**  
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Baseball



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**Comments from coach Matt Bowdridge:** "I have been coaching Eric on and off for the past five years. Eric plays with passion! His first few years that passion would get a little overwhelming for him. However, we are now watching him mature into an outstanding player. Instead of taking that

passion out on the dugout and equipment he now focuses on the next play, next at bat.  
"He is fun to talk with an extremely good team leader. Eric is always smiling and working to get better. It is a pleasure coaching him and watching him become a young man I can be proud of."  
"Congratulations Eric!"

### Pickleball tournament set for May

By Bob Eggleston  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Pickleball Club, with financial assistance from the town tourism board, is holding its first annual pickleball tournament on May 18 and May 19.

The tournament will be held indoors at Pagosa Springs Middle School. There will be men's, women's and mixed doubles in three skill level categories: 3.0 and below, 3.5, and 4.0 and above.

Online registration is now open. Details and access to registration is at pagosapickleball.org/2019-tournament. The registration deadline is May 3.

This tournament is a fundraiser for constructing dedicated outdoor pickleball courts. The Pagosa Pickleball Club is promoting a partnership that includes the Town of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, club members, local businesses, Great Outdoors Colorado and other grant funding organizations to fund and construct new outdoor courts.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. According to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association, there are currently 3.1 million pickleball players in the United States. Currently, the Pagosa Pickleball Club has 145 members playing outside at South Pagosa Park and inside in the Ross Aragon Community Center.

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# TRACK

## Track and field nabs first and third places at Abel Vasquez Invitational

By John Finebrock  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School track and field team hopped, skipped, jumped and ran to first- (boys) and third-place (girls) finishes at the Abel Vasquez Invitational on April 6.

Pagosa took 52 athletes to the event, more than any other team.

Displaying an exceptional tenacity for victory, the girls' relay team took first place in both the 4x100-meter relay, the 4x200-meter relay and the 800-meter sprint medley.

Coach Connie O'Donnell praised the relay teams' dominance, but noted there is always room for improvement.

"They're doing great," O'Donnell said. "Except for their hand-offs were really bad. We're trying to fix that."

Even with messy exchanges of the baton, Piedra Goss, Jessica Hartley, Teleah Hauger and Lexie Valdez were able to snatch first place in the 4x100 with a time of 57.16 seconds.

Mancos High School came in second, less than a second and a half behind Pagosa.

In the 4x200, Emma Heidelberg, Michelle Saucedo, Hartley and Hauger took first with a time of 1 minute, 57.45 seconds — over three seconds ahead of Del Norte's team, which came in second to the Pirates.

"We didn't really have any sprint relay teams last year, at all, because we didn't have enough girls to put on 'em," O'Donnell said. "It's just kind of fun to have that."

Daisy Valdez, Lexie Valdez, Goss and Heidelberg led the girls to another first-place finish in the 800 sprint medley.

The team put some space between themselves and the others,

finishing the race in 2:3.15, well ahead of Dulce in second (2:9.32) and Bayfield in third (2:10.72).

Strong individual finishes on the girls' side include Michelle Saucedo, who took second in the 400-meter, finishing about a second off of first place at 1:8.97.

Saucedo earned the Pirates' coveted "Trackie of the Week" award for her effort and leadership on the team.

Saucedo also tied for fourth in the high jump, earning one point for the team.

Heidelberg tied for second in the long jump with a distance of 14 feet, 3 1/2 inches, earning six points.

Hannah Sparks from Mancos jumped the same distance to share second-place honors with Heidelberg.

Ivory Carpenter took third place in the 3,200-meter run and Sierra Liverett garnered third place in the 800-meter run, both earning six points for the Pirates.

Lexie Valdez earned fifth place in the 100-meter run, earning two points for the team.

On the boys' side, a slew of strong individual performances rocketed the team to a first-place finish.

"I think we won or got second in a lot of individual events for the boys and that helped a lot," said O'Donnell.

Michael Wedemeyer and Cade Cowan had very strong performances, and are currently neck

and neck in the state rankings in the long jump in the 3A division.

Wedemeyer launched to first place in the long jump with a distance of 20-8 1/2, earning 10 points.

Nipping at his high-flying heels was Cowan, who came in second a mere three and a half inches from

Wedemeyer's distance with 20-5, earning eight points.

Cowan, due to a longer jump at last week's event, is currently ranked fifth in the state in the 3A division.

Wedemeyer sits in sixth place in the state, literally inches from overtaking his teammate.

Wedemeyer also took second in the 400.

Paul Farrah took first in the high jump, launching over the bar set at 6 feet, 2 inches.

"He actually got a personal best by 1 inch and it was the first time he jumped competitively since last May at the state track meet. It was kind of cool to be able to do that at the first meet," said O'Donnell.

The coach noted that Farrah is a fast runner, but is nursing a knee injury from wrestling season and is only participating in the high jump.

Mitch Lewis, who was participating in his first track meet as a Pirate, took first place in the 800 at 2:12.23.

"There was another kid from Durango that took off really fast and so Mitch just followed him and I think it was good that he had to chase this guy, 'cause I think

it pushed him," said O'Donnell. "Then there was about 200 meters left when Mitch passed him and then totally won. He got done and was like, 'Whoa, I forget what that feels like.' You know, the whole burning of your legs and lungs and everything."

Cowan finished less than a second behind Lewis, cementing a dominant performance for the Pirates in the 800.

Cam Hinger finished second in the 110-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles, unable to overtake Dolores' Cael McHenry, who bested Hinger in both events.

Aidan O'Donnell came in fourth for the Pirates in the 110 hurdles.

Elan Ramirez secured a second-place finish in the 3,200 with a time of 11:52.88, earning eight points.

Cole Cayard and Clayton Cayard finished fourth and fifth in the same event, earning four and two points respectively, for the Pirates.

Isaac Stewart earned fourth place in the 100, earning four points.

Reflecting on the event, Connie O'Donnell praised her younger athletes. "I feel like I had just a lot of younger people that were really positive about their events and we're excited about them."

The boys' team finished way ahead of the competition, netting 109 points. Mancos took second with 78 points.

The girls' side earned 73 points, behind Durango (121) and Bayfield (92).

The coach explained she is pleased with her teams' strong finishes and said they were "successful" at the event.

The Pirates' next event is the Pine River Invitational on April 13. The action kicks off at 8 a.m. at Bayfield High School.

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### RECREATION NEWS AND COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

## Summer day camp applications being accepted

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. It will start on June 3 and run through Aug. 2. The camp 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 being accepted. Program fees are \$85 per child per week, \$25 per child per drop-in (upon availability) and there is a one-time application fee of \$15 per child. Multiple-child discounts also available. Weekly registrations are required.

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

### Gymnastics registration ages 3 and up

The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for gymnastics ages 3 and up through April 15.

This six-week gymnastic session will be held April 16 through May 23. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the middle school.

The cost is \$50 for the session one day a week. All registrations may be turned in at the Community Center.

### Youth baseball registration ages 6-12

The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for youth baseball for the following divisions: Coach Pitch ages 6-8, Machine Pitch ages 9-10 and Machine Pitch 11-12. Registrations will be accepted online or at the Community Center through May 3.

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

### Adult softball registration

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

Registration forms are available

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

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

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

### Tee-ball registration ages 5-6

Tee-ball registrations end Friday, April 12. The cost is \$35 includes hat and jersey.

Tee-ball season will be held during May every Monday and Wednesday evening.

To register for programs online, visit the Parks and Recreation Department page at [www.townofpagosaspings.com](http://www.townofpagosaspings.com). You may also register

at the Community Center. Contact the recreation office with any questions, 264-4151, ext. 232.

### Community Center open on Saturday

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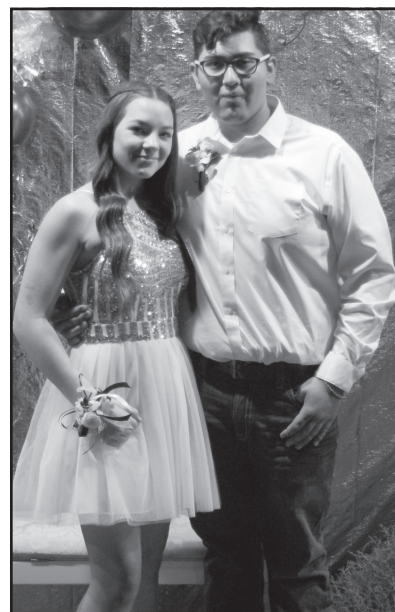
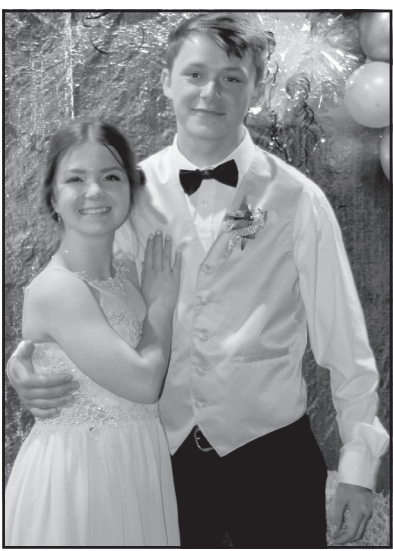
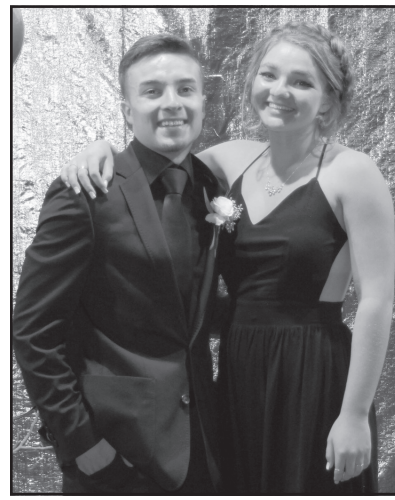
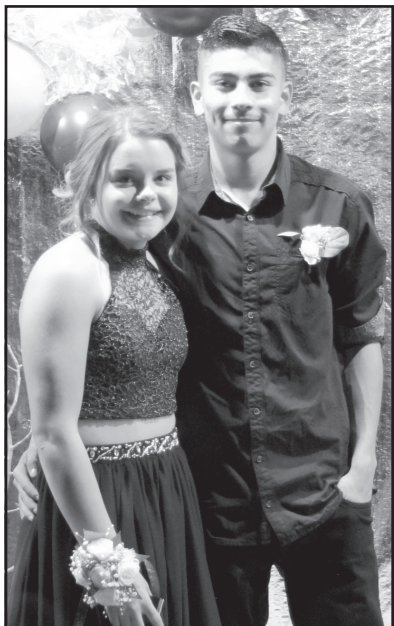
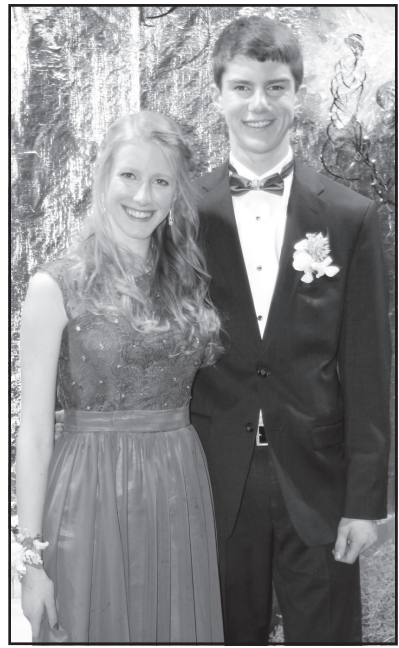
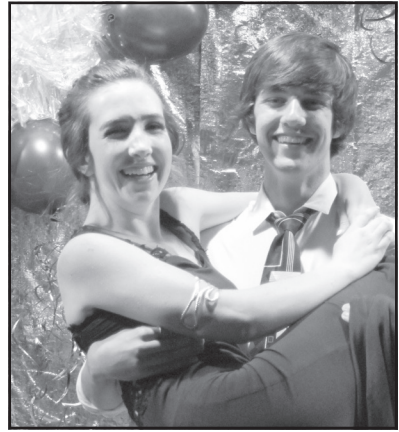
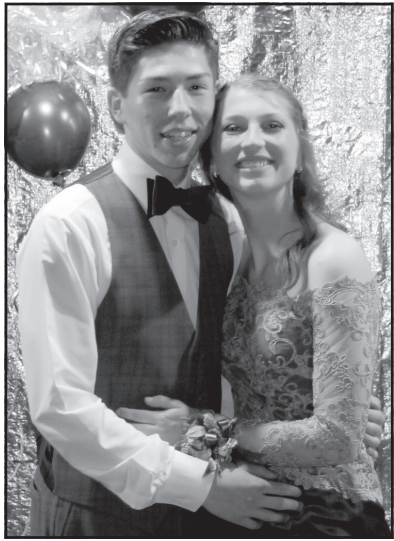
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# Prom

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Good times and memories were had by all Saturday night during Pagosa Springs High School's 2019 prom. Cade Cowan, Cameron Lucero, Marlon Carranza and Sarah Ross were chosen as attendants, and Nathan Lewis and Isabella Mijares were chosen as the prom's king and queen.



## BASEBALL

# Pirates look to start league play strong Saturday

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

It was a week of ups and downs for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team, which logged its fifth straight win before dropping a pair of games.

Now, heading into Intermountain League play, the team holds a 5-5 record.

"I'm happy with where we are right now; especially, the team dynamic is great. The kids are really coming together well and I feel like our pitching has gotten stronger every time out," coach Mike Remlinger said.

### Paonia

The Pirates opened the tournament Friday afternoon with a win over the 2A Paonia Eagles in Olathe.

The Eagles scored first in the game, with a run coming around on a wild pitch.

Paonia added another run in the top of the third, but Pagosa pulled ahead in the bottom of the inning, taking the lead for the remainder of the game.

In the bottom of the third, Pagosa brought around three runs, with one coming around on a double by Ryan Lewis.

Pagosa added another four runs in the fourth, and another three in the fifth.

The Eagles scored a run in the sixth and another in the seventh, but fell short, with the Pirates claiming the 10-4 win.

Pagosa's 10 runs came on nine hits, four walks and nine errors by the Eagles.

The Eagles' four runs came on six hits and three walks.

"We played a really good game. Eric Huddleston pitched great," Remlinger said.

Huddleston pitched a complete game for the Pirates, allowing four earned runs on six hits and three walks while striking out five.

The coach noted that anytime Paonia started to get something going offensively, Huddleston was able to shut it down.

Remlinger added that Pagosa played good defense in the game and, offensively, the players picked each other up, with good hitting being contagious.

The coach called it a "continuation of really good team play."

He added that the team did really well with base running in the game and took advantage of opportunities to steal bases.

Pagosa was led by PJ Bailey's 3-for-4 effort that included a triple, an RBI and two runs scored.

Lewis ended the day with two hits, an RBI and a two runs scored.

Tyler Bowdridge added a hit and three RBIs, and Wyatt Schuchart added a hit and two runs scored.

Taylor Cotts had a hit, walk, RBI and two runs scored.

Kyler Hammer recorded a hit, a walk and a run scored.

Will Villalobos also scored a run for the Pirates.

Bailey and Lewis each had two stolen bases in the game, while Alejandro Cardenas and Villalobos each had one.

"That's one of the things I'm probably really the most happy about is our bottom half of the lineup doesn't have a huge drop-off in my mind," Remlinger said.

The Eagles now hold a 5-3 record.

### Gunnison

Pagosa's win over Paonia pitted them against the 3A Gunnison Cowboys later that afternoon.

But, unfortunately for the Pirates, no runs came around in the game, and the Cowboys rode away with a 4-0 win.

Gunnison scored two in the bottom of the third and added another pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Those runs came on six hits, four walks and one Pagosa error.

"I felt like we played a good game," Remlinger said, noting that Pagosa didn't get the hits with people on base, but Gunnison was

able to do that. "I thought they played a really solid game and I would say as much as anything that we got beat on that day versus beating ourselves."

Remlinger noted that by the middle innings, it was apparent fatigue was a factor for the Pirates between the travel and multiple games.

"We spent a lot of mental energy on game one. It was an exciting game, and I think that definitely took a toll on us in game two," the coach said.

But, despite not bringing any runs around and the fatigue, Pagosa out-hit its opponent, notching eight hits in the game.

Three of those hits were by Bowdridge and another three were by Cotts. Bailey and Zach Haines each had one hit in the game.

Bailey pitched a complete game for the Pirates, allowing four runs (three earned) on six hits and four walks while striking out six.

"He did really well," Remlinger said.

The Cowboys are now 5-4 on the season.

### Glenwood Springs

The loss then put a short-handed Pirate team facing the 4A Glenwood Springs Demons in their final game of the tournament Saturday.

"We lost three of our key players who came home to go to prom," the coach explained, "and so that left us with a different lineup than we had fielded in the first two games. And then, having that situation, we were definitely weaker in a few positions and made a few mistakes early."

Remlinger explained that the Pirates knew Glenwood Springs would be a tough game no matter what being a bigger 4A school.

"They hit the ball really well,"

he said.

That game also turned out to be shorter than the others, with Glenwood putting up 22 runs in the first four innings: two in the first, three in the second, 12 in the third and four in the fifth.

Those runs came on 13 hits, seven walks and eight Pirate errors.

Pagosa notched two hits and two walks in the game.

Bowdridge and Hammer had the hits for Pagosa, while Huddleston and Cotts earned walks.

A quartet of Pirates took the mound in the game, combining to allow the 22 runs (11 earned) on 13 hits and seven walks while striking out four.

"Eric Huddleston actually caught that game for us and did a really, really good job for us," Remlinger said, explaining Huddleston hadn't caught a game in three or four years.

He even threw a runner out, the coach added.

"I couldn't ask any more of that kid right now," Remlinger said, explaining that Huddleston has stepped up to better himself and help his team.

The Demons now hold a 3-5 record.

### On deck

Saturday, the Pirates will open league play in Bayfield against the 4-7 Wolverines, with those games set for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Remlinger noted the Pirates are where they hoped to be entering league play this weekend, but are working to shore up weaknesses this week.

The coach added that he feels the team's top three pitchers — Huddleston, Bailey and Schuchart — are all "super competitive."

The Pirates, he said, "should be able to have every opportunity to win every game."

While acknowledging that it is hard to win both ends of a doubleheader, "In my perfect world, we win two games."

Then, on Tuesday, the Pirates will host their first home game against the 4A Durango Demons, who hold a 3-6 record.

That game is slated to begin at 3 p.m.

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# Trooper tips: Slow down, remove distractions

By Trooper Gary Cutler  
Special to The SUN

I've talked about the crashes over the 2018 holiday season which took nine lives in seven crashes over a 72-hour period. We've touched on the topic of mixing drinking, drugs and driving. Now, let's look at two of the most common ones we deal with every day: distracted driving and aggressive driving.

Driving a vehicle is an important endeavor. I think too often drivers become complacent with this task. Anytime a driver diverts their attention from watching the road or the surrounding area, there is a greater potential for disaster.

It comes down to a simple rule: There is no good time to be messing with your phone or anything else in the car when it's moving. That quick moment taken to tune the radio or grab the burger you just picked up at the drive-through is often just enough to miss something important.

At just 45 mph, you are traveling at approximately 66 feet per second. That goes up to 88 feet per second when traveling 60 mph. That is a large distance to be driving with the equivalency of having your eyes closed. Too often, we believe since nothing bad happened the last time, it won't happen this time. So, when things go as we expect them to, we are prone to becoming complacent. With complacency comes the possibility of dire consequences. This means watch the roads and the people around you at all times so we won't have crashes that were preventable.

Another reason for crashes, especially over the past holiday, is aggressive driving. I know when driving in my personal vehicle, I am often amazed to see a driver speeding past me, failing to signal and zipping in between cars trying to go somewhere in a hurry. At times, I've seen the drivers so close to the bumper of the car in front of them, it is only a matter of a soft brake

and the two may crash. The part that interests me the most about this, though, is I usually catch up to the person due to red lights or congested traffic, even though I'm going the speed limit and not speeding.

The amount of time gained from speeding or trying to pass other vehicles is usually minute at best. Don't gamble on the idea that you

won't hit someone. Ask anyone after they had a crash if they thought they were going to hit someone and they would say they didn't plan on that happening.

So, please, take away the distractions and slow your traveling to a safe speed with plenty of space between cars. A day without any crashes is a good day.

As always, safe travels.

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# Education

## Board grants charter school enrollment variance for 2019-20

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) was granted a 10 percent enrollment variance for the 2019-20 school year by the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) at the board's regular meeting on April 9.

PPOS School Director James Lewicki informed the board that PPOS's enrollment limit for next school year is 99 students.

For next school year, one in which PPOS will be adding sixth grade, Lewicki noted that kindergarten, first, second and sixth grade are full for next year.

"Again, they're just full and now we're starting to develop the waiting list," Lewicki said. "We encounter mobility in this area so we're not

resting on our laurels and we still want to see people come in."

Lewicki noted that he was requesting a continuance of the exact 10 percent variance that the BOE approved at a board meeting on June 12, 2018.

"As you recall, our cap this year was 90, then we allowed the 10 percent variance," Lewicki explained. "Our Oct. 1 count was 96. The most we could have gone up was 99."

The main reason for the variance itself is to give PPOS administrative flexibility, Lewicki described.

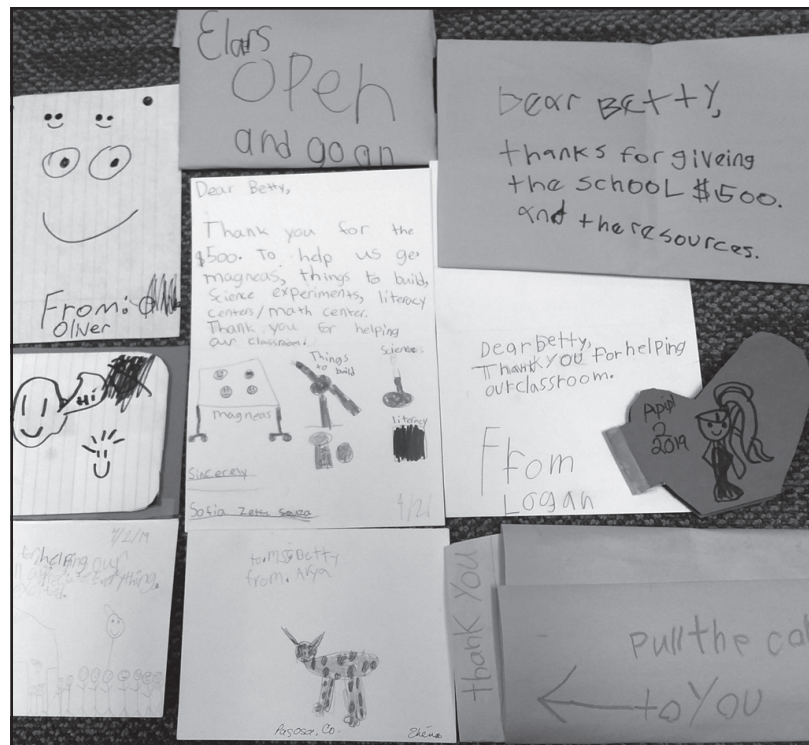
However, Lewicki noted that he was not in attendance of the meeting advocating for a removal of the caps on school and grade size laid out in the original contract between PPOS and ASD.

"So, this 10 percent variance is that specific request. Clearly, in the future if we want to look at lifting caps you'd just have to go back and would have to renegotiate," Lewicki said. "So, that is not what I'm asking for tonight. I'm simply asking for a continuation of the 10 percent variance that we had last year."

BOE member Bruce Dryburgh explained that he supported PPOS's proposal, but he suggested changing the enrollment cap for the 2019-20 school year to 115 students from 116 students.

The 10 percent variance works two ways, Lewicki explained, for both overall school enrollment and for individual class sizes.

The motion to grant PPOS a 10 percent enrollment variance for the 2019-20 school year with the enrollment cap of 115 students for that school year passed unanimously by the ASD board.



Photos courtesy Alison Beach

Pagosa Peak Open School students show appreciation for a \$500 grant received from the Community United Methodist Church Russ Hill Bazaar. The funds will be used to purchase art, math and science supplies for its second- and third-grade classes.

## Pagosa Springs Middle School third-quarter honor roll announced

By Anjelica Gallegos  
Special to The SUN

The following fifth-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 GPA: Raven Allen, Leah Blackman, Terriana Cage, Jacob Castaneda, Kylie Chavez, Viridiana Cortez-Pina, Milo Deitemeyer, Charity Domingo, Faith Domingo, Hope Domingo, Benjamin Dozier, Cristal Echavarría, Matthew Happ, Xavier Haynie, Ryann Heilhecker, Karina Hernandez, Alia Hibbert, Luke Kinsley, Hayden Peterson, Vander Quinn, Heidy Renteria, Natalie Talley, Aidan Vega, Brady Ziminsky and Zachery Zuchero.

The following fifth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Izabella Castillo, Jenna Jenkins, Adison Johnson, Parker Kohler, Kaila Limebrook, Case Matteson, Anja Nasralla and Johnathon Smith.

The following sixth-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Peyton Bishop, Aiden Brown, Gary Chandler, Kaylee Clark, Cody Cordova, Degan Feirn, Savannah Foster, Logan Frady, Izabell Gallagher, Naomi Grimes, Gavin Houston, Jessica Johnson, James Jolley, Nicholas Jones, Cadence Kerns, Olivia Nehring, Layla Novak, Cooper Ralston, Finn Ralston, Cameron Reis, Kierra Roberts, Kaeden Schrader, Karsyn Shahan, Gemma Slingerland, Payton Smith, Sofia Talamante, Lorelei Vining, Cascia Ward, Natalia Zamudio and Seth Zeigler.

The following sixth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Honestye Anderson, Jesse Beck, Rylie Carr, Elizabeth Currier, Isabel Galloway, Bella Gutierrez, Neena Gutierrez, Peyton Jackson, Kylie Ketchum, Olivia Mazur, Abigail Nehring, Alexander Pham, Aspen Pitcher, Emily Reynolds, Ariel Slead, Brandt Winther and Trevor Wirth.

The following seventh-grade students made honor roll with a 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Ethan Chavez-Skok, John Cloward, Evan Cusick, Donovan Galabota, Trey Garcia, Brooke Huddleston, Coral Johnson, Dennis Kholostov, Nathaniel Kinsley, Bradley Lamoreaux, Blake Laner, Patrick Matney, Aron Mitchell, Annie O'Donnell, Hadley Phillips, Marie Smith, Noah Stene, Jaden Tuggle-Reed and Colton Wilkins.

The following seventh-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Seth Aucoin, Karis Blackman, Jack Hittle, Colton Lewis, Kynsli Limebrook, Natalie Mashue, Jeidy Moreno, Lucy Taylor

and Anne-Marie Uhrenbacher.

The following eighth-grade students made honor roll with 3.5 to 3.99 cumulative GPA: Aaron Aucoin, Barbara Brown, Maya Cardenas, Beatrice Carpenter, Aniya Chavez, Kaylor Christians, Kaison Clifford, Gabriella Cota, Trent Connor, Braylon Cotts, Gunnison Dozier, Emma Gantt, Rachael Goudie, JoAnna Granados, Sofia Haymaker, Keigan Hughes, Triston Iguchi, River Johnson, Kali Jury, Jai Loveday, Ava Pargin, Jovanka Ponce De Leon, Alina Rice, Danielle Roberts, Audreauna Shahan, Noah Slingerland, Jackson Sweargin, Sorcha Sweeney, Mykah Van-Wormer, Samson Wiens, Carson Young-Martinez, Mateo Zamudio and Emma Ziminsky.

The following eighth-grade students made the A honor roll with a 4.0 GPA: Lynelle Bartz, Ethan Bergdolt, Andrew Bowles, Chantelle Caldwell, Karissa Foster, Jordan Heaton, Kaleb Johnson, Tucker Mashue, Reece Peterson, Jonathan Nasralla, Jordan Pham, Lily Pitts, Shayden Riggs, Hannah Rokensock, Skylar Sherman and Beatrice Yenez.



Photo courtesy Jane Parker

The Pagosa Springs High School speech and debate team celebrates Speech and Debate Education Day in March. The students spent the day in service to the middle school debaters as they taught them the art of debate.

## High school team celebrates National Speech and Debate Education Day

By Jane Parker  
Special to The SUN

National Speech and Debate Education Day is celebrated all across the country in the beginning of March to raise awareness of the benefits of speech and debate.

Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) speech and debate coach Kristin Morehouse held her team's second annual Speech and Debate Education Day at PSHS in March. The high school debate students spent the day in service to the middle school debaters as they taught them the art of debate.

This year, three middle school students joined the high school debaters at PSHS. The goal for the day was not only to introduce the middle school students to debate, but also to inspire all of those present to continue to dialogue about topics. The day was spent introducing skills learned in speech and debate, such as: constructing and presenting arguments, arguing different sides of an issue and practicing public speaking skills such as active listening.

The National Speech and Debate Association Big Question topic for 2018-2019 was "Humans are primarily driven by self-interest." Students presented arguments

and counterarguments in affirmation and negation of whether or not human actions are primarily driven by "selfish" motives. One of the main discussions centered around why people do things for other people and whether service to the whole is the same as being driven by self-interest.

"When students can communicate their ideas in a respectful exchange with others, then they are more equipped to advocate for themselves, their families and our community," said Morehouse.

The local PSHS Speech and Debate team is an Archuleta School District-sponsored team of 18 high school students. Their season goes from September through March and includes intramural as well as inter-school tournaments.

The day ended with an induction and awards ceremony. Nine PSHS students were sworn into the Pagosa Springs chapter of the National Speech and Debate Association Honor Society, which was founded in 1925. Every student took a vow to uphold the values represented in the five pillars of the honor society: service, integrity, respect, diversity and humility.

For more information or to get involved in speech and debate, contact kmorehouse@pagosa.k12.co.us.

## Girl Scouts to hold food drive

By Inez Winter  
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Springs Girl Scout troops No. 25075 and No. 26237 will be having an Easter food drive at City Market on Friday, April 12, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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# Charter school adds Simmons to board

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors gained a new member following its regular board meeting on April 1, approving Julie Simmons to join the board.

At the meeting, PPOS Board President Ursula Hudson informed Simmons that she would be filling former PPOS board member Clay Buchner's vacant seat.

Buchner resigned from the PPOS board on Jan. 14.

The motion to approve Simmons to the PPOS board carried unanimously.

In a follow-up interview, Simmons explained that she is hoping



Julie Simmons

to bring organizational building to the PPOS board.

"There's a lot of talent on that

board already. I think I'm more just enhancing, if anything," Simmons said. "I'm enthusiastic that our small rural community has so many choices for education and we need to really capitalize on that, I believe, and build them up instead of knocking them down."

A press release provided by PPOS details Simmons' background: "Julie has an extensive background in private business, government and nonprofit and an array of skills that will greatly benefit our board. She and her husband, Tony, own the very popular and successful Pagosa Brewing Company. At Pagosa Brewing Julie manages Human Resources, finances, organizational restructure design and

implementation, systems development as well as capital fundraising and construction."

Simmons' experience also includes working for "Colorado Housing and the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado where she acquired a varied skillset including grant writing and special event coordination."

The release lists her civic experience as: "Treasurer of Rollergirls in Pagosa, Vice President Seeds of Learning, member of the La Plata Electric Scholarship Committee, Treasurer of Archuleta County Housing Authority, and Vice President of the Archuleta County Victim Advocate Program."

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# Peart honored with Good Citizens Award

By Linda Hobbs  
Special to The SUN

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Sarah Platt Decker chapter presented Pagosa Springs High School student Madison Peart with the Good Citizens Award on April 8.

Regent Nancy Carter, along with local members of the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), proudly presented Peart with a DAR Good Citizen Award 2018-2019 for Archuleta and La Plata counties.

High school faculty members nominate up to three senior-class students. The nominees must demonstrate the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in school and community activities; write a timed and proctored essay; and submit letters of recommendation.

Members of the DAR reviewed each nominee and selected Peart as this year's local Good Citizen. She was presented with a certificate, pin, book and



Madison Peart

monetary award. This highly recognized award should be part of her permanent resume for she has demonstrated well the qualities of good citizenship.

The DAR is open to membership of any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution.

# Rankin tests substitute teaching license process

Are we really in need of more teachers? The answer seems to be somewhere between "yes and no."

There are more full-time specialty teachers needed in specific areas like reading coaches, social/emotional learning, director of culture, behavior counselors, STEM, etc. However, there are so many teachers "titles" it might be worth your time to browse the list and see what type of teachers and credentials are available. Who knows? You might find an interesting part-time job.

Last month, when Denver teachers went on strike, advertisements for substitute teachers reported paying \$200/day, double the amount normally paid to substitutes.

If we're in such need of teachers/substitute teachers across the state, what might it take to entice retired or unemployed professionals to apply for part-time work as a substitute teacher? If you have any interest in this area, you can get all the information you need on the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) website. Curiosity got the better of me, so I accessed the CDE site and applied for a substitute teaching credential.

Here's what I discovered. If you already have a college degree, you can apply directly for a substitute teaching license. There are a variety of licenses and authorizations.

Applications range from teacher, substitute teacher, career and technical education authorization and initial authorization for adult education, along with 53 additional titles. Each application has an automatic link to a checklist of requirements.

Every checklist requires you to include fingerprints from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Unusual as it may seem if you are in Denver and near the Capitol, this is the easiest part of the entire application. I Googled CBI and found an office two blocks from the capitol. There was a list of appointment times 20 minutes apart with many available throughout the day. I set up an appointment in the next 30 minutes, filled out the online form, printed it and walked over

to the office. Within 10 minutes, my fingerprints were electronically taken, no ink pad or mess, and sent off to CDE. Many local government entities in Colorado can also fingerprint.

You must have a valid government ID. A driver's license or passport is acceptable, although there are other suitable options listed. Then, obtain documentation of any issues related to licensure or employment in the past or criminal or disciplinary actions, if applicable.

Once you have completed these steps, you're ready to register into the "eLicensing" system. This is a one-time process and all your requirements and scanned documents will be kept in your account for easy access. As soon as this initial registration is complete, you can finish your checklist and upload any scanned document requirements at your convenience. When I first accessed my "eLicense" account, I could see where the CBI had already sent in my fingerprints. I was then able to upload a scanned copy of my driver's license, college transcripts (these took a few days to receive) and any other necessary documentation. The site even explains how to scan documents if you're not familiar with the process.

It doesn't cost anything to access the site and certification requirements, and you may be surprised to find out you can work at your convenience and help your local school district as a substitute teacher. By my calculations, the cost of obtaining the license will be paid by approximately two days of substitute teaching.

So, here's the catch. Your application can take up to six weeks to process. But, wait, didn't I do everything electronically? I'll let you know when my certificate arrives or if I was rejected for incorrectly filling out the forms.



Joyce Rankin  
State Board of Education

# School board approves agreement for new career and technical education building

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Archuleta School District (ASD) and Build Pagosa Inc. that pertains to the construction of a new career and technical education (CTE) building was approved by the ASD Board of Education at its regular meeting on April 9.

The MOU outlines understandings and responsibilities that pertain to the construction of a new CTE building.

The MOU was crafted with the Build Pagosa board as well as ASD's legal counsel, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed noted.

"This has been thoroughly vetted by our legal counsel," Reed said. "I think this is a great first step."

Within the MOU, it notes that a CTE advisory committee will need to be established.

Pagosa Springs High School Principal Sean O'Donnell explained that this provision within the MOU is required.

"In order to get CTE program approval from the CTE board you have to have a local board that oversees your CTE program," he explained.

All of the CTE programs that have been approved within ASD have an accompanying CTE board, O'Donnell added later.

"I think this is a great first step and I'm excited about this program," BOE President Greg Schick said.

Within the MOU, some of the mutual responsibilities of both ASD and Build Pagosa include, but are not limited to, the following:

- "To jointly schedule and attend meetings at regular agreed-upon intervals for planning and monitoring all phases of the Project."

■ See Building A18

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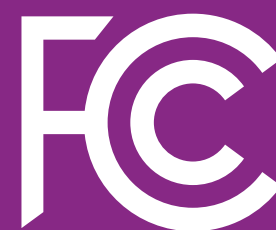
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# Colorado Environmental Film Festival

Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13



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A data probe is placed in the water by members of Oceans Observations Initiative (OOI), a National Science Foundation-funded program. The OOI research efforts collect information so that future generations can make data-based decisions about caring for our oceans. "Offshore," an OOI short film, will be shown at 12:30 p.m. at the Liberty Theatre this Saturday. Tickets are available at <http://www.pagosagreen.org/filmfestival>.

## GGP's water-themed Environmental Film Fest this weekend

By Sally High  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) invites the Pagosa Springs community to the seventh Environmental Film Festival this weekend, Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13. You are encouraged to

support the GGP's ongoing educational projects and Riverwalk park by attending.

The Springs Resort Atrium Room is the site of the Premiere Gala on Friday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. Wristbands issued Friday evening allow GGP members access to all films both days. Friday night attendees

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### Live Performers

**Saturday**  
**Coyote Moon:** Karaoke with Lisa Saunders, 9 p.m.  
 Boys, 5:30 p.m.  
**Pagosa Brewing Company:** Steve Blechschmidt, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
**Pagosa Brewing Company:** Open Mic hosted by Emily Tholberg, 6 p.m.

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## GGP

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enjoy a catered stand-up dinner with a beverage, exclusive viewing of two films and a 2019 GGP membership.

Abby Burk, Audubon Rockies Western River project director, will introduce “Ranching in the New Normal,” a short film that features our local Hershey Ranch. A National Geographic production, “Glen Canyon Revisited,” by Durango native Taylor Graham, will also be shown and discussed. Tickets are \$25 for current GGP members and \$50 for new members.

The Liberty Theatre will host the GGP’s seventh Colorado Environmental Film Festival Caravan on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The film lineup contains first-run and classic award-winning films about water. Visit [www.pagosagreen.org/filmfestival](http://www.pagosagreen.org/filmfestival) for a full schedule and tickets. Tickets are \$10 for GGP members and \$15 for nonmembers.

All GGP film enthusiasts will gather at Mountain Pizza after Saturday’s Film Fest Caravan. Water experts and water consumers ask and answer questions and share opinions about the big decisions being made around our local water resources.

Proceeds from the film fest benefit the GGP’s educational programming. This spring, the GGP is engaged in numerous community

projects worth supporting:

- School classes are completing growing goals in the Education Dome. Some are transitioning to summer transplanting.

- Volunteers are starting perennial ornamentals for transplanting into GGP’s landscaping in the Rotary Garden and the Riverwalk.

- Volunteers are growing vegetables and herbs for community, including Pagosa’s Farmers Market.

- The GGP’s environmental educators are producing a youth water summit for sixth-graders. High school mentors join Al Pfister, Keith Bruno and Sally High to teach about our San Juan Watershed.

- The GGP and Youth Rise high school students are planning a San Juan River cleanup, birding with Audubon, replenishing the GGP’s pollinator hotels and making Monarch/milkweed seed balls.

- The GGP park is once again a destination for the sixth-grade Renewable Energy Fair.

- The Community Garden Dome is open to gardening groups.

- The interior of GGP’s Innovation Dome is being finished.

Support the GGP by participating in our water-themed film fest and discussions. Visit <http://www.pagosagreen.org/filmfestival> for Friday night and Saturday tickets. Tickets are also available at the door.

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This year's Pagosa Stars are excited to strap on their dancing shoes this summer for Seeds of Learning's Dancing with the Pagosa Stars. In the back row from left to right are Steve Potter, Mike Le Roux and Jason Cox. In the front row are Laura Moore, Evelyn Tennyson and Nicki Smith. Not pictured are Chris Hopkins and Annita Bens.

## The men of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

By Tess Wisher  
Special to The PREVIEW

The stars of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars are getting ready to strap on their dancing shoes and prepare for their night on the dance floor. They will be matched with a talented coach who will lead them through this performance of a lifetime to support Seeds of Learning. Four of these fabulous stars are Jason Cox, Chris Hopkins, Mike LeRoux and Steve Potter.

Cox moved to Pagosa Springs in 2008. In 2013, he left behind a stable life and salary working from home as a software engineer to enter the rough-and-tumble brewpub industry as a co-founder of a local brewery.

While not much of a dancer beyond the two-step and a crude interpretation of the Running Man, Cox wants to dance in support of Seeds of Learning to help sustain and further the amazing model the school has established in Pagosa Springs. He is constantly amazed at the quality of education the Seeds of Learning school provides the pre-K children of Archuleta County. Cox believes that early childhood

education forms a critical foundation for extended later life success.

After a 32-year career as a petroleum engineer with Chevron and Schlumberger, Hopkins and his wife, Kim, retired and moved to Pagosa Springs a little more than two years ago. When the Hopkins family first moved to Pagosa, they got involved in supporting Seeds of Learning because of the importance of early childhood education to the community and the outstanding service that Lynne Bridges and Seeds provides in particular. Because of this, Hopkins is truly honored to be dancing for this great cause.

South African born, Mike Le Roux and his wife, Kirsten, moved from Australia to Pagosa Springs in 2013. He is currently the director of emergency operations for the county and has a background as both a civil engineer and a professional ultra endurance athlete. The highlight of his career was winning the Ultraman Triathlon World Championship in 2010, which gave him the opportunity to move to the USA as a permanent resident.

Le Roux believes that supporting Seeds of Learning and quality

early childhood education is in everyone's best interests.

As Le Roux said, "It's an investment in our future to teach them to be good humans!"

Potter and his wife, Anja, own a local sound and security company. The couple enjoys traveling in their RV, boating, visiting mountain towns and Florida beaches, cooking, cycling and fishing. Seeds has been a customer for years. Steve and Anja feel Lynne Bridges and

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# Bandorama 2019 set for Saturday

By Larry Baisdon  
Special to The PREVIEW

The 2019 Bandorama concert is right around the corner. This is the concert that features the Pagosa Springs sixth-grade

## Dancing

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her staff operate a first-class early childhood education program that benefits everyone in our community. It is an honor for Potter to step out of his comfort zone and participate with this year's program.

These four male Stars will be joined with four female stars to compete for the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy. Next week, we will highlight the amazing women.

You can now go to the Seed's website at <http://growingseeds.org/dwtps-stars/> to learn more about all of the Stars and their coaches and vote for your favorites. Each \$1 vote moves a star closer to winning the fabulous trophy and bragging rights for the next year. But, more importantly, all the proceeds go to sustaining Seeds of Learning, where preschoolers are expertly prepared for school and for life.

This year, we have tickets available at \$125 which includes a buffet dinner, a complimentary wine glass, a fabulous show and open dancing to Lisa Saunders DJ entertainment. Ticket sales will open to the public at 9 a.m. on May 10. Watch our website and Facebook page for specific instructions on ticket purchase.

band, the seventh-grade band, the eighth-grade band, the high school concert band, the high school jazz band and the Pagosa Springs Community Band.

The finale of the concert will be a combined piece featuring all the bands.

The concert is sponsored by the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society, the parent organization of the Community Band, and orga-

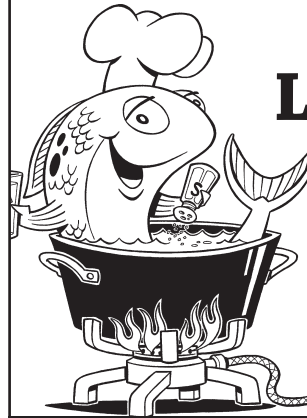
nizers of several concerts throughout the year in Pagosa Springs.

The concert is to be on Saturday evening, April 13, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. There is no charge for the concert, but donations are gratefully accepted.

If you or anyone in your family enjoys band music or is interested in playing in a band, this program is definitely for you.

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# ‘Tarzan’ auditions this Friday

By Dale Johnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is gearing up for its auditions this week for its summer blockbuster, “Tarzan the Musical.”

CUP is the support and mentoring organization for performing arts in the schools and has been producing shows in our community for 30 years.

Consider auditioning for “Tarzan.” Dale Johnson is directing,

producing and choreographing, and Dale Scrivener is the music director. We are so excited. It is a great show.

The show will run the first two weekends in July. Rehearsals begin April 15. We are always able to work with conflicts and schedule challenges, as long as they are reasonable and allow our cast to move forward in rehearsals.

Auditions are this Friday, April 12, in the Pagosa Springs High School music room from 2 to 8 p.m.

“Tarzan” dance step will be taught at auditions. Please prepare one verse of a Broadway tune and bring your sheet music; an accompanist will be provided. We will also character read from the script.

“Tarzan” is all about the apes. We need apes of all ages, from 10 years old and up, and varying experience levels. The apes are the main characters to be cast; they tell the story. We are also casting several human characters. Join our CUP/“Tarzan” family this summer.

# Gary Morris concert to benefit Feed Our Children Backpack Program

By JoAnn Laird  
Special to The PREVIEW

The winding road from winning a Texas third-grade talent contest to Pagosa Springs has been an interesting journey for Gary Morris.

A few of Morris’ stops along the way included finding musical success in Nashville; starring on Broadway; performing a command performance for the queen of England; recording duets with Lynn Anderson, Crystal Gayle and Linda Ronstadt; being inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Colorado

Country Music Hall of Fame; recording countless top-10 hits; performing at the White House; winning Billboard’s Male Artist of the Year; and, wait for it, employing Faith Hill as his secretary. Interesting to say the least.

A rare opportunity will be presented on April 20 at 7 p.m. to not only attend a special evening with one of country music’s best-known icons, but also help families in our community that need us. Rotary and Morris are committed to never having a hungry child in our community and are donating their time and talent to make a difference. All

proceeds will benefit the Rotary Feed Our Children Backpack Program. This benefit concert will not only be a special musical evening, but your chance to also make a difference.

Tickets are available downtown at the Chamber of Commerce and uptown location of the Choke Cherry Tree. Or ask any friendly Rotarian. Preconcert ticket prices are \$45. Waiting to get your tickets at the door will cost you \$50.

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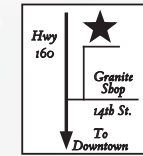
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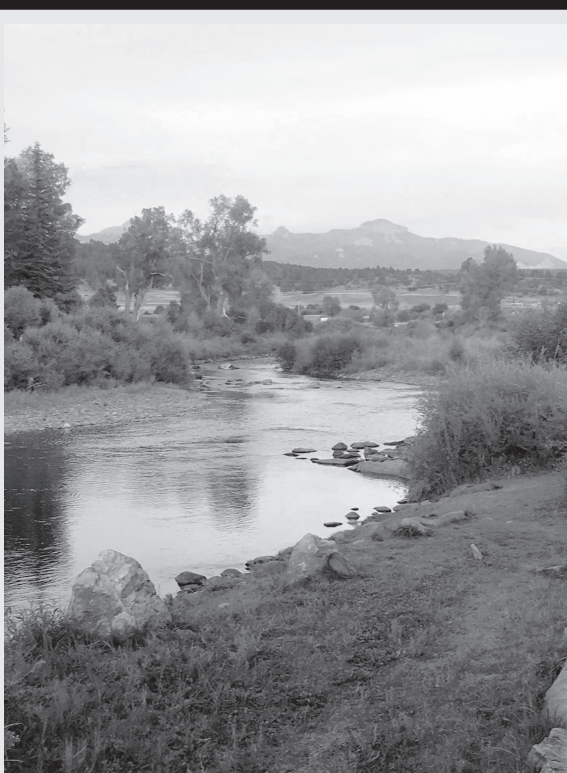
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# Pagosa Earth Community will study dirt in honor of Earth Day

By Joan Mieritz  
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Springs will celebrate Earth Week from Monday, April 22, (Earth Day 2019) to April 28, with a finale on Saturday of a day of events at PLPOA.

The Pagosa Earth Community will be doing a pre-Earth Week activity by having two discussions of the YES Magazine spring issue on dirt on Tuesday, April 16. The first discussion will be from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Another discussion, especially to include working people, will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Both will be in the Ruby Sisson Library's large meeting room. Coffee, teas and a treat will be served.

"Somewhere in time, humans' natural relationship to soil became broken. This issue of YES Magazine explores how communities are reconnecting to the earth and fixing the damage, turning lifeless dirt into fertile soil. By returning to a culture that loves its soil, we can grow healthy food and make

it available to everyone. In turn, healthy soils will heal our bodies and the planet. It's time to get dirty," a preview for the issue states. You may get an idea that will change your life.

Pagosa has an amazing head start with our growing domes beside the San Juan River. This issue may help us take our growing to the next level. We will have extra copies of this amazing magazine for sale and free copies of other issues, while they last. We hope to see you.

# Proclamation supports 9Health Fair on April 27

By Constance d'Angelis  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Town Council voted unanimously on April 2 to authorize Mayor Don Volger to sign a proclamation in support of the 9Health Fair on April 27, with the document attested to by Town Clerk April Hessman.

It says, "... we encourage citizens to attend to receive vital health screenings and information so that they can have healthier,

longer and happier lives."

The 9Health Fair, a Colorado-based organization headquartered in Denver, is taking notice. The CEO and president, Gary Drews, is authorizing this proclamation document to be spread through the 9Health Fair organization.

How about that? We volunteers who have been planning, coordinating and working hard to bring the April 27 health fair event into being feel quite proud of the commendation and acknowledgment.

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■ See 9Health on next page

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# National Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Be a part of the solution

By Ashley Wilson  
Special to The PREVIEW

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and provides an opportunity to highlight year-round efforts to aid those affected by sexual violence and work to prevent future sexual assaults.

Through local and national campaigns, Sexual Assault Awareness Month highlights sexual violence as an issue that together we can face and make a difference.

Did you know that you probably talked to someone today who has been a victim of sexual assault? Maybe it was a family member, a friend or a cashier at a convenience store. If not today, then at some point in your life, you've met someone that has dealt with the pain, the emotional distress and countless other long-term effects of sexual abuse. You might not know this about them; they might not ever tell you. But we know that one in three women and one in six men in Colorado have experienced sexually violent crimes in their lifetime.

Join Rise Above Violence in raising public awareness about sexual violence and educating others on how to prevent it. By working together, we can highlight sexual violence as a major public health issue and reinforce the need for prevention efforts.

Watch for articles published throughout the month and public awareness campaigns to make ev-

eryone in Archuleta County more aware of the issues surrounding sexual assault.

Rise provides a local 24-hour confidential and anonymous hotline that individuals can call to report sexual assault or ask questions about a relationship. The hotline number is 264-9075. Rise wants Pagosans to remember that consensual sex means your partner clearly said yes — not “maybe” and certainly not nothing. It isn't part of a “game” if your partner says “no.” That means you don't have consent. If a person is too intoxicated to consent, then there is no consent. Healthy sex is all about the “yes.”

Join Rise this month for several awareness activities:

- Saturday, April 13, join students for a mental health awareness walk, starting in Town Park and ending at the high school. Rise will have a table with information, so stop by and see all that is going on and how you can be involved in ending violence in our community.

- Wednesday, April 24, unite in support of survivors of sexual assault and “Take a Walk in Her Jeans.” Rise sponsors this annual Denim Day event to promote sexual assault awareness — a day when we wear jeans as a visible means of support against misconceptions that surround sexual assault. Ask your employer if your company will support Denim Day by allowing you to pay \$5 to wear jeans to work

and joining us at noon at the Bell Tower downtown for a walk around downtown to show your support in ending the violence. All proceeds will support Rise.

- Friday, April 26, is the annual Push-Up Challenge fundraiser where teams get pledges to do as many push-ups as possible in 30 minutes. The team that raises the most funds and does the most push-ups combined gets ultimate bragging rights. Funds all support local services for victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Are you up for the challenge?

This April, make the commitment to be part of the solution and help end sexual assault and sexual abuse in our community. Rise is a nonprofit organization that promotes the belief that all people have the right to live free from violence. Rise provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving over 350 victims each year.

Rise also works to eliminate violence through education for youth and our community. All programs and services are free and confidential, including emergency prevention education and empowerment programs. Visit [www.riseaboveviolence.org](http://www.riseaboveviolence.org) for more information or call 264-9075 to talk to an advocate today. Or, if you want to be part of the team to help those in our back yards, volunteers for advocacy are always needed and welcomed.



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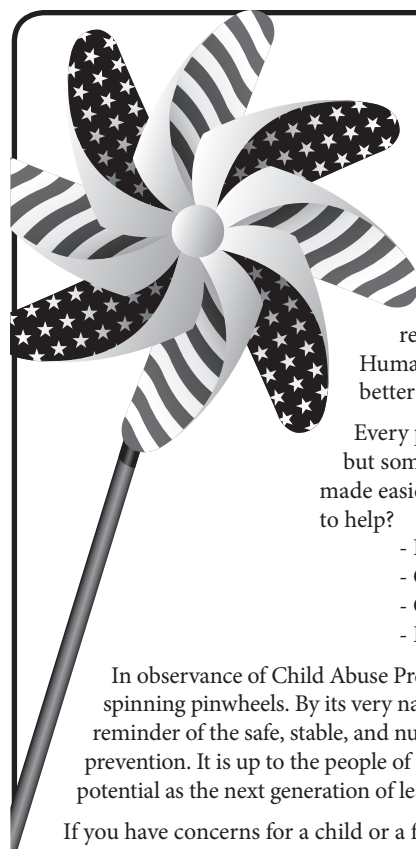
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## Archuleta County's Recognition of April Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Every parent wants to provide and nurture their child in a positive, healthy environment, but sometimes parents need a little support along the way. Parenting is hard but it can be made easier when families have access to services and a network to lean on. What can you do to help?

- Invite a neighborhood family to your home for dinner
- Offer to babysit so parents can get a little break
- Organize a community function so families can build supportive networks
- Be a listening ear for a neighbor who is struggling

In observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month you see the lawn of Pagosa Springs Town Park covered in bright blue spinning pinwheels. By its very nature, the pinwheel connotes whimsy and childlike notions - it has come to serve as a reminder of the safe, stable, and nurturing childhoods we want for all children. It is the national symbol for child abuse prevention. It is up to the people of this community to ensure that Archuleta County's children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of our communities, state, and nation.

If you have concerns for a child or a family please report to the Colorado State Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline at 1-844-CO-4-KIDS (264-5437). To learn about more resources in our community, visit the Archuleta County Department of Human Services Facebook page @DHSArchuletaCounty, or call us at (970) 264-2182, or visit us at our location, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

# Borrowed beauty: seeing beyond the surface

By **Betty Slade**  
PREVIEW Columnist

I told my Sweet Al that I had an idea for my next article. It starts out, “She is covered with cracks and craters. Dark and light spots outline her imperfections which accentuate the scars on her face. She has no known beauty except that which is borrowed.”

He sat up and asked if I was talking about someone he knew in high school. He recalled a friend’s girlfriend who some said wasn’t attractive. His friend had a deep love for her which gave her a unique glow.

“Why would anyone say she wasn’t beautiful? She has so much going for her. Why are we so programmed to look at each other on the surface?” His friend certainly didn’t see anything other than a true beauty.

“Al, get a grip! I was talking about the moon.” Oddly enough, his flashback and my stargazing proved we were actually on the same page.

Ever stop and think about how we see one another, or even how we view ourselves? We shudder to find that we have a blemish just before we enter an important meeting. A bad hair morning can ruin an entire day. Forget flipping through any current magazine. Not a one of us dresses right or has the right body structure. How did we become so shallow?

In fairness, one look in the mirror and we see that life has taken its toll on all of us. A best day is always followed by one not so great. Actions from our youth bring about scars and deep lines as we age. Even the fadeless beauty knows internal pains that prove none of us are exempt from life.

Like many of life’s lessons, there is a great deal that we can learn from nature. Take the moon, for instance. It is known for its many

## Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



*If we could see it up close and personal, we would probably judge it for its absence of pristine and lush landscaping.*

dormant volcanoes that once produced layers of lava. Its surface is a composite of highlands, deep caverns and wide trenches. If we could see it up close and personal, we would probably judge it for its absence of pristine and lush landscaping.

That was not the case just a couple of weeks ago. We were

recently treated to a spectacular view of the last full moon of winter. I didn’t see it as a desolate lunar wasteland pitted by meteor strikes, but as a beautiful beacon that lit up the heavens. A light not generated by itself, but a reflection of borrowed light from the sun.

I marveled at the grandeur as I contemplated my own shallowness. How many times have I looked at someone on the surface, instead of seeing them in a more glowing light. It makes me wonder how many times I have been viewed for solely who I see in the mirror, instead of the light that I could be to others?

Final brushstroke: We can see ourselves or even others as flawed or riddled with imperfections. But, there is something far more important. Ephesians 5:8 states, “For you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light.” Only when the moon reflects the sun do we see it in all its splendor. Likewise, it is only when we turn to the face of God that we are seen as radiant children of light.

### Readers’ comments

“Betty: Your March 28, 2019 column was beautiful and moving. Oh, that more married couples could write the same. Thank you. TS”

“Dear Betty ... oh how your words and heart touched mine this morn! ... I always enjoy your writing, but this brought tears to my eyes and recognition to my soul ... bless you for your honesty and compassion ... big hugs to you and your precious Al. SJ, fellow Pagosa artist, summers now.”

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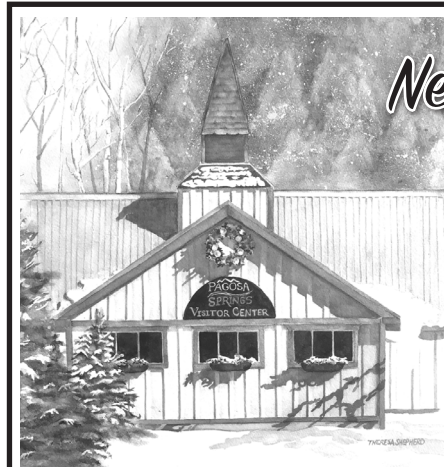
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# Folk 'N Bluegrass to feature returners FY5 and Bonnie and the Clydes

By Crista Munro  
Special to The PREVIEW

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

This year's lineup features the top names in folk, bluegrass and Americana music, including legendary bluegrass supergroup The Del McCoury Band and the 2019 Best Bluegrass Album Grammy winner, The Travelin' McCourys. Also on the lineup are Sierra Hull, Sam Reid and the Human Hands, Kate Lee and Forrest O'Connor, Dead Horses, Old Salt Union, Circus No. 9, Fireside Collective, Halden Wofford and the Hi\*Beams, Sugar and the Mint, and this week's featured bands: FY5, and Bonnie and the Clydes.

## FY5

Colorado's FY5 proudly swims in the deep currents of American music, playing new songs that are well-informed of country and bluegrass traditions, but not bound to them. Featuring thoughtful arrangements, strong singing and musicianship, the band strives to connect to listeners with stories of common struggles and big ideas. While their sound evokes timelessness, it is decidedly contemporary, well-traveled 21st century sensibility that informs their songwriting.

As they share the stories that drive the songs, FY5's show leaves listeners certainly with tapping toes, but ranging thoughts as well. FY5 released their fourth full-length album in early 2018, "The Way These Things Go." The record features their trademark story songs, clever arrangements and catchy hooks. The band was selected as an official showcase artist for the 2017 International Bluegrass Music Association conference, including a songwriter showcase with Mike Finders.

"The straight-forwardness with which FY5 delivers bluegrass on the album is complimented delicately with large sprinkles of honky-tonk steel and glorious folk harmonies; all layered with a coating of thick, rich lyrical delivery and songwriting," says Charlie Englar of Scene Magazine.

FY5's performances on Reservoir Hill feel like a homecoming of sorts; as instructors and host band of the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass Jam Camp, the ensemble has played FolkWest's events for the past 12 years straight, previously under the name Finnders and Youngberg. You can catch them this year on the festival main stage on June 8 at 11:30 a.m. and June 9 at 12:15 p.m.

## Bonnie and the Clydes

Bonnie and the Clydes are one of Colorado's foremost Front Range



Photo courtesy FolkWest

**FY5 will appear atop Reservoir Hill this summer — something the band has done for the last 12 years. This time, you can see them on the main stage of the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival on June 8 and 9.**

bands, pioneering their unique sound of Rocky Mountain country soul. Fronted by the fiery Bonnie Sims, this band has been making waves with powerful and memorable live performances for the past nine years.

Joined by her husband Taylor Sims on electric guitar (Spring Creek, Great American Taxi), Glenn Taylor on pedal steel (Slim Cessna's Auto Club, Monkey Siren), Todd Moore on the drums (Leslie Tom, Slim Cessna's Auto Club) and Ben Wilson on bass guitar (Country Mile), Bonnie and the Clydes were awarded Best Country Band in 2013 and 2014 in the Denver Westword's Yearly "Best Of" poll. Their latest album, "Dear Somebody," was also awarded People's Choice and Best Country Album for the 2016 Colorado Playlist.

The band maintains a full calendar of concerts, teaching and speaking engagements, touring

stateside and overseas. Bonnie and the Clydes has independently released four studio albums: a self-titled debut, "Wrong Side Up," "Music For the People: Part 1" and the latest release, "Dear Somebody." Their fifth studio release is anticipated for summer 2019.

Seeing Bonnie and the Clydes' live show is what sets them apart. The energy and connection that the band facilitates with the audience is irresistible, and first timers become lifelong fans in a single night. From intimate house concerts to festival stages, Bonnie and the Clydes are building a grassroots movement with their original Rocky Mountain country soul.

The band returns to Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass in 2019 as instructors (Bonnie and Taylor Sims will teach students at the Junior Jam Camp June 4-6) and performers, with at main stage set on June 7 at 4 p.m.

■ See Festival on next page



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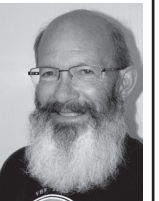
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## Festival

### continued from previous page More information

Discounted early bird tickets to the festival are on sale through Friday, April 12. Children 12 and under do not require a ticket for admission when accompanied by an adult. Volunteer applications are currently being accepted; work two four-hour shifts to earn complimentary three-day festival admission. It's a great way to meet

people and have fun. Information about tickets, volunteering, festival schedules and performers can be found at [www.folkwest.com/folkbluegrass](http://www.folkwest.com/folkbluegrass). Tickets can also be ordered by phone at (877) 472-4672.

Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass is supported in part with matching funds from Colorado Creative Industries, a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade.

## Tickets available for April 27 Cattlemen's banquet

By Barbara Jefferies  
Special to The SUN

The 2019 La Plata-Archuleta Cattlemen's Banquet and Dance will be held on April 27 at the Sky Ute Event Center in Ignacio, Colo. The Social Hour begins at 6

p.m., the prime rib buffet at 7 p.m. and you can end the evening dancing to the music of the popular western band, the Vanishing Breed.

Banquet tickets are available at Basin Co-Op, Wells Fargo Bank-Ignacio and Bank of Colorado in Pagosa Springs. Tickets are \$45.

## New history discussion group forming

By Jim Van Liere  
Special to The PREVIEW

Are you interested in reading and talking about history with others? If so, please join us and bring your ideas and experiences as we start a history discussion group at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center on April 17 at 1 p.m.

The discussions will cover many historical subjects based on the preferences of the group. So, plan on setting time aside to attend this initial meeting and ask your friends to join you who might also be interested.

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**Maundy Thursday Service**  
April 18, 7:00 PM

**Good Friday  
Meditation Service**  
April 19, 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**Easter Sunday Services**  
April 21, 8:15 AM and 11:00 AM  
Pine Ridge Services at 2 PM

**Community United  
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Photo courtesy Lisa Scott

Local Pi Beta Phi alumnae gathered April 3 for a luncheon at the home of Lisa Scott to celebrate their Golden Arrows, women who have been members of the sorority for 50 years or more, and to say farewell to Ann Norris, who is moving to North Carolina. Front row, left to right: Maribeth Hill, Lisa Scott and Melissa McDonald; second row, left to right: Paula Tennant, Ann Norris and Carole Howard; third row, left to right: Penny Hart and Marilyn Chipps; top row: Constance Clark and Carolyn Edlund.

## Mountain High Gardeners' Spring Expo Saturday

By Alice Keil  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Mountain High Gardeners will welcome spring this Saturday, April 13, with the annual Spring Expo. The event will take place from 10 a.m. until noon in the Extension building at the fairgrounds.

Vendors and service providers from Pagosa Springs and the surrounding areas will be there to show their goods and share their knowledge. This year, several vendors have volunteered to give short talks on various aspects of gardening in their area of expertise and have contributed prizes for drawings that will take place every

15 minutes.

Of course, our local gardening guru, Ron Chacey, will be there to answer your gardening questions, as is traditional. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. It will be possible to join/renew membership at this meeting.

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# Veterans for Veterans kicking off yard sale season with April 20 event

By Thomas Audetat and Charlotte Jones  
Special to The PREVIEW

Guess who is kicking off the yard sale season in Pagosa Springs. It's the Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County (Vets4Vets). We are commencing the season on April 20 with our semi-annual parking lot sale at the Walmart store on U.S. 160 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (The rain date will be one week later on April 27.)

Our purpose is to raise funds for the general account to help

more than 100 veterans as we did last year. In our eighth year of existence, it is more important than ever to assist veterans in every way possible. These donations are used to help offset the cost of administering the Veterans Assistance Grant, for which we were given \$75,000 for fiscal year 2018/2019.

The general account is used to provide mental health, dental health, assistance with housing, utility bills and other assistance as needed for veterans of Archuleta and other Southwest Colo-

rado counties. In partnership with Volunteers of America, Disabled American Veterans and the veterans service offices of southwest Colorado and other nonprofit organizations, Vets4Vets is attuned to the needs of the homeless and at-risk homeless veterans of this area.

Another worthy cause which has been spearheaded by the Vets4Vets is the annual toy drive for Toys for Tots.

Any donation of cash or yard sale items will be recognized by a tax-deductible receipt due to Vets4Vets being a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Our donations so far include file cabinets, desks, beds, furniture, household items, rugs and art objects. Donations from the general public are gladly accepted.

Please do not bring electronics or large appliances to the sale as huge disposal costs are incurred for items that do not sell.

Don't forget the Memorial Day golf tournament to be held on May 25 and the Operation Veteran Re-Connect on July 26.

# New Thought Center to discuss the fifth agreement: Listen and look for truth

By Lisa Burnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

"Be authentic. Be joy. Be love. Be yourself: That's the main point. That's wisdom." — Don Miguel Ruiz.

All our welcome to join New Thought Center (NTC, formerly Pagosa Community of New Thought) on Sunday, April 14, at 10:30 a.m. for our presentation, "The Fifth Agreement: Listen, but be Skeptical." Our guest speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure.

The messages people receive are a mixture of all that we assume is truth. When we listen, we understand the story — ours and the other person's. When we examine what is or is not truth, we reveal our true selves and we share our mission.

We will have spirited live music.

## Meditation and healing circle

NTC holds Meditation and Heal-

ing Circle each Wednesday at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Instruction is provided for beginners.

NTC is a New Thought center based on fostering living a spiritually centered life and promoting the philosophies of the Centers for Spiritual Living and the Agape Centers.

We welcome local talent to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Have a hand in making a difference. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

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

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# Centerpoint Church to celebrate new beginnings with 'He's Alive' April 20 and 21

By Jon Duncan  
Special to The PREVIEW

Our beautiful winter is drawing to a close. Spring is hinting that it will be even more beautiful, and summer is boasting of fast water and wildflowers and green mountains and breathtaking scenery. It's a great time to be alive.

This season of Easter also promises to be one of wonder and promise — do you ever think of Easter this way? A time for new beginnings? A time of starting over? A time of coming out of the cold darkness of winter into the warm sunshine of spring? It is often portrayed that way, and yet the meaning is lost on so many.

The season of Easter is not primarily a physical season; it is not just a day on the calendar. Easter is a spiritual season, a time when mankind stops to gauge the spiritual condition of his heart. The Easter season is often the time when families venture into church for one of the many special services and celebrations. It is a time of remembering past blessings, past promises, past answers to prayer. It is even sometimes a season when families recommit to get connected to their church, attend regularly and serve heartily. A time for new beginnings. What is this new beginning based on? The resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is the story of Easter in a nutshell.

Jesus was born of a virgin, He lived a sinless life, He died a cruel death on the cross at the hands of angry men, He was placed in a tomb and, three days later, He was resurrected for the world to see.

He appeared to His disciples many times, to individuals on separate occasions and finally to over 500 people at one time. The evidence is overwhelming, the witnesses too many to refute — and yet there are so many who believe the whole story is a sham, a lie, a political best-seller presented for money and power. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion and most everyone has come to some conclusion about the question of Jesus — was He real, did He really die, did He really come back to life, and does all this really matter? Does it really affect me?

It is so easy to put off answering that last question when life is so busy and there are so many things screaming for your time and attention. The scary truth, however, is that not only is everyone entitled to their own opinion, everyone will spend eternity somewhere as a result of that opinion. So, the more important question might be, "Have you done much research on the person of Jesus, the historical record of His life, the historical accuracy of His death and resurrection?"

May I encourage you to read the Gospel of John from the Bible? It is an easy read — very straightforward and well-organized, presenting Jesus as He offers Himself to the different geographical areas of Israel and their responses to His message, then ending with His execution and resurrection. It is filled with interactions between Jesus and real people struggling with real life facing impossible situations in which only God could help. And He did. Repeatedly. Or maybe the Gospel of Luke — written by a Greek doctor, filled with extra details important to someone who was not brought up in a religious environment, written to present Jesus as the Son of Man. Lots of behind-the-scene information, with many details that must have come from Luke's interviews with eye-witnesses. But, once again, it is filled with interactions between Jesus and the hurting, the lonely, the outcasts, the dying; Jesus at His best, dealing with the worst that man was going through.

If reading the Book is an issue for you and you find yourself still skeptical, may I recommend you watch some of the many YouTube videos presented by Dr. Ravi Zacharias — a renowned author and speaker who answers the many troubling questions that so often prevent people from seriously listening to the claims of Christ. If you simply type "Ravi" into the search box on YouTube you will be instantly presented with a cafeteria of clips where Zacharias answers the questions that are most bothering man right now — why would a good God allow evil to exist? Why would a good God not stop the horrors — both natural and man-

made — that are happening all around us? Are there many paths to God? The questions are endless — all valid, all meaningful, all important. Zacharias does an excellent job of answering those questions, and maybe he could offer some insight into the question that most bothers you right now.

The Easter season is the perfect time to ask some questions, check your current belief system, open God's word and compare it to what you read. It is a great time to visit a church where the word of God is taught and rub shoulders with other seekers who are not yet sure exactly what they believe.

May we invite you to Centerpoint's presentation of "He's Alive"? It is a drama based on the events of the last days of Easter week, beginning with Jesus' appearance before Pilate and ending with the empty tomb, filled with the biblical events of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

It is being offered on Saturday evening, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. and then again on Easter Sunday morning, April 21, at 10:15 a.m. It is presented as a reminder of what Jesus did for you, and for me, for our families, our communities, our nation, our world. Come join us and be reminded. Make this Easter season a time for new beginnings for you and your family. We would be honored to have you as our guests.

For church location or more information, please see [www.centerpointpagosa.com](http://www.centerpointpagosa.com). Have a wonderful Easter.

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# Seeking bigger-than-life believers

By Lynn Moffett  
Special to The PREVIEW

God is no longer seeking mega churches, but mega people. Not the superheroes of the comics, but bigger-than-life believers.

Think of the number of warm bodies sitting in mega church cathedrals, or live-streaming the services, satisfied to be a part, but rarely reaching beyond those walls. Those who love to lap up the worship and the well-spoken word from the platform, but enter their workplace silent, terrified of how they might be received in this age of persecution.

Now imagine those same individuals getting out of their pews and comfort zones to walk in the full authority of the Holy Spirit.

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their lives to follow in His footsteps declaring Luke 4:18-19: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

And John 14:12: "I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even

greater things than these, because I go to the Father."

People like the disciples with the courage to face dragons and touch others in the name of Jesus. Not leaving the work to someone "more qualified," but catching the vision of what God is seeking in this time — the closing of the age.

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The time has come. The days of hiding in our enclaves gone. Picture the swords of God's Spirit wielded — no longer curtailed by fear, but so full of the love of Jesus nothing can stop their might.

# UUs to reflect on the practice of less judgment, more curiosity

By Dean Cerny  
Special to The PREVIEW

Less judgment, more curiosity. It is the unofficial motto of the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF).

On Sunday, April 14, at 10:30 a.m., PUUF members will reflect on how they might live up to this motto in their individual lives and as a community of faith. This service will be led by Pastor Dean Cerny.

The act of spiritual self-reflection is part and parcel of the UU commitment to practice the principle of "acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth." Furthermore, it indicates our dedication to assure the freedom of religious expression, the toleration of religious ideas and the sanctity of individuals being able to "present openly their religious opinions without fear of censure or reprisal." Of course, these are good things to strive for, but somewhat "prickly" to actually accomplish in a community that treasures diversity of opinions, beliefs and practices.

The most life-threatening disease any religion, spirituality, church or fellowship can undergo

is hypocrisy. Failing to live up to our religious and faith ideals is a natural part of any chosen spiritual path. However, failing to recognize the hypocrisy of our ways is the surest path toward spiritual disillusionment and stagnation. If we are to successfully survive the threat of spiritual hypocrisy, we will need much less judgment and much more curiosity.

The Religious Exploration program for 2- to 9-year-olds continues in April on April 14 and 21. For more information, contact Anna

Ramirez at afrancis\_@hotmail.com.

Check out our calendar of events at pagosauu.org. All of these events take place at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

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# Holy Week and Easter Services

Following are Holy Week and Easter services that were submitted to The PREVIEW.

## Centerpoint Church

- **Saturday, April 20:** "He's Alive," 6:30 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 21:** "He's Alive," 10:15 a.m.

## Church of Christ

- **Easter Sunday, April 21:** Service, 10:30 a.m.

## Community United Methodist Church

- **Palm Sunday, April 14:** Service, 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- **Maundy Thursday, April 18:** Services, 7 p.m.
- **Good Friday, April 19:** Meditation service, 11:30 a.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 21:** Services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Pine Ridge services at 2 p.m.

## Grace In Pagosa

- **Good Friday, April 19:** Service, Pagosa Springs High School, 6 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 21:** Easter sunrise service, The Springs Resort and Spa main hotel, 7 a.m.

Easter Celebration Service, Ross Aragon Community Center, 10 a.m.

## John Paul II (JP II) and Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Catholic churches

- **Lenten Penitential Service, April 11:** Service, JP II, 6 p.m.
- **Palm Sunday, April 14:** Mass, JP II, 9 a.m. IHM Mass 11:15 a.m.
- **Holy Thursday, April 18:** Mass, JP II, 7 p.m.
- **Good Friday, April 19:** Procession from IHM to JP II, 2 p.m.
- **Stations of the Cross, JP II Prayer Garden, 4 p.m.**
- **Good Friday Service, JP II, 5 p.m.**
- **Holy Saturday, April 20:** Blessing of the Food, JP II, noon. Holy Saturday — Easter vigil, JP II, 8 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 21:** Easter Mass, JP II, 9 a.m.

## Pagosa Bible Church

- **Palm Sunday, April 14:** Service, 9 a.m.
- **Good Friday, April 19:** Service, 6 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 21:** Ser-

vice, 9 a.m.

## St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

- **Palm Sunday, April 14:** Service without music, 8 a.m. Service with music, 10 a.m. Services begin outside the church for the blessing of the palms and grand procession into the church.
- **Maundy Thursday, April 18:** Celebration of foot washing and Holy Eucharist, followed by the Agape Meal in the parish hall and the all-night watch at the garden of repose, 6 p.m.
- **Good Friday, April 19:** Music in remembrance offered by the NightSong Trio, followed by the Good Friday Eucharist and veneration of the cross, 6 p.m. Music begins at 5:30 p.m. Service, 6 p.m.
- **Holy Saturday, April 20:** "The Great Vigil of Easter," the congregation is encouraged to bring bells to ring. There will be a wine-and-cheese celebration following the service, 7 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 21:** Service, no music, 8 a.m., with music 10 a.m., festival Eucharist celebration.

# Sunday Night Unplugged to feature Jason Rose Ensemble

By Sally Neel  
Special to The PREVIEW

As Christians embark upon Holy Week, the most sacred time of the church year, it is only fitting that we remember the last week of Christ's life on earth with an evening of reflection and prayer. This Sunday evening, Sunday Night Unplugged will feature the talents of Jason Rose and his talented ensemble of singers and instrumentalists.

Sunday Night Unplugged is a monthly service of music and meditation offered at 5 p.m. the second Sunday evening of every month at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. It is a time to center our minds and hearts towards peace and serenity, to meditate and pray, and to let the sounds of beautiful

music sooth our souls.

"Many people come to Sunday Night Unplugged to just sit and enjoy its peaceful atmosphere," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "We provide a beautiful setting of silence, meditative readings and beautiful music. Each person derives from that what they need at the time. It is a personal time, a time to absorb the beauty of the space, to offer prayers for those we love and for the world, to contemplate our life journey, and to listen."

Rose and his talented longtime singing partner, Denise Chaney, along with singer Nicole Cotts, Jarret Chaney on bass and Samuel Hughes on the cahone, will offer music that is sure to sooth the soul.

They have been frequent guests of Sunday Night Unplugged and their beautiful music is always a

wonderful addition to the evening of quiet meditation.

The public is invited to attend free of charge.

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# Free books for 4-year-olds at your library starts now

**By Carole Howard**  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

For the eighth year, libraries across Colorado are giving a free paperback book to every 4-year-old in the state from April 8-22 as part of a special family literacy project.

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

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

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

The goal of this annual One Book Colorado program is to encourage families to read together

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every day and add new books to home libraries to ensure school readiness.

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

### National Library Week

This week, we join libraries across the United States in celebrating National Library Week April 7-13. We hope you are as happy with your local library as we are to be serving you all year-round.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country.

### Lifelong Learning lecture today

Mark your calendars for the

spring Lifelong Learning series that begins today, Thursday, April 11, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with a talk on water awareness and water consciousness by Susie Nelson.

April 18 features Robertas Strickland teaching you how to create your very own art using the easy-to-learn Zentangle method. April 25 is an presentation on beneficial electrification using renewable resources and La Plata Electric Association’s goal of reducing its carbon footprint.

There will be three more lectures in May. Pick up a brochure at your library with more details on these very interesting talks.

### All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, April 12, from 2 to 3:45 p.m. for a PG movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to identify the film titles in the media, but you can find them listed on the activities calendars.

### Legal clinic tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, April 12, from 2 to 3 p.m., a free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney will take place via computer link. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure

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for legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property tax, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veterans benefits and civil protection orders. Please check in at the registration desk. This clinic takes place the second Friday of every month.

## LEGO Club on Saturday

Kids aged 6-12 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club.

## Otaku Club

The Otaku (Anime/Manga) Club meets Monday, April 15, from 4 to 5 p.m. Join us to watch anime, talk about manga and Asian cultures, and enjoy snacks. This free club is for those in the fifth through 12th grades.

## Teen gaming

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

## Teen writers group

Join us next Wednesday, April 17, from 4 to 5 p.m. for our free teen writers meeting for seventh-through 12th-graders. This group's interests include stories, poetry, graphic novels and fan fiction.

## Computer classes

Join us for free sessions from 1 to 2 p.m. on alternating Thursdays to learn a useful technology skill or application. Today, April 11, covers saving and finding files. April 25 covers two popular genealogy databases. No registration is required.

## Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) takes place on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., plus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help from Mark with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

## Free tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

## Family storytimes

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m., join us for free great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. This is an excellent way for kids of all ages to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

Both storytimes are open to babies, toddlers and youngsters of all ages to make it easier for parents to attend with their children depend-

ing on their busy schedules rather than the age of their little ones. April 17 will feature simple music and movement with Diann Taylor.

## Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your families at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults. We look forward to seeing you at your library. Se habla espanol.

## DVDs: More Academy Award films

"Spider-Man into the Spider-Verse" won best animated feature in both the Academy Awards and Golden Globes.

## Other DVDs

"Winterdance" by Gary Paulsen is a memoir of running the Iditarod in wilderness Alaska. "Fantastic Beasts The Crimes of Grindelwald" is the second installment in this fantasy series by the creator of Harry Potter. "Men in Tights" is Mel Brooks' reinvention of the Robin Hood story. "Shetland" is season four. "Sterile Cuckoo" stars Lisa Minelli as a kooky coed. "Columbiana" stars Zoe Saldana as a professional assassin. "Saturday Night Live" is the complete first season.

## Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

"My Lovely Wife" by Samantha Downing is a thriller about a couple whose 15-year marriage is getting too interesting. "The Cornwalls Are Gone" by James Patterson and Brendan DuBois features a female Army intelligence officer.

## Other novels

"Professor Chandra Follows His Bliss" by Rajeev Balasubramanyam features a professor about to embark on the journey of a lifetime.

## Short stories

"The Boy Who Was Raised As a Dog" by Dr. Bruce D. Perry and Maia Szalavitz is a collection of stories from a child psychiatrist's notebook that show how children heal.

## Nonfiction

"Ferment" by Holly Davis is a guide to the ancient art of culturing foods from kombucha to sourdough. "Doing Justice" by Preet Bharara, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, outlines this prosecutor's thoughts on crime, punishment and the rule of law. "Don't Stop Believin'" by Olivia Newton-John is a memoir by this Grammy Award-winning entertainer.

## CDs

"Dark Tribute" by Iris Johansen

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# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Film set worker
- 5 Guitar attachment
- 10 For that reason
- 14 White House worker
- 15 Commotion
- 16 Cozy corner
- 17 Dilapidated
- 19 Mystical glow
- 20 Old-fashioned wine holder
- 21 Sweet amber wine
- 23 Kind of gun
- 26 Old fool
- 27 Something brought to the table
- 30 Ride, so to speak
- 33 \_\_\_\_\_ or less
- 34 Coors' Colorado home
- 36 Dog holder
- 37 Go \_\_\_\_\_ for the ride
- 39 Author Harper
- 40 Future fern
- 42 Heat up in the microwave
- 43 Empathize
- 46 Bigger than big
- 47 Pencil end
- 49 Ocean fill
- 51 Spur or helical
- 52 Baseball blunder
- 53 Snowflake shape
- 56 F-14 fighter jet
- 60 Jane Fonda, to Bridget
- 61 Nighttime gift-giver
- 64 Take apart
- 65 Par for the course
- 66 Kids' summer spot
- 67 Word before miss or sighted
- 68 Like Robin Hood's men

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69 Toy on a string

## DOWN

- 1 Fisherman's hook
- 2 Small stream
- 3 Notion
- 4 Hue named for a vegetable
- 5 Big bash
- 6 Daycare charge
- 7 Become rancid
- 8 Attention-getter
- 9 Dashing elegance
- 10 Captivate
- 11 Elvis movie set in a traveling carnival
- 12 Clinton's #2
- 13 Rubber-stamp
- 18 Dory or sloop
- 22 Bank offerings
- 24 Coral formation
- 25 Press statement
- 27 Bowl over
- 28 Arctic bear
- 29 Misleading information

31 Troop escalation

- 32 Scornful smile
- 35 Discourage
- 38 1963 McQueen film, "The \_\_\_\_\_ Escape"
- 41 Drugstore
- 44 Printing error
- 45 Of this planet
- 48 Pie chart part
- 50 Canine sound

53 Woodland deity

- 54 Mysterious letter
- 55 Give the slip to
- 57 Ta-ta, in Tuscany
- 58 \_\_\_ brat
- 59 Proofreader's find
- 62 Lord's Prayer start
- 63 It paves the way

## Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Ruby Sisson Library staff honored their volunteers on April 6 as the U.S. celebrates National Volunteer Week April 7-13. In 2018, library volunteers contributed 1,437 hours, about three-quarters of a full-time position.

“Please know how much we appreciate your time, energy and enthusiasm,” said Meg Wempe, library director, of the volunteers. “We could not operate the library without you.”

If you have an interest or skill that could benefit the library and its patrons, stop by to talk with Wempe or phone her at 264-2208. Research shows that people who volunteer — especially seniors — have a dramatically increased ability to maintain cognitive function. The findings show that interacting with others through work, social events or volunteerism keeps seniors engaged — emotionally and neurologically — and also helps you live longer.

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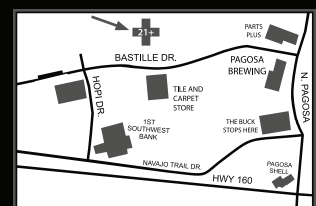
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is an Eve Duncan mystery.

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“Wolf Pack” by C.J. Box is a Joe Pickett mystery. “Wolves of Eden” by Kevin McCarthy is a combination historical fiction, western and thriller. “When I Die” by Monty McCord is book two of the Legend of Joe Mundy. “Six in the Wheel” contains two westerns by Mike Sartain and Frank Leslie. “Celtic Empire” by Clive and Dirk Cussler is a Dirk Pitt adventure.

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## Quotable quote

“We don’t need to see where the staircase leads to take the first step.” — Natalie Vie, the first Latina fencer to represent the U.S. at the Pan American Games.

## Website

For more information on library books, services and programs — and to reserve books, e-books, CDs and DVDs from the comfort of your home — please visit our website at <https://pagosalibrary.org>.

# Preview Calendar

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

## Thursday, April 11

**Hai Chee.** 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

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

**Women’s Wellness.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sisson Library. A program for women ages 21-64 facilitated by San Juan Basin Public Health. There will be no physical examinations. The sessions will provide education on about where and how to access cancer screenings, assess barriers to screening for breast and cervical cancer, and help with information about women’s sexual health. You will also hear about free or low-cost services. Light refreshments will be served. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Mountain View Homemakers.** 11:30 a.m., Community United

Methodist Church. Members of Pagosa Springs Line Dance will give a demonstration and then lead us in a simple dance. A potluck lunch will be provided by members. For more information, call Tozi at 731-3360.

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

**Pickleball.** Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don’t have one.

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

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

**Computer Class: Saving and Finding Files.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn how your computer is organized, including files and folders, and discover how to find what you’re looking for. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**PALS Adult Education.** 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in

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ANSWER:





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Posing with a business-like look on his face is 1892 postmaster Billy Kern. The two-story building housing this post office remains until this day on the south side of San Juan Street just across the alley from the Spa Motel. Many Wild West events took place in this building, including a cowboy hurrah that interrupted the open house celebration.

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On Sept. 20, 1776, the Dominguez/Escalante expedition traveled westward in Utah through the present Uinta National Forest from Strawberry Valley along Fifth Water Creek and Diamond Creek to Wanhodes Canyon.

Cool temperatures, blustery winds and hazardous terrain including soft ground with holes that allowed the horses to sink, plus dense groves of cottonwood trees and shrubs, made travel difficult. At the same time, recognizing he was close to home, the guide Silvestre jumped out ahead so many times, expedition leaders were compelled to force him to remain near the main party.

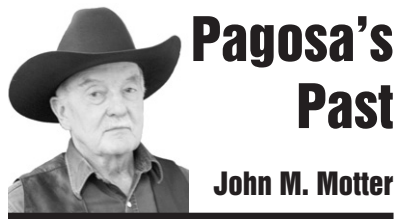
Two days later, not far from Wanhodes Canyon, many columns of smoke snaked across the westward horizon. Silvestre said they must have been made by a hunting party of his people.

"We replied in like matter," Silvestre said, "so they would not take us to be enemies and run away, or worse, greet us with arrows."

"And so they replied with larger smoke signals in the pass through which we must travel to the Great Salt Lake and this caused us to believe that they had already seen us," Silvestre said, "because this is the most prompt and common signal used by all the people of this part of America under any extraordinary circumstances."

At about 2 o'clock in the morning when, according to Silvestre, there might be one or more Indians nearby, he made a long speech in his language, informing them that they were peaceable people, friendly and good.

On Sept. 23, Silvestre and Joaquin were given woolen cloth and red ribbon with which to adorn themselves before entering the village of their people. Silvestre tied the cloth around his head with the long ends hanging down his back, and wore a cloak that



*When the chief learned that some of the expedition might want to return in future years and live on these lands, he readily offered permission.*

had been given him earlier. After camping near Spanish Fork, the guides visited their people and talked with their chief. When the chief learned that some of the expedition might want to return in future years and live on these lands, he readily offered permission.

The nearby Utah Lake Valley was described by Escalante as conducive to settlement. The temperature was comfortable day and night. There were four rivers, large meadows for farming, and sufficient fish, fowl and animals for hunting. Because of the abundance of fish, the Timpanogos were described as fish eaters. Although they heard of Salt Lake Valley, and the salty lake located there, the expedition did not travel into the Salt Lake area.

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getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Lifelong Learning Lecture: Water Awareness.** 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. A talk on water awareness and water consciousness by Susie Nelson. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Pagosa Nordic Club Anniversary Party.** 5-8 p.m., Pagosa Brewing Company. Everyone is invited and welcome to share your Nordic stories and take a chance to win some door prizes.

**Americana Project Concert.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. We will be hosting the amazing trio Sway Wild all the way from the Pacific Northwest. Sway Wild is its own unique blend of indie rock, folk and pop. The Americana students will open the show. Tickets are \$10, with no cost for those 12 and under.

**Friday, April 12**

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

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

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

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

**Free Legal Clinic.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Please check in at the front desk. Everyone will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a free legal clinic via computer link for parties who have no attorney. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran's benefits and civil protection orders. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Movie.** 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. All ages. A bear (leading character) happily settled with the Brown family picks up a series of odd jobs to buy a pop-up book for his aunt's 100th birthday. When the book is stolen, it is up to the bear and the Browns

to catch the thief. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Curtains Up Pagosa Auditions.** 2-8 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School Music Room. Curtains Up Pagosa will be holding auditions for "Tarzan the Musical." CUP is seeking performers from age 10 and up. Prepare one verse of a Broadway tune and bring sheet music. A script read and group dance will be part of the audition process.

**Youth/Women's Turkey Hunting Seminar.** 3-6 p.m., John Paul II Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. The turkey hunting seminar is open to anyone interested in learning how to turkey hunt. For more information, call District Wildlife Manager Doug Purcell at 799-0843.

**Yoga.** 5-6 p.m., Community Center.  
**Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Presents Colorado Environmental Film Festival Caravan Premiere Party.** 6-9 p.m., The Springs Resort Atrium Room. The catered event will feature two films never before seen in Pagosa Springs and guest speakers to jumpstart the weekend's discussion of water. For more information and ticket purchase, visit [www.pagosagreen.org/filmfestival/](http://www.pagosagreen.org/filmfestival/).

**Saturday, April 13**

**Youth/Women's Mentored Turkey Hunt.** Colorado Parks and Wildlife will host a mentored turkey hunt for qualified youth and women applicants. You can obtain an application from Colorado Parks and Wildlife Office, 151 E. 16th St., Durango, or the U.S. Forest Service Office, 180 Pagosa St., Pagosa Springs. No hunting experience is necessary, but selected hunter must possess a valid hunter safety card and a spring over-the-counter turkey hunting license by April 12. For more information, call District Wildlife Manager Doug Purcell at 799-0843.

**Open Gym.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Any event conflicts which would not allow a Saturday open gym will be posted in advance on the town's website, Facebook page and in the newspaper. Call 264-4152, ext. 521 for more information.

**VITA Tax Group.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Senior Center. By appointment only. Volunteers will be returning to prepare federal and state income tax returns at no charge. Call 264-2167 for more information or to make an appointment.

**Mental Health Awareness Walk.** 9:30 a.m., Town Park. Community event to raise awareness.

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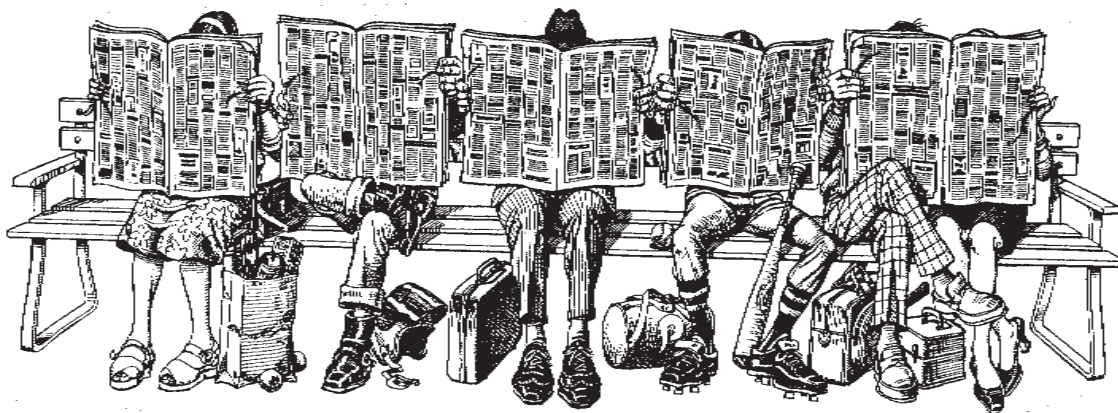
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**Family Storytime.** 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.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

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

**Mountain High Gardeners: Spring Expo.** 10 a.m.-noon, CSU Extension Office. Vendors and service providers will be there to show their goods and share their knowledge. This year, several vendors will give short talks on various aspects of gardening in their area of expertise, and have contributed prizes for drawings that will take place every 15 minutes. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

**Geothermal Greenhouse Partnerships Presents: Colorado Environmental Film Festival Caravan.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Liberty Theatre. This year's theme is water. For more information and ticket purchase, visit [www.pagosagreen.org/filmfestival/](http://www.pagosagreen.org/filmfestival/).

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

**Geothermal Greenhouse Part-**

**nership Presents: Colorado Environmental Film Festival Caravan After-Party.** 5:30-8 p.m., Mountain Pizza and Taproom. For more information and ticket purchase, visit [www.pagosagreen.org/filmfestival/](http://www.pagosagreen.org/filmfestival/).

**Bandorama Concert.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. This is the concert that features the Pagosa Springs sixth-grade band, seventh-grade band, eighth-grade band, the high school concert band, the high school jazz band and the Pagosa Springs Community Band. Donations are gratefully accepted.

**Sunday, April 14**

**Youth/Women's Mentored Turkey Hunt.** Colorado Parks and Wildlife will host a mentored turkey hunt for qualified youth and women applicants. You can obtain an application from Colorado Parks and Wildlife Office, 151 E. 16th St., Durango, or the U.S. Forest Service Office, 180 Pagosa St., Pagosa Springs. No hunting experience is necessary, but selected hunter must possess a valid hunter safety card and a spring over-the-counter turkey hunting license by April 12. For more information, call District Wildlife Manager Doug Purcell at 799-0843.

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

**Monday, April 15**

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

**Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network.** 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers

are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email [richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com](mailto:richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com) or call 731-2040.

**Line Dancing.** 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:30 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call Beverly at 264-2064.

**Medicare Mondays.** 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

**Qigong.** 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

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

**TEFAP Food Distribution.** 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Drive. We plan on having fresh milk available this month and we will have an inventory clearance from 1-2 p.m. during which remaining inventory items will be distributed.

**Emergency Preparedness Disaster Skills Workshop.** Noon-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Provided by San Juan Basin Public Health. This class will cover how to create an emergency preparedness kit and stay safe during a disaster. Each participant will receive an item for an emergency kit. Door

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**Bingo.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

**Otaku.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 5th-12th grade. If you are into anime or manga, this is for you. Come and watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga.

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

**Incredible Years Parenting Class.** 5:30-8 p.m., Seeds of Learning. An opportunity offered to anyone who wants to build positive relationships with their children, needs more effective discipline or would like new ideas to help their children learn and grow. This class is created for families with children between the ages of 3 and 8 years. A free dinner and child care will be provided.

**San Juan Back Country Horsemen.** 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Nonmembers are always welcome. Please join us for our potluck at 6 p.m. prior to meeting to socialize and get to know some members. Call Annie at (210) 215-9566 for more information.

## Tuesday, April 16

**Chi Energi.** 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A variety of movement and stretch to create energy for the healing of our mind, body and soul.

**Veterans for Veterans.** 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

**Yoga Fusion Class.** 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

**Yoga.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

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

**Hand-Drumming Class.** Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a hand-drumming class. All are welcome. Hand drums will be provided for those who don't have one. For further information, call 731-3117.

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

**Pickleball.** Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles

are available if you don't have one.

**Caregiver Support Group.** 1 p.m., Senior Center. Because being a caregiver is inherently stressful and, at times, overwhelming. A support group can have significant positive outcomes for the caregiver's overall health. Ana Sancho Sama, Ph.D., licensed psychologist, will be facilitating. If interested, call 264-2167.

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

**Mahjong.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Pagosa Earth Community.** 1:30-3 p.m., Sisson Library. YES Magazine spring issue discussion.

**Boys' Varsity Baseball.** 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Durango.

**Teen Gaming.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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

**Pagosa Earth Community.** 6-7 p.m., Sisson Library. YES Magazine spring issue discussion.

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

## Wednesday, April 17

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

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

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

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

**History Club.** 1 p.m., Senior Center. Are you interested in reading and talking about history with others? Join us and bring your

ideas and experiences as we start a history discussion group. The discussions will cover many historical subjects based on the preferences of the group. For more information, call Jim at 731-6878.

**Jelly Beans After-School Club.** 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. Free for all ages. For information, call 903-8104 or (702) 556-5649.

**Teen Writers.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Calling all teen writers: Stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction — it's all welcome. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Women's Networking Open House.** 5-7 p.m., Higher Grounds. "What Keeps You Up At Night" is the theme of this open house. For more information, call the Chamber at 264-2360.

**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.

**Weminuche Audubon Society.** 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. The meeting will focus on the importance of bats. Refreshments and socializing followed by presentation by Mylea Bayless of Bat Conservation International. Donation of a food bank item encouraged.

**The Most Excellent Way.** 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based

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## Thursday, April 18

**Hai Chee.** 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

**Tourism Conference.** 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Community Center. Learn about tourism and marketing from a variety of experts. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/2019conferenceregistration> or call the Visitor Center at 585-1200.

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

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

**Pickleball.** Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

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

**Girls'Varsity Soccer.** 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

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

**Lifelong Learning Lecture: The Zentangle Method.** 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Roberta Strickland will be teaching how to create your very own art using the Zentangle method. Call 264-2209 for more information.

## Friday, April 19

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

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

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

**Gaming.** 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

## Saturday, April 20

**Open Gym.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Any event conflicts which would not allow a Saturday open gym will be posted in advance on the town's website,

Facebook page and in the newspaper. Call 264-4152, ext. 521 for more information.

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

**Mt. Allison Grange Easter Supper.** 5-7 p.m., Mt. Allison Grange Hall. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 children 6-12 and under 6 are free. For more information, email [MtAllisonGrange@gmail.com](mailto:MtAllisonGrange@gmail.com) or call Yvonne at 799-3064.

**Gary Morris Concert.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. Pagosa Rotary is hosting the event. Tickets are \$45 and are available at the Chamber of Commerce, the Choke Cherry Tree or from any Rotarian.

Submit your calendar items to [editor@pagosapun.com](mailto:editor@pagosapun.com); mail them to *The Pagosa Springs SUN*, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to *The SUN* office by noon Monday.

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## Senior Center to host new history club meetings

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

A new group will be reading about and discussing different eras in history.

Facilitated by Jim Van Liere, the group will meet the third Wednesday of every month. Questions? Call 731-6878.

The first meeting will be Wednesday, April 17, at 1 p.m. in the Community Café dining room at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center.

### Art classes

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

The instructor will be Michele Turney and materials will be provided. Transportation will be provided from and to the Senior Center. Please RSVP to jenmwaite@gmail.com or 264-2167.

### Senior Center Caregiver Support Group

If you are a caregiver of a friend or a family member, please join us for a support and respite group. Learn practical self-care information, talk through challenges and ways of coping. Learn about community resources and support. Adults 18 and older are eligible to participate.

A support group can have significant positive effects on caregivers' overall well-being. It is a chance to speak with other caregivers who have common experiences with caregiving, learn about resources available in the community and nationally, learn how to keep yourself healthy so you can better deliver the care, and a chance for respite.

The next Caregiver Support Group is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, at 1 p.m.

For more information, call 264-2167.

### VITA tax preparation

VITA will be returning to prepare federal and state income tax returns at no charge as part of the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

The last 2019 date is April 13, by appointment only. The gross income limit this tax season is \$54,000. Please call 264-2167 for more information or to make an appointment.

### Free legal document preparation

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

Following are the legal services Fiedler can assist with:

- Public benefits and utilities shut off.
- Landlord-tenant problems, such as persons being evicted.
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attorney and living wills.

- Consumer issues such as advocating for persons harassed by debt collectors.
- Emergency limited long-term care guardianship and domestic problems, such as abuse.

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

### Health and wellness

The Senior Center is continuing the pilot program which expands health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring, or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next health and wellness date will be April 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### 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, April 11 — Pork and green chili stew, cabbage steaks, buttermilk biscuit with butter, milk and salad bar.

Friday, April 12 — Turkey potpie, bacon green beans, milk, salad bar and baked apples with pears.

Monday, April 15 — Grilled chicken with pesto pistachio linguine, Irish carrots, green peas, milk, salad bar and cherry cream pie.

Tuesday, April 16 — Teriyaki salmon, corn chowder, green bean casserole, milk, salad bar and banana pudding.

Wednesday, April 17 — Turkey Rachel sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, milk, salad bar and butterscotch brownie.

Thursday, April 18 — Beef Salis-

bury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, roasted broccoli, dinner roll with butter, milk and salad bar.

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

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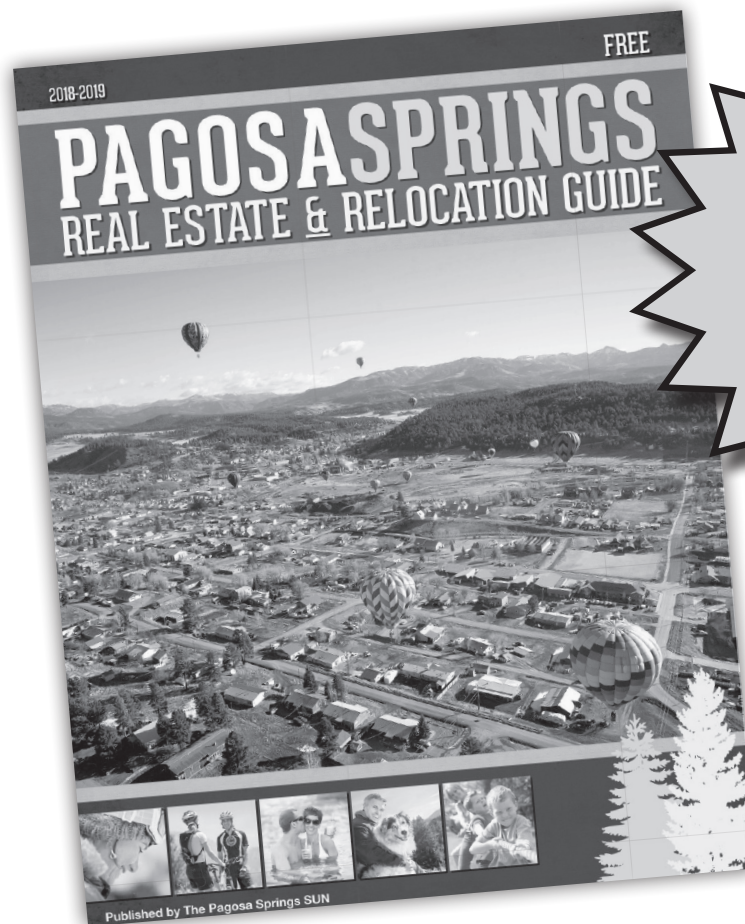


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**AL-ANON** meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Saturday, 10:30a.m., 234 N. 2nd Street (CR200/ Snowball Road). [www.al-anon-co.org](http://www.al-anon-co.org).

**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), 7p.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](http://aa-westerncolorado.org) or [aadistrict18.org](http://aadistrict18.org), or call Ed K. 946-2606 or Val V. 946-6086 or Ellen C. (214)566-5921.

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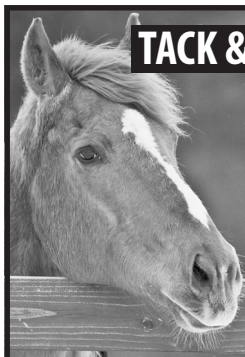
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# Sticking with exercise for better physical and mental health

By John Lough  
Special to The PREVIEW

It isn't news that there are many benefits to regular exercise, yet this nation still faces a growing obesity problem, high levels of stress and increased incidences of depression, despite the fact that numerous studies show exercise can help combat all of this and more.

While most of us have a whole range of excuses for not getting regular exercise, the reality is that it actually isn't that difficult to get an effective exercise program started and to stick with it.

The key, if you currently aren't exercising on a regular basis, is to start slowly. Almost nothing can

kill that determination to exercise like trying to do too much, and the feeling sore, tired and discouraged the next day.

The goal of regular exercise is to get at least 30 minutes of activity most days of the week, but this doesn't have to be your starting point. If you are currently sedentary, first check with your family physician before starting an exercise program.

When you do start, keep it simple. Maybe 15 to 20 minutes of any mild physical activity that you enjoy. It can be a brisk walk, a short bicycle ride or just walking one flight of stairs at work instead of that elevator. Look for exercise that gets you moving and breath-

ing just a little harder. You can then increase the time or exertion level slowly so that you feel comfortable as you get into better shape.

Another way to stick with an exercise program is to make it part of your routine. Put it into your phone calendar just like you would a business meeting or an appointment. Make it a time each day when you spend a few minutes on yourself.

It also helps to keep a journal

of your exercise. Do a simple note for each day of what you did, how long you exercised and how you felt when you began and after you finished. Odds are good that if you're a bit stressed or anxious when you began, you'll find you're more relaxed and calm when you finish.

Numerous studies have found that exercise is a great way to reduce stress and anxiety. And its health benefits? Combating heart

disease, losing weight, helping control diabetes, just to name a few. Exercising regularly and getting more fit is one of the best things you can do for your body and your mind.

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## Bird of the Week



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the cinnamon teal.

The cinnamon teal (*spatula cyanoptera*), is a small, crow-sized, dabbling duck that is strictly western. Cinnamon teals are seen in Pagosa Springs from late February into September, and breeding is common here. Several males may court one female using preening motions, mock feedings and chasing in short flights. The female chooses the nest sight and builds the nest well concealed amongst weeds, salt grass and sedges. A female lays nine to 12 whitish to pale buff eggs and, if threatened, may use the "broken-wing" act for distraction. After an incubation period of 21-25 days, she leads the hatchlings to water to find their own food. Within seven weeks, they are in flight.

The male's plumage is bright cinnamon on both head and body with dark tail, rump and undertail. The upper wing has a light-blue patch and back of wing is iridescent green. His eyes are red. In contrast, the female is gray/brown with dark eyes. The back of her wing has little green. Both have dark bills with slight white area at the base.

These ducks favor marshes, fresh ponds and alkaline lakes. Their diet consists of seeds and plant materials in the fall, but they consume higher amounts of animal matter (insects, small crustaceans, snails) in the spring. Using a larger bill than average, this teal forages in shallow water with head partly submerged to strain food from water.

To learn about the effects of climate change on birds, go to [climate.audubon.org](http://climate.audubon.org).

For information on local bird-watching events, visit [www.weminuche-audubon.org](http://www.weminuche-audubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/](http://www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/).

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