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## Dog found bleeding after noise complaint

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

A local dog was found bleeding with a 6- to 8-inch cut on its head less than an hour after a neighbor made a noise complaint about the dog barking.

According to an incident report sent to The SUN from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), around 8 p.m. on April 24, ACSO Deputy James Hibbert responded to a complaint about a barking dog near the Echo Lake area.

When Hibbert arrived to the residence, he saw a dog contained on the upper deck of the residence and determined that the owners were not home, the report notes.

The report explains Hibbert called the person who filed the complaint and explained that he was not able to contact anyone at this time and he would follow up later.

According to the report, the person who filed the complaint "told [Hibbert] he was tired of the dog barking and that if [the sheriff's office] couldn't do anything he would."

Hibbert asked the person what they meant by that, but they

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Second-graders from Kain Lucero's Pagosa Springs Elementary School class pose for the camera while showing off their balancing prowess during a water safety lesson Tuesday morning with PE teacher Lindsey Kurt-Mason.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

## Pagosa woman reported as missing and endangered

By Warren Brown  
Special to The SUN

Hunter Autumn Woods, 65, was reported as a missing, endangered person the evening of April 13.

Woods was last known to be driving a green 2002 Jeep Liberty, bearing Colorado plate YOC532, registered to Richard Woods.

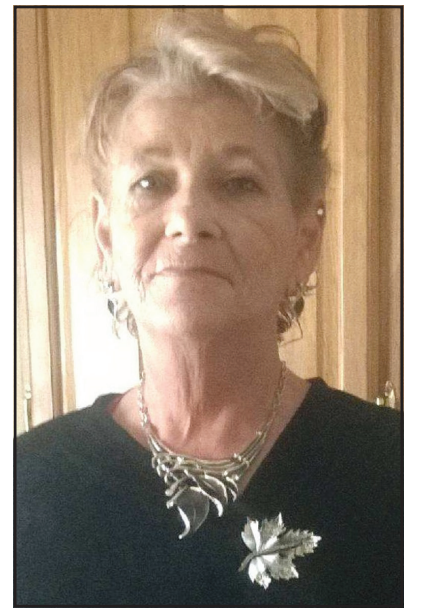
Woods was driving from Archuleta County to Durango for a court appearance on Monday, April 8. Woods is reported to have a history of violent and suicidal tendencies and is known to carry weapons, according to her family.

Hunter Woods frequents Espanola, N.M.; Dulce, N.M.; and the national forest. Woods has a misdemeanor warrant out of Archuleta County for failure to appear.

Hunter Woods has blonde hair and green eyes, stands 5 foot, 4 inches tall and weighs 130 pounds.

There are no known suspicious circumstances surrounding her disappearance and she has been known to leave for days at a time without informing anyone, according to family.

Woods may be violent. If located, do not approach and contact the Archuleta County Consolidated Emergency Communication Center at 731-2160 or Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Detective Monica Medina at 264-8430.



Photos courtesy ACSO

Hunter Autumn Woods, 65, was reported as a missing, endangered person on April 13. She was last known to be driving a green 2002 Jeep Liberty bearing Colorado plate YOC532.



## Sanitation district tables River Rock Estates inclusion

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Despite having been approved upon first reading on April 2, an ordinance contemplating the including of land owned by River Rock Estates LLC into the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Im-

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Photo courtesy Mike Le Roux

Personnel from the Archuleta County Office of Emergency Management and Upper San Juan Search and Rescue set up a Kootenay Highline system across the San Juan River between Town Park and Mary Fisher Park. The purpose of a highline system is to transport patients across water, debris fields or canyons. The exercise was part of a technical rope training held on Wednesday, April 17.

## Town planning commission asks for changes in county's jail proposal

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County officials were in attendance at the Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Commission meeting on April 23, as two crucial items were up for vote pertaining to the county's construction of the new jail.

Archuleta County is financing and building a new detention center to be built at 125 Harman Park Drive, which is within the Pagosa Springs town limits.

"This is kind of an interesting dynamic, where the county is asking the town for permission for something that the community needs," planning commissioner Chris Pitcher said at the meeting.

The two items relating to the jail construction were a vote to rezone the proposed jail site and approval for the detention center's major design review application, which includes blueprints of the facility and renderings of the outside of the building and the proposed landscaping plan.

Currently, 125 Harman Park Drive is zoned as mixed-use corridor, but the county requested the site be zoned public/quasi public — a move that was suggested by the planning commission previously.

Mixed-use corridor zoning is intended for high-density residential buildings, commercial retail, offices, hotels and tourism-related businesses.

Public/quasi public zoning is intended for uses related to community services such as fire stations, schools, libraries, hospitals,

■ Jail A8

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## EDITORIAL

# 1033 property investigation continues

Many people have asked for an update on the investigation into \$2.6 million in county property that was purportedly unaccounted for back in February.

The SUN reported that Colorado Bureau of Investigations (CBI) had been requested by the 6th Judicial District Attorney's Office to investigate allegations related to that alleged missing property.

Those items that are unaccounted for consist of excess Department of Defense (DoD) property that was distributed to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) as part of the Law Enforcement Support Program, also known as the 1033 Program.

Archuleta County Attorney Todd Weaver cautioned in an interview in February, "One thing to make clear ... We don't necessarily know that all of the equipment the sheriff received from the 1033 Program is actually missing; it just has not been reported to the finance department and wasn't properly put on the books as assets of the county."

However, Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez asserted that the property in question is accounted for and was reported to the county finance department.

No one can explain the huge disconnect between these two stories.

CBI Investigative Analyst Audrey Simkins, who works in the Major Crimes Division in Denver, explained in an email to The SUN Tuesday, "Thanks for checking in. There is no new news at this time. I can tell you however, that we are making progress and hope to have something to share soon."

"Thank you for your patience. I know this has been kind of a long one."

We are hopeful that this ordeal is coming to an end, but we certainly don't recommend holding your breath.

Back on March 29, Simkins had reached out to The SUN via email, "I wanted to touch base with you regarding the ongoing investigation in Archuleta County. I have been in contact with the case Investigator and learned they are still actively working this case. I hope to have additional details in the coming weeks. I know this update may seem repetitive but these types of investigations do take a little time."

"Please feel free to reach out in the upcoming weeks and I will share what I can at that time."

"Thank you for your continued interest in this investigation."

It's unfortunate that things ever

got to this point between county officials and county staff. We can only imagine how much money and time have been spent carrying out multiple investigations. Not to mention that people's reputations have been dragged through the mud.

Even when the CBI's investigation is over, we still might not know the whole story.

District Attorney Christian Champagne explained in February, "With apologies, I cannot answer many of the questions you have asked, except to say the following: There is an ongoing investigation. Once the investigation is complete, the findings will be presented to the appropriate prosecuting authority for review for potential criminal charges. At that time, if the investigating agency recommends specific charges for which they have found probable cause, they will detail the evidence supporting such a charge, if any. There is no specific timeline to complete the investigation."

We hope the public will be made aware of the full findings of the CBI's investigation. We're looking forward to hearing the whole story, and intend to share it with you when we know more.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 26, 1929

**Evangeline Moorehead**, who left us for a two weeks' visit in Ardmore, Okla., and other points, returned on Sunday. The Juniors, besides the Sophomores, are relieved at her return because of her part of Marjorie in the repetition of the coming Junior class play, "Anne, What's Her Name?" to be given Friday night at the High School auditorium.

**Several Piedraites** intend to go to Pagosa this evening to see the Junior class play.

**The laying of brick** at the new Wicklem garage building, at the corner of San Juan and Fifth streets is now in progress.

**Owing to a huge mud slide** on La Veta pass Sunday, mail has since been a day late, as trains have been routed via Salida to Alamosa.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 28, 1944

**Don't forget the Senior play**, "Sixteen In August," is to be given May 5. Tickets are on sale now. All seats are reserved. Admission will be 40¢ and 30¢, tax included. Tickets may be bought from Ernest Yamaguchi or any other member of the Senior class. A matinee will be given of the younger children in the afternoon.

**Mr. and Mrs. R.N. Snow** received a wire from their son, Robert, now residing in Grand Junction, Colo. He says he has passed his examinations and expects to answer the next call to service.

**Archie Toner** bought hay from Mrs. Josephine Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Toner moved part of their cattle to Weminuche Sunday with the aid of Mr. and Mrs. West Carlin. They all had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conklin.

**There has been no mail here** (Upper Piedra) for nearly two weeks because of the roads. No one could get through on account of mud and snow.

**Mrs. Aubrey Fowler** and two sons returned home Monday from Denver, where they had visited about ten days with her brother, Lt. and Mrs. Harley Hazelwood, who is stationed at Lowery Field. Her mother, Mrs. C.T. Hazelwood, went on to New Raymer, Colo., to visit about ten days with her other son, Chester Hazelwood.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 24, 1969

**The steeple and belfry** of the old Community Methodist Church was in the process of being removed this week. The steeple, long a landmark in the community, is part of the old church which is being razed to make room for a parking area for the new Methodist Church. The first Community Methodist Church was erected in 1897. It was largely destroyed by fire in 1907 and rebuilt in 1908. It was one of the oldest structures in town. Many of the early day citizens of the county attended church there, were married there, and buried there. Polling places for elections, teen recreation activities, social gatherings, public meetings, and other events have all been located in the church. The Methodist parsonage, which was located just south of the old church, was torn down to make room for the new church constructed this summer. Much of the history of the community is closely tied to that of the old Methodist Church. It was the oldest church building in the community still being used for church purposes. With its passing also passes an era of coal heat, high ceilings, and old time design.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
April 28, 1994

**Daniel Ligon**, a member of the Pagosa Springs High School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America, took first place in the state FBLA convention. With his victory in the Information Processing concepts competition in the FBLA Competitive category, Ligon won the right to represent the high school at the national FBLA convention, at Anaheim, Calif., July 1-8. Ligon's appearance will mark the second consecutive year the chapter has had competitors at the national level. The local Chapter was again given the "Gold Seal" award. Only ten-percent of the chapters participating at the state convention are selected by the state advisor to receive the award. This year the Pagosa Springs chapter was presented with the "Peak V" award — given to nine of the 214 chapters at the convention in recognition of participation in state and national events and programs.

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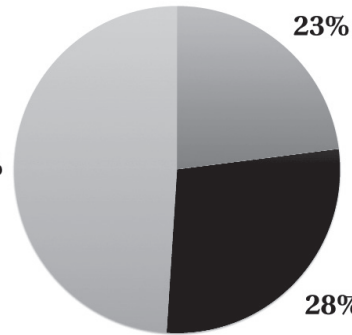
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## WHADDYA THINK?

Have the big snowstorms this year impacted your business?

Poll results (57 votes)

Yes, the weather has negatively impacted business. — 23 percent  
Yes, but for the better. We have had more business because of the snow. — 28 percent  
No, the storms have not impacted business. — 49 percent



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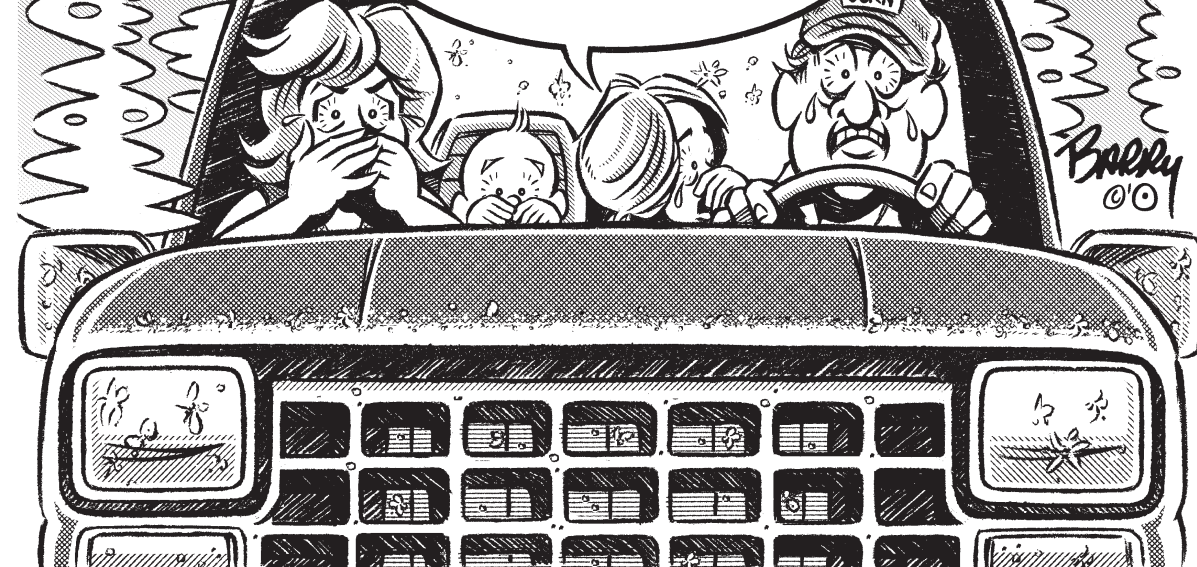
## LOOKING BACK



Photo courtesy  
Dean Cox  
September 1954  
in front of Mullins  
Barber Shop.  
Pictured, left to  
right, are Thelma  
Mullins, Julia  
"Ju-Ju" Cox,  
Gladys Smith,  
Blanch Murray  
and Tom Darnell.

# SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

HOW MANY TIMES  
DO YA GOTTA RUN OVER  
A SKUNK BEFORE IT  
STOPS STINKIN'?





# 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.

## Vote for Whiting

Dear Editor:  
Everyone should have received their LPEA ballot by now. Please return your ballot as soon as possible.

I would ask everyone to vote for Michael Whiting for this important LPEA election. Vote like your electric bill depends on it ... because it does.

Vote like the planet depends on it ... because it does. Vote like local jobs and local control matter ... because they do. Vote to keep it transparent and to keep your voice as a Pagosa Springs resident on the LPEA board. Every vote counts including yours.

Marilyn Harris

## Please clean up our town

Dear Editor:  
Is it just me, or would others agree; Pagosa Springs is looking like a garbage pit? Everywhere I look there is trash on both sides of the road. And I'm sure that I am not the only one in this town that notices the trash problem. Not only is it unattractive, but harmful to our environment. Not to mention, forest animals eating the plastic bags that are everywhere, swinging in the branches and tumbling down our roads. Businesses have garbage in their parking lots. To say it looks terrible & embarrassing is an understatement. This is one of the most beautiful small towns in Colorado. But it is trashy. Tourists coming to enjoy our town see trash abounding everywhere.

As a community, we all need to focus on picking up the trash and maintaining this beautiful town. And it will take more than just a few of us to get it done. Or efforts being made to do so just once a year on Earth Day. We need volunteers willing to step up and clean up at least twice a month, minimum. Businesses need to be responsible keeping the perimeter of their businesses clean and free of litter. Such things as having people bags on site would certainly help as well. We pick up after our dogs but not ourselves. People out walking could carry a trash bag and pick up what they see that does not belong. Before long, our side roads and Hwy. 160 could look clean and presentable. Keep a trash bag in your car. If you see an area that has trash, pull over, pick it up. It would only take a few minutes to do your part.

Please everyone living in Pagosa do your part and help clean up our town.

And for those that feel like Pagosa is your garbage can; stop throwing your trash out the window.

Please contact me if you would like to help me (and others) make a difference.

Susan Hunter

## First Amendment rights at risk

Dear Editor:  
Thank you to Gary Hardin, who expressed concern in an April 4 letter to the editor about the Board of County Commissioner's (BoCC) recent decision to uphold the second amendment.

All elected officials in Colorado have taken an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Colorado, and the laws made pursuant thereto.

It does worry me when our local government officials choose specifically to support one Constitutional Amendment over others. The current President of the United States has verbally attacked journalists and encouraged violence against them. He failed to condemn the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi and continually threatens journalists, political opponents, business owners and anyone who disagrees with him. I have seen similar censoring threats at the local level from local government bodies.

If anything, our First Amendment rights are at risk and need protecting. It would be much simpler if all elected officials simply and actively uphold the entire Constitution and protect all of our democratic freedoms. Now, with the BoCC considering opposing the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, it appears our local government is working to further erode democratic freedoms in Colorado. This is very disappoint-

ing and somewhat alarming.

The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact would guarantee the Presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The bill ensures that every vote, in every state, will matter in every presidential election.

Doesn't our BoCC have enough to do figuring out how to build a jail and maintain roads in Archuleta County? How is the investigation into the mysterious disappearance of over two million dollars worth of property going?

Lisa Jensen

## Finding answers for our community

Dear Editor:  
I wanted to thank the PHP (Pagosa Housing Partners) for the work that it has done for the community. I also want to thank the County and Town for providing funding for finding answers for our community. Individuals were told to work with the PHP around their concerns for housing and there was a survey last year. The PHP was very responsive to a whole spectrum of concerns.

In the last twelve months there has been at least three new regulations in our area having to do with housing. The Nuisance Order, the OWTS Inspection Prior to Sale from SJBPH and the update to the 2015 International Building Code.

The PHP, funded by us, has come up with a comprehensive plan to deal with creating enough housing, the lack of infrastructure and the problems facing our community. Regulations are not the only option.

I look forward to seeing how both the Town and County will lead with this new information from the comprehensive plan presented by the PHP. Now that the BoCC has dedicated land to the LIHTEC development and has asked the county employees to stream line business permits, I hope the the streamlining will go further than just business permits and that the Town will also utilize the information that has been provided.

Christa Laos

*Editor's note: The county has directed the planning commission to streamline all regulations, not just business regulations.*

## Support for Axis Health System's grant application

Dear Editor:  
Aspire and Pagosa Medical Group are proud to have written a letter of support for Axis Health System's grant application to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This is a great opportunity for our community to obtain additional federal funding to expand our mental health, oral health, and primary care coverage to the most vulnerable in our community. Although our practice stands to lose primary care patients if Axis is awarded this grant, we

nonetheless support it because it is the right thing to do for the community. Furthermore, by building cooperative partnerships with other local practices we will be able to grow our complementary services such as lab, radiology, and surgery.

In a small community it is important that increased competition come with cooperation. This places more power in the hands of the patient, which is always a good thing. It is not more complicated than that. Competition allows patients to vote with their feet, and more choices in the community mean that health care practices have to compete on quality and cost which ultimately increases value and meaningful health outcomes for patients. Collaboration in the context of competition allows all boats to float in a rising tide.

Cooperation has already created new resources for the community such as prenatal care in a specialized clinic, obstetric care, psychiatry, plastic surgery, hand surgery, ENT, pediatrics, urgent care, and private practice primary care.

We are stronger when we use our energies to create meaningful partnerships instead of actively working to undermine them.

Dave Shaeffer MD MPH  
Co-Owner Pagosa Medical Group  
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Co-Owner Pagosa Medical Group  
Carole Nasralla MD  
Aspire Medical Director

## Be informed with vote

Dear Editor:  
We all hear about being an informed voter. The LPEA Board election is no exception. Kohler McInnis, an LPEA Board member, recently spoke to Archuleta County Republican Women, and explained the overall makeup of the LPEA Board and the importance of voting. Kohler is well informed on the function of LPEA for its consumers which he shared in detail. If the LPEA Board moves in the wrong direction, it will most definitely mean higher utility rates for all of Archuleta County. It will impact retirees and those who can least afford it. We need to elect a LPEA Board member who is pragmatic,

■ 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.

Thank you to the Good People of District #1 La Plata Electric Association for the great discussions, the support and the opportunity to serve our community.

You can still vote by dropping your ballot at the Pagosa Springs LPEA office, 603 S. 8th Street, no later than 4 p.m. May 1st.

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# Business

## LPEA annual meeting to be held May 2 in Durango, election results to be announced

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The SUN

Celebrating 80 years of serving La Plata and Archuleta counties, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) has planned a special early evening annual meeting to be held Thursday, May 2, at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College. Results of board of director elections will be announced.

Registration begins at 5 p.m., with the business meeting commencing at 6:30 p.m. The event features complementary appetizers along with entertainment provided by bluegrass band The Stillhouse Junkies. The annual meeting is free and open to all LPEA members.

"This is the one time during the year that our membership can join together, see friends and neighbors and learn more about your rural electric cooperative, which is truly the heart of your power — both literally through electricity distribution, and the 'heart' of the people who serve you," said CEO Mike Dreyspring.

Presentations during the LPEA annual meeting will include reports from CEO Dreyspring, Board President Bob Lynch, Attorney Shay

Denning, CREA representative Jack Turner and Tri-State Generation and Transmission representative Kirsten Skeehan, plus new Tri-State CEO Duane Highley. The membership will have an opportunity to query the board on topics of concern during the Q-and-A period.

"To ensure members' voices are heard, we request that questions from the membership to the board be written out in advance," said Ron Meier, manager of engineering and member relations. "Look for the banner in the Concert Hall's foyer to submit your questions prior to the opening of the business meeting."

In accordance with LPEA's bylaws, annually one seat in each of LPEA's four districts comes up for election.

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 Michel Whiting are on the ballot. In District 2, south and west La Plata County, incumbent Dan Huntington is challenged by Jeff Mannix. In District 4, north and east La Plata County, incumbent Jack Turner is challenged by Sarah Ferrell.

In the City of Durango, only one candidate, Joe Lewandowski, submitted an election petition. Pending formal approval by the

LPEA board, Lewandowski will be appointed to the board.

As a rural electric cooperative, all members in good standing who pay their electric bill to LPEA are qualified to vote for the directors who represent them.

Ballots were mailed to cooperative members on April 2 and must be received by 4 p.m. on May 1 at the La Plata County Clerk's office (Bodo Park), or at additional physical drop-off locations including LPEA's offices in Durango or Pagosa Springs, the La Plata County Administration office (downtown Durango), Farmer's Fresh Market (Ignacio) or Bayfield Town Hall.

Members can also vote at the annual meeting prior to 6:30 p.m. Given potential postal service delays, as the deadline approaches, members are advised to drop their ballots off physically at one of the aforementioned locations.

LPEA members who register at the annual meeting will receive a \$5 credit on their electric bill plus are eligible for a wide array of door prizes and giveaways. Volunteer parking attendants will direct members to the most convenient parking at Fort Lewis College and golf carts will be available to assist those who have difficulty walking.



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## La Plata Electric Association names new CEO

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The SUN

The Board of Directors of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) has announced selection of Jessica Matlock as the new CEO of the cooperative, filling the position held by the retiring CEO Mike Dreyspring. She will assume her role July 22.



Jessica Matlock

Matlock comes to LPEA from Snohomish County Public Utility District (PUD) No. 1, the 12th largest public utility in the U.S. She currently serves as assistant general manager overseeing customer and energy services, and external/government affairs, including leadership of the PUD's efforts to develop and operate solar energy, energy efficiency, electrification of transportation and demand response programs. Matlock also leads the PUD's "Utility of the Future" efforts to modernize and enhance customer experience.

Previously, Matlock held a number of positions with the Bonneville Power Administration, including a fellowship with a U.S. senator as a lead energy expert for the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as well as serving as a power marketing specialist, constituent account executive for the state of Idaho, and fish and wildlife project manager. She serves and has served on various boards/councils related to hydropower, clean technology, SmartGrid, energy efficiency/conservation, cybersecurity, and fish and wildlife.

A Colorado native, Matlock, who grew up on the family's horse ranch, holds a master of public administration from Portland State University and a bachelor of science degree in chemical oceanography from the University of Washington. Matlock also served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

## Town to hold meeting about alleyways

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs has announced a community meeting set for 5:30 p.m. on May 2 to discuss the future of the Pagosa and Hermosa street alleyways.

Specifically, those alleyways are between 2nd and 3rd streets.

The meeting is the first to be held on the topic, and public input will be taken.

The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

For more information, contact Special Projects Manager Scott Lewandowski at 264-4151, ext. 235. [randi@pagosasun.com](mailto:randi@pagosasun.com)



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## County unemployment drops to 3.8 percent in March

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County decreased to 3.8 percent in March from 4.4 percent in February, with 6,802 people in the labor force and 257 of those claiming unemployment.

In February, there were 6,676 people in the county's labor force, with 292, or 4.4 percent, claiming unemployment.

The total workforce increased by 126 people over the course of the month, while the number of unemployed people decreased by 35.

In March of 2018, there were 6,586 workers in the county, of which 240, or 3.6 percent, were unemployed.

March of 2019 finds the unemployment rate is up 0.2 percent by comparison.

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

month at 7.5 percent, while Summit County had the lowest rate at 1.6 percent.

The unemployment rate in Colorado decreased 0.2 percent from February to March, to 3.5 percent, according to the survey of households.

Statewide, the number of people actively participating in the labor force in Colorado increased 800 from February to March to 3,139,700, and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 5,400 to 3,029,100.

The national unemployment rate did not change from February to March, holding steady at 3.8 percent.

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

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

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

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

From February to March, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 6,100 for a total of 2,755,300 jobs, with private-sector jobs increasing by 5,300 and government jobs increasing by 800.

Over the year, the unemploy-

ment rate is up 0.6 percent from 2.9 percent. The number of Coloradans participating in the labor force increased 76,000, total employment increased 54,700 and the number of unemployed increased 21,300.

Over the month, the largest private-sector job gains were in professional and business services, and educational and health services.

The largest over-the-month decline was in leisure and hospitality.

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

The average workweek for all employees in private nonfarm payroll jobs decreased from 33.5 to 32.6 hours from January to March.

Average hourly earnings increased from \$28.39 to \$30.27 during the same time period.  
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## USDA opens application portal for new ReConnect Rural Broadband Infrastructure Program

Special to The SUN

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue this week announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is now accepting online applications for funding through the new ReConnect Rural Broadband Pilot Program.

These funds will enable the federal government to partner with the private sector and rural communities to build modern broadband infrastructure in areas with insufficient Internet service.

Insufficient service is defined as connection speeds of less than 10 megabits per second download and 1 megabit per second upload. ReConnect funding applications can be submitted at [reconnect.usda.gov](http://reconnect.usda.gov).

"Reliable, high-speed broadband Internet e-Connectivity is critical for economic prosperity and quality of life in the 21st cen-

tury, from education to health care to agriculture to manufacturing and beyond," Perdue said. "We at USDA are very excited to begin accepting applications for funds from this new and innovative program, which will bring critical infrastructure investments to homes, farms, ranches, schools and health care sites in rural America."

Congress first appropriated funds for the new Rural e-Connectivity Pilot Program, known as ReConnect, in 2018. The program will be a proof-of-concept, enabling USDA to create and implement innovative options for rural connectivity by providing various financial packages to our customers.

In this first round of funding, the USDA is making available at least \$600 million in rural broadband projects, through \$200 million in grants, \$200 million in loan and grant combinations,

and \$200 million in low-interest loans. The application deadlines for each of these funding packages are as follows:

- May 31 for projects seeking federal funds from the grants-only package;
- June 21 for projects seeking a combination of federal loans and grants; and
- July 12 for projects seeking low-interest federal loans.

This \$600 million appropriation from Congress more than doubles federal funding available through USDA's longstanding broadband programs. Future rounds of funding for ReConnect will be announced later this year.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and pros-

perity in rural communities. In January 2018, Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Increasing investments in rural infrastructure, including rural broadband infrastructure, is a cornerstone recommendation of the task force.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed Internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov).

### CHAMBER NEWS

## Home-based business networking open house set

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

Do you work from home either running your own business or telecommuting for another business? Running a home-based business is usually a fabulous opportunity offering flexibility, no commuting time, often being your own boss and working the hours that your business needs to be available.

However, sometimes home-based businesses fall into the trap of lack of business visibility, lack of professional interaction, limited marketing and limited exchange of ideas.

The Chamber will be holding a home-based business mixer on Thursday, May 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. The host establishment will be Pagosa Brewing and Grill.

As a home-based business, are you interested in growing your busi-

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

Mark your calendar for an even-

ing of idea exchanging and information. Networking is a powerful tool. Don't underestimate its effectiveness. We look forward to visiting with our business "lone eagle" community and finding out more about your businesses and your engagement in our community.

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

### Membership news

We welcome Contemporary Custom Homes this week.

Our renewals this week include Goodman's Department Store, Pagosa Ski and Snowboard Rentals, PS Froyo, B&S Excursions, Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado and Pagosa Bible Church.

Every Friday take at least one minute to review the Chamber's updates and reminders. It is chock-full of upcoming events and information from our business community. Be a source of information, not an "I don't know" person.

## Fire district responds to electrical odor at courthouse

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

On April 22, Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) crews were dispatched to the Archuleta County courthouse at 449 San Juan St. due to a burning, electrical odor smelled from within the building.

PFPD crews arrived on the scene within 11 minutes of being called and, once there, noted there was no smoke and tested to ensure there were no heat signatures that suggested an active fire was burning, according to PFPD Lt. Jared Wirth.

The courthouse was not evacuated during the fire assessment. Wirth noted the PFPD crews measured gas in the air with a gas meter and walked through the entire building, and all tests came up clear for fire.

Wirth pointed out that crews

found the source of the electrical burning smell.

"We had noticed a light was flickering, which is a good indicator that a ballast is on its way out," Wirth said.

Upon further investigation, Wirth said that fire crews ultimately "found a bad ballast in the old jail."

A ballast is an electrical device that regulates current for fluorescent light bulbs and is more often found in commercial buildings than in residential homes.

The bad ballast was found in close proximity to the sheriff's evidence room, which actively houses evidence for local court cases.

Generally, older lighting systems with long fluorescent tubes contain ballasts, and Wirth explained that the technology is becoming dated.

"[Ballasts are] just one of those things that have to be replaced,"

Wirth said. "The older fluorescent light bulbs required a ballast. Now everything is getting switched to LEDs, so [ballasts are] kind of a thing of the past."

Wirth noted the courthouse "still uses a ballast light and if it was not using a ballast light, we wouldn't have had that odor."

No injuries or fire were involved in this incident.

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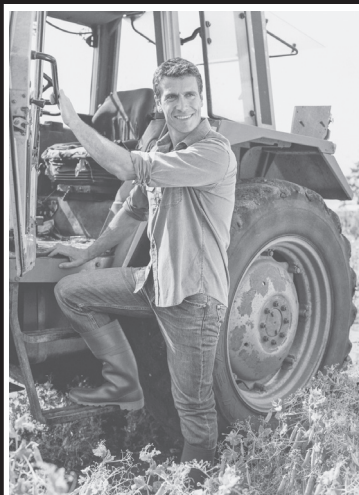


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## Case against county officials heads to Colorado Supreme Court

By John Finebrock  
Staff Writer

A local group who has sued current and former county officials has petitioned their case be brought to the Colorado Supreme Court.

The suit alleges that former county officials illegally prevented the plaintiffs' proposed initiatives from appearing on Archuleta County's 2014 ballot.

The case was initially dismissed in 2016 by Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson of the 6th Judicial District, and he later ruled the plaintiffs would have to pay about \$18,000 in attorney fees to the county.

The defendants in the lawsuit are former county commissioners Clifford Lucero and Michael Whiting, current commissioner Steve Wadley, and former county attorney Todd Starr.

The plaintiffs then appealed the entire case, but because they did not file the appeal on time, the Court of Appeals only considered the plaintiffs' appeal regarding the award of attorney's fees.

The plaintiffs are listed as Pat Alley, Dave Brackhahn, Wayne Bryant, Greg Giehl, Cole Graham, Vernon Greenamyer, Bill Gottschalk, Sue Gottschalk, Stephen Keno, Tom Kramer, Jeffrey Maehr, Sharon Parker, Tracy Salazar, Dennis Spencer and Dave West.

The plaintiffs brought the lawsuit pro se, meaning they represented themselves without an attorney.

In the plaintiffs' recent filing, they ask the supreme court "to grant Writ of Certiorari on the ground that the Colorado Constitution and Colorado Statutes are being ignored and the people of the Archuleta County, Colorado and most counties in Colorado are being disenfranchised regarding ballot initiatives."

A writ of certiorari is an order a higher court issues to review the decision and proceedings made in a lower court.

In this case, if that order is granted, the Colorado Supreme Court will hear arguments previously made in the Colorado Court

of Appeals.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained in a phone interview that the Colorado Supreme Court could decide to hear the initial case in its entirety, but that appellate court rules state that the Supreme Court should only hear what was heard in the appeals court.

"According to the appellate rules, they shouldn't entertain anything other than the attorney's fees," said Weaver. "However, if they feel it's an area of law that is unclear or there have been contrary rulings in the past, they may decide, 'Nah we need to clear this up. Here's an opportunity to clear up an area of law that we think is confusing or contradictory or out of date.'"

When asked for comment about the recent filing to the supreme court, Maehr wrote in an email to The SUN: "Petitioners, in the deprivation of Ballot Initiative rights suit against Archuleta County, filed their brief and reply brief with the Colorado Supreme Court to appeal the ongoing denial of due process on the Colorado Constitution and

Colorado Statutes supporting that right for all county resident electors. Should this petition be denied to be heard by this court, Plaintiff's will move to the U.S. Federal Court level for constitutional due process right and voting right violations."

At the county commissioners' work session on April 16, Weaver reported that he would be "shocked" if the Supreme Court looks at the case.

"[The Supreme Court] only take on cases that ... present new issues of law that were never considered before. And this is, quite frankly, since the plaintiffs missed the deadline to appeal the actual merits of the case and all that's left is the attorney's fees, the Supreme Court is not going to take a case about attorney's fees ... I'd be actually shocked if they consider looking at this case," said Weaver.

Weaver noted that the Supreme Court's decision to hear the case or not could come "at any time" and that he has "no idea when it might happen."

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## Mitigation program available to low-income residents

By Bill Trimarco  
Special to The SUN

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## Southwest Colorado MS Society looking to help more MS patients

Special to The SUN

The Southwest Colorado MS Society in Durango is reaching out to patients and caregivers in surrounding communities to provide additional services to those who are afflicted by multiple sclerosis (MS).

MS is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and the body. The disease can impair vision, cognitive abilities and muscle control, among other symptoms. The Rocky Mountain MS Center estimates that one in 550 Coloradans has MS.

The society has recently received a major endowment from an anonymous donor, which will allow the group to provide more support and financial assistance to MS patients.

The Southwest Colorado MS Society will be holding a membership dinner on May 2 at the Doubletree Hotel in Durango from 6 to 8 p.m. The guest speaker is Ian Altman, a teacher and administrator at Colorado Timberline Academy in Durango. Altman was diagnosed 20 years ago with MS, but hasn't let the diagnosis slow him down.

For more information about the membership dinner or the society's activities, visit [www.swcmss.org](http://www.swcmss.org).



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Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) second-grade student Brielle Hinger stands proud with a Heart Hero medal she received by raising \$1,057 via the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge program. According to PSES P.E. teacher Lindsey Kurt-Mason, Hinger is the highest fundraiser that PSES has ever had for this program.

## Charter school formalizes agreement with new director

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

At a special meeting of the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors on April 23, a contract with a new school director, Angela Crossland, was approved.

The contract is for at-will employment of Crossland during the 2019-2020 school year at PPOS, according to contract language.

However, the contract later notes that there is an intention of annual



Crossland

agreements through the 2021-2022 school year.

These agreements are dependent upon enrollment growth, as well as facilities availability and funding, according to the document.

The contract year is for 225 days, with Crossland starting on July 1 and working through June 30, 2020.

Crossland's base salary for the 2019-2020 school year will be \$70,000, paid in 12 monthly installments.

The contract states that addi-

tional performance bonuses may be allocated "semi annually tied to evaluation and reviews."

"As negotiated at signing, the first evaluation shall be worth Five Thousand Dollars," the contract reads.

Per the contract, Crossland will have a variety of duties as school director. These duties include: staff, program and student management and organizational leadership, as well as finance and human resources.

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## Are your SMMs in compliance?

County to verify mobile machinery and self-propelled construction equipment

By Kristy Archuleta  
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County clerk and Archuleta County Sheriff's Office will be working together to verify all SMM (special mobile machinery) in Archuleta County is in compliance.

SMM is all items of mobile machinery and self-propelled construction equipment as per C.R.S. 42-3-106(2)(e).

Staff will be out checking for registration in the coming weeks. All SMM equipment not registered in the county clerk's office or listed as personal property with the assessor's office will be referred to the county treasurer for distraint, seizure and sale. There will be an additional impound fee of \$150 if the equipment is distrainted.

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# Jail

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cemeteries and places of worship, according to the planning commission's agenda brief on the topic.

The zoning request passed without much fanfare or questioning, with the planning commissioners voting unanimously to recommend that the jail site be rezoned to public/quasi public.

The commission's recommendation will go to the Pagosa Springs Town Council for final approval, and the council will vote on the first reading of the rezoning ordinance on May 7. The second reading of that ordinance is scheduled for May 23.

The second item on the agenda relating to the jail, the major design review application, received much more scrutiny from the planning commission.

The planning commissioners explained they wanted additional trees placed on the south side of the building to provide a visual buffer for neighboring properties and wanted verification that the county had secured financing for the project.

Pitcher explained why he thought more trees around the detention center would make the project more suitable for adjacent neighbors.

"I recognize that we need this [jail], but there's still people that live around here and work around here, and I think we need to be a good community on these community projects and a good neighbor," said Pitcher.

Pitcher said if there was an opportunity to create a landscaped buffer to block view of the building for neighbors, "we should at least explore it."

Archuleta County Commissioner Ron Maez, who appeared frustrated during the commission's additional requests on the project, explained that the county has been in touch with the property owner due south of the detention center site and that his concerns were about "sirens and the noise. It wasn't about seeing a big building."

Brad Ash, chief architect of the jail, agreed with Maez.

"The adjacent property owner directly behind [the detention center] ... His concerns were more about the operation and function of the building than the building itself," said Ash.

The planning commissioners noted that they had received a letter from a neighbor who was concerned about seeing the jail from his property, but Ash explained that property was farther southwest.

Peter Adams, chair of the planning commission, also expressed

concern about verifying the county's method of financing the project.

"I'm concerned about the funding of the project. I just want to get sort of a general overview of the funding. The reason I bring it up is because we've had a couple different projects that don't get completed for — basically, the funding is not completely there and the project doesn't get completed," said Adams.

Archuleta County chose certificates of participation (COPs) as the mechanism for financing the jail.

COPs are a lease-purchase agreement where Archuleta County would transfer its interests in the proposed jail site to UMB Bank, which will hold title to the property and collect annual lease payments from the county.

Because the county can walk away from the agreement each year, it is not considered a long-term debt, or violation of the Taxpayer Bill of Rights.

The projected annual lease payment to fund the jail is about \$840,000 for 25 years, totaling about \$21 million, according to the county finance office.

The financing terms are anticipated to close sometime in May, according to Archuleta County Administrator Scott Wall.

Adams then held up a clip of The SUN, reading the headline and saying, "Unaccounted for property holds up jail financing. What's the status on that? As far as possibly interfering with the financing of this project ..."

The article Adams held up outlined how the county's 2018 audit wasn't then complete due to an ongoing investigation about \$2.6 million in unaccounted-for property given to the sheriff's office through a Department of Defense program referred to as the 1033 Program.

The audit is now complete, Wall explained to The SUN Wednesday, which the county can include in its COP proposal to get more favorable terms than if it hadn't included the audit.

Maez responded cautiously to Adams' question about The SUN headline.

"Part of that property is still unaccounted for — it's the 1033 Program and it's currently under investigation, so I have to be very careful on how far I go into the weeds with this. So, I really can't have a discussion about it," replied Maez.

In a follow-up phone call, Maez said the planning commission went over the design review "with a fine-toothed comb" and called the commission's additional stipula-

tions of the plan an "overreach."

Maez also explained that by going through this process with the town, he understands why some developers could feel the process is too slow or cumbersome to bring development to Pagosa Springs.

Asked by The SUN if the planning commission is setting a precedent for other developers to prove their financing is secure for every project, Adams replied, "It's been under some discussion before, and quite frankly I think it may become a precedent, particularly with larger commercial projects. It's not uncommon at all to ask big projects to be bonded ... No, this is not a thing against the county."

Cindy Schultz, senior planner with the town, explained in a phone call that the town has the ability to require financial verification as stated in the land use code, though the commission did not have to require it for the county.

Ultimately, the planning commission approved the major design review application, setting forth these additional requirements the county must provide to obtain a building permit:

- Provide evidence of issuance of a state of Colorado Storm Water Management Plan.
  - Complete and receive rezoning application approval to public/quasi public zoning.
  - Provide a revised photometric plan noting foot-candle readings along the property line.
  - Provide an extension to the north and south of the proposed landscape screening for the east side loading and mechanical equipment area.
  - Provide additional landscape buffering along the southern and eastern boundaries.
  - Provide setback distances on the site plan sheet.
  - "Exterior lighting fixture selection to ensure all light sources are completely screened from visibility at the property line."
  - Provide verification that funding is in place to complete the project.
  - Provide accurate color swatches of the exterior color of the detention facility.
- Schultz explained in the follow-up interview that the verification of funding could be as simple as a letter from the bank demonstrating the funds are available to the county to begin construction.
- According to Wall, the additional stipulations requested by the planning commission will not slow down the county's time frame of building the jail, with construction anticipated to begin in June.
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Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger, right, swears in the Pagosa Springs Police Department's new detective, Boyd Neagle, prior to the April 18 Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting while Police Chief Bill Rockensock looks on.

## Council adopts town-wide speed limit

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council adopted a town-wide speed limit of 25 mph at its April 18 meeting, though the move does not change any posted speed limits within the town.

Instead, the decision makes the speed limit within the Town of Pagosa Springs boundaries 25 mph unless otherwise posted.

"It appears to be wise to accept a town-wide speed limit," Town Public Works Director Martin Schmidt said after explaining to the council that when he started with the town, he was told there was interest in a

town-wide speed limit.

"The Town of Pagosa Springs currently has a nearly uniform speed limit of 25 mph on its Town streets and alleyways," an agenda brief on the topic prepared by Schmidt states.

Schmidt also informed the council of positives of posting the signs: they would mark the town limits, the reduction in the number of signs would mean a cost savings to the town in the future since fewer signs would have to be replaced and most of the signs up now don't meet current regulations.

Schmidt also informed council that he had spoken with Pagosa Springs Police Chief Bill Rocken-

sock about the matter, with Rockensock indicating that it would help enforcement.

The agenda brief also states, "Fewer signs also can reduce alert fatigue and ease snow removal and summer ROW maintenance."

Schmidt further clarified to council that the resolution concerning the speed limit does not change any posted speed limits since, per state law, changing a speed limit would require a speed study.

With a 6-0 vote, the council approve the resolution adopting the town-wide speed limit and directed staff to assess changing speed limits that are not currently 25 mph.

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## Inclusion

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provement District (PSSGID) was tabled on April 18.

The board of the PSSGID voted to table the matter upon recommendation from staff.

"We are asking that you ... consider tabling the ordinance this evening," Town Manager Andrea Phillips told the board. "I know that at your April 2 sanitation district meeting you did approve the first reading of the ordinance, however, we have discussed it more internally with staff and taken another look

at the model that FEI Engineering, which is now Allen Plummer Engineering, had done. And, that was at least a couple of years ago and was based on potentially a different number of units than what we are hearing is their new intent."

Phillips then requested more time to review the model, the impact on the Apache Street lift station that was built in 1992 and to determine the true impact on that system to bring that information back to the board.

"We just feel like we need to

really delve in a bit further," Phillips said.

A motion put forward by board member Mat deGraaf to table the matter was approved unanimously by the six board members present.

At the April 2 meeting, Town Public Works Director Martin Schmidt explained to the board that 15.89 acres would be added to the district with the inclusion, which is anticipated to have approximately 100 townhomes built on it.

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## Dog

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wouldn't respond, the document reports.

The report then explains that about 45 minutes later, Hibbert was dispatched to the same house after reports that "an unknown person(s) had come on their property and

injured their dog."

According to the report, Hibbert went to the house and the homeowner "was holding the dog near where [Hibbert] had seen it last. The dog had about a 6-8 inch gash on its head and was bleeding."

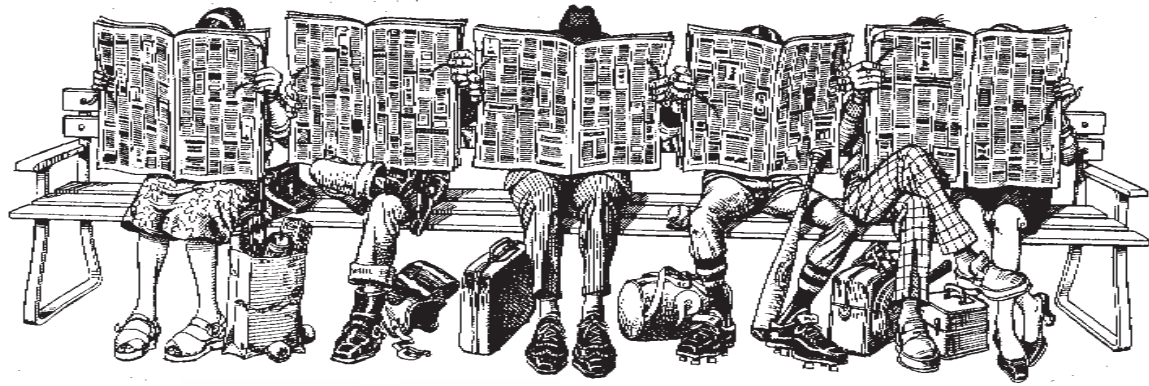
Hibbert requested dispatch to

contact an after-hours veterinarian, who was able to get in touch with the homeowners, the document notes.

The case is still under investigation by ACSO, according to Under-sheriff Derek Woodman.

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Thanks to the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP), Pagosa Peak Open School students had the opportunity to grow plants and start seeds throughout Pagosa's snowy winter season at the GGP's Education Dome. Next, Bruno's students will move their gardening to a Colorado Proud-certified farm.

## Charter school to raffle off veggies from local farm during student showcase

By Alison Beach  
Special to The SUN

Thanks to the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership, Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) students had the opportunity to grow plants and start seeds throughout Pagosa Springs' snowy winter season.

Kelle Bruno's first- and second-grade class spent the chilly winter months planting, harvesting and learning in the appropriately named Education Dome. Next, Bruno's students will move their gardening to Bruno's Colorado Proud-certified farm, Southern Roots.

"We are really fortunate to be able to use the space as a greenhouse to start our plants for the summer," said Bruno. "We will likely start tomatoes, peppers,

annual flowers, herbs, broccoli and cabbages to be grown at school in our small garden as well as at our 1/8-acre property at my house."

Southern Roots is where PPOS students will take their gardening to the land and produce crops for a special Community Supported Agriculture program. PPOS student families will receive part of the weekly harvest from Bruno's farm for an eight-week period throughout the summer. Recipient families will be determined by a raffle at the upcoming Spring Student Showcase.

All families attending the showcase on April 25 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. will be entered into the raffle. This award will go to 10 families and will run July 8-Aug. 30, providing these families with fresh, local veggies during these two summer months.

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# Snowpack totals remain at 160 percent of median

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Believe it or not, temperatures in the mid-60s have not caused local snowpack totals to fall since last week. In fact, those local basins have the same recorded snowpack as they did last week.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins remain at 160 percent of median, according to data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Local basins again have the highest collective snowpack total of the eight basins recorded, with the closest being the Gunnison River Basin, which sits at 141 percent of median this week.

However, the Upper San Juan site has seen a decrease since last week, with recorded totals of 121 percent

of median. Last week, the Upper San Juan site had snowpack totals of 130 percent of median.

A decrease of 4 percent was reported at the Upper Rio Grande Basin, with snowpack totals dropping from 137 percent of median to 133 percent of median this week.

Another decrease was reported for the Arkansas River Basin, with snowpack totals going from 135 percent of median to 127 percent of median this week.

The Yampa and White River basins saw an 11 percent decrease from last week to this week, with snowpack totals dropping from 117 percent of median to 106 percent of median.

Another 11 percent decrease was also reported, this one coming from the Laramie and North Platte River basins.

Snowpack totals for those basins sit at 108 percent of median this week, when last week totals were 119 percent of median.

The South Platte River Basin has snowpack totals of 108 percent of median this week, down from last week's total of 116 percent of median.

The Upper Colorado River Basin has seen a 9 percent drop from last week, going from 131 percent of median to 122 percent of median.

Wrapping up the snowpack totals this week, the Gunnison River Basin is 141 percent of median, when last week it was 148 percent of median.

The Wolf Creek summit was 120 percent of the April 24 peak and 119 percent of the median peak.

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

The National Weather Service

(NWS) reports no chance for snowfall for Pagosa Springs through Sunday.

However, on Wolf Creek Pass, the NWS notes chances of snowfall ranging from 10-40 percent from today through Sunday.

NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta explained that the reason behind the local basins still having such a large snowpack total could be because of a variety of things.

"I don't think it's topography or anything; I think it's just the temperatures," he said. "Plus, I think we started with more snow than they did, so we have more to melt out."

In the coming weeks, Archuleta noted that it would be nice if local temperatures would remain cool so as to keep snowpack levels as high as possible.

# Lakes levels remain high, snow water equivalency drops

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

For the second week in a row, for all practical purposes, all five local lakes remain full, per a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

Lake Hatcher, Stevens Lake and Lake Pagosa all remain full, as they were last week.

Village Lake is currently 2 inches from full, when last week it was 9 inches from full.

Lake Forest is 3 inches from full this week. Last week it was 2 inches from full.

Ramsey explained in a follow-up interview that for both Village Lake and Lake Forest, levels will fluctuate as time goes on.

Additionally, total cumulative

available lake water for treatment and delivery remains at 100 percent.

This week, total diversion flows remain at 8 cubic feet per second (cfs), the same collective total as last week.

The West Fork diversion remains at 2 cfs, while the Four Mile diversion is also the same at 6 cfs.

As was the case last week, the Four Mile diversion flows are still going to Stevens.

From April 12 through April 18 of this year, water production was recorded at 10.87 million gallons.

In that time frame, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 3.41 million gallons, while the Hatcher water treatment produced 7.46 million gallons.

A reason behind a large increase in water production was noted last

week by Ramsey as being a potential leak somewhere.

As of April 22, Ramsey noted that a couple of small leaks had been found and repaired, but not the major leak.

From April 12 through April 18, 2018, total water production was listed at 9.05 million gallons.

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

As of April 22, snow water equivalency (SWE) was recorded at 36.5 inches, a decrease from last week's total of 41.8 inches.

The SWE median has also dropped from 32.1 inches to 30.6 inches.

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

This week, SWE is 119.3 percent of median. Last week the SWE was 130.2 percent of median.

"The pessimistic side of me thinks that dropped a little too steep. Hopefully it kind of slows down a little bit," Ramsey said of the SWE data. "All the lakes are full, so I can't complain too much."

Precipitation saw a very slight increase from last week to this week, specifically with recorded levels going from 44.2 inches to 44.3 inches.

The precipitation average has also increased from last week to this week, going from 35.9 inches to 36.7 inches.

This week, precipitation totals are 120.7 percent of median. Last week it was 123.1 percent of median.

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## Thanks

### Rotary

In addition to the Pagosa Fire Protection District, the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club, in cooperation with the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, would like to thank the Pagosa Springs SUN, KWUF Radio, The Choke Cherry Tree, the Chamber of Commerce and Al Myatt for providing services that helped make their first annual Ice Melt Contest a success.



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Parishioners make their way at the beginning of their annual procession on Good Friday, bearing the cross from Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in downtown to Pope John Paul II Catholic Church on South Pagosa Boulevard. Stations of the Cross and a service followed their arrival.

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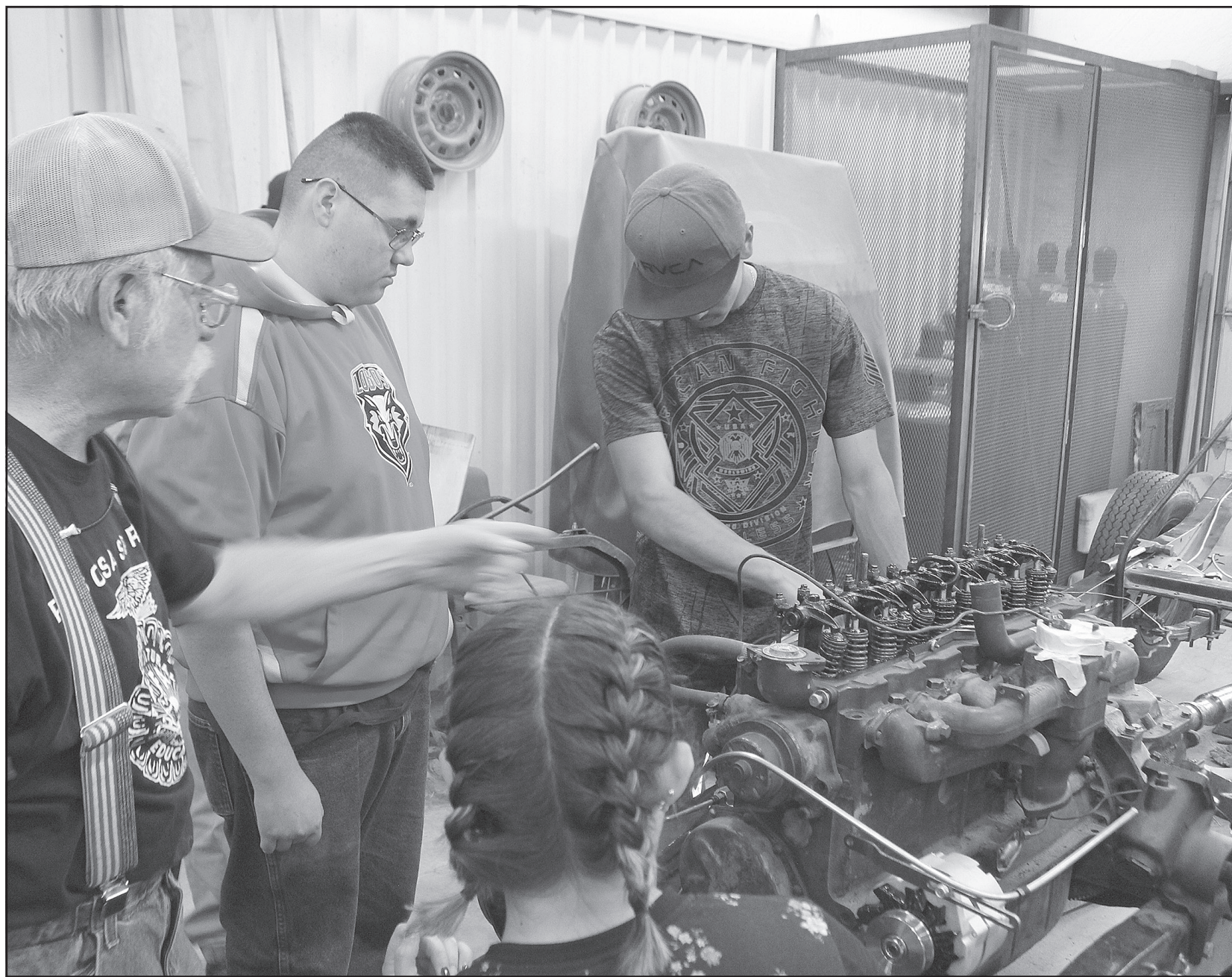
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Pagosa Springs High School students in Becky Guilliams' auto shop class work in tandem to help resurrect Ruby Sisson's 1950s Chevy truck that she donated to the school. Students are working on assembling the truck from the bare bones. Pagosa Springs High School is looking for donations in restoring the truck for items such as paint. Interested parties should make donations to Pagosa Springs High School, P.O. Box 1498, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

## The Blotter

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

### Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over week: 137.

April 15 — Animals running at large, Park Avenue.

April 16 — Fraudulent acts, Bunker Court.

April 16 — Nuisance/noisy animal, County Road 400.

April 16 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.

April 17 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.

April 17 — Improper registration, registration rescinded, canceled or issued for another vehicle displayed/possessed fictitious/canceled/revoked/suspended/ altered/titles/number plate, failed to display valid registration, owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, Pagosa Street.

April 17 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.

April 17 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.

April 17 — Second-degree criminal trespass, cruelty to animals, Ponderosa Drive.

April 18 — Warrant arrest, Eaton Drive.

April 18 — Menacing-intimidation including stalking threats,

harassment by phone or computer, Chromo.

April 18 — Criminal mischief, Periwinkle Drive.

April 19 — Information only, Bonanza Avenue.

April 19 — Drove vehicle while under F.R.A. suspension, Bonanza Avenue.

April 20 — Criminal attempt to commit felony, second-degree assault-caused intended serious injury, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, abuse of telephone and telegraph service, domestic violence, Ridge Place.

April 20 — Agency assist, Eaton Drive.

April 21 — Agency assist, North 2nd Street/Pagosa Street.

April 21 — Warrant arrest, Country Center Drive.

April 21 — Agency assist, County Road 119/Hot Springs Boulevard.

### Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 113.

April 15 — Animal/running at large, Bienvenido Circle.

April 15 — Harbored vicious animal, Yamaguchi Park.

April 15 — DUI, San Juan Street.

April 16 — Violation of restraining order, North 8th Street.

April 17 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.

April 19 — Animal/running at large, Hot Springs Boulevard.

April 20 — Third-degree assault, Eaton Drive.

April 21 — DUI/careless driving, Hot Springs Boulevard/County Road 119.

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

April 17 — Kayla M. Charlton, driving under the influence, 10 days jail, 56 hours community service, two years probation, total fines and costs — \$2,545.50.

April 17 — Kayla Marie Charlton, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 12 months probation, total fines and costs — \$844.50.

April 17 — Brittney Sjoblom, tires-unsafe, total fines and costs — \$113.50.

April 17 — Gabriel Salazar, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$258.50.

April 17 — Lindsay C. Smith, driving under the influence, one day jail, 48 hours community service, nine days electronic surveillance, two years probation, total fines and costs — \$2,601.50.

April 17 — William John Roeder, abandonment of motor vehicle-private property, total fines and costs — \$249.50.

April 17 — Norma Mae Warner, license plates-unlawful display, total fines and costs — \$48.50.

April 17 — Brandi Rae Pemble, driving under restraint-alcohol related, 30 days jail, total fines and costs — \$274.50.

April 17 — Brandi Rae Pemble, violation p/o-civil, 30 days jail, total fines and costs — \$1,519.50.

April 17 — Brandi R. Pemble, driver's license-evade interlock, 60 days jail, total fines and costs — \$160.50.

April 17 — Brandi Pemble, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, 60 days jail, 24 months probation, total fines and costs — \$1,524.50.

April 17 — Robert Hamilton Bell III, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, five days jail, 12 months

unsupervised probation, total fines and costs — \$227.50.

April 17 — Elias R. Mazikowski, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$70.50.

April 18 — Colt McKinney, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$193.50.

### Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Clayton Buchner

April 10 — Samuel Yeager, failed to yield right of way, one point on license, total fines and costs — \$116.

April 10 — Eder Garcia, exceeded safe speed for conditions, three points on license, total fines and costs — \$156.

April 10 — Ronald Beckman, exceeded safe speed for conditions, total fines and costs — \$146.

April 10, Juvenile, engaged in an acceleration/speed contest/exhibition, six points on license, total fines and costs — \$185.

April 10 — Juvenile, engaged in an acceleration/speed contest/exhibition, three points on license, total fines and costs — \$185.

April 10 — Jacinto Perez, exceeded safe speed for conditions, three points on license, total fines and costs — \$156.

April 10 — Michael Pepper, passed on right when unauthorized or unsafe, two points on license, total fines and costs — \$95.

April 11 — Benton Decker, shoplifting, illegal possession or consumption by underage persons, total fines and costs — \$150.

April 11 — William Roeder, possession of drug paraphernalia, 15 days jail, six months unsupervised probation, total fines and costs — \$1,145.

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# Sports

## SOCCER

### Lady Pirates pick up two more wins, remain in first place in league standings

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

It was a good stretch of three games for the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team as they picked up wins over two league opponents in the No. 43 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers (4-5-2 overall, 1-4-1 in league play) and the No. 49 Alamosa Mean Moose (1-9 overall, 1-4 in league play), despite dropping a game to the No. 9 2A Del Norte Tigers (9-2-2 overall).

After those three games, Pagosa's record now sits at 6-3-2 which also includes a 4-0-1 record against Intermountain League (IML) foes, good enough for first place in the IML standings.

Sitting behind Pagosa in the league standings are Bayfield, Cortez and Alamosa.

Additionally, Pagosa is now slotted at No. 32 in the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) standings for the 3A classification.

Last week, Pagosa was No. 36 in the RPI standings.

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

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

#### Cortez

Pagosa began play by defeating the Panthers at home on April 18 by a score of 2-1.

The last time Pagosa and Cortez faced off before the April 18 matchup, the game ended in a 0-0 tie. This time, however, there would be no goose eggs on the scoreboard.

Cortez struck first early in the first half with a goal to put them up 1-0.

However, Lady Pirate Nicole Bartz scored the equalizer with 3 minutes, 15 seconds left in the first half on a breakaway to knot the game up at 1-1.

Then, a minute later, Bartz again found the back of the Panther net to give Pagosa the 2-1 lead it was able to hang onto to secure another league victory.

Trista Tully finished with 17 total saves against Cortez, her second-highest save total of the season so far.

Pagosa ended with nine corner kicks while Cortez finished with eight.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason noted that the Lady Pirates did a good job looking for the seams against Cortez, as well as putting up a solid defensive effort.

"We ushered the ball outside frequently. I was pretty happy about the whole game," he said.

Kurt-Mason praised Tully for having a "phenomenal" game in net.

"She really does stand out as a keeper," he noted.

From the back up to the front, Pagosa passed the ball well against Cortez, he explained.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

With laser focus, Lady Pirate goalie Trista Tully makes a save against the No. 9 2A Del Norte Tigers on April 19. Tully finished with 15 total saves against Del Norte, but the Tigers bested Pagosa by a score of 4-1. Pagosa sits at No. 32 in the Rating Percentage Index standings for the 3A classification. The Lady Pirates also sit in first place in the Intermountain League standings. Pagosa looks to remain on top as it takes on the Telluride Miners and Ridgway Demons this weekend.

#### Tamed by the Tigers

With some momentum, Pagosa looked to keep up the hot streak against the Tigers.

The April 19 matchup against Del Norte provided a different outcome as the Tigers came away with a 4-1 win against the Lady Pirates.

This game marked the first loss for the Lady Pirates at home this season, and the first loss for Pagosa since March 15.

The first half concluded with neither team posting a goal, but in the second half, Pagosa took a 1-0 lead off of a Morgan Thompson goal, with Bartz notching the assist.

However, four straight goals from the Tigers in the second half would ultimately sink the Pirates.

For the Tigers, Lacie Jones finished with two goals while Grace Whitehorn and Sophia McConnell each added one.

Del Norte finished with 21 shots against Pagosa.

Tully finished with 15 saves against the Tigers.

Pagosa had five corner kicks against Del Norte.

With two good teams facing off with each other in Pagosa and Del Norte, Kurt-Mason explained that the difference in the game was the team that could execute.

"And we just didn't execute very well that day," he explained. "Del Norte is a very good team. They're fast and their passing was fast-paced and we just couldn't match that in the second half."

When the Tigers scored the tying goal, Kurt-Mason described the next four minutes of the second half as a time where the Lady Pi-

rates "let down."

"If you get scored on, you have to keep playing. You just can't give up," he described. "That was the game changer. We just gave up, and you've got to play for 80 minutes, and we just didn't."

#### Alamosa

With the loss, Pagosa looked to bounce back in a big way against Alamosa on April 23.

The Lady Pirates were able to sweep the season series from the Mean Moose at home by a score of 2-1.

Pagosa pounced first in a big way in the first half, scoring two goals quickly, with the first coming from Thompson and the second coming from Annabelle Bowles to take a 2-0 lead going into halftime.

Thompson also added an assist to her stat line via the Bowles' goal.

Late in the game, specifically in the 72nd minute, Alamosa was able to get one past Tully to make it 2-1.

Against the Mean Moose, the Lady Pirates tallied eight shots on goal, with Thompson leading the way with four.

Bowles and Bartz added two shots on goal each.

Tully provided eight saves against Alamosa.

In the first half, Pagosa did a great job of connecting passes, Kurt-Mason explained in an interview.

"In the second half we were connecting passes, but it wasn't a convincing, overpowering win," he said. "The teams are really even. Alamosa is a good, solid team."

The Lady Pirates were just able to execute better than Alamosa

in the first half, despite it being pretty even in the second half, Kurt-Mason explained.

"I think the difference was that we had a few more scoring chances, not many," he said.

#### Miners and Demons

Coming up for Pagosa is a two-game road trip against two familiar foes.

Starting on Friday, Pagosa will hit the road to take on the No. 10 2A Telluride Miners (5-3 overall) at 4 p.m. at Down Valley Field.

The Miners are currently in third place in the 2A Region 4 league standings behind the Crested Butte Titans and Del Norte.

Last season, Pagosa defeated Telluride in the teams' lone matchup by a score of 2-1.

Then, on April 27, Pagosa will travel to Ridgway to take on the No. 15 Demons.

Varsity action is set for 11 a.m. against Ridgway.

The Demons are currently fourth in the 2A Region 4 league standings.

Last season, the Lady Pirates also defeated Ridgway in the lone matchup of the season by a score of 2-1.

For both Telluride and Ridgway, Kurt-Mason explained that he hopes to see the Lady Pirates stay focused for the entirety of the game.

"They've just got to keep doing that in practice and in a game," he said. "Telluride is a tough match. Ridgway always is, too. There's no easy road for us."

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# TRACK



Photo courtesy Justin Cowan

Lexie and Daily Valdez pass the baton during an event with the girls' relay team at the Ron Keller Invitational on April 20. The girls' relay team continued its impressive streak, earning first place in the 4x800-meter relay, the 800-meter sprint medley, second in the 4x200-meter relay and 4x400-meter relay and third in the 4x100-meter relay.



Photo courtesy Justin Cowan

Isaac Stewart hustles with the baton during an event with the boys' relay team at the Ron Keller Invitational. The boys took first in the 4x800-meter relay and Stewart took 13th in the 100-meter run.

## Track and field nets pair of third-place finishes at invitational

By John Finebrock  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School track and field teams cruised to a pair of third-place finishes at the Ron Keller Invitational on April 20. "It's nice to get third at a track meet where there's some really fast kids and some bigger schools," said coach Connie O'Donnell. "I just feel like everyone really competed well."

Michael Wedemeyer continued his winning streak for the boys in the triple jump, garnering first place in the event with a jump of 44 feet, 9 inches.

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

O'Donnell noted that Wedemeyer participates in multiple events that often run at the same time, and scrambling around the entire track, Wedemeyer still performs very well.

"If he's doing triple jump, it runs into the [4x800-meter relay] and so then what he's doing is he's going to go jump in the triple, then run over and do his 800, then run back and finish his triple jump," said O'Donnell.

Cade Cowan snatched second in the long jump, falling short of Alex

Hise from Durango.

"The guy [Cowan] got beat by, the Durango kid, he's just been good forever," O'Donnell said of Hise.

Both Cowan and Wedemeyer are ranked in the top 10 in the 3A division in the long jump, Cowan at sixth and Wedemeyer at seventh.

Asked if being so close in state rankings caused a competitive split among the teammates, O'Donnell noted the two "good friends" are more than encouraging to each other.

"I would say every time I've had kids that are in the same event at the state track meet, they've always been encouraging to each other and excited for each other," said O'Donnell. "They're competitive and they want to win, but they're definitely being a good teammate, too."

Aidan O'Donnell hopped to second place in the 110-meter hurdles, earning eight points for the team.

The boys took first place in the 4x800, earning 10 points for the team. The boys' team netted third place with 71 points, behind Durango (182) and Montezuma-Cortez (101).

On the girls' side, Mackenzie Wedemeyer took first in the triple

jump, earning 10 points for the team and cementing her as the day's triple jump champion along with her brother Michael.

"She did not do triple jump last year," said the coach. "I don't know if she saw the success of Michael and was like, 'I'm related to him, I can do this.'"

Mackenzie Wedemeyer also took fourth place in the 400-meter race.

The girls' relay team continued its impressive streak of domination, earning first place in the 4x800, the 800-meter sprint medley, second in the 4x200-meter relay and 4x400-meter relay and third in the 4x100-meter relay.

The coach explained she has been moving the relay team line-ups around to include some of the faster runners.

"I'm probably driving everyone nuts because I keep moving people around in relays," she said.

Nell Taylor, who has been at or near the top in the 3,200-meter race the last few weeks, garnered second place, earning eight points for the team.

"She's a strong runner and she was one of our best cross-country runners this last fall. She also ran a ton of races on Saturday," said

Connie O'Donnell.

Taylor also earned sixth in the 1,600-meter race.

Megan Greenly placed fourth in the 3,200.

Emma Heidelmeier jumped 14-11 1/2 in the long jump, netting third place and earning six points for the team.

The girls finished third with 94 points, behind Durango (205) and Montezuma-Cortez (129).

Trackie of the Week, the track and field team's weekly leadership award, went to Tommy Barker.

"He won because he placed in 300 hurdles this weekend and just keeps really improving his time because he works so hard at hurdles everyday," said the coach. "Just a really loyal, hardworking kid."

The Pirates' next event is the High Altitude Challenge at 9 a.m. on April 27 in Alamosa.

The weekend after that is the teams' only home meet of the season, and the Pirates need local volunteers to help run the event.

The Terry Alley Invitational will start at 9 a.m. on May 4 at Golden Peaks Stadium.

Interested parties who wish to volunteer can contact the high school for more information.

john@pagosasun.com

## Veterans 4 Veterans to honor heroes at golf tourney

By Ted Eckerson  
Special to The SUN

Veterans 4 Veterans of Archuleta County is proud to announce a new program that is tied to the Vets4Vets Memorial Weekend Golf Tournament.

The golf tournament is the largest fundraiser for the organization. Last year, we were able to assist lo-

cal veterans with cash assistance of over \$100,000 in assistance. We are a nonprofit that has not one person receiving any cash for their volunteer work. We had around 5,000 of volunteer hours last year.

This year, we will be honoring our heroes that have passed on by having signs made for each individual vet and displaying them at the golf tournament. This sign will have their

picture and date of service. They will also be honored by a flyover by the Pagosa Springs Pilots Association, tentatively. We will be requesting a donation from \$50 to \$100 from each person who would like to honor a vet. All proceeds will be used to help veterans of Archuleta County and the southwest Colorado area that are in need of assistance.

We appreciate all that have served

and desire to assist all veterans of need. You may assist us by honoring your loved one. The tournament is May 25 and cutoff for sponsorship is May 21. To sponsor, you may call Ted Eckerson at (970) 238-6323 or send a monetary donation to Vets 4 Vets, P.O. Box 5331, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

We still have openings for anyone who would like to participate in the golf tournament.

A partir del 1 de mayo, la biblioteca celebrará un segundo idioma (ESL) clases de inglés como. Serán los miércoles y el viernes desde mediodía-2 pm.

Hay ningún cargo adicional en estas clases, y no es necesario registrarse. ¡Esperamos verte en la biblioteca para el continuo aprendizaje del inglés!

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# Outdoors

## San Juan National Forest firewood permits on sale beginning May 1

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Permits to cut firewood on the San Juan National Forest will be on sale starting May 1 at agency offices and selected retail outlets.

A minimum purchase of \$20 allows the permit holder to gather 2.5 cords of dead and downed firewood from the San Juan National Forest for personal use. Permits are valid until Dec. 31.

Permits, which come with a brochure and map, are available at the Pagosa Ranger District, 180

Pagosa St.

Permits are divided into five separate tags; each tag is good for one-half cord of firewood and can be used separately or all at one time. One household may purchase a permit for up to 10 cords of firewood per year for personal use. A cord is measured as a stack 4 feet by 4 feet by 8 feet. Restrictions apply to the cutting of standing dead ponderosa pine and live Gambel oak. Cutting firewood for commercial resale requires a commercial permit; information can be obtained

at any Forest Service office.

Chain saws must have an approved spark arrester. Operators will need to carry a fire extinguisher, meeting a 2A rating, and a round-pointed shovel at least 35 inches long. Fire restrictions may be put in place during the summer; it is the permit holder's responsibility to adhere to any additional posted fire restrictions. Permit holders are expected to abide by all regulations written on their permit.

Due to snowmelt, roads even at

lower elevations are likely to be wet or muddy when the woodcutting season opens on May 1. Roads that are impassable may need to stay closed until they dry out to prevent resource damage.

More information on firewood gathering regulations and current road conditions are available online at <https://origin-fs.usda.gov/main/sanjuan/passes-permits/forestproducts>.

For more information, please contact the San Juan Public Lands Center at 247-4874.

## BLM evaluating roads and trails in Archuleta, La Plata and Montezuma counties

Seeking public input on transportation needs to make public lands in southwest Colorado more accessible

Special to The SUN

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tres Rios Field Office announced a 30-day public scoping period to initiate travel management planning efforts across approximately 100,000 acres in Archuleta, La Plata and Montezuma counties.

"We are working very closely with our communities and partners to provide a network of

roads and trails that everyone can use to access and enjoy their public lands," said Acting Tres Rios Field Manager Elijah Waters.

The BLM has worked with community members, partners and other agencies to identify a sustainable transportation system with various trail designations accessing public lands in Archuleta, La Plata and Montezuma counties. The BLM is also

seeking input from the public to address current and future transportation needs.

The BLM is accepting comments through May 22. Comments must be submitted through the BLM ePlanning site at <https://go.usa.gov/xE6ZU>. The BLM proposed action and associated maps are also available on the ePlanning site and available for review at the Tres Rios Field Office, 29211 Highway 184 in Dolores.

In 2017, recreation activities on BLM-managed lands gener-

ated \$618 million and supported 5,043 jobs in Colorado.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or any other personal identifying information in your comments, please be aware that your entire comment, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request BLM to withhold personal identifying information from public view, the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so.



Photo courtesy Forest Service

Regional foresters and partners are recognized for conservation work related to expanding populations of Colorado River cutthroat trout. Pictured, left to right, are Jim White, aquatic biologist, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Clay Kampf, fisheries biologist, San Juan National Forest; and Buck Skillen, Trout Unlimited, president, Five Rivers Chapter.

## Forest officials and partners recognized for helping local fish

Special to The SUN

Four local recipients were recognized earlier this month at the annual Regional Forester's Honor Awards Ceremony held in Lakewood, Colo.

Mary Hammer and Clay Kampf, fisheries biologists with the San Juan National Forest, along with partners Jim White, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and Buck Skillen, Trout Unlimited, were recognized for conservation work related to expanding populations of Colorado River cutthroat trout.

The San Juan National Forest strives to provide forest users a unique recreational fishing experience while investing in sustainable water and aquatic resources, educational opportunities, valued partnerships and important conservation populations of native cutthroat trout.

Working together, these individuals and their agencies evacuated the newly rediscovered San Juan lineage of Colorado River cutthroat trout (SJCT) from two streams

impacted by recent wildfires. In summer 2018, partners worked to remove fish from a 2-mile stretch of Wolf Creek in support of the first SJCT reintroduction.

Over the years, the award recipients have accomplished a native Colorado River cutthroat trout reintroduction project that isolates and protects 23 miles of highly productive stream in the Hermosa Creek Watershed. This habitat is accessible for recreational fishing and located in a popular recreation area that will benefit the public long into the future.

Regional Forester Brian Ferebee recognized these San Juan National Forest employees and partners for helping provide the American public a special and unique opportunity to fish for a species that was once trending toward federal listing under the Endangered Species Act. Their efforts, and investment in partnerships in Hermosa, have paved the way to expand trout populations where appropriate on the San Juan National Forest.

### EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

## Noxious weed of the month: downy brome

By Ethan Proud  
SUN Columnist

Cheatgrass is the common colloquial name for downy brome in Archuleta County, though the phrase can be referring to several brome species known for their early emergence.

Downy brome earns its nickname of "cheatgrass" due to its life cycle as a winter annual. Downy brome seeds germinate in the fall, remain dormant under the snow, and reemerge and produce seed as early as March. As it matures, it turns red before turning brittle and hard. It uses moisture that would be available for seed germination and out-competes native species.

Before maturity, it has a high protein content, but its usefulness as a source of nutrients disappears as it becomes unpalatable and its stiff awns may become stuck in the ears, eyes, mouths and noses of grazing animals. These awns may also become stuck in the skin of dogs and will work themselves deeper.

Downy brome is often difficult to control because to the untrained eye, it is hard to identify when it is susceptible to herbicide treatments. When using herbicide on cheatgrass, mark off the area and identify native grass stands so you are not inadvertently damaging the native ecosystem. Once cheatgrass produces seed, it is no longer economic to spray it. The seeds have a short viability of one to five years, and hand-pulling is both easy and effective. Cheatgrass has a very shallow root system and doesn't require much tugging to free it from the soil. Removing mature plants will

prevent seed shed — downy brome produces an impressive 300 seeds per plant. Revegetation is always a necessary component to noxious weed control, especially when dealing with an aggressive annual grass like downy brome. Other grasses to watch out for are foxtail, ventenata, medusa head and bulbous bluegrass.

### Upcoming events

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

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

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

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# Water Safety

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Second-graders from Kain Lucero's class at Pagosa Springs Elementary School took to the waters for PE Tuesday, learning different swimming strokes and water-safety maneuvers while having a bit of fun at the same time.



## How to help a friend who has been sexually assaulted

By Casey Crow  
Special to The SUN

Imagine you are going about your usual routine when a friend calls and tells you they have been sexually assaulted. You are overcome by emotion — anger, sadness, fear and helplessness. Perhaps you feel numb.

How you respond can influence your friend's healing process, your relationship to each other and how you both move forward, but what do you do?

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and it is a good time to remember that sexual assault can happen to anyone. It happens regardless of age, gender, ethnicity and socioeconomic status and, sadly, it can happen to the people we love.

Twenty-eight sexual assaults were reported to Rise Above Violence last year in Pagosa Springs.

One in three teens will experience sexual or physical abuse or threats from a boyfriend or girlfriend this year. One in five women are survivors of rape. One in three women and one in six men have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime. One in four women and one in six men were sexually abused before the age of 18 (<https://nomore.org/know-the-facts-citations/>). Every 92 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted. And every nine minutes that victim is a child. Meanwhile, only five out of every 1,000 perpetrators will end up in prison.

These statistics beg the question: What do we do when someone close to us is the victim of sexual violence?

First, it is important to know that sexual assault affects everyone differently. For some, the emotional impact can be immediate and short term. For others, the effects can be long lasting. If a friend or family member is sexually assaulted, he or she may experience shock, anger, mood swings, disturbances in eating and sleeping patterns, fear, helplessness, depression or an inability to concentrate.

Here are some guidelines for supporting a survivor of sexual violence provided by Georgetown University Law School:

- Believe unconditionally. People rarely lie about being sexually assaulted. Be sure your friend knows how much you support her or him.

- Let the survivor control the situation. Let your friend determine the pace of healing. Help your friend understand the options available and encourage your friend to keep her or his options open. Most importantly, allow your friend to make her or his own decisions.

- Assure your friend that it was not her or his fault. No one asks to be sexually assaulted. Avoid blaming questions and judgmental phrases such as, "Why didn't you scream?" or, "If I ever get my hands on the creep..." or, "I would have done this..." Avoid searching for things your friends should have done.

- Show you want to listen. A friend may confide in you 10 minutes or 10 years after the assault. At that time, it doesn't matter so much what you say but how well you listen. Remember that your friend's sense of trust has been violated, so one of the most important things you can do is respect her or his need for confidentiality.

- Don't be afraid to ask for outside help. Your friend may need medical attention or counseling. Offer to help your friend access outside services.

If someone you love has been sexually assaulted and you are seeking additional guidance, Rise Above Violence can provide you with further resources and support. Or, if you are a survivor of sexual assault or domestic violence in need of direct support, call our 24-hour hotline at 264-9075.

Rise Above Violence is a non-profit organization which 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.

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  - Q & A from the membership

**Election of Directors**  
Pursuant to LPEA bylaws, one-third of the director's seats are up for election annually, one in each of LPEA's four districts. The following candidates have been nominated by petition for a three-year term representing:

- District 1 (Archuleta County):*  
Holly Metzler, Michael Whiting
- District 2 (south and west La Plata County):*  
Dan Huntington (incumbent), Jeff Mannix
- District 4 (north and east La Plata County):*  
Sarah Ferrell, Jack Turner (incumbent)

*The election in representative District 3 (City of Durango) has been cancelled due to only one nominee in the district: Joe Lewandowski.*

# preview

## ARTS & LIFE

# 9Health Fair

April 27 • 7 to 11 a.m. • Pagosa Springs High School



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# 9Health Fair Saturday at high school

By Constance d'Angelis  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Town Council proclaimed, "We encourage citizens to attend to receive vital health screenings and information so that they can have healthier, longer and happier lives" as part of its proclamation in support of the 9Health Fair.

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The website has a plethora of information: 9healthfair.org.

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Questions? Contact Sharee Grazda at 731-0317 or email sgrazda@gmail.com.

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# Earth Day Week closes with Saturday's Earth Day Fair

By **Pauline Benetti**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Saturday is the big day — the Earth Day Fair — from 1 to 4 p.m. at the PLPOA Clubhouse and grounds, with food, music, community and an array of interesting and educational displays by our local folks who are promoting some aspect of planet safety.

Here are just a few groups you can learn about and support — Audubon, Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS), Time Bank, Chimney Rock, Humane Society, Pagosa Peak Open School, San Juan Basin Public Health and more. Plants will be given away by the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) and Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship children.

Fun for kids will be found at the U.S. Forest Service table and with the rock and giant bubbles activities. Also importantly, there will be the opportunity to recycle electronics. Please check the fee schedule on [sospagosa.org](http://sospagosa.org).

There is more today. Don't miss the Lifelong Learning series this afternoon at 5 p.m. at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library featuring La Plata Electric Association's (LPEA) Dan Harms and Dominic May on beneficial electrification and how to achieve LPEA's carbon footprint-reduction goal. This is

important information for all of us as members of the LPEA co-op.

Tomorrow, Friday, there are activities for kids and adults. Kids need to be at Yamaguchi Park at 10 a.m. to help with tree planting by Town of Pagosa Springs invitation. And adults can attend a presentation by Marine Arctic Peace Sanctuary (MAPS) Ambassador Renia Pruchnicki, who will give a virtual presentation about MAPS, a treaty proposed before the United Nations that declares the Arctic Ocean north of the Arctic Circle an international peace park, free from exploitation of all kinds, in perpetuity. This is offered by Pagosa UU Fellowship at Unit 15, Greenbriar Plaza Fellowship at 6 p.m.

April has been replete with activities celebrating this eighth anniversary of Earth Day Week in Pagosa Springs. The Colorado Environmental Film Festival sponsored by the GGP; the Garden Expo sponsored by the Mountain High Garden Club and the week of activities involving many segments of our community which began with the SOS free screening of "Racing Extinction" in support of the 2019 Earth Day theme — "Protect Our Species" — and will end with the SOS-sponsored Earth Day Fair.

Next year, 2020, will mark the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Plans are starting now to make that

celebration even bigger and better, as you can see on [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org). Contact Holly Metzler at [pagosa100percent@gmail.com](mailto:pagosa100percent@gmail.com) with questions.

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## Pagosa Springs model railroaders to meet in Farmington

By **Joe Lemmo**  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Silver San Juan Division of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) is holding its annual spring meeting and it is open to the public. If you've had any interest in model railroading, please join us and see what the NMRA has to offer.

The meeting will be at the Farmington Museum, 3041 E. Main St. in Farmington, N.M. on Saturday, April 27, at 9 a.m.

We'll have our new and growing modular layout set up and

operating.

Active participation at our meetings is strongly encouraged. Please bring something to contribute and share with the group, including comments, stories or questions. What railroad or modeling things have you been up to?

Bring any railroad-related photos, graphics or artifacts to show. Bring any railroad-related models, engines, rolling stock, vehicles, buildings, people or dioramas to show.

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■ **See Railroaders on next page**

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# Vegetable gardening pointers to be shared at Homemakers meeting May 9

By Tozi Rubin  
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Springs' local gardening guru, Ron Chacey, will share pointers with the Mountain View Homemakers on May 9.

Chacey has been an organic vegetable gardener for well over 70 years, including over 20 years in Pagosa. He admits he has never lived in a more difficult place to grow vegetables — some varieties are easy here, but most are difficult.

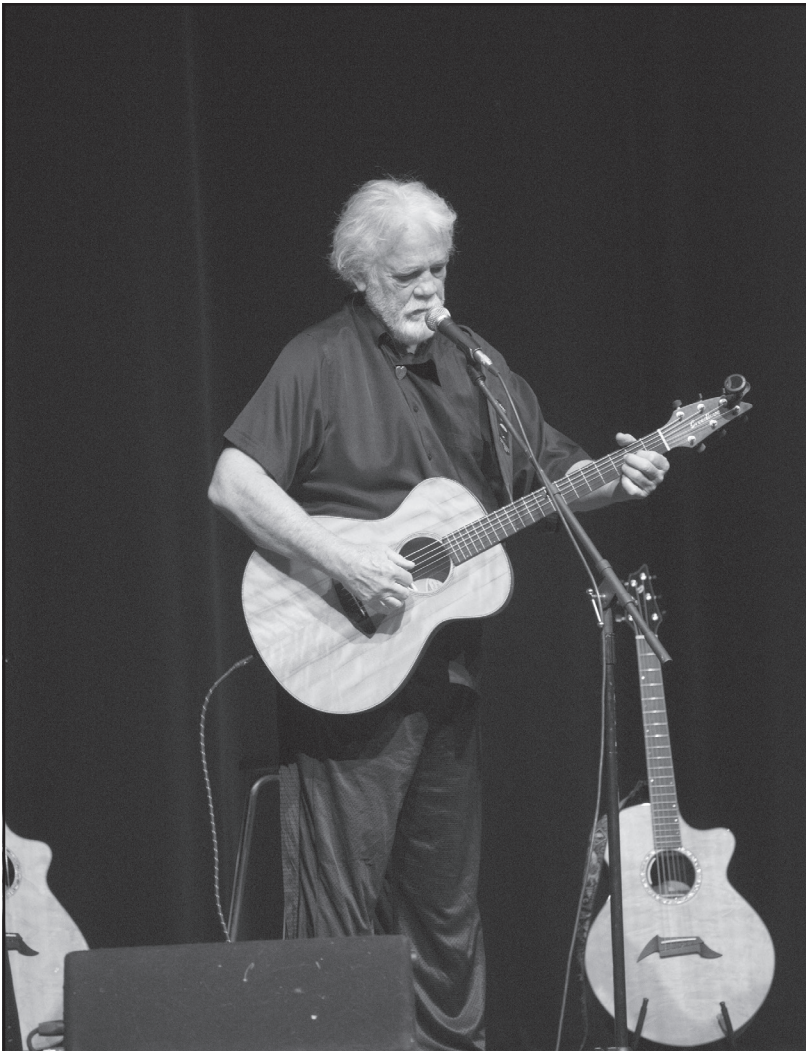
However, with enough knowledge and effort, Chacey says that almost all vegetables can be successfully grown here, including enjoying some of them year-round.

Chacey considers the ability to grow your own food extremely important and eagerly shares his acquired knowledge with all who are interested. Since we all live and garden in somewhat different environments, he will address how to avoid gardening mistakes and share information on how to get started growing vegetables in Pagosa Springs.

The Homemakers will meet at 11:30 a.m. on May 9 at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. We socialize before we enjoy a potluck lunch provided by members. First-time visitors are not expected to bring food. Chacey's presentation will begin at approximately 12:30 p.m. If your time is limited, you are welcome to skip lunch and join us then.

Mountain View Homemakers is a 50-year-old monthly gathering of area women who are interested in making their lives, the lives of their families and the community more enjoyable. The meetings include lunch and a speaker or activity. This is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends in the community.

We meet on the second Thursday of every month. There are no dues or membership requirements, and every interested woman is welcome. Homemaking skills as such are not required. Call Tozi at 731-3360 with questions.



PREVIEW photo/Randi Pierce

Gary Morris performs at a fundraising concert Saturday. Morris, a world-class performer with No. 1 hits and Broadway appearances to his name, among other honors, took to the stage of the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium on April 20 to raise money for Rotary's Feed Our Children Backpack Program.

## Railroaders

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a finished product or anything approaching a "perfect" model. Share a technique or tools that you have tried and liked or did not like. Review of a kit, structure or rolling stock you have built or modified.

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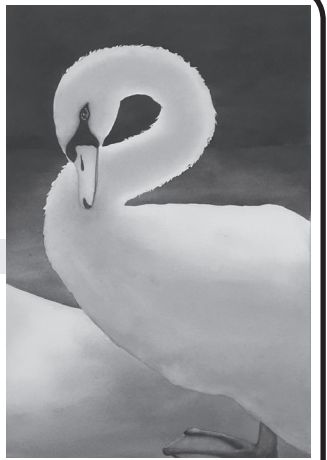
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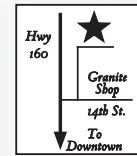
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# Gardening talk with Ron Chacey: The superpowers of success

By Leslie Wustrack and Ethan Proud  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners are sponsoring free gardening talks throughout the spring and summer months. Renowned experts will cover all topics related to gardening in the Pagosa Springs area. The talks are free and open to the public.

On Wednesday, May 1, in the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library large conference room, 811 San Juan St., Ron Chacey, the eminent regional vegetable grower and president of Mountain High Gardeners, will discuss the how-to techniques of the gardening superpowers: watering, fertilizing and mulching crops.

The evening's format will vary slightly from past events. Beginning at 4:30 p.m., Chacey is inviting attendees to bring their questions — on any gardening topic of interest — and Chacey will spend 30 minutes covering the inquiries. At 5 p.m., Chacey will discuss the superpowers of successful gardening: water, fertilizer, and mulch. The talk will conclude with real-life stories and information about what Chacey is actually doing right now in his personal gardens.

An avid grower with more than seven decades of experience, Chacey is a believer in trial and error in all areas of gardening. Chacey believes that learning from mistakes is the foundation of successful gardening.

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Garden is located at the end of 5th Street on the San Juan River in downtown Pagosa Springs. Decades old, the garden is on land owned by the Town of Pagosa Springs, and plots are granted to the town's citizens free of charge.

In 2017, the garden was rejuvenated by community volunteers

with the assistance of local Pagosa Springs businesses. Raised beds and deer-out fencing were constructed with donated lumber. Soil amendments, fertilizers, seeds, tools, hoses and other necessary items are all provided through the generosity of Pagosa Springs' businesses. The

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# Dino-Mite book fair just around the corner

By Lisa Scott  
Special to The PREVIEW

Dino-Mite Book Fair — Stomp, Chomp and Read! will be running April 29 through May 10 during school hours in the Pagosa Springs Elementary School library.

The community, families and teachers are invited to attend this Scholastic book fair and participate in activities that accompany the dinosaur theme, which are all geared to instill the love of books and reading. This fair was planned for the end of the school year to encourage summer reading.

To date, \$3,915.57 has been donated to the elementary school from the Pagosa Springs High School Student Council over the last three years. "Books for Kids" was an idea originated by High School English Department Chair and Student Council Advisor Sally Riggs as a way to increase literacy at the elementary level.

"Student council works hard to support our local community. Raising money to help supplement the Elementary School Book Fair and

getting books in the hands of more kids is a great way to invest in our community," said Riggs.

The students on the council voted in favor of concentrating their efforts on this goal and have implemented raffles at home games, bake sales at local stores and high school events, and other activities to generate the funds to donate. This year, Debbie Mackey, media specialist and book fair coordinator, will give vouchers to teachers for the students that will be most helped by the gift.

The Partners In Education Committee (PIE) and art teacher Kelly Lewis have organized a Fine Arts Night for students and families to be held Tuesday, April 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. Artwork from all students will be displayed and music performances will be presented throughout the evening. All classes will have a hand-decorated plate for auction and proceeds will benefit the art program. A delicious homemade dinner of Picasso pizza, Van Gogh veggies and cave cookies will be served in the cafeteria.

An Appreciation Station will be set up to prepare for teacher ap-

preciation week, where students can write notes of gratitude to staff members. All families are invited to the school for an evening full of fun and are eligible for a prize drawing. Participants can also shop the book fair and enjoy a meal together.

The book fair serves several purposes for the school. First, it's a great way to inspire children to read by introducing new literature and highlighting existing books that kids love. Second, it is an opportunity for students and their families to engage in an all-school activity and create camaraderie around education. Finally, it is a fundraiser as proceeds from book fairs are used for reading and educational improvements that are not funded through the school budget. The past years have been funding alternative seating and tables, and SMART board technology to classrooms.

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

# Tap into your creativity at hand-drumming sessions

By Paul Roberts  
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, April 30, at noon.

Beatbox artist Ben Mirin uses his voice to create many sounds and blend them together in a musical way. As a child, Mirin was fascinated by birds songs. Later, he moved to New York City to pursue his career in beatboxing. Although Mirin was delighted to participate in one of the best beatboxing scenes in the world, he felt something essential was miss-

ing: his connection with nature.

Mirin began going on expeditions to record wildlife sounds to use in his music. Incorporating animal sounds into beatboxing, he has become a successful wildlife DJ. Mirin leads expeditions to record and catalog sounds in endangered ecosystems around the world. He works with musicians, scientists and documentarians, and his work has been recognized with grants and art residencies.

As nature plays a lush, springtime soundscape, our senses and perceptions wake up and expand.

The wonderment of natural

sounds — melodies of birds, water, wind — is a glorious source of inspiration.

The hand-drumming class is an opportunity for people of all ages to tap into their creativity. No previous experience is necessary. Drums are provided for those who do not have one.

For more information, call 731-3117. The Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave.

# Gardening

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To receive more information, email PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com. The Pagosa Springs Community Garden is free and open to all.

The 4:30 to 6 p.m. free gardening talk will be held in the Sisson Library

large conference room on Wednesday night, May 1. Light refreshments will be served.

Event attendees will receive a free copy of Chacey's 2019 Vegetable Growing Notes. Visit <http://www.Facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden.com> or email PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com for further details.

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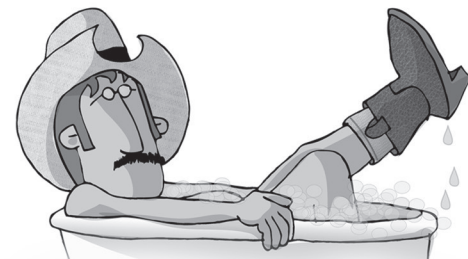
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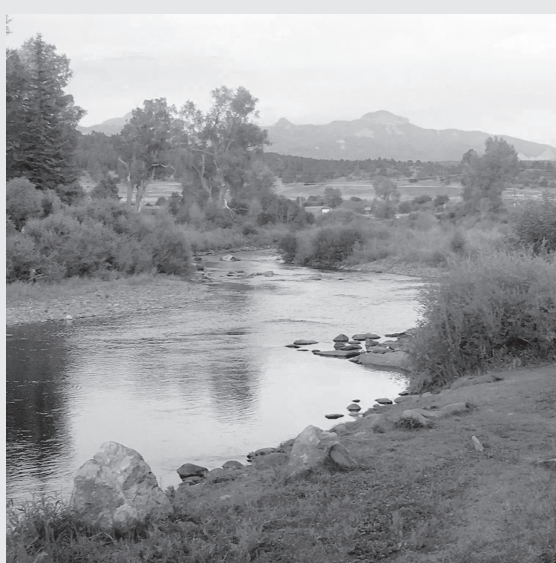
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The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will present its spring concert, "An Evening with Friends," on Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church.

## Pagosa Springs Girls Choir spring concert date set

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) will complete another stellar year of singing with the presentation of its spring concert on Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church.

This year's theme, "An Evening with Friends" will feature a variety of music, songs that speak of home, family and friends. In addition, the choir will host a performance of the women's chorus, Sisters in Song, who will not only perform its own selections, but will also sing a combined number with the PSGC. Additionally, Allora Leonard and Gus Palma, Pagosa favorites, will perform as featured soloists.

"Having the Sisters in Song perform with the girls exemplifies the phrase that music is a lifelong skill," said PSGC Director Linda Parker. "While Pagosa is full of exceptional, professional musicians, many performers have another career, but they continue to enjoy music and performing. It is such a great opportunity for the girls to see this as a reality so that they, too, may continue to sing and perform throughout their life. Also, by singing a combined song with the Sisters, the girls will learn to blend their voices and to interact

with other musicians. With the women's chorus sharing the stage, the girls will gain another perspective on the importance of music in a person's life.

"We hope that Pagosa will join us for this wonderful musical mix of impressive talent from our own community. We are so grateful for the support from these gifted musicians as well as the support and

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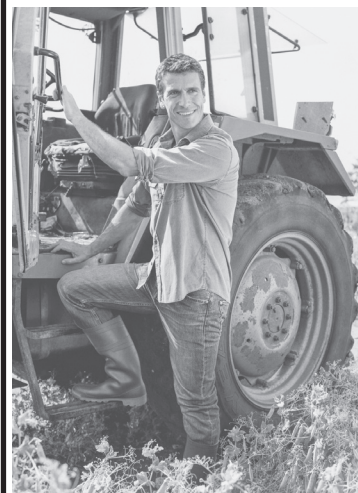


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# ‘I think you shot the clown’

Writing can be a fickle medium. In just a matter of words, you can change the dynamics of a written piece turning the funny into something serious. Evidently, I had done that in my own writing and not even realized it.

A friend said, “You’ve lost your Erma Bombeck appeal.” First off, I’m hardly the caliber of a Bombeck, although I took the comment as a compliment. My friend continued, “Where did your humor go? I think you shot the clown.”

“The clown?” Has that been the mask I’ve worn so comfortably all these years? Red nose, painted face and funny clothes have always been my go-to around the house. I didn’t realize it was also a draw in my writing. Maybe that is all part and parcel of what allows me to deal with the insanity that is life. Family, my Sweet Al, Whiskey? Need I say more?

My mind was reeling from my friend’s comment. I felt like I was dancing around on sizzling-hot feet and dying a slow death while trying to explain to her the direction my writing has taken. Actually, I’m not sure I know what happened. Has life become too serious? Have I quit laughing?

Most writers learn to strip away all of their filters so people get a peek into their private lives. We have to be comfortable in our own skin, even when that skin feels more like a well-

## Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



worn winter Snuggie.

When I think back to recent articles published, it seems like I have been writing more and more about old people stuff. I guess it’s where my head is. After all, my calendar is marked with more doctor appointments than luncheon dates and getaways.

My Sweet Al likes it when I tell humorous stories, probably because most of them are about his antics or his garage sales. If I could get on my toes, he would keep me there. He does, however, draw the line when it comes to his dog, Whiskey. He says a good wife doesn’t talk about a man’s dog. I’ve learned that my hearing aides have a button labeled “Selective Hearing.”

From time to time, something tugs at my heart strings that needs to come to the surface. My children tell me to lay off the “psychobabble.” I’d like to think that I am sharing pearls of wisdom. All the same, I just need to remember not to forget to laugh.

This column started out as one for artists, although I now only write

and not paint. I have artist friends tell me their favorite articles are when I write about painting, so I need to remember to sprinkle in a little art from time to time.

Final brushstrokes: I started writing for The SUN over 11 years ago. Times change in the process of living, so it makes sense that our writings change in the process of being written. But never more have I found it important to channel my inner Erma. Embrace funny, even if only threaded throughout less-than-humorous moments in life. Thank you to those who remind me what is important.

### Readers’ comments

“Betty, you wrote an article on Change! Are we ready for it? Thanks for writing this awesome article. I’m a long-time reader but I’ve never been compelled to leave a comment.

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The 2019 Pagosa Stars are excited to strap on their dancing shoes this summer. In the front row, left to right, are: Laura Moore, Evelyn Tennyson and Nicki Smith. In the back row, left to right, are: Steve Potter, Mike Le Roux and Jason Cox. Not pictured are Chris Hopkins and Annita Bens.

## The ladies of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

By Tess Wisher  
Special to The PREVIEW

The stars of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars are preparing for the second annual dance competition to support Pagosa's Seeds of

Learning. These Stars have been matched with a dance coach who will lead them through the process to win the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy. Four of these fabulous stars are Annita Bens, Laura Moore, Nicki Smith and Evelyn Tennyson.

Bens and her husband moved from Belgium to Texas with their two small children in 1985. She retired in 2007 from a career in the pharmaceutical industry and academia. Bens now lives in Mansfield, Texas, but enjoys her second home in Pagosa Springs.

"Thanks to the encouragement of my high school teachers and the hard work and support of my par-

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## Lane

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Thanks again for a great post!

"Awe, Change! At 80 I have found change happens and the thing we fight coincides in perfect harmony. A quote I came across in a commentary on the book of Proverbs says,

"There comes a time when we must step off the stage so that others may step up to it.' I am finding I have to be pushed off. Harmony, please show up. BL, Clovis, New Mexico."

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# Dancing

■ **continued from previous page** ents, I was able to attend college in Belgium and later graduate school in Fort Worth. Humble beginnings and the wrong zip code do not have to be detrimental for one's future. I'm here to pay it forward and I will dance my heart and lungs out to earn your votes in support for the great initiative of the Seeds of Learning School," she said.

Moore moved to Pagosa Springs in 2010 with her husband, Tim, to open a local arts center as well as co-found the nonprofit professional theater company that brings in professional performers, designers and directors from around the country to present year-round live theater in Pagosa Springs.

"Our oldest son, Finlay went to Seeds of Learning and we have been potty training our youngest son, Lachlan, since birth to get him ready for his admission to Seeds. We know first-hand what an incredible program Seeds is for kids learning and development and what a vital part Seeds played in the success of our businesses, by helping us keep our head above water as we try to balance managing our own business and raising a family," she said.

Smith moved to Pagosa Springs

over 15 years ago to open a popular local coffee shop. Throughout those years, Smith has had the opportunity to both watch and participate in the growth of this community.

From being a "big sister" to her time on the Chamber, Smith said, "it truly has been an amazing journey to see Pagosa transform into a place I'm excited to live and raise my family. With our son, Dakota, turning 2 this May, knowing that we have such an invaluable resource like Seeds makes all the difference in the world. I'm proud to have the opportunity to make an impact, and although so terrifying to dance in front of the entire town, you can bet that this introvert is going to give it all she's got to rack up those votes."

Tennyson has been a part-time resident of Pagosa Springs for the last 10 years after coming up here on vacation for 14 years before. Tennyson has been involved with several nonprofits over the years, is a part owner of a local art gallery and loves helping the community wherever she can.

"I became interested in Seeds a few years ago when I went to my first 'Little Black Dress' event with friends. Although I don't have chil-

dren, I love what they stand for and their commitment to helping the kids in this community," she said.

This year, our female stars are joined by four male stars competing for the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy. 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.

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# Dead Horses, Old Salt Union to take the stage at Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass

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 performers in the folk, bluegrass and Americana music genres, 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 Reider and the Human Hands, Kate Lee and Forrest O'Connor, Circus No. 9, FY5, Fireside Collective, Halden Wofford and the Hi\*Beams, Bonnie and the Clydes, Sugar and the Mint, and this week's featured bands: Dead Horses and Old Salt Union.



Photo courtesy FolkWest

## Dead Horses

At 15, Dead Horses frontwoman Sarah Vos' world turned upside down. Raised in a strict, fundamentalist home, Vos lost everything when she and her family were expelled from the rural Wisconsin church where her father had long served as pastor.

"My older brother was diagnosed with schizophrenia and my twin had mental illnesses and cognitive disabilities," explained Vos. "When the church kicked us out, they basically told my dad, 'If you can't lead your family, how can you lead your church?'"

What happened next is the story of Dead Horses' stunning new album, "My Mother the Moon," a record full of trauma and triumph, despair and hope, pain and resilience. Blending elements of traditional roots with modern indie folk, the songs are both familiar and unexpected, unflinchingly honest in their portrayal of modern American life, yet optimistic in

**Blending elements of traditional roots with modern indie folk, Dead Horses will take the main Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival stage on June 8 at 2:30 p.m.**

their unshakable faith in brighter days to come.

Earthy and organic, Dead Horses' songs often reveal themselves to be exercises in empathy and outreach; not only to find meaning in the struggles Vos endured, but also to embrace kindred souls on their own personal journeys of self-discovery.

When bassist Daniel Wolff and Vos first started playing music together, it felt as if the clouds had finally parted. Vos introduced songs she'd been writing since high school open mics, Wolff learned a new instrument for the band (the double bass) and, within months, they had earned a devoted local following. Regular gigs led to steady residencies led to regional touring and their first recordings. Two of the band's original members ultimately left the group due

to opioid addictions ("I still see the pawn shop sticker every time I look at my guitar tuner," remembered Vos), but the Dead Horses moniker the pair created as a tribute to a friend who'd overdosed from heroin stuck even after their departure.

When it came time to record "My Mother the Moon," Vos and Wolff traded Wisconsin for Nashville to collaborate with producer/drummer Ken Coomer (Wilco, Uncle Tupelo). Cut primarily live in the studio over the course of two weeks, the album is raw and understated, drawing its potency from the power of intimacy and hushed revelation.

With a sound that calls to mind everything from Joni Mitchell to Gillian Welch, Vos draws on a Biblical lexicon in her lyrics, but the gospel of Dead Horses belongs to no par-

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Old Salt Union will bring its electric live show to the main stage of the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival on June 9 at 1:45 p.m.

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tical religion. Instead, these are songs of the people, stories of Vos' own efforts to come to terms with her turbulent upbringing as well as stories of the men and women she grew up with in a rural America.

Described by NPR Music as "evocative, empathetic storytelling," "My Mother the Moon" earned a spot in No Depression's "Best Roots Music Albums of 2018" list, and Rolling Stone Country declared the Wisconsin-based duo an "Artist You Need to Know."

Dead Horses will take the main festival stage on June 8 at 2:30 p.m.

### Old Salt Union

Old Salt Union is a string band founded by a horticulturist, cultivated by classically trained musicians, and fueled by a vocalist/bass player who is also a hip-hop producer with a fondness for the Four Freshmen. It is this collision of styles and musical vocabularies that informs their fresh approach to bluegrass and gives them an electric live performance vibe that seems to pull more from Vaudeville than the front porch.

In 2015, they won the FreshGrass Band contest and found the perfect collaborator in Compass Records co-founder and Grammy-winning banjoist and composer Alison Brown, whose attention to detail and high standards pushed the group to develop their influences from beyond a vocabulary to pull from during improvisation and into the foundation of something truly compelling in the roots music landscape.

The band's self-titled debut combines the band's instrumental proclivities with pop melodies and harmonies into a coherent piece of work that carves out a road less

traveled in the now-crowded roots music genre.

Though the band had established itself as a growing festival act with performances at LouFest, Stagecoach Festival, Bluegrass Underground, Winter Wondergrass, Freshgrass, Wakarusa, Yonder Mountain String Band's Harvest Festival and the 2014 Daytona 500, it was their breakout track on Spotify, "Madam Plum," that seemed to amplify awareness of the band beyond the bluegrass bubble.

Of working with the band in

the studio, Brown said, "These post-modern bluegrassers are true renegades. While they look like a bluegrass band, their musical sensibilities run much deeper and broader, borrowing as much from indie rock and jazz fusion as from Bill Monroe. And, even more exciting to me, they know no fear. They are wide open musical adventurers and we had a great time experimenting in the studio at the crossroads of these disparate influences."

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# UUs to contemplate values Sunday

By **Pauline Benetti**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Periodically, Unitarian Universalists (UUs) are asked to consider their relationship to their church. There is no doctrine that says they must attend service, no belief that says failure to attend is a transgression, no one to raise an eyebrow if they do not. They are perfectly free to make up their own minds each Sunday. Yet, without compunction, they do attend. The question then becomes, "Why?"

This Sunday's service will be very

internally focused as those in attendance attempt to answer the question. It will be a time of sharing and learning, a time for thinking about values and articulating core beliefs. Our third UU principle, "Acceptance of One Another And Encouragement to Spiritual Growth in Our Congregations," will be very much in evidence during this time together.

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

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# St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Clothing Giveaway collection announced

By **Lynne McCrudden**  
Special to The PREVIEW

It may be hard to believe, but spring is in the air. It is time to retire those winter clothes and those that are still in good shape, but perhaps you and your kids have outgrown. Those clothes would be lovingly received by St. Patrick's Episcopal

Church members for their clothing giveaway this fall.

Last year, we seemed to have an outpouring of clothes for adults, but our kids room was quickly depleted. However, we are always happy to receive whatever is in good shape, clean and without holes. Remember, if you wouldn't wear it, probably no one else wants to wear it, either.

The members of the church will be receiving clothes at Airport Storage, 201 County Road 600, every Saturday in May starting on May 4 from 9 a.m. to noon. Our unit is right in the front as you enter the gates; you can't miss us. If you have any questions, please give the church a call Tuesday through Friday at 731-5801.

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At this point, the future of the band seems marvelously unclear. Their debut album closes with a track called "Here and Off My Mind," which seems like the bluegrass song that Conor Oberst never wrote featuring a lyric that ends with the promise of a better life, though from the all-hands-on-deck jam session that breaks out in the middle (is that a kazoo?), one gets the sense that the band can't imagine a better one than they

have in the beat-up Winnebago they currently call home.

Old Salt Union has a main stage set on June 9 at 1:45 p.m.

## More information

Children 12 and under do not require a ticket for festival admission when accompanied by an adult.

Volunteer applications are currently being accepted; work two four-hour shifts to earn complimentary three-day festival admis-

sion. It's a great way to meet people and have fun.

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

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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 greater yellowlegs.

Now is a great time to get out and see the beautiful birds that stop here to rest and feed during their long migrations to northern breeding grounds. One of these, the greater yellowlegs, is a medium-sized sandpiper with long, yellow legs and mottled brown, gray and white upperparts. Its head and neck are finely streaked and its long, dark, slightly upturned bill is about 1.5 times the length of its head. This bird is nearly identical in appearance to the lesser yellowlegs, a smaller bird whose bill is thinner, straighter and shorter.

This wary bird has been called the telltale, tattler and yelper for the high pitched alarm calls it sounds when approached that scatter all nearby birds. It is an active feeder in shallow waters, where it stabs at the water for aquatic invertebrates, runs after small fish or swings its bill from side to side skimming the surface for food.

Because it nests in the boggy, buggy boreal forests of Canada, this bird is one of the least studied of shorebirds. Impacts to this important habitat from logging, mining, oil and gas extraction, and hydroelectric generation present threats to the many species that nest in the boreal forests. Additionally, studies show that a warmer climate is shrinking ponds and wetlands here and causing insects to hatch earlier, decreasing this food supply when migrants need it most to feed their young.

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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# Planting seeds of inspiration

By Lisa Burnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

“The abundance you desire to experience must first be an experience in your mind” — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

All are welcome to join the Rev. Janet Wyrick and the New Thought Center (NTC, formerly Pagosa Community of New Thought) on Sunday, April 28, at 10:30 a.m. for our presentation “Planting Seeds of Inspiration.”

These are seeds that will inspire you to move forward in life with enthusiastic hearts and a clear sense of wholeness. Please join us for the teachings of Holmes on this subject.

We will have spirited live music.

## Meditation circle

NTC holds Meditation and Healing Circle each Wednesday at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Instruction is provided for beginners.

## Upcoming events

On Thursday, April 25, Dr. Zach Nelson, Ph.D., will speak on “Relieving Stress” at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, May 5, we will move to summer hours and meet at 10 a.m.

Reiki classes are held at NTC.

Please call NTC for more information. Donations are appreciated.

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

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

## Preview Calendar

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

### Thursday, April 25

**Hai Chee.** 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at

a time.

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

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

**Pickleball.** Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

**Computer Technology Classes:** My Heritage and Ancestry Library

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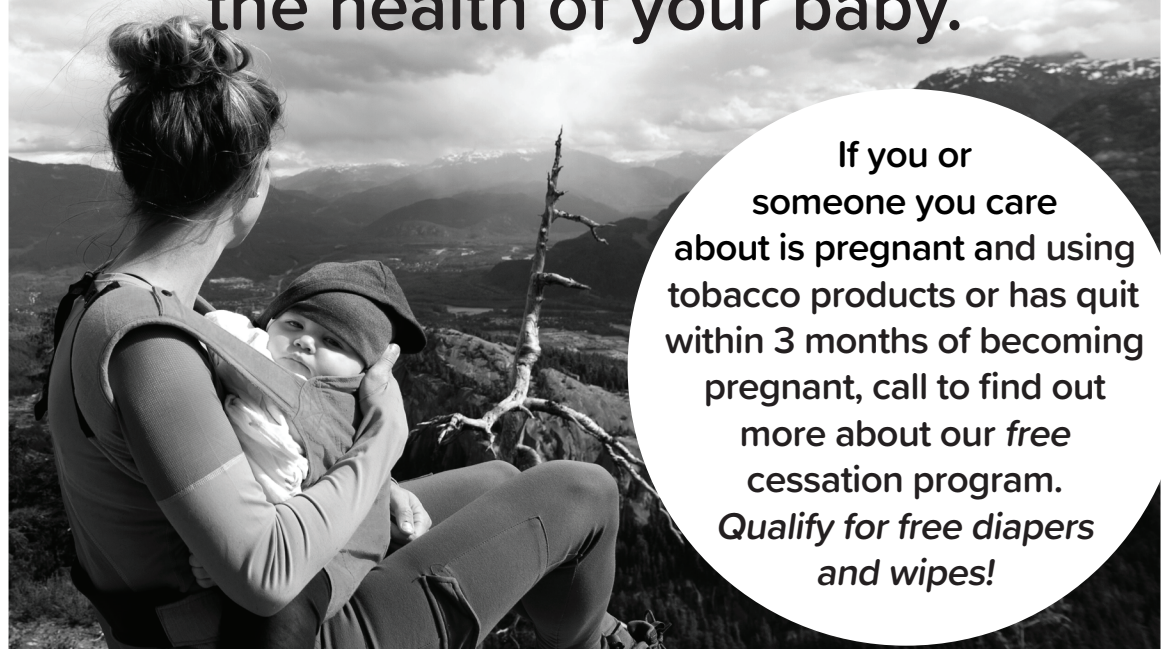
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**Edition.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn about the benefits of two popular genealogy databases available through your library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

**Lifelong Learning Lecture: An Evening with La Plata Electric Association (LPEA).** 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. LPEA staff will present on beneficial electrification and LPEA's goal to reduce its carbon footprint. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**San Juan Stargazers Telescope Clinic.** 6 p.m., Visitor Center. Many people have a telescope, but have no idea how to use it. At the clinic you can learn

how to use it or fix it. We have limited space, so call early. Call 335-8286 to register. Visit [www.sanjuanstargazers.org](http://www.sanjuanstargazers.org), email [sjstargazers@gmail.com](mailto:sjstargazers@gmail.com) or call 335-8286 for more information.

**San Juan Stargazers.** 7-8:30 p.m., Visitor Center conference room. Hot drinks and a treat will be served at 6:30 p.m. with time to socialize. The program is switching to our summer goal of improving our skills. We will specifically discuss skills for meteor showers, comets, eclipses and more. Visit [www.sanjuanstargazers.org](http://www.sanjuanstargazers.org), email [sjstargazers@gmail.com](mailto:sjstargazers@gmail.com) or call 335-8286 for more information.

**Friday, April 26**

**Push-up Challenge.** CrossFit Pagosa. Call 264-1129 for more information.

**Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Volunteer Class.** PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A great in-depth training program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our team of volunteers. Visit [www.chimney-rockco.org](http://www.chimney-rockco.org) or call 731-7133 for more information.

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

**Independent Living Skills Class.** 9-10:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. For persons with developmental disabilities to develop skills to live the lives they deserve in their community. The series will focus on self care and job longevity. For more information, contact Salomon at Southwest Center for Independence at 903-8339 or email Mashi at [mashi@swilc.org](mailto:mashi@swilc.org).

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

**Earth Day Event: Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Tree Planting.** 10 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. Check [www.sospagosa.org](http://www.sospagosa.org) or contact Holly Metzler at [pagosa100percent@gmail.com](mailto:pagosa100percent@gmail.com) for more information.

**Literary Ladies Book Club.** 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We will discuss "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa

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

**Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Informational Seminar and Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave. The purpose of this seminar is to educate property owners and property managers about steps that can be taken to minimize the risk of property damage and loss from sewer or water backups. Presenting will be Mark Carlson, president of T. Charles Wilson Insurance Services. Seating is limited, so reserve a space by April 22 by calling Christina Velarde at 731-7621 or [chris@pawsd.org](mailto:chris@pawsd.org).

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

**Teen Book Club.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for snacks and lively discussion of this month's book. Stop by and pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Gaming.** 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Earth Day Event: Marine Arctic Peace Sanctuary (MAPS).** 6 p.m., Pagosa UU Fellowship. Renia Pruchnicki, a MAPS ambassador, will give a virtual presentation about MAPS, a treaty proposed before the United Nations that declares the Arctic Ocean an international peace park. Check [www.sospagosa.org](http://www.sospagosa.org) or contact Holly Metzler at [pagosa100percent@gmail.com](mailto:pagosa100percent@gmail.com) for more information.

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expert. Call 335-8286 with a little information about what you have and what you may be needing in the form of help.

**Saturday, April 27**

**9Health Fair.** 7-11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School, 800 S. 8th St. For the minimal cost of \$35 you can get an extensive blood chemistry that includes cholesterol, triglycerides, glucose and at least 20 more assessment results. No fasting necessary. Optional, more extensive analysis including testosterone for both men and women, and B12 screenings are also available. If you have questions or want to volunteer, contact Sharee Grazda at 731-0317 and/or email [sgrazda@gmail.com](mailto:sgrazda@gmail.com).

**National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.** 7-11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Items which cannot be accepted for take back programs: needles and sharps, mercury thermometers, oxygen containers, chemotherapy/radioactive substances, pressurized canisters and illicit drugs.

**Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Volunteer Training.** Chimney Rock National Monument. A great in-depth training program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our team of volunteers. Bring a sack lunch, water and hiking shoes. Visit [www.chimneyrock-co.org](http://www.chimneyrock-co.org) or call 731-7133 for more information.

**Earth Day Event: PLPOA Neighborhood Trash Pick-up.** 9 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Contact Jen Pitcher to sign up. Check [www.sospagosa.org](http://www.sospagosa.org) or contact Holly Metzler at [pagosa100percent@gmail.com](mailto:pagosa100percent@gmail.com) for more information.

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

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

- 1 Lasting mark
- 5 Puff \_\_\_\_
- 10 Fluid from the liver
- 14 Bathe
- 15 Drunkard
- 16 Word before rock or rain
- 17 Cameo shape
- 18 Cinnamon roll, maybe
- 20 Remorseful
- 22 Hang out on the line
- 23 Linger
- 24 Facebook button
- 25 Fridge decoration
- 27 Treasonous Arnold
- 31 Shakespearean lament
- 32 Cut, as ties
- 33 Groundskeeper's task
- 34 Horror film staple
- 35 Downhill racer
- 36 Fancy party
- 37 2012 McConaughey flick
- 38 Theater feature
- 39 Pioneer's rig
- 40 Good enough
- 42 Atlantic City activity
- 43 Feel the \_\_\_\_
- 44 Pacino's "Any \_\_\_\_ Sunday"
- 45 Have the attention of
- 48 Program airing
- 51 Exchange letters
- 53 Clarinet's cousin
- 54 Furnace output
- 55 Spine-tingling
- 56 Highlands family
- 57 Auto pioneer
- 58 Jacket fabric
- 59 Fulfilled, as a promise

**DOWN**

- 1 Hog food

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- 3 On the cutting edge
- 4 Trust
- 5 State strongly
- 6 Fluffy
- 7 "Up Where We Belong", e.g.
- 8 Memphis-to-Atlanta direction
- 9 Lawyer's fee
- 10 Type of owl
- 11 Frosted a cake
- 12 Yarn spinner
- 13 Small whirlpool
- 19 Chopper rider
- 21 Long journey
- 24 River embankment
- 25 Molten material
- 26 One way to read
- 27 Hosiery shade
- 28 Not too far-fetched
- 29 List preceder
- 30 Country singer's sound
- 32 Loaf on the job
- 35 Play backdrop
- 36 South Carolina athlete
- 38 Sudden onrush
- 39 Surfer's need
- 41 Milk purchases
- 42 Post-Civil War "Age"
- 44 Bottle dweller
- 45 Canyon call
- 46 Playwright Coward
- 47 Mortarboard tosser, briefly
- 48 Pulled apart
- 49 Daytime TV fare
- 50 Revival setting
- 52 Sunday seat

**Answers to Last Week's Crossword:**

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**Meditation and Recorded Dharma Talk.** 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, 70 Greenbriar Drive, Suite B-15. All are welcome.

**Crafting Club.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and sharing ideas. This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with others who enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

**Boys' Varsity Baseball.** 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

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

**Earth Day Fair.** 1-4 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse. Southwest Organization for Sustainability is organizing and invites individuals and organizations to reserve a table. Food and music will add to the festivities. For more information, contact Holly Metzler at pagosa100percent@gmail.com or call 946-0037.

**Boys' Varsity Baseball.** 1 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez.

## Sunday, April 28

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

## Monday, April 29

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

**Scholastic Book Fair: Dino-Mite Book Fair-Stomp, Chomp and Read!** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Families, teachers and the community are invited. There are a

wide variety of books and price ranges available, and there is always a huge supply of bargain books. For more information, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

**Pi Beta Phi.** 9-11 a.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Day of service. Please wear your Pi Phi vests if you have one.

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

**Line Dancing.** 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call Beverly at 264-2064.

**Medicare Mondays.** 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

**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.

**Caregiver Support Group.** 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association. For more information call 731-1033 or 259-0122.

**Bingo.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

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

**Tween Gaming.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-8th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

## Tuesday, April 30

**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.

**Scholastic Book Fair: Dino-Mite Book Fair-Stomp, Chomp and Read!** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Families, teachers and the community are invited. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available, and there is always a huge supply of bargain books. For more information, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

**Veterans for Veterans.** 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225

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**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.  
**WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs).** 11:30 a.m., Geronimo's Mexican Restaurant. All ladies are welcome. RSVP to 946-1895.  
**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.  
**Hand and Foot Card Game.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.  
**Mahjong.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.  
**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.  
**Teen Gaming.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.  
**Pesticide Education Workshop.** 4:30-6:30 p.m., CSU Extension

Office.  
**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.  
**Scholastic Book Fair: Dino-Mite Book Fair — Stomp, Chomp and Read! Family Night.** 5-7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Fine Arts Night. The Elementary School has a fabulous art program and individual and classroom art will be on display all evening. Art teacher Kelly Lewis and the Partners In Education Committee will organize the evening and will also provide a delicious, nutritious and fun homemade dinner. For more information, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.  
**Let's Dance Pagosa.** 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn West Coast swing. West Coast is a form of swing dancing that is danced in a slow to moderate tempo blues, R&B and contemporary music. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

**Wednesday, May 1**

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.  
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**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.  
**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.  
**Red Hat Meeting.** 11:30 a.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant.  
**ESL English as a Second Language.** Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.  
**Hand and Foot Card Game.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.  
**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.  
**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.  
**Teen Knitting Plus Club.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Bring your knitting, crochet or needlepoint projects and hang out with other crafters. Call 264-2209 for more information.  
**Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners.** 5 p.m., Sisson Library. Ron Chacey will discuss the how-to techniques of the gardening superpowers: watering, fertilizing and mulching crops. Beginning at 4:30 p.m., Chacey is inviting attendees to bring their questions on any gardening topic of interest. Light refreshments will be served. Email PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com.  
**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

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Episcopal Church. 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

**The Most Excellent Way.** 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

**Thursday, May 2**

**Hai Chee.** 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

**Scholastic Book Fair: Dino-Mite Book Fair-Stomp, Chomp and Read!** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Families, teachers and the community are invited. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available, and there is always a huge supply of bargain books. For more

information, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

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

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

**Pickleball.** Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

**Gmail Basics.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your basic technology questions related to computers, tablets, smartphones and more. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Teen Advisory Board.** 4-5 p.m.,

Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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

**San Juan Outdoor Club.** 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Tyler Albers will be speaking on trail clearing and trail maintenance due to beetle kill in the forest. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome. For more information, visit [www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org](http://www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org).

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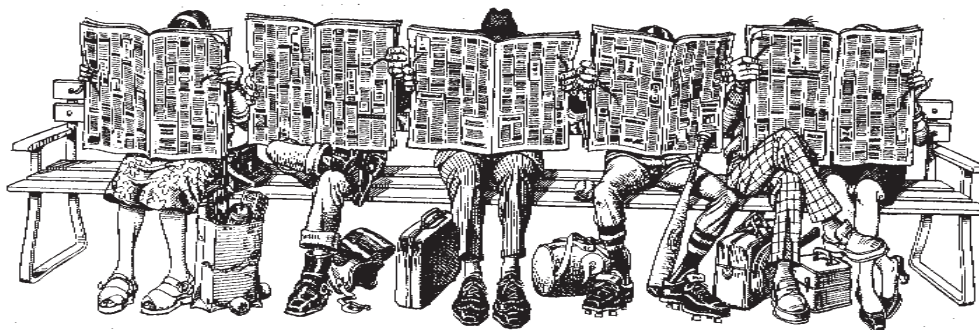
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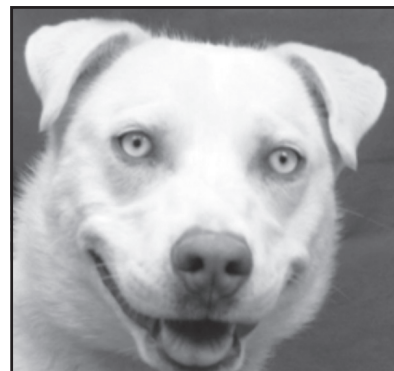
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# Traipsin', tradin' and explorin'

Returning home to New Mexico from their 1776 exploration of what is now known as the American Southwest, the Fathers Dominguez and Escalante suffered with the rest of their party as they crossed Arizona. Illness and lack of water, pastureland and lack of supplies plagued the tiring explorers. Stops were made along the Paria River cañons and plateau, Wahweap, and Glenn Cañon.

Local Native Americans guided them to present-day Lee's Ferry intending to cross the Colorado River, but crossing those wiggly-waggle Colorado River waters was too difficult for the weary wanderers. Consequently, they were led to a second ford crossing the Colorado, where they carved steps into the canyon walls. This ford, named the Crossing of the Fathers, is now submerged beneath the placid waters of Lake Powell. The crossing was accomplished between Oct. 26 and Nov. 7.

While traipsing across northern Arizona and enduring the frigid Nov. 8-12 wintry weather the party had little food or water, and had a hard time finding a good trail. Their journal records these difficulties, but the record of this route is sketchy because they



## Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

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were too busy trying to survive. In 1884, Harry L. Baldwin, a member of a U.S. Geological Survey party, discovered a large sandstone monolith bearing an inscription

with a Spanish name and the date 1776. In 1995, the Palace of the Governors of the Museum New Mexico History Museum in Santa Fe undertook a search expedition and located a large sandstone monolith as described in the survey records of 1884 and still bearing the 1776 date. A return visit in 1996 confirmed the discovery and resulted in the opinion that this was a site visited by the Dominguez-Escalante expedition, probably on Nov. 12, 1776.

When the travelers arrived at a oraybi, a Hopi (Moqui) pueblo on the Third Mesa, they were graciously sheltered, fed, and provisioned. From there, they resumed their journey starting Nov. 17, 1776, until finally arriving in Santa Fe on Jan. 2, 1777.

With this report of their return to Santa Fe, we complete our narrative describing the 1776 Dominguez-Escalante expedition. The maps and information resulting from this expedition provided useful information for future travel, and their route from Santa Fe to Salt Lake Valley became the first segment of a route later known as the Old Spanish Trail.

I'll start the Tale of the Old Spanish Trail next week.

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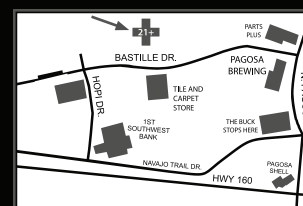
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