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## Town council moving forward with abolishing impact fees

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

On May 23, the Pagosa Springs Town Council is anticipated to consider the first of two readings of an ordinance abolishing impact fees within the Town of Pagosa Springs.

That comes after a 5-0 vote by the council on May 7 directing town staff on the topic.

As Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained to town council on May 7, impact fees have been a “hot topic” for years.

Impact fees were first implemented by the town in 2005 with

■ See Fees A8

## On to State!



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

Members of the Pagosa Springs High School track and field teams hit the road for the state championship Wednesday. State action begins today at Jefferson County Stadium and run through Saturday.

## County, sheriff discuss 1033 Program

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

A press release issued by Archuleta County last Wednesday outlines steps the county will take after the conclusion of the 1033 investigation and has raised questions about exactly how those directives will be implemented.

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

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) recently concluded its investigation into 1033 assets

■ See 1033 Program A8

## School board addresses potential ballot initiative on eliminating districts

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

A discussion on potentially adding a question to a future ballot that would eliminate director districts was discussed by the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) at its regular meeting on May 14.

As it stands currently, the BOE has five director districts, and when a seat becomes vacant, interested parties must live within that district to be considered for the board.

With the elimination of director districts, the board would move to an “at-large” board, meaning that a potential director would not have to live in a specific district.

Voters would have to approve this sort of change, and if ASD wanted this on the November 2019 ballot, the board has until July 18 to adopt a proposal to eliminate director districts.

During the May 14 meeting, BOE member Bruce Dryburgh explained that there are pros and cons to both sides of the issue.

“Nobody knows, other than the people sitting up here, even what our districts are,” Dryburgh said.

Running by districts can oftentimes make it hard to find replacements for board members who have resigned from the board, he added.

Utilizing districts usually means that you are trying to have representation for everyone, Dryburgh noted.

“It would be easier for us to attract new qualified folks,” he said of eliminating districts.

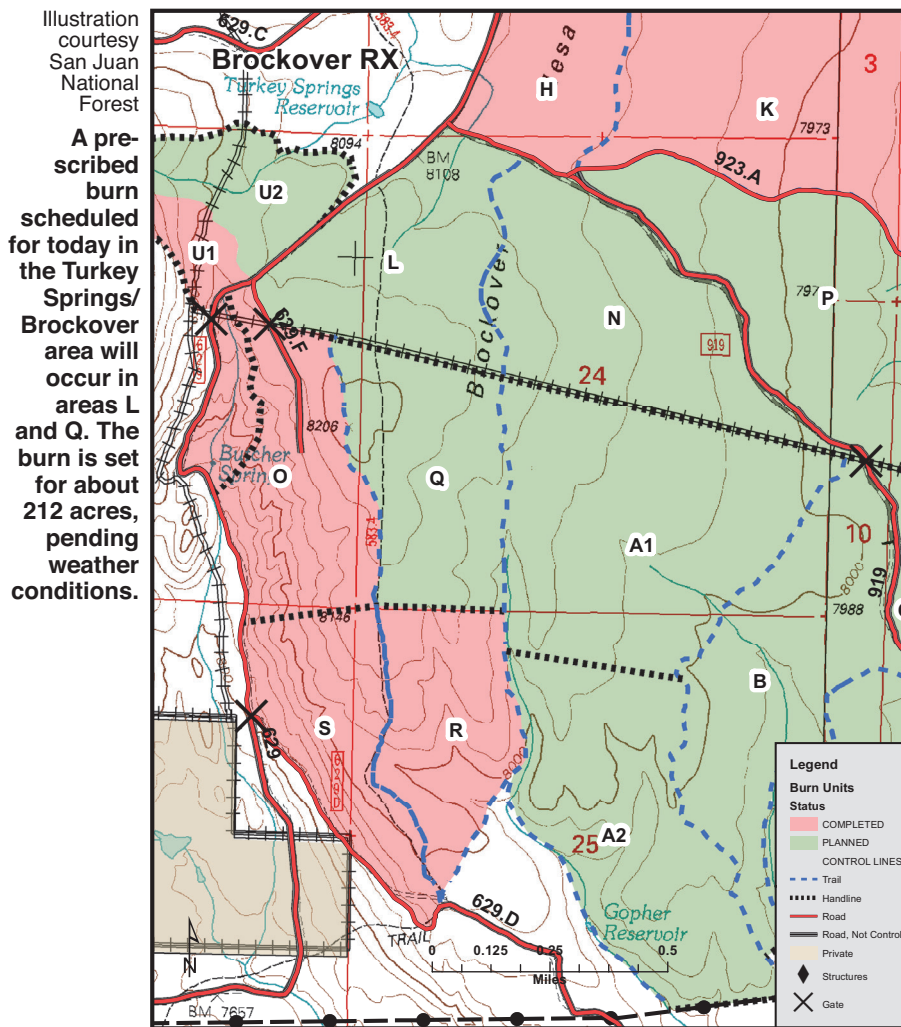
A worry for ASD Superintendent Linda Reed in eliminating districts would involve a group of people that run for the board who all have a certain agenda to push across.

“That could change the complexion of the district,” she said.

Within the community, there are many people who have a valuable skill set that could be valuable to the board, BOE member Dawn Kolpin explained.

Some districts may also be more active than others, Kolpin added later.

■ See Districts A8



A prescribed burn scheduled for today in the Turkey Springs/Brockover area will occur in areas L and Q. The burn is set for about 212 acres, pending weather conditions.

## Prescribed burn set for today in Turkey Springs

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

A prescribed burn is set for today, May 16, in the Turkey Springs area, according to representatives from the Pagosa Ranger District.

The burn, which is scheduled to begin in the Brockover area between 10 and 11 a.m. today is set to conclude at 4 p.m. according to Pagosa Ranger District Assistant Fire Management Officer Fred Ellis.

As of an interview on May 15, Ellis explained that the burn would be for about 212 acres, but that is contingent on how wet the area is.

“If we get any moisture between now and then, we might have to postpone it,” he indicated.

A prescribed burn is an agency-ignited burn that is designed to decrease hazardous fuels in an area, Ellis explained.

Not only will hazardous fuels be mitigated with the prescribed burn, but the forest health in that area will also be improved, he noted.

“In this case, it’s what we call a broadcast burn because it covers several acres,” Ellis said.

In the Brockover/Turkey Springs area, a lot of work

■ See Burn A8

## Town approves agreement for temporary downtown parking

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

More public parking is slated to be available downtown on a temporary basis this summer.

At its May 7 meeting, the five members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council present voted unanimously to approve a parking agreement with a private property owner to use two vacant lots as a temporary public parking lot.

In introducing the topic to council, Town Manager Andrea Phillips told council that the lot is really centrally located and could offer a lot of spaces.

“There is no cost to rent the space; however, the Town will repair the sidewalk along Hwy 160 and will grub the lot, establish gravel, signage, and draining,” Phillips’ agenda brief on the topic

states.

The two lots, which are located west of the Archuleta County Courthouse, are currently for sale and will remain on the market.

Phillips’ agenda brief explains that any planters, fencing or other amenities that improve the lot “shall be removed by the Town should the property sell and be redeveloped.”

The parking agreement, she told council, was modeled after the town’s agreement that made public parking available at the site of the former Adobe building.

Council member Nicole DeMarco noted she likes the idea of fixing the sidewalk, calling it “atrocious.”

In a follow-up interview, Phillips explained that it would likely be 30-45 days following council’s decision

■ See Parking A8

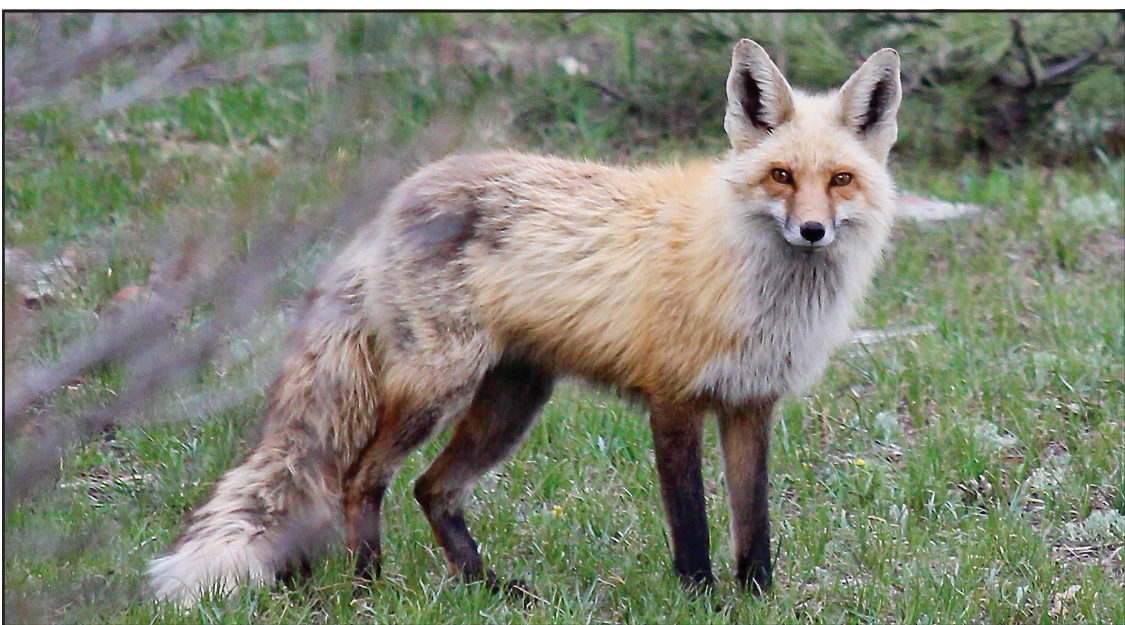


Photo courtesy Lili Pearson

One of the areas’ fuzzier residents poses for a photo recently. Red foxes like this one are a common sight in the area, though the critters may take on a slightly different look soon as they shed their thick winter coats.

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## EDITORIAL

### 1033 investigation: The good and the bad

Several years ago, Archuleta County was scrambling to find \$3 million that appeared to be missing. Our county found itself on the brink of bankruptcy.

Thanks to the diligence of financial experts and forensic audits, it was determined that funds had been borrowed from one department to cover expenses in another department, but the transactions were never documented properly in the county's financial ledger. The majority of that money was eventually accounted for, but the county was \$3 million short in its accounts.

County leaders worked hard to bring the community back from the brink of financial disaster.

Then in 2016, Archuleta County discovered that an advisory board had opened a checking account, acquired materials and equipment, and engaged in public activities, using public monies without permission. Over \$222,000 of public funds wound up in that checking account. The former county employee allegedly associated with that incident was charged with embezzlement of public property and official misconduct, with that case still working through the court system.

It's no wonder that county staff was alarmed when items that appeared to have been obtained from the 1033 Program were spotted being sold online. They were simply doing their jobs in safeguarding the taxpayers' property.

They were also sensitive to the dam-

age they could cause if they brought out accusations, which might later prove to be unfounded, in the middle of a major election.

Though we believe that up-front communication could have prevented much of the ordeal, it is understandable that the commissioners sought an independent investigation since the matter involved the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO). What we don't understand are some of the extremely reckless comments and accusations made to investigators in an apparent attempt to discredit a county official.

We are grateful that the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and District Attorney Christian Champagne found no criminal wrongdoing in the investigation of the 1033 property received by the ACSO.

Unfortunately, we also discovered that employees violated county policies stated in the personnel handbook. Some of the 1033 property was given to staff, taken by staff and some of that property was even sold online. Employees should never take county property, sell it and pocket the money. That is fundamentally wrong.

If the 1033 property was going to be disposed of, a surplus sale would have been in the best interests of all concerned. Proceeds from the sale could have gone into an account to help pay for furnishing a new detention center.

The sheriff has acknowledged short-

comings in the management of the 1033 Program and has assured that changes are being made to right his ship, just as the county commissioners have had to do on more than one occasion.

There's no doubt that employees and county officials taking home government property for the purpose of storing it is unethical. ACSO staff publicly selling 1033 property online for personal profit is reprehensible.

Due to the strained relationships that have existed for entirely too long in this county, what should have been a conversation between a commissioner and the sheriff ended up becoming a major investigation.

Had the sheriff known about the accusations pertaining to his employees, he could have dealt with the issues in a much more timely manner.

There is no doubt that the county has benefitted from the quantity of vehicles, equipment and resources received from the 1033 Program. There is also no doubt that the program is flawed.

We contend that this property is the taxpayers' property. It belongs to all of us. It needs to be managed and accounted for.

It's time for our county commissioners and our sheriff to come together in a public meeting and work together to find a solution for how the taxpayers can get the most benefit from the 1033 Program in the future.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 17, 1929

A blaze, which apparently started at the southwest corner of the Roy McCullough meat market, and which was discovered about 2.00 o'clock yesterday morning, caused the total destruction of the market building and the Holmes tailor shop adjoining on the north, and also badly damaged the Alley variety store and the Rumbaugh building, the former Archuleta county court house. The estimated loss of property, buildings and contents, is about \$10,000, with insurance of only \$4,200. When discovered the fire appeared to have started on the exterior of the meat market, though not believed to have been incendiary. Instead, it is thought a cigarette or match carelessly thrown in the dry sawdust in that vicinity, caused the disastrous fire.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 19, 1944

Mrs. Ester Moorehead has been spending several days scraping in the scrap and ashes left at her building just east of the bank which was destroyed by the fire last summer. She wanted to find a diamond she lost in that fire. Tuesday Mrs. Moorehead was all smiles and really proud of herself because this diamond was found. The ruins of this building are being cleared away as fast as Mrs. Moorehead can have it done. A permit has been obtained for reconstructing her building at that site.

Saturday morning Mr. Arch Dunn started a fire in the milk house on his ranch to warm some small chicks of Mrs. Dunn's. While Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were milking the cows they could hear the roar of the fire and looked up to find their milk house on fire. With the help of neighbors, they were able to get the fire out before too great damage was done. The milk house was burned to the ground. The cellar was combined with the milk house and all the jars of canned food were black from the smoke and some of the jars got real hot from the fire, but they do not think any of the food was damaged.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 15, 1969

Sheriff Norman Ottaway was found not guilty in County Court Wednesday on charges of disturbing the peace. The jury, composed of Dick DeVore, Mrs. Fred Nossaman and Milton Ramey returned the verdict after deliberating almost two hours. Ottaway had been charged with disturbing the peace in the neighborhood of the Wm. Hotz residence and in the vicinity of Goodman's Store last March 9. The charge was prepared by the District Attorney and signed by Deputy Marshal Charles Vavak.

A rural water district now seems assured for the area around Pagosa Springs. A meeting of the committee in charge of such a district was held Monday night. At that time it was reported that enough landowners had indicated interest to make such a system feasible. It is proposed that the system be built to serve out-of-town residents near Pagosa Springs. Under the proposal, the Town of Pagosa Springs will sell the district water, who in turn will sell to individual owners.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of  
May 19, 1994

Members of the Archuleta Economic Development Association have worked for more than a year on plans for developing an industrial park adjacent to Stevens Field. The sketch plan for the project goes to the Archuleta County Planning commission on June 8 for review. The proposed development entails 37 lots (average .58 acres) on a 40-acre parcel located on the proposed access road to the site of the new terminal area at the field. The Economic Development Association has a contract to purchase the land from Jim Cloman, and also has an option with Cloman to purchase a 40-acre parcel next to the proposed industrial park. The Economic Development Association, a nonprofit group, is working with local financial institutions to arrange loans for purchase of the property, and will sell the industrial lots to small business concerns, using the money to fund future operation, thus avoiding the need for donations from local businesses. The Economic Development Association hopes to be self-funding within five to seven years as a result of the sale of the lots.

### WHADDYA THINK?

#### How much did your property valuation increase for Archuleta County?

Poll results (105 votes)

\$1-\$10,000 — 20 percent	15%
\$10,001-\$30,000 — 21 percent	21%
\$30,001-\$50,000 — 16 percent	28%
\$50,001 or more — 28 percent	20%
Mine did not increase. — 15 percent	16%

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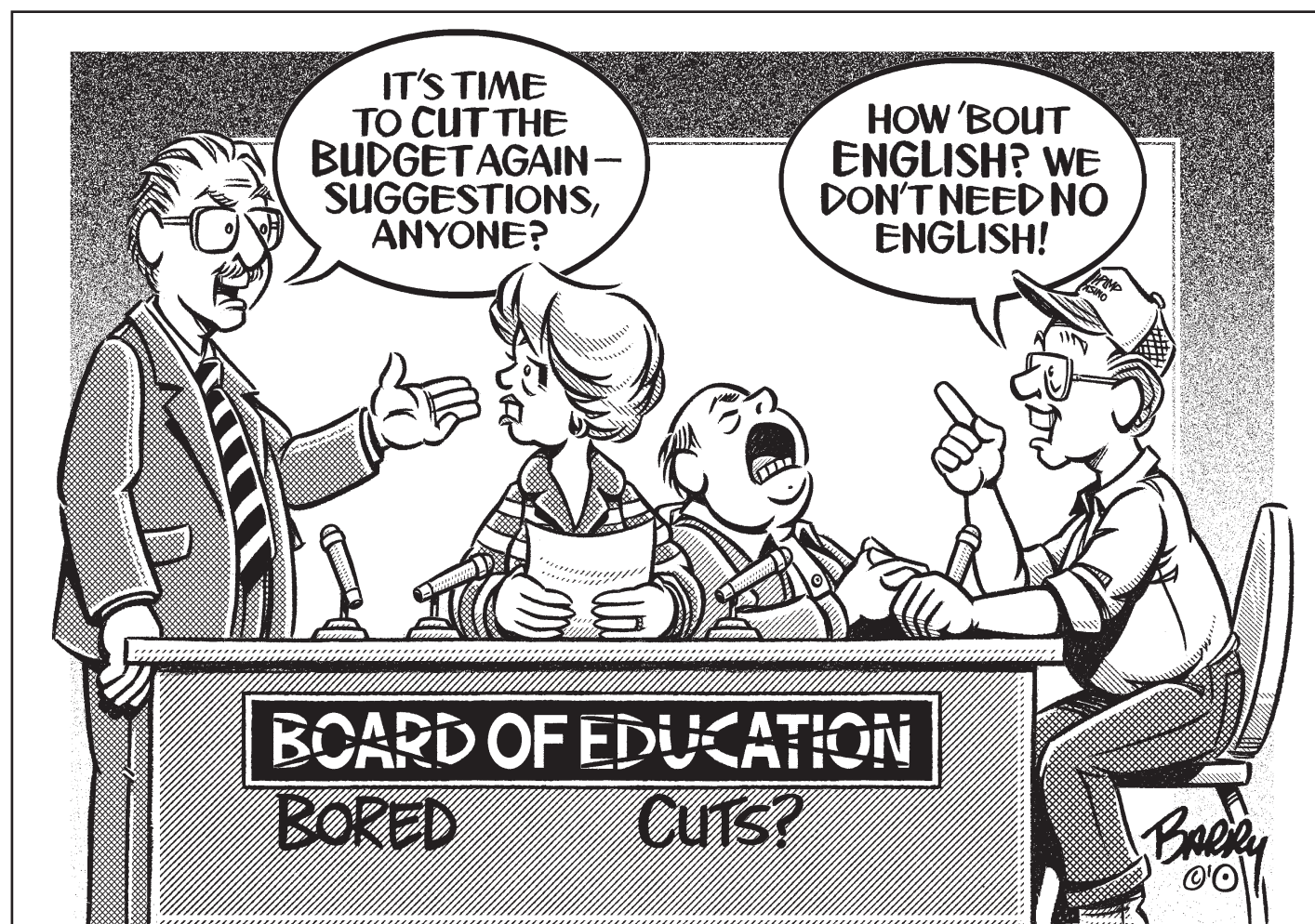
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## LOOKING BACK



From the June 5, 1980, Pagosa Springs SUN. SEARCH STARTS — A search for a drowned man got underway last Sunday morning when trained SCUBA divers from the New Mexico State Police and the San Juan County, New Mexico Search and Rescue Unit were transported to the scene by Pat Waters, wildlife officer at Arboles. He was assisted by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Department and the State Parks Division at Arboles. Several New Mexico law agencies were also involved.



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# Letters

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## CBI investigation

Dear Editor:  
Dear editor thank you for your news release on the CBI investigation. Although informative it raises a myriad question in my mind. I do agree that the rules of the 1033 Program were not violated I believe the real issue was ignored and the statements by the DA are inaccurate regarding statutory obligations. Let me start with my questions.

Who does Sheriff Valdez work for? As elected officials who are the watch dogs these independent offices and officers? When disbursements of assets is made and a financial transaction is made who follows the money? Who is responsible to maintain the list of assets? Where is the money that the Bishops received for the Items they sold, were those the only items sold? Is it really just up to Sheriff Valdez to decide how he runs the disbursements of the 1033 program assets? Is Sheriff Valdez really under no obligations to provide the list or report the record of these assets?

Consider this then try answer these questions.

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records of the county. It is the duty of the county treasurer, county clerk and recorder, county sheriff, and county assessor to furnish, as directed by the board of county commissioners copies of any and all accounting, administrative, financial, recorded, or assessment records to a person appointed by the board of county commissioners for the purpose of utilizing computer or other record-keeping facilities. Such person shall serve at the pleasure of the board of county commissioners.

The Sheriff works for us the electors. We the People. He answers to the commissioners. The watch dogs are the elected commissioner. The financial department should follow the money. The sheriff is responsible to maintain the list of assets. No. No. And Hell No. The sheriff can't just do as he please, he needs to be held accountable.

This seems to be big case of our county government's total dysfunction. This looks to me of a case a defiant teenager not following his parent's rules.

Still to date I do not believe a complete list has been provide. It seems clear no real account has been completed.

Please e-mail the commissioner and sheriff to complete this work and clear up this miss.

Rob Keating

## Lives on the nicest street

Dear Editor:

Over the past 2 weeks I've repeatedly read about the false accusation against Sheriff Valdez. One of the most interesting elements of the complaint is that the Sheriff lives "on the nicest street in Pagosa Springs". As I also live on that street, I have to wonder about how Todd Starr judges streets in Pagosa Springs. I would think the "nicest street in Pagosa Springs" might be paved. In fact, it is not paved. Perhaps after Mr. Starr writes a contrite public letter of apology to Sheriff Valdez, he could ask the County to pave our little street so it in fact lives up to his description.

Dan Mayer

## Trump's tax returns

Dear Editor:

Donald Trump just announced that voters don't care about his tax returns because they voted for him anyway. But, before the election, he promised to eventually release them. We can't allow him to turn voter trust in his promises inside out.

By law, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee has the right to receive the tax returns of any American upon request. Mr. Trump isn't above the law, nor is it his prerogative to decide which inquiries are valid.

If, as Mr. Trump claims, there's nothing to see, then there's also nothing to hide. If there's nothing irregular, then one controversy

tearing the country apart will be laid to rest. Amen. Hallelujah.

Is Mr. Trump an upstanding, honest, billionaire taxpayer, or is he unduly influenced by foreign money funding his businesses? There shouldn't be a question mark. This is precisely why all presidential candidates release their tax returns.

Please let your Congressman know how you feel about Congressional responsibility for oversight. Won't it be great to clear the air?

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

K. Muth

## Chain saws in the wilderness

Dear Editor:

The USFS recent announcement that chainsaws will be allowed very sparingly to help clear trails within the South San Juan and Weminuche Wilderness has been met with both and criticism.

The value of Wilderness goes beyond recreation. Of great importance is wildlife habitat, watersheds, the preservation of pristine ecosystems for future scientific reference. However, man must enter on trails for management purposes as well as for recreation. The Forest Service must maintain trail systems or be guilty of dereliction of responsibilities. If trails are not maintained they will erode and/or wash out requiring much more than a chainsaw for repair and restoration.

The greater collective that accomplishes trail clearing, whether they be volunteers, contract or salaried USFS employees or funding sources for grants, all should be respected for being parts of the solutions to Wilderness Management.

The Forest Service is overwhelmed, underfunded and understaffed while faced with dead and dying Forests of national disaster proportions. The need is not for constant criticism, but for constant contribution. Contributions of time, energy, support and even money. The Wilderness Act of 1964 allows for logical exemptions, which have been used in the past. The only precedent being established is the magnitude of dead and dying forests.

Dick Ray

## Protest the assessments

Dear Editor:

In response to the article in yesterday's Sun, Ms. Haywood stated that there was, in many cases a 25% increase in assessed values, I'm here to tell you ours went up 64%. The taxable value up 61%. According to the abstract we have water/electricity/septic. You know that up in Unit 6 we don't have water provided by PAWS, but have to haul it up to our residence; we don't have electricity from LPEA, except for Doc Adams and Justin. Yes, we do have full septic, which up here is very unusual, and I agree does give them the right to up the assessed value. They compared us to real estate down in Units 1 through 5 that have LPEA electricity and large residences, some having sold for over \$300,000.00. There is no way we live in a residence in that price bracket. We, a couple years ago, had to force the Assessors office to edit their description of our residence due to some gross inaccuracies, one of which was wall to wall carpeting. How ridiculous is that? We'd have wall to wall mud in it, which would be impossible to get cleaned. They addressed those concerns, but I'm afraid they may have reinstated them. Now I can't find where that description is in their website. When they use sales pricing, they shouldn't include properties that are located in the areas in, or just outside Pagosa Springs, ie Pagosa Lakes. We, in Aspen Springs are in a dramatically different environment. The selling price of Unit 6 vacant land is up dramatically, though I can't understand why, except that the realtors are making massive profits selling the land 35% above the assessed value. I do, however, understand the free market system where one can charge whatever the market will bare.

Ms. Haywood said that they aren't using a blanket end result to the value of land. One of my vacant properties went from \$7,810 to \$9,000.00, the two others from \$7,300 to \$9,000, the land where my residence is located also went to \$9,000 from value I think I'm safe in

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# Man arrested on multiple charges involving concealed weapons

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Around 7:42 p.m. on May 1, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), along with Colorado State Patrol (CSP), responded to shots fired in the area of Dyke Boulevard and Hurt Drive.

According to an ACSO incident report, Deputy Jason Hibbert was advised by the reporting party that four loud gunshots were heard from the area, and that the deputy should be on the lookout for a white male wearing a black trench coat and black cowboy hat.

The report described the male as having a "high-powered rifle sling."

The reporting party was unsure if the individual had shot anything or not with the rifle, the report notes.

Upon arriving at an address on Dyke Boulevard, the incident report describes that as Hibbert was making contact with individuals on the property, a male came out of an RV on the property wearing a black cowboy hat and black trench coat.

What could be seen was a black, high-powered, scoped rifle laying in a chair next to the RV, the report explains.

CSP personnel provided cover while Hibbert put the suspect in custody, according to the report, which also notes that the suspect had a straight-edged knife in his boot, a hatchet in his front belt and "several live 308 caliber rounds in his pockets."

The report explains that the suspect gave the ACSO two different names with two different dates of

birth to check for warrants, both of which came back clean.

However, after a consented fingerprint scan, the suspect was identified as Christopher Hanes, a 29-year-old male from San Antonio, Texas.

The fingerprint scan revealed that Hanes had a felony warrant out for his arrest out of Texas for aggravated assault, as well as a felony conviction.

"Several felony convictions were later confirmed at the Sheriff's Office to include several prohibited weapons charges and substance abuse," the incident report states.

The report later notes that Hanes told Hibbert that he was sorry for lying and did not want to go back to Texas, citing that he was in Colorado for a "fresh start."

In addition to that, Hanes ex-

plained that he had borrowed the rifle due to bears in the area and was unaware that he could not shoot in the area, the report explains.

According to the report, Hibbert detected the odor of an unknown alcoholic beverage coming from Hanes' breath. When asked, Hanes admitted to having a "few sips."

Following a breathalyzer test, it was reported that Hanes had a breath alcohol concentration of .019 percent.

Hanes was ultimately arrested on charges of: possession of a weapon by a previous offender, a class 5 felony; unlawful carrying of a concealed weapon, a class 3 misdemeanor; and false reporting to authorities, also a class 3 misdemeanor.

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**Archuleta County Sheriff's Office**  
Calls for service over week: 120.  
May 6 — Information only, Pineview

Road.  
May 6 — Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, criminal mischief, Running Horse Place.

May 6 — Open burning in unincorporated Archuleta County, County Road 700.

May 7 — Violation of bail bond condition-felony, County Road 600.

May 7 — Information only, Trails Boulevard.

May 7 — Under investigation, Talisman Drive.

May 9 — Passed stopped school bus with flashing lights, U.S. 160/ County Road 600.

May 9 — Trespass warning, information only, Durango Court.

May 10 — Warrant arrest, Dyke Boulevard.

May 10 — Violation of restraining order, County Road 600.

May 11 — Agency assist, Pinon Causeway.

May 11 — County warrant, county warrant, Ute Drive.

May 12 — Agency assist, 15th Street.

May 12 — Animals/nuisance, Grenadier Place.

**Pagosa Springs Police Department**

Calls for service over week: 89.

May 6 — Traffic/insurance, U.S. 160.

May 6 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

May 6 — Camping prohibited/tres-

pass warning, Hot Springs Boulevard.

May 7 — Third-degree assault, Country Center Drive.

May 8 — Traffic/suspended license, Florida Street.

May 9 — Traffic/insurance/registration, San Juan Street.

May 9 — Criminal mischief, North 5th Street.

May 11 — Information only, South 9th Street.

May 12 — Warrant arrest, 15th Street.

May 12 — Harassment, South 8th Street.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson**

May 7 — Jessica McCullough, forgery-money/stamps/government security, three years community corrections, total fines and costs — \$503.50.

May 7 — Jessica Danielle McCullough, trespass 1-auto with intent to commit crime, three years community corrections, total fines and costs — \$503.50.

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

May 9 — Brinton D. Castolenia, driving under the influence with prior offenses, 20 days work release, 56 hours community service, 365 days jail suspended imposition, two years probation updated sentence, total fines and costs — \$2,590.50.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Clayton Buchner**  
No report.

## Obituaries

### Carla Kinser

Carla Kinser, kind loving mother and devoted grandmother, passed away at the age of 76 on March 19.



Carla was born in Pagosa Springs to Guinn and Lois Kinser. She received a degree from Adams State and a master's degree from UNM. Carla found her calling in real estate and was a licensed broker for many years in Tucson, Ariz., before

retiring in 2007. She battled a long and painful debilitating illness. During her illness, she found comfort in her unshaken Christian faith and was the glue that held our family together.

Carla was preceded in death by her father, Guinn; mother Lois; and brothers Lyle, Leonard and Kelly. She is survived by her sons, Travis Burow and Darren Burow, and grandson Shawn Carter, niece Kay Kinser, nephew Kerry Kinser and many cousins on her Bramwell side. A graveside memorial will take place at 11 a.m. May 25 at Hilltop Cemetery in Pagosa Springs.

### Richard Franklin Young

On March 12, Richard Franklin Young passed away. Rich was a father, son, brother, uncle, friend, patriot, Navy vet, husband, musician, farmer, biker, horseman, animal lover, gun slinger, welder, heavy machine operator and mentor to many colleagues throughout his life, especially at Wolf Creek Ski Area. He had a way of simplifying anything into three words or less, reminding those who were close to

him that life is not as complex as we can make it.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, May 25, at noon at 11974 S. CR 4 E., La Jara, CO 81140. A BBQ, military funeral honors and remembrance of Richard's life will be held at the Riddick's farm — the place where he was preparing to spend his retirement. All are welcome to come celebrate the life of a truly honorable man.

## Thanks

### PSES

I would like to publicly thank the many volunteers that make our spring family night/art show and book fair such a successful event. Thank you, Kelly Laner, Natalie Ortega, Suzy Halterman, Marie Denton, Janet Kubelka, Molly Chatagnier, Becky Deitmeyer, Belinda Hewitt, Mary Moore, Ashli Stretton, Kelly Vining, Laura Jenkins, Katie Reynolds, Kendra Bridges, Lisa Scott and the PIE committee members. Thanks to the teachers for their extended evening service and to the parents for supporting your kids and creating our school community.

Justin Cowan

## Letters

### Continued from A3

assuming is the same as the others. This looks very suspicious to me. This looks like is that they wanted all the vacant land to be valued the same so they added the amount necessary even though each and every vacant lot is the same size and has the same things on it.

As I said in last week's letter to the editor, we need to all protest the assessments especially we who live in Unit 6 of Aspen Springs. Make them address each and every one of them.

Doug Roberts

### Red Ribbon Week coverage

I was so thrilled to see the great front page coverage of Red Ribbon Week in the May 9 edition of the SUN. Many people would point to news headlines, undue life stresses and general hardships as justification to turn to alcohol, other legal or illegal drugs, social media, or other distractions as a

means to escape the challenges of ordinary life. The intent of Red Ribbon week is to empower youth to consider their option in relation to what resonates for them and make choices that fits their values. Certainly easier said than done. It's also important to recognize that youth exploration of the larger world and experimentation with risk is part of normal youth development. It's so important for the greater community to understand and support these beliefs. So many students are "stressed" and "overworked" and

they follow our examples of how to cope with life and its myriad challenges. Empowering young people with understanding of and model behaviors that emphasize their internal power source, or locus of control, is one of the greatest community-based tools for creating a positive environment for youth to blossom into healthy and happy adults. Thank you Pagosa Sun for putting this important topic front and center and giving these youth positive attention and recognition.

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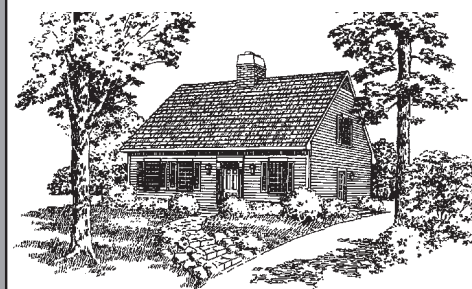


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# Education



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The Pagosa Springs High School Student Council presents a check worth \$1,400 to Pagosa Springs Elementary School Media Specialist Debbie Mackey as part of the Books for Kids program. This 4-year-old program was put in place to ensure that every child who is in need receives a book via a contribution made by the student council, led by teacher Sally Riggs.

## 'Transparency and integrity': Questions raised on superintendent's raise

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

A public comment during the most recent Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) meeting on May 14 focused on the recent retroactive raise for ASD Superintendent Linda Reed.

The ASD board approved a fourth addendum to Reed's contract at a board meeting on April 9.

The addendum increased Reed's salary to \$145,000, which was an increase of 5.56 percent to her previous salary of \$137,367.

Additionally, the addendum notes that the raise was retroactive, effective as of July 1, 2018.

ASD went to the ballot in November to ask for a mill levy override (MLO) to: recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and staff; fund full-time school resource officers for safety; fund full-day kindergarten; and provide required funding for Pagosa Peak Open School to increase staff salaries, supplement full-day kindergarten and improve school safety.

That MLO increase was ultimately approved by voters.

Before the election, on Sept. 20,

2018, The SUN asked a question to BOE member Brooks Lindner about whether or not a decision on Reed's salary would be made before the November election.

Lindner responding by writing, "It is my understanding that no decision will be made on Linda's salary until after the election."

During the April 9 meeting in which Reed's salary increase was approved, it was noted by BOE member Bob Lynch that Reed's raise would not be coming from any MLO funds that the district is receiving.

"It's worth noting that the superintendent salary didn't benefit from the mill levy override," Lynch said during that meeting.

But, during the May 14 meeting, two ASD teachers, representing themselves, presented a prepared statement to the board addressing the "lack of transparency" in which Reed's raise was enacted.

Dana Hayward, a math teacher at Pagosa Springs High School, along with Andy Guinn, a math teacher at Pagosa Springs Middle School, presented the statement, with Hayward reading it to the board.

"The opinion that we're about to express is not at all representative of Teacher Leadership Council. So, this is completely separate from that," Hayward said.

"We want to say specifically that this isn't a criticism of giving Linda a raise, just the manner in which we perceive that it was carried out," Hayward said.

As active campaigners of the 5A ballot initiative, but also as district employees and community members, Hayward explained that the information used to campaign for MLO funds was, in part, "disingenuous."

"While we were campaigning, upper administrative raises were a common concern raised by community members," Hayward said, "and using information provided by the district, our campaign team, ourselves included, explained to friends, neighbors and community members that upper administration would not be receiving raises this year."

Hayward noted that it was understood that Reed's raise did not come from the MLO funds.

"However, the timing and retroactive nature of the board action

makes it difficult to separate that ballot initiative, our campaign strategy and the raise in the public eye," she said.

The MLO passing was a "big win" in the community, especially in a community that usually does not vote for tax increases, Hayward explained.

"As our district plans to further improve facilities for student and staff use, it's critical to keep transparency and integrity in mind," she said.

The BOE did not offer any comments in response to the statement given that it was categorized as a public comment, to which the board typically does not respond.

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Pagosa Peak Open School hosts Archuleta County Education (FACE) board members Mary Stokes and Jill Porterfield for a morning of math time education using Singapore math manipulatives. FACE helped to supply the curriculum to the school.

## New charter school director to start June 1

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) will have new leadership starting earlier than expected for next school year, as the board approved a contract extension for its new school director, Angela Crossland, at a regular board meeting on May 13.

Initially, Crossland was meant to take over leadership duties from current PPOS School Director James Lewicki on July 1, but Lewicki informed the board via a letter that his last day will now be

May 31.

Lewicki's note explains that Crossland is now available on June 1 to take over school director duties, but Crossland is also available the week of May 27 so that Lewicki can help her transition into the new role.

"Angela is an outstanding educator who will lead and inspire this next iteration of PPOS, as it moves into its 3rd year, fully maturing into a K-8 school by 2021," Lewicki wrote.

The contract extension language states that the extension is effective as of May 13 and goes on to read, "The parties agree to extend the Original

Contract for an additional period, to begin prior to the original agreed date of July 1, 2019."

### Draft budget

In addition to the contract extension for its new school director, PPOS has also approved a draft budget for the public to review.

PPOS will have physical copies of the draft budget available at the school, located at 7 Parelli Way. The draft budget will also be available for public review online at the school's website at [www.pagosapeakopenschool.org](http://www.pagosapeakopenschool.org).  
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## Michael P. Ward Memorial Scholarship recipients to attend birding camp

By Dorothy George  
Special to The SUN

The board of directors of the Weminuche Audubon Society has selected three students to receive a Michael P. Ward Memorial Scholarship.

Marie Smith, daughter of Tish and Don Smith, is a student at Pagosa Springs Middle School who was recommended by her teacher, Chris Couch. Lucas Huddleston, son of Deanna and Eddy Huddleston, attends Pagosa Springs High School. He was recommended by his teacher, Sammantha Rowland. Evan Tweedie, son of Sara and Gavin Tweedie, attends Miller Middle School in Durango. He was recommended by his teacher Sarah Margoles.

The scholarship recipients will attend a week-long birding camp in July that is operated by the American Birding Association (ABA). Based at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, they'll venture out on field trips led by ABA staff and guest instructors.

Campers will explore Rocky Mountain National Park and other nearby life zones. They will attend workshops to learn about sketching, painting, field journaling, photography, careers in bird conservation and more. The ABA's Camp Colorado provides middle school and high school students from across the United States with opportunities to learn about the bird life and natural history of Colorado.

The scholarship program is a memorial to Mike Ward, who joined the board of directors for Weminuche Audubon Society in 2009. Ward became a major supporter of chapter events. He was an organizing force behind conservation activities. They included

planting willows along stream beds, fastening signs to standing dead ponderosas to protect them as wildlife habitat, and building an extension of the Piedra River Trail at Navajo State Park. He acted to further Audubon's mission "to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats for the

benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity."

After Ward's untimely death in 2014, the Weminuche Audubon board considered different ways to honor him. Sending a young person off on a birding adventure at camp seemed to be the perfect memorial. Since 2015, one scholarship has been awarded each year to a student

residing in southwest Colorado. We are thrilled to be able to send three young people this year.

Thank you to the teachers and administrators who encouraged students to apply. A special thank you to Joan Ward, who generously supports this project in honor of her late husband. Congratulations, students.



Photos courtesy Linda Hobbs

Members of the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution baked and delivered goodies to various area schools this past week as a way of acknowledging and thanking approximately 200 local teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.

## Celebrations

### Angette Pastuszek

Angette Pastuszek will be graduating from Colorado State University on May 18 with a bachelor's degree in zoology. She will graduate with a predicted GPA of 3.4. She will be leaving for Australia at the end of summer to do further research in wildlife. There she will pursue studies for her Ph.D. at The University of Queensland, Australia.



### Karyn Watson

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# Moody's gives Archuleta County strong credit rating

By John Finefrock  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County has received an Aa3 credit rating from Moody's Investors Service as it prepares to close on financing terms to build a new jail.

In Moody's credit opinion, released to The SUN on Monday, the group outlines why it awarded such a strong credit rating to the county.

The credit opinion notes the "credit strengths" of Archuleta

County are as follows:

- Strong cash reserve levels.
- Modestly sized and growing tax base.
- Low debt and lack of a pension burden.

The credit opinion listed the following as "credit challenges" for the county:

- Archuleta County's economy is "somewhat reliant on tourism activities."
- Income levels in the county are below average.

"[Moody's] asked a lot of questions about, 'Tell us about the economy there, what's tourism, where people work and how viable things are,'" said Archuleta County Administrator Scott Wall in an interview Monday. "Our sales tax trends, everything was on the positive and the upswing."

A press release regarding the credit rating sent to The SUN from the county reads, "In discussions with Moody's, the County learned that a rating this high is not typical

of other county's whose economy is equivalent in size to Archuleta County. In communicating the rating to the County, Moody's staff indicated that '... the (Moody's) scorecard likes Archuleta County...', referencing very high scores for the County's financial status and fiscal management over the last five years, as evidenced by actual operating history."

The county is expected to close on financing terms for the new detention center around June 5, according to Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

The method of financing the county is using to fund the jail is called certificates of participation (COPs).

COP financing is a lease-purchase mechanism where Archuleta County would transfer its interests in the jail site at 125 Harman Park Drive 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 a violation of Taxpayer Bill of Rights law.

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

If the county takes the full 25 years to pay, the total cost with interest would be about \$21 million.

In the county's press release, Walton is quoted as saying, "Given the rating that was released today, we may see lower interest rates on our Detention Center financing than previously expected."

The county's press release also addresses the rating in relation to the COP financing: "With regard to the County's issuance of COP's, Moody's assigned an A1 rating... sometimes referred to as an A+ rating. The Ratings Rationale being: 'The A1 rating on the county's certificates of participation primarily reflects the security of annual appropriations from any legally available funds and the essential nature of the leased asset, which is a new jail facility'."

The county is expected to break ground on the new jail facility in June.

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Pagosa Springs Middle School eighth-grade student Daniel Bradley, in front of his peers, demonstrates what can be expected when students undergo a heart screening. A heart screening event will take place at the middle school on Friday from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Those who wish to take part in the screening can register at [www.whoweplayfor.org](http://www.whoweplayfor.org).

# Town awards contract for housing work

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

At its May 7 meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved entering into a professional services contract with Pagosa Housing Partners (PHP) to work on various initiatives related to affordable and work force housing.

The council awarded the contract as a sole source purchase due to PHP's "unique and relevant experience with affordable housing needs in Pagosa Springs."

PHP, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, formulated the "Roadmap to Affordable Housing, 2019-2025" housing action plan under a previous contract with the town.

Under the \$34,720 agreement, PHP will work on several initiatives: Room Connect to pair people who need housing with others who have space to rent, researching long-term funding and land banking, collaborative engagement with housing entities, assist with development of housing projects, be an advocate for developers, and perform community outreach.

That May 7 decision followed a previous work session in which the council discussed economic

development and housing.

At that work session, the council heard from Sandy Head, executive director of the Montrose Economic Development Corporation about how Montrose's economic development efforts have evolved over the years and how that organization functions.

On the topic of affordable housing, Town Manager Andrea Phillips presented ideas of various initiatives the town could lead, initiatives PHP could lead and ones that would require a collaborative approach.

Those things suggested as being led by town staff at that work session included: engaging in a public-private partnership to build units on the town's Trujillo Road property, prepare an affordable housing incentive package for developers, coordinate a housing collaborative to leverage existing

resources, and ensure land use and development policies to encourage housing investment.

The council and PHP representatives also discussed the possibility of structuring a housing effort similar to an economic development effort, with PHP's Lynne Vickerstaff suggesting there should be an advocate separate from the government to work with developers.

"It's a very parallel situation," she said.

Other discussion focused on if housing was ready for the formalized approach of hiring a point person at this point in time, or if that is down the road.

Housing is anticipated to be a topic of conversation at the next strategic planning retreat held by council, which has not been scheduled.

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# Fees

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In the years since, changes were discussed and made, including implementing waivers for impact fees for things such as affordable housing and implementing deferral programs.

Presented to council on May 7 were four options for moving forward:

- Concluding the impact fee study with Economic and Planning Systems Inc. (EPS), adopt a set of recommendations within the study and put into place a temporary moratorium on the collection of fees.

- Conclude the impact fee study and adopt the recommendations within the study to collect fees for the new recommended categories and stop collecting for other categories.

- Conclude the impact fee study and choose to fully abandon the impact fee program.

- Spend an additional \$10,000 for EPS to conduct a commercial linkage fee study.

Phillips explained to council that the town has already spent \$40,000 with EPS for the current impact fee study and analysis on a residential linkage fee.

"At this time, it is difficult to determine the true fiscal impact of each of the above decisions," an agenda brief prepared by Phillips explains. "Should Council put a moratorium in place or abandon the impact fee program,

less revenue will be collected for capital projects. On average, this is roughly \$50,000 per year. Large commercial developments such as Tractor Supply and Walmart paid the most in impact fees over the last several years and can generate large influxes of revenue when they happen."

The agenda brief continues by discussing indications that have come from developers regarding impact fees.

"However, developers have indicated that they are poised to initiate new projects and are waiting to see if Council eliminates impact fees," the brief states. "Developers and local realtors have said that the impact fees are halting development decisions. Should these projects move forward, the Town may see additional development opportunities take place for both residential and commercial. This will lead to growth in property tax, sales tax, sanitation system users, building permit fees, potentially new jobs, etc. This impact will be monitored by staff over the next few years. EPS has suggested it may be impossible, however, to isolate the effects of impact fees from broader factors such as the real estate market cycles, economic conditions, and available sites."

After thanking his fellow council members for reaching out to discuss the topic with him, Mat deGraaf stated he was ready to put the "hard topic" to bed.

Council member Tracy Bun-

ning added that while he doesn't disbelieve what council is hearing from the development and business communities about the fees stifling development, there is no hard evidence for that fact.

The only thing council can control, he noted, is getting rid of fees, with his first thought being a moratorium on fees.

He also asked if there is any advantage to completing the study with EPS if the council were to get rid of impact fees, indicating he had spoken about the possibility of a residential linkage fees with several of his fellow council members.

Phillips explained that about 99 percent of the report with EPS is complete and completing it would be concluding the study and getting the final report.

"I think that I've always been uncomfortable with impact fees," council member Nicole DeMarco said, adding that since the town can't make the county implement impact fees, she is in favor of getting rid of them.

"I agree with everybody," council member Madeline Bergon added, offering the idea of getting rid of the fees for a specific period of time.

Bunning explained that his initial thought was 30 months, which would give developers time to get projects together, but that leaving it open-ended would take away the incentive to get projects done.

After further discussion on

the possibility of a moratorium, the board returned to the idea of abolishing the fees, with Mayor Don Volger suggesting the council can always reinstate the fees in the future.

While no public comment was taken by the council while the specific agenda item was being dis-

cussed, impact fees were brought up during public comment.

At that time, audience member Rory Burnett suggested that impact fees "have been a portion, in my opinion, of the detriments to developing the blighted downtown corridor of Pagosa."

He added that while funding is

important, it comes from movement of the community, with more growth meaning more finances into the community.

Not yet determined by council is when the fees would be abolished. The May 23 meeting will start at 5 p.m. at Town Hall.

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## 1033 Program

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given to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) that were allegedly missing. Following the CBI investigation, 6th Judicial District Attorney Christian Champagne determined there was no criminal wrongdoing on the part of the sheriff's office.

The county's press release outlines the following directives the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) "will implement":

"1. The BoCC will notify the Colorado State Patrol Department of Public Safety that Archuleta County will no longer participate in the 1033 Program until further notice.

"2. The BoCC will direct the research of the 1033 Program protocols and insure that all conditions and stipulations of the Program are met, including the disposal of equipment and supplies that are no longer needed by Archuleta County.

"3. The BoCC will direct the development and consider adoption of a procedural policy for disposal of unwanted, expired, non-functioning equipment and supplies. This procedural policy will be codified by the BoCC into local law and will include criminal penalties for any violations.

"4. The BoCC will direct that all County Departments adhere to C.R.S. 29-1-506 that designates that an Annual Inventory of Archuleta County assets will be conducted in compliance with Colorado State Law. In addition, the BoCC will encourage all elected officials, including the Sheriff's Office, to participate in the Annual Inventory of Archuleta County assets.

"5. The BoCC will direct the Archuleta County Treasurer, Clerk and Recorder, Sheriff, and Assessor to furnish copies of any and all accounting, administrative, financial, recorded, or assessment records to the head of the Archuleta County Finance Department, as required by C.R.S. 30-11-121."

On Tuesday, Archuleta County

Sheriff Rich Valdez responded to the five directives on the press release.

"On the first three, we're seeking clarification on those to get a little bit better input, as to what they — just what [the county] can and can't do on that," Valdez said, adding, "We talked to [county staff] about that and we're just looking into getting a little bit better clarification on those and the last two we already do."

Valdez explained that point number four from the press release, that the sheriff's department participate in an annual inventory, used to occur regularly, but "for whatever reasons the county stopped doing it so, but we don't have any problem with it. We did it in the past, we'll do it again."

Valdez also indicated he'd like more information about whether or not the county's commissioners and administration have the authority to carry out the first listed action.

"So, that's a question that we want more clarification on, because we don't believe that they can," Valdez said.

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained ACSO does need permission from the BoCC to participate in the 1033 program.

Weaver said that under the federal enabling statute, "... each law enforcement agency that participates in the 1033 Program has to submit a certification that they have the authorization from the local governing authority — to the local governmental body, to participate in the 1033 Program.

As I interpret the statute then, yes, the sheriff's office would need the permission of the Board of County Commissioners to continue to be — to receive assets through the 1033 Program."

Weaver explained that the county and the sheriff are working together to determine if the 1033 assets will remain property of the sheriff's office or become property of the county.

"We are working with the sheriff's office to reconcile that," Weaver

said, adding, "cause, quite frankly, it's a gray area under the law. There really is very little, like, any type of case law or cases nationwide where it's been ruled one way or the other. So, we are trying — the commissioners, administration and the sheriff's office are trying to sit down and see where we can come to a mutual agreement on how to handle those assets, especially when it comes to their end of life and how to dispose of [them]," said Weaver.

Despite the actions listed in the press release, Maez maintains that no decisions were made in executive session on May 6.

According to Colorado statute, no "adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action (except the approval of executive session minutes)" shall occur in executive session.

"We gave staff direction, staff is going to give us recommendations and if those recommendations need to be addressed in a public meeting, they're going to. Especially if it's a decision-making thing for the county, it has to, by law," said Maez, adding, "It wasn't a decision. That was staff making a recommendation that we could do that if we wanted to."

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## Correction

In the May 2 edition of The SUN, in the article "1033 investigation: 'Absolutely no wrongdoing,'" it was mistakenly reported that the quote "... There has been 'absolutely no wrongdoing on behalf of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office' in this case" was from the conclusion of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation's full report on the 1033 investigation.

In fact, the quote was from a press release sent by 6th Judicial District Attorney Christian Champagne.

The SUN regrets the error.

## Lakes full, San Juan River flows remain above average

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

From last week to this week, all five lake levels have remained the same, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

Lake Hatcher, Stevens Lake, Lake Pagosa and Village Lake all remain full, just like last week.

Lake Forest is also 1 inch away from full, as it was last week.

For all practical purposes, the lakes remain at 100 percent full. In addition, the total cumulative available lake water for treatment and delivery also remains at 100 percent.

Diversion flows remain the same from last week, as well, with total flows remaining at 9 cubic feet per second (cfs).

The West Fork diversion still has a diversion of 3 cfs, while the Four Mile diversion still has a diversion flow of 6 cfs.

Lake Hatcher is being fed by 2 cfs, while 4 cfs is going into Stevens, the press release notes.

May 3 through May 9 of this year saw total water production at 11.46 million gallons.

The Snowball water treatment plant produced 4.01 million gallons in that time frame, while the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 7.45 million gallons.

May 3 through May 9 in 2018 saw total water production come in at 10.36 million gallons.

From April 26 through May 2 of this year total water production was recorded at 10.90 million gallons.

Snow water equivalency (SWE) has dropped from last week, going from 35 inches to 34.2 this week.

In addition, the SWE median has also fallen, going from 27.6 inches to 22.5 inches.

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

SWE is currently 152 percent of median this week, a large jump from last week, when it was 126.8 percent of median.

Precipitation totals have increased from last week to this week, going from 47.5 inches to 49.3 inches.

The precipitation average has also increased marginally, going from 38.7 inches to 39.3 inches.

This week, precipitation is 125.4 percent of median, when last week it was 122.7 percent of median.

### River report

As of May 15 the San Juan River was flowing at 1,910 cfs, above the average for May 15 of 1,290 cfs, according to data from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

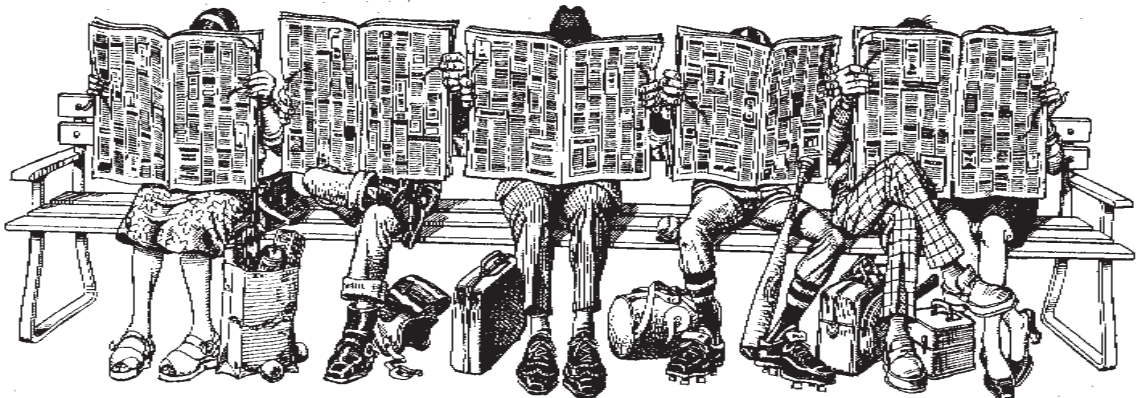
Last week, the San Juan had a flow of 1,490 cfs.

The highest recorded flow on May 15 came in 1941, when the San Juan River flowed at 3,810 cfs, according to the USGS.

The lowest flow total for May 15 was a reported level of 179 cfs in 2002.

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## Burn

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has been done already to mitigate fires, Ellis explained.

Predominately, winds blow southwest and if a fire were to occur, it would end up blowing right into the Hatcher subdivision, Ellis explained.

That has caused more mechanical and prescribed fires to occur in that area to offer a level of protection to the homes in that area, he added.

Any type of fuel-treatment fire is not going to stop a fire, but it does mitigate fire behavior by removing some of those fuels, thus making it easier to deal with, Ellis noted.

## Districts

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"Sometimes it is hard to get people to run for the board, so it opens that up," BOE member Bob Lynch said of eliminating districts.

But Lynch, echoing Reed's earlier statements, explained that by eliminating districts you could potentially see a group of individuals running for the board who could more actively control the board if elected.

"I certainly understand the logic behind opening up as at-large and maybe getting more," BOE President Greg Schick said.

However, if something were to

"In a year like last year, where it was so dry, and the fuel conditions were so extreme, it could be quite dangerous to the subdivisions over there, and that's the reason we've concentrated so much effort on working out in there," Ellis said.

In the Brockover/Turkey Springs area, the forest mostly consists of ponderosa pine trees, Ellis explained.

"Historically, those areas did burn. And through a history of fire exclusion, there's been a buildup of fuels and that's why we need to really concentrate on reducing that fuel level out there," he said.

come up that was controversial and the district was at-large, Schick explained that he could see people trying to "pack the board."

"And I guess my opinion is that outweighs trying to get more board members to sign up," he said.

Districts that are close in size or smaller to ASD often have trouble finding board members that are within a specific district, Dryburgh noted.

In a follow-up interview on May 15, Reed explained that in terms of next steps, the board wants to discuss this issue soon enough that if a decision is made and acted upon

In that area, there was a total of about 7,000 acres that were looked at being treated with a prescribed burn, Ellis explained.

"Much of it has been treated already, but there's still about 3,500 acres that are left to be treated," he said. "In a year like this where we had good moisture over the winter, we've got a lot more flexibility in conducting burns."

Those burns will happen throughout the spring and potentially into some of the summer, depending on the weather, and then will continue in late August, early September.

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that the district could put it on the ballot in November.

"It's up for grabs," she said. "We'll either talk about it at a future meeting or do a work session."

If this is not put on the ballot for this November, ASD would have to wait two Novembers to put it on the ballot again, she noted.

"Because we'd want to have something else on the ballot, because every time something goes on the ballot it costs us," Reed said. "So, it wouldn't probably make sense for us to do it unless there were board members up for election."

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## Parking

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before the parking lot would be ready and open.

In other business at the May 7 meeting, the council:

- Approved awarding a contract to UCAL Inc. to complete a Safe Routes to School grant project to construct a sidewalk from U.S. 160 north along the east side North 8th Street and along the south side of Florida Street to North 6th Street.

The project also includes a ramp and crosswalk to the Hickory Ridge

apartments, as well as lighting conduit and pull boxes to allow for future lighting installation.

UCAL's bid for the project, as chosen by council, totaled \$444,043.50, which exceeds the town's budget for the projects.

As part of its decision, the council approved transferring \$89,000 "from Capital Fund Reserves to cover construction administration, inspection, and material testing costs," according to an agenda brief on the topic.

- Approved the second reading of an ordinance amending distances for liquor licenses from schools, removing distance requirements from most types of liquor licenses.

A 500-foot distance requirement remains for tavern licenses, and the distance requirement of a liquor store license from a school was amended to 250 feet.

- Approved the second reading of an ordinance amending portions of the municipal code concerning snow removal.



## LEGISLATURE

# Results of legislative session explained

Legislators passed many great bills this session and I am proud to add several from my own list of accomplishments to that lineup, all of which passed with bipartisan support. Some of these bills have already been signed into law and others will be soon.

**HB19-1262 — State Funding for Full-Day Kindergarten:** Full-day kindergarten for Colorado's youngest learners is now in sight, optional for both districts and parents. Many districts already offer full-day kindergarten, but at a great expense to either the district or the parents. This bill frees up money for both, while also offering 5,000 more preschool slots for at-risk children.

**HB19-1113 — Protect Water Quality Adverse Mining Impacts:** We all remember the 2015 Gold King Mine spill, so I led a bill to help prevent water pollution from future hardrock mining operations in Colorado. This is good for our environment and precious water, while keeping a thriving mining industry moving forward. Taxpayers will no longer have to pay when a mine files for bankruptcy.

**HB19-1006 — Wildfire Mitigation Wildland-Urban Interface Areas:** Wildfire season is fast approaching. This bill won bipartisan approval in the legislature and adds funding to the already existing Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program to address the needs of mitigation in the wildland-urban interface areas. The funding will help homeowners prepare their property for fire suppression. The Colorado Forest Service says these areas are the most likely to burn during the next fire season; helping them now will help all of Colorado later.

**SB19-009 — Financial Incentives for Rural Educators:** This bill

modifies and expands a current law offering stipends to educators who agree to teach in a rural school for at least two years. It now offers \$4,000 stipends for those educators and \$6,000 for those seeking certification as a National Board Certified Teacher, a concurrent enrollment teacher or those completing an alternative licensure program that leads to employment in a rural area.

**HB19-1002 — Leadership Professional Development for School Principals:** This bill represents the latest effort by lawmakers to implement the state's blueprint to reduce our teacher shortage, building upon a bill I sponsored in 2017. This bill creates the School Leadership Pilot Program to provide training for school principals. The program identifies high-quality school principals who will act as mentors for principals across the state who ask for assistance. The mentors will provide professional development in school leadership. Many teachers leave the teaching profession because they want better leadership.

**HB19-1202-Food Systems Advisory Council:** The bill moves the Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council from the Department of Agriculture to Colorado State University and modifies its membership, purpose and duties. The council will match up food producers with consumers so that producers have access to new markets and consumers have



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ready access to fresh, affordable and healthy foods. The council will also research food and nutrition assistance, market development, farm-to-school programs and institutional procurement.

**SB19-020-Wildland Fire Airspace Patrol System:** This will help ensure airspace is clear above wildfires and give our firefighters the tools they need to keep our homes, communities and firefighters safe. This creates a study on methods to monitor the airspace above wildfires to ensure they are cleared of drones and other civilian aircraft. Current monitoring is limited by line of sight, and many aerial firefighting methods have had to stop working or are delayed due to the presence of drones above wildfires.

**SB19-246 — Public School Funding:** This bill sets funding levels for Colorado's 178 PK-12 school districts. It pays down the budget stabilization factor by \$100 million; funds rural schools an extra \$20 million; increases by \$20 million the funds given to schools for Tier B special education students; and changes the method of funding for English-learning students, focusing on those who need it most.

**SB19-190 — Teacher Preparation Program Support:** The bill has the Colorado Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education adopt guidelines and best practices for teacher preparation programs, providing stipends for the supervising teachers, extending student teaching to one year and requiring all educators be trained how to teach reading.

**SB19-010 — Professional Behavioral Health Services for Schools:** Under current law, the Behavioral Health Care Professional Matching Grant Program provides grants to local educators to increase the presence of school health professionals in schools, provide training for school staff on implementation of substance abuse prevention education, and connect students at risk for substance abuse with available services. This bill adds services for mental health to the list, funded with money from the marijuana cash fund.

**SB19-007 — Prevent Sexual Misconduct at Higher Ed Campuses:** Each Colorado institution of higher education will now adopt, review and update a policy on sexual misconduct. The bill establishes minimum requirements for the policies, including reporting options, procedures for investigations and protections for involved persons. Institutions will

promote the policy by posting information on their websites, annually distributing policy information and providing training on awareness and prevention of sexual misconduct. This bill will align state law with federal law.

**SB19-003 — Educator Loan Forgiveness Program:** This bill establishes the Educator Loan Forgiveness Program to help principals, educators and special services providers pay their college loans. They must contract to work in a rural school or in an area of high need content, such as math, science, special education or foreign languages. Educators may receive up to \$5,000 for each year of employment for up to five years.

**HB19-1051 — Colorado Department of Public Safety Human Trafficking-Related Training:** This bill is particularly important for rural areas; it requires the Division of Criminal Justice to provide human trafficking training to law enforcement agencies, organizations that provide services to human trafficking victims, school personnel and parents, and any other entity that may benefit. The training may be done through direct, online or train-the-trainer sessions.

**HB19 — 1186-School Employment Background Check Clarification:** Currently, applicants for employment in school districts are required to submit a copy of their fingerprints for background checks. In many areas, only private firms offer these checks; this bill allows them to be offered at a qualified law enforcement agency, an authorized employee or any third-party vendor approved by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. The site has to be within 20 miles of a school.

**SB19-018 — Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Age:** This bill decreases the age to obtain a commercial driver's license from 21 to 18, if authorized under federal law. This offers good-paying jobs for high school graduates and helps with the drastic truck driver shortage in Colorado.

**HB19-1254 — Notice Requirements Employees Sharing Gratuities:** This bill clarifies that if a business requires its employees to share gratuities with other employees, that each patron be notified of this in writing. It expands the notice from being on a sign on the door to being on the menu, receipt or table tent. Customers will have clearer notice of where their money is going.

We stepped up and delivered real results this legislative session and it's an honor to serve this district.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, May 16

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

**The Springs Resort ownership meeting to discuss expansion of the resort and development of the adjacent vacant land.** 5 p.m., The Springs Resort conference room, 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

### Monday, May 20

**San Juan Water Conservancy District work session — Strategic Plan sections 1 and 2; special meeting — strategic Plan Sections 1 and 2 approval.** 5 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Unit 5.

### Tuesday, May 21

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

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

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

### Wednesday, May 22

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation Economic**

**Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Arts Council building, 197 Navajo Trail Dr.

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

### Thursday, May 23

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

### Tuesday, May 28

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

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

**Archuleta School District Board of Education work session.** 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.

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

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

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# Outdoors

## Learn about boating safety at Navajo State Park Saturday

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
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Learn about boating safety, paddle boarding and sailing at Navajo State Park on Saturday, which is also Public Lands Day in Colorado.

"The water is coming up at Navajo and it's going to be a great boating season," said Brian Sandy, Navajo State Park manager, "but we

want to make sure people stay safe when they're enjoying the water."

From 9 a.m. to noon at the Windsurf Beach area, park staff will explain boating regulations and safety rules, and demonstrate proper use of life vests. The park will also have paddle boards available for anyone who wants to try this popular water activity. A local company will have small Sunfish sailboats available for people who'd

like to learn about sailing.

There will also be activities for kids. Youngsters will be given a T-shirt and instructions on how to stencil a boating safety message on the shirt.

The Windsurf Beach is just off Archuleta County Road 982, which is the road going into the park. A parks pass is required. Entry to the park is \$8 per vehicle; annual passes good for all 41 state parks

are available for \$80.

Navajo State Park is a major recreation facility in southwest Colorado, drawing more than 330,000 visitors every year. The 2,100-acre park offers boating, fishing, hiking and biking trails, wildlife viewing and more. The reservoir is one of the largest in the West at 15,000 acres.

For more information, call 883-2208.

## Chain saws approved to clear trails in two Colorado wilderness areas

Special to The SUN

Regional office officials have announced the approval for a time-limited exception for chain saw use within the Weminuche and South San Juan Wilderness areas.

The exception will allow Rio Grande National Forest and San Juan National Forest employees, partners and volunteers under Forest Service supervision to clear bark beetle-killed trees that are obstructing access to the wilderness. The approval does not provide free rein to use motorized equipment in wilderness areas.

The supervised use of crosscut saws and chain saws will be allowed for up to six weeks between June 1 and Aug. 17. Trail work will be dependent on resource availability and weather conditions.

Removing obstructions will enhance visitor safety, improve access and reduce resource damage that occurs when visitors bypass dead and downed or leaning trees, trample vegetation and cause soil erosion.

The Weminuche Wilderness encompasses approximately 500,000 acres in southwest Colorado, the largest wilderness in the state, and is administered by both the San Juan National Forest and Rio Grande National Forest. The South San Juan Wilderness encompasses approximately 159,000 acres of the southeastern extent of the San Juan Mountain Range, including a segment of the Continental Divide, which is also administered by the San Juan National Forest and Rio Grande National Forest.



Photo courtesy USDA Forest Service  
Dead and down trees block a trail in the Turkey Creek area of the San Juan National Forest.

## Backcountry rescue raises awareness for hiker safety this time of year

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

After a hiker was reported missing and subsequently rescued a mile off of the Continental Divide Trail, all prospective hikers might want to wait until the weather warms up to tackle the trails.

This recommendation comes from Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ASCO) Director of Emergency Operations Mike Le Roux.

Locals and tourists alike are advised to at least wait six weeks, according to Le Roux, but these recommendations are not mandates.

"Right now, the answer would be no," he said. "If you absolutely had to, make sure that you are prepared with mid-winter backcountry gear because those are still the conditions out there."

For the average person, Le Roux explained that, at this time of year, weather conditions can play a large role in the success of a hike, as well as accurate mapping.

For those who do end up making an excursion out into Mother Nature this time of year, Le Roux recommends, at a minimum, having a GPS with an actual map.

"With this technology in this day and age it's so easy to get an app with a GPS on your phone," he explained.

This route can be recommended due to the fact that electronic GPS are usually more accurate than a paper map, he explained.

"Paper maps obviously provide that redundancy because when your batteries run out, your paper battery doesn't run out," he said.

In addition to a solid mapping system, those who choose to hike at this time of year should also bring snowshoes and backcountry skis, he added.

"Even if you've got good days, you're still going to be mostly shin-to thigh-high deep in certain sections," he said, noting that waterproof gear is also recommended.

However, Le Roux noted that, for this time of year, he still would not recommend hiking in the high country.

"Right now, I would say if you're not an avid backcountry traveler and you're not planning to hike using winter travel mode, I would not attempt it," he said. "You obviously can't say, 'Don't do it,' but the advice would be to wait until it melted off."

In addition to the amount of snow in the high country, temperatures are also cold enough in that area that most snow is not melting, but when it does, creek crossing becomes significant, Le Roux described.

"I would say there's a good month to six weeks before any tourist, for lack of a better word, or recreational hiker, should be getting out there," he said.

This time of year leaves the weather in flux, so hikers might

not know what to expect, which Le Roux explained to mean that hikers can expect snowstorms, rain and thunderstorms.

"But even now, if you're up high, there's a chance if a system comes through, there's potential for lightning strikes," he said.

Another thing that Le Roux pointed out is that, the higher you go on a hike, the higher the probability you will have cellphone service to dial 911, if needed.

"If you don't have an expensive GPS and you just have a paper map, in some way, shape or form, we just need to be able to get a set of coordinates from somebody," he added.

For example, iPhone users are able to gather coordinates from the compass app built into their phone, Le Roux noted.

### Keeping things in perspective

When being rescued, Le Roux noted that search and rescue is a free service except for when a severe injury has occurred.

"Search and rescue is a free service to anybody all of the time," Le Roux said. "It's free up to a point that,

**"Paper maps obviously provide that redundancy because when your batteries run out, your paper battery doesn't run out," Le Roux said.**

## Snowpack totals top 200 percent of median

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

As we sit halfway through May, local basins have seen their collective snowpack totals are over 200 percent this week.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins currently

have a collective snowpack total of 221 percent of median, a 43 percent increase from last week's total of 178 percent of median.

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

■ See Snowpack A11



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EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

# Noxious weed of the month: leafy spurge

By Ethan Proud  
SUN Columnist

Leafy spurge is undoubtedly a pretty plant, but is hiding sinister traits that allow it to spread quickly in just a few seasons. Three chambered, exploding seed heads project its progeny up to 15 feet from the mother plant, which spreads from its roots, producing new shoots.

Hand-pulling this plant is a poor management choice as its roots can extend 17 feet deep and spread 15 feet laterally, with new growth emerging from root buds at any depth. Any root fragments will sprout a new plant. Leafy spurge also contains a milky latex which is caustic and can cause burns on your skin as well as the mouths of grazing animals, leading to gastrointestinal problems.

If you are dead-set on using mechanical means to manage leafy spurge, it can be mowed every two to four weeks to prevent seed set, but this will not offer long-term control.

Due to the deep root system of the plant, repeated annual herbicide applications are necessary. Biological controls have shown varied success in managing the

population, but will also require repeat releases. Leafy spurge infests nearly 3 million acres across 29 states, causing economic losses of \$130 million.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest staff has identified, mapped and treated populations of spurge that occur from North Piedra, through the Pagosa Lakes area and to County Road 500. If you spot this plant, please report it to Weed and Pest so that proper management may be employed to first contain and then eradicate the species. A single outlier population can help spread the plant beyond its current boundaries.

### Upcoming events

May 25: Bee workshop. We will be heading to the Banded Peaks Ranch to visit with beekeeping experts and get hands-on experience with the bees. The workshop costs \$25 and is limited to 20 people. Lunch will be provided. This is an all-day workshop, so please wear appropriate clothing and anything else you would need for being outside all day. Please call the office to sign up and pay, 264-5931.

Aug. 1-4: Archuleta County Fair. Do you quilt or sew, can vegetables or fruit, grow hay crops, veggies or



Photo courtesy Jamie Jones

Leafy spurge, while pretty, is a known noxious weed in Archuleta County. If spotted, please report it to Archuleta County Weed and Pest.

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

### CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the

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

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



SUN photos/John Finefrack

Participants revel in the festivities on World Migratory Bird Day, hosted by the Weminuche Audubon Society, U.S. Forest Service and Audubon Rockies. Activities included bird walks and a "Bird Hurdles" obstacle course in which participants ran through a course that simulated what life is like for migratory birds.



## Snowpack

### Continued from A10

The closest basin to the local basins in terms of collective snowpack is the Gunnison River Basin, which also went over the 200 mark this week.

The Gunnison River Basin currently is 206 percent of median, up from last week's total of 168 percent of median.

At the Upper San Juan site, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) does not list totals due to missing data.

Last week, however, the Upper San Juan site was 131 percent of median.

The NRCS notes that the Upper Rio Grande Basin has a snowpack total of 190 percent of median, an in-

crease of 48 percent from last week's total of 142 percent of median.

Another large jump was recorded for the Arkansas River Basin, with snowpack totals jumping from 128 percent of median to 166 percent of median this week.

A 9 percent increase was reported for the Yampa and White River basins, with totals going from 107 percent of median last week to 116 percent of median this week.

The Laramie and North Platte River basins have increased 3 percent since last week, going from 105 percent of median to 108 percent of median this week.

At the South Platte River Basin, snowpack totals sit at 122 percent, an increase from last week's total of

110 percent of median.

The Upper Colorado River Basin is currently 152 percent of median, when last week it was 131 percent of median.

The Wolf Creek summit was 134 percent of the May 15 peak and 122 percent of the median peak.

Last week, the summit was 126 percent of the May 8 peak and 124 percent of the median peak.

The National Weather Service (NWS) notes a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms through Sunday for Pagosa Springs.

For Wolf Creek Pass, the NWS indicates chances of snow ranging from 20-50 percent through Sunday.

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# Sports

## TRACK

### Twelve Pirates head to state, Wedemeyer breaks school record

By John Finebrock  
Staff Writer

At their last meet before state, the Pagosa Springs High School track and field teams ended the season by bringing home a pair of first places at the Last Chance Meet on May 11 in Monte Vista, and Mackenzie Wedemeyer broke the school record in the 200-meter dash that had stood since 2006.

Coach Connie O'Donnell noted that because it is the last meet before state, many athletes are resting unless they're making one last effort to qualify for state.

"It's such a weird meet because you're only entered if you're really, truly, trying to last chance squeak in. There were a lot of races with not a lot of people in it because of that," she said.

Wedemeyer finished the 200-meter dash in second place, about a half second behind Jordan Burnett of South Park, but her time of 26.88 seconds was enough to break the Pagosa Springs High School record for fastest 200.

O'Donnell noted the previous record had stood since 2006.

The girls' relay team continued a string of dominance they've displayed all season, gaining first place in the 4x100-meter relay, 4x200-meter relay and 4x400-meter

relay — every event that team competed in Saturday.

Nell Taylor, who has finished her 1,600-meter races at or near the top each week this season, capped another strong performance by running the event in 6 minutes, 6.05 seconds and gaining 10 points for the Pirates.

O'Donnell called Taylor "a strong runner" and said she hoped Taylor would qualify for state next year in the 1,600.

Megan Greenly and Ivory Carpenter finished just behind Taylor in second and third, earning eight and six points for the team, respectively.

Celia Taylor had a strong showing in the 800-meter dash, earning second place and eight points for the team, less than seven seconds behind Morgan Burnett, of South Park, who claimed first.

River Pitcher garnered third place in the 100-meter race, .62 seconds behind Jordan Burnett in first and .53 seconds behind Avery Palmgren, of Sangre de Cristo, in second.

The girls' team squeaked out a first-place finish a mere one point ahead of Centauri, earning first place in the event with 96 points.

On the boys' side, the relay teams did almost as well as the girls' side, finishing first in the

4x400 and the 4x800-meter relay.

The boys' relay team came in third in the 4x200 and fifth in the 4x100.

In the individual events, Cade Cowan netted the lone first-place finish for the boys, running the 200 in 23.31 seconds and garnering 10 points for the Pirates.

Davis Parker earned fourth in the 200, gaining five points for the team.

Cam Hinger had a strong showing in his hurdle events, netting second in the 110-meter hurdles and third in the 300-meter hurdles.

Isaac Stewart scooped up five points for the Pirates, finishing fourth in the 100-meter race.

The boys finished in first place with 106 points, ahead of Centauri (83) and Monte Vista (76).

Competing at state will be:

- Boys' 200: Cowan.
- Boys' 400: Michael Wedemeyer.
- Boys' 4x200: Cowan, Hinger, Stewart and Lewis.
- Boys' 4x400: Cowan, Michael Wedemeyer, Stewart and Mitch Lewis.
- Boys' long jump: Cowan and Michael Wedemeyer.
- Boys' triple jump: Michael Wedemeyer.
- Boy's high jump: Paul Farrah.
- Girls' 200: Mackenzie Wedemeyer.
- Girls' 4x200: Mackenzie Wedemeyer, Jessica Hartley, Pitcher and Emma Heidelmeier.
- Girls' 4x800: Heidelmeier, Greenly, Nell Taylor and Michelle Saucedo.
- Girls' 800-meter sprint medley: Hartley, Pitcher, Mackenzie Wedemeyer and Heidelmeier.

Traveling with the team are seven alternates.

The state championship begins today, May 16, at 8 a.m. at Jefferson County Stadium in Lakewood and runs through May 18.

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Photo courtesy Justin Cowan

Emma Heidelmeier and Mackenzie Wedemeyer pass the baton during a relay event at the Last Chance Meet on May 11 in Monte Vista. The girls' relay team won every event it competed in, propelling the Pirates to a first-place finish. Wedemeyer and Heidelmeier are both participating in the state championship beginning today.



Photo courtesy Justin Cowan

Cade Cowan and Mitch Lewis pass the baton during the Last Chance Meet on May 11. Cowan and Lewis are both participating in the state championship beginning today.

## BASEBALL

### Pirates to open state action Saturday in Bayfield

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate team is jumping into state tournament action this weekend.

The Pirates, who earned a No. 6 seed in Quadrant C of the Colorado 3A baseball playoffs, will hit the road for a Saturday game against the No. 3 Resurrection Christian in Bayfield.

For 3A baseball, 32 teams made the postseason, with those teams being split into quadrants for first- and second-round action. Within those quadrants, the top two seeds will host action this weekend.

For Quadrant C, Eaton and Bayfield are hosting.

To avoid a first-round matchup against a conference opponent,

No. 7 Strasburg was switched with Pagosa and will take on Bayfield at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The Pirates and Resurrection Christian Cougars will follow at 12:30 p.m.

"That's a huge bonus for us, for our fans to be able to come over," coach Mike Remlinger said of traveling to Bayfield, adding that he hopes to have a large Pagosa contingency present to make it feel like a home game.

The winners of the first two games will face off at 3 p.m.

Pagosa ended the regular season as the No. 26 seed in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI, which helps determine postseason seeding) with a 10-12 overall record, including an even 5-5 record in the Inter-

■ See Baseball A13



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Pirate Taylor Cotts fields a throw to gain an out in the first game of a doubleheader against Centauri. The Pirates split the doubleheader with the Falcons.



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## SOCCER

# Lady Pirates end season against No. 1 Mustangs

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The No. 32 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team's postseason run ended swiftly on May 8 as it fell to the No. 1 Colorado Academy Mustangs 10-0 in the first round of the 3A state tournament.

The first half proved to be a rough one for Pagosa, as the Lady Pirates gave up eight goals to the Mustangs.

This was the most goals allowed by the Lady Pirates in the first half of a game this season. The second-highest amount was five by Manitou Springs in the first of half of the March 15 matchup.

Against Colorado Academy, the damage only got worse as two more goals were scored to seal the 10-0 loss for Pagosa.

Colorado Academy finished with 17 shots on goal against Pagosa, while Lady Pirate goalie Trista Tully finished with 11 saves.

The Mustangs had six corner kicks, while Pagosa had none.

The Mustangs, as of press time

Wednesday, advanced to the quarterfinals of the 3A state tournament to face the No. 9 Middle Park Panthers.

The Lady Pirates end the season with a 6-8-2 record, which includes a 4-1-1 record in games against Inter-mountain League (IML) foes.

Despite finishing below .500 for the first time since the 2014 season, the Lady Pirates captured first place in the IML standings for the first time since the 2017 season.

As the team transitions into next season, it will be without the leadership of its three senior captains: Diana Scott, Morgan Thompson and Sarah Ross.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason offered praise for each of his seniors.

"Diana, what a wonderful girl," he said. "She originally was a striker as a freshman, quite good, but then she saw the need for us to have a goalie and she stepped into that position for three years."

Scott was very good as a keeper, as well, but in her senior campaign she was able to play in the field again, Kurt-Mason described.

"Really inspirational player for the girls. She was kind of the communicator for the rest of the team," he said. "She was my go-to person."

Ross was not only a great inspiration for the Lady Pirates as well, but was consistently positive and included everyone in team activities.

Thompson, according to Kurt-Mason, was the team's MVP.

"She was the core of our attack and our defense," he said. "She would take it upon herself to control the midfield and that's quite a big job. She did it really well."

All three seniors worked together well and did all the things that captains need to do in leading by example, including everyone and giving a full effort, he added later.

In regard to the first-round matchup against Colorado Academy, Kurt-Mason explained that the Mustangs were an incredibly talented team with a timed attack and precise passing.

"We had a few moments in our game that was bright, but we were just playing catch up. We were just reacting to what they were doing,"

he said. "They were fast."

Colorado Academy won most of the balls from the air in the first-round matchup, Kurt-Mason explained.

"They were scoring from everywhere. They had really fast girls," he added.

As they transition into next season, Kurt-Mason noted that Colorado Academy did a lot of things that the Lady Pirates hope to do in working the ball out of the back.

"I think we made improvements over the year," he said, noting that passing and defending were things that got stronger as the season progressed.

Next year, the Lady Pirates want to pick up where they left off this year while focusing on passing and finishing scoring opportunities, Kurt-Mason explained.

"We're shy in a few areas there. Winning the balls out of the air is one big one that we need to work on more," he said. "Hopefully they'll follow and be one step ahead by the season next year."

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mountain League (IML).

Bayfield ended the season as the No. 15 team in RPI with a 14-8 overall record and 10-0 IML mark.

Resurrection Christian is 15-6 on the season, ending as the No. 7 team in the RPI standings.

Strasburg, with a listed record of 8-9 on the season, ended as the No. 23 team in the RPI standings.

For Remlinger, who the Pirates play Saturday is not as important as the fact that they met a season-long goal of making the postseason.

And, the coach said, the fact that the team is coming off a loss is a "great motivator for the kids, knowing that they've got some work to do and they need to buckle down a little bit, but we still have our opportunity that was our ultimate goal from day one."

Now, he said, the goal is to win a game and have a chance to play Bayfield again.

To get ready, Remlinger explained the team is focusing on situational defense and situational offense, as well as knocking off some of the rust of being hampered by Mother Nature for several days.

In the end, he said, the team's focus is "playing a good ballgame against a good ball team."

The Pirates are one of four IML teams to make the postseason, with Alamosa heading to Lafayette as the No. 4 seed in Quadrant B and Montezuma-Cortez heading to Delta as the No. 7 seed in that same quadrant.

The Pirates closed out the regular season by splitting what turned out to be a two-day doubleheader.

The Pirates were originally slated to welcome the Centauri Falcons to town for a doubleheader Saturday, but field conditions forced the doubleheader to be postponed to Monday.

Then, in the third inning of the second game, a lightning delay and inclement weather forced the game to be suspended.

Since Tuesday was the final day of the regular season and league games come before nonleague affairs, Pagosa's scheduled game in



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate Ryan Lewis crosses home plate ahead of a Centauri throw during Pagosa's 12-6 win over the Falcons Monday afternoon. This weekend, the Pirates will delve into postseason play in Bayfield.

Salida was canceled, and the team instead welcomed the Falcons back to finish Monday's game.

The Pirates found themselves down early Monday, with Centauri scoring one in the top of the first inning and two in the second.

The Pirates got on the board in the bottom of the fifth with a run, with that was countered by three more Centauri runs in the next inning to give the Falcons a 6-1 lead.

That lead was not secure, however, with Pagosa rallying for 11 runs in the bottom of the sixth to take a 12-6 lead that the team converted into a victory.

Of Pagosa's 12 runs, nine were earned, with the runs coming on 10 hits and five walks to a trio of Centauri pitchers. The Pirates struck out 11 times in the game.

The Falcons committed two

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Over Mother's Day weekend, Pagosa Springs Youth Soccer traveled to Durango for the annual Durango Shoot-out. The Rangers brought home first place in the U12 division. Team coaches are Peter Dach and Trevor Gian.

## Special Olympics team brings home awards

By Nancy Walls  
Special to The SUN

Three members of our Pagosa Springs Special Olympics track and field team traveled with coaches Wayne and Nancy Walls to Grand Junction for the Special Olympics Colorado regional track meet on May 6.

All brought home high honors from the meet. Tricia Sierpiejko scored well in the women's division, bringing home two second-place ribbons for her standing broad jump of 1 meter, 6 centimeter, and 17-10 softball throw and a fourth place for her 53.13-second 200-meter run. This was her fourth year in competition.

Kelly Faber won two first-place ribbons in the women's division for her 14-80 softball throw, and 1-19 standing broad jump, and a second place for her 49.31-second 200-meter run. This was Faber's third year competing.

Dalton Walls won three first-place ribbons in the young men's division for his 34.31-second 200-meter dash, his 40-65 softball throw, and his 3-3 running long jump. Dalton has



Photos courtesy Nancy Walls

Pagosa Springs Special Olympics track and field team members Tricia Sierpiejko, Kelly Faber and Dalton Walls bring home honors from the Special Olympics Colorado regional track meet held May 6 in Grand Junction.

competed for the past five years at the state and regional meets.

The meet, attended by several hundred athletes of all ages from Western Colorado, was held at

Mesa State University's Stocker Stadium. The games were opened with the traditional torch run and lighting ceremony by the Grand Junction SWAT team.

## Baseball

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errors.

Of Centauri's six runs, two were earned, with the runs coming on five hits, a walk and six Pirate errors.

Paden Bailey pitched another complete-game win for the Pirates, striking out seven.

Two Pirates had a multihit game: Bailey and Jace Kraft.

Bailey's day included a triple, three RBIs and a run scored, while Kraft had one RBI and a run scored.

Six other Pirates recorded hits in the game: Tyler Bowdridge (along with two RBIs and a run scored), Eric Huddleston (along with an RBI and a run scored), Zach Haines (along with a run scored), Taylor Cotts, Will Villalobos (along with an RBI and two runs scored) and Ryan Lewis (along with two runs scored).

Also reaching and scoring for the Pirates were Wyatt Schuchart and Alesandro Cardenas (two runs scored).

Remlinger highlighted the play of Bowdridge in the game.

Kraft led the team in stolen bases with three, followed by two from Huddleston and one each from Bailey, Cardenas and Villalobos.

The second game did not go as well for the Pirates, with the team losing the two-day affair 8-3.

The Pirates scored first in the affair, bringing a run around in the bottom of the second, but Centauri capitalized for seven runs in the top of the third inning.

"I felt like we were going to come into game two and just roll with that momentum that we had," Remlinger said, noting that the Falcon's pitcher did a good job of keeping the Pirates off balance and they were impatient at the plate. "And, ultimately, then we made some errors, made some mistakes in the field and gave away a few runs early and put ourselves in a big hole to come back from.

The game was suspended with Centauri holding a 7-1 lead, and the Pirates were unable to bounce back Tuesday despite scoring two in the fifth inning.

The Falcons added another run in the top of the seventh to solidify their 8-3 win.

"Clearly we would have liked to have won two to finish out the season, but I was very happy with the effort we put forth, you know, coming in down 7-1. Ultimately, we win that game 2-1 from there

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### SUMMONS [BY PUBLICATION]

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO  
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: ANY PARTY  
IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY;  
AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO  
MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT REAL  
PROPERTY:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Plaintiff filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this Court an Answer or other responsive pleading. You are required to file your Answer or other responsive pleading within 35 days after the service of this Summons upon you. Service of this Summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the Court.

If you fail to file your Answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint in writing within the applicable time period, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action against real property situated in Archuleta County, Colorado more particularly described as 672 E. Golf Place, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-9313. Said real property is legally described as: Lot 49 of Block 11 in PAGOSA IN THE PINES, according to the plat thereof recorded March 13, 1970 as Reception Nos. 73014 through 73027.

Dated: April 17, 2019  
ORTEN CAVANAGH & HOLMES, LLC  
By: /s/ Jonah G. Hunt, No. 34379

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DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE OF COLORADO  
Court Address: 46 Eaton Drive, Ste. 1, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Case Number: 2019CV30033  
Division/ Courtroom: MG  
Blue Spruce Servicing Company, LLC,  
Plaintiff,

v.  
Curtis Bullard, individually; Robin Denise Bullard, individually; Winona West, individually; San Juan River Village Metropolitan District; San Juan River Resort Property Owners Association, Inc.; Community Funding Solutions, L.L.C.; and Elsa White as Treasurer for Archuleta County, Colorado, Defendants.

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SUMMONS [BY PUBLICATION]  
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT:  
WINONA WEST, INDIVIDUALLY

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This is a quiet title action to confirm that the Archuleta County Treasurer performed adequate diligence and gave adequate notice to all persons and entities with an interest in the subject real property of the pending issuance of a Treasurer's Deed as required by C.R.S. § 39-11-128, for property more particularly as described below, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

The real property at issue in this lawsuit is generally described as: Lot 49 in San Juan River Resort Unit No. 1, according to the amended plat thereof filed for record October 4, 1972 as Reception No. 76530.

Commonly known as 740 Harman Ave, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147  
Dated this 16th day of April, 2019.  
HATCH RAY OLSEN CONANT LLC  
By: /s/ Christopher J. Conant  
Christopher Conant  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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RADO  
PO Box 148  
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Phone Number: 970-264-8160  
Plaintiff:  
ISMAEL MENDOZA  
Vs.

Defendants:  
INA GROUP, LLC, DAVID G. CONRAD, PAWSID, DABTLG1, LLC, TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, WEMINUCHE INVESTMENTS, LLC, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACTION

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Case Number: 18CV30095

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This is an action to Quiet Title to the following described real property, located in Archuleta County, Colorado:  
2017-040 - A tract of land in Lot 15, Section 23, Township 35 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M., described as follows:  
BEGINNING at the Northwest Corner of Lot 12, Block 1, Garvin Addition to the Town of Pagosa Springs, County of Archuleta, State of Colorado;

Thence East along the north boundary of said Lot 12, Block 1 to the Northeast corner thereof, said point also being the Southwest corner of a tract of land described in Warranty Deed recorded August 7, 1973 in Book 133 at page 11;

Thence North, 30 feet along the Westerly boundary of said tract, Book 133 at page 11;

Thence West, parallel with the northerly boundary of said Garvin Addition to an angle point in the northerly boundary of said Garvin Addition;

Thence South along the boundary of said Garvin Addition to the point of beginning.

State of Colorado; County of Archuleta

# Business

## Broadband service managers selected by CDC

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The broadband service manager position and duties will be split between Jason Cox and Echo IT Consulting following a vote from the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) at a regular board meeting on May 8.

A proposal submitted by both Cox and Eric Hittle of Echo IT explains that Cox will manage the public relations and be the customer relations agent, while Hittle and his team will manage the Internet service provider (ISP) relations.

The interviews for the broadband service manager position were conducted by an interview subcommittee on April 29 and Cox and Echo IT/Hittle were the only two that applied for the position, according to CDC Board President Jodi Scarpa.

"The total monthly fixed cost with this arrangement comes to \$7,168.75 with \$5,331.25 allocated to Echo IT Consulting and \$1,837.50 allocated

to Jason Cox," the proposal reads. Per a spreadsheet that delves more into the specific hours for both Cox and Echo IT, it notes that Echo IT will be spending more hours doing things such as: carrier neutral location management, fiber mapping, splicing and lease management, and proposal support and project management.

For Cox, most of his hours under this joint proposal will be spent doing things such as: website development, funding research and public relations.

Both Cox and Echo IT will split duties evenly for tasks such as: preparing monthly reports for the CDC, updates to both the town and county, and various conference reports.

Scarpa wrote in an email to The SUN that the contract with both Echo IT and Cox is the culmination of work done by the CDC, Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs.

"All of us look forward to accelerated progress and are excited

that Jason and Eric will continue to improve broadband services in our community," she wrote.

"I'm very excited that the Town and County, via the CDC, have prioritized the critical function of improving broadband in our area," Hittle wrote in an email to The SUN. "Jason and I have been working towards a common vision of improving broadband for businesses and residents in Archuleta County for several years now, and having the official designation of Archuleta County Broadband Services Manager will only help us to pursue this vision more effectively."

Hittle explained that he looks forward to continuing to interface with the CDC and current broadband service providers to continue to leverage public and private broadband funds.

"We also are working with existing ISPs to improve the reach of national standard level broadband by incentivizing new tower builds and tracking private fiber expansion to the far reaches of the county," he explained.

Having consistent and reliable

broadband in Archuleta County is key not just for residents, but for economic development as well, Hittle wrote.

The broadband services manager role takes on many duties in an effort to bring broadband to local residents and businesses, Cox indicated in an email.

"Eric Hittle with Echo IT Consulting brings his firm's extensive expertise in the local broadband environment to the BSM role to shore up much of the stakeholder relations on the service provider and government and utility side," Cox explained, adding that he will add to the technical side with project management, coordination and public relations.

"The two of us have worked together the past two and half years on this project in the assessment and recommendation phases and we'll continue to work together to bring faster, more reliable broadband to residents and businesses in Archuleta County," Cox wrote.

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### CHAMBER NEWS

## Pagosa Springs Car Show only one month away

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

The 11th annual Pagosa Springs Car Show takes place on June 14 and 15, only one month away. This year, the show will be held both days at the athletic field in Town Park.

Join us on Friday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. for the Party in the Park. Participants and spectators will get their first looks at some of the fine car specimens that are entered. The evening would not be complete without live entertainment, this year provided by the Brooks-I Band, food vendors, and a beer and wine garden.

On June 15, the Show and Shine will again be held in the athletic field. The show begins at 9 a.m., with the award ceremony happening around 3 p.m. This day's events include food vendors, live music by the Retrocats, retail and product vendors, and a beer and wine garden. Don't miss out on being able to vote for your favorite car, truck or motorcycle for the People's Choice award. There will also be awards for category entries and Best in Show.

If you would like to enter a vehicle, registration is available online at [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com). The entry fee is \$35 for the first vehicle, which includes a T-shirt and dash plaque for the first 100 entrants. If you would like to enter a second car, the cost is only \$15, but does not include a T-shirt or dash plaque.

Entry for the show will be from U.S. 160 to 2nd Street to Hermosa Street. You will not be able to enter the show via Hot Springs Boulevard.

If you have any questions regarding the show or would like to be a vendor, please contact Katie Dobbins, events coordinator, at 264-2360 or [events@pagosachamber.com](mailto:events@pagosachamber.com).

Summer is around the corner and we are always pleased to be one of the first major community events to roll out the event season.

### Economic Outlook luncheon

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) will be hosting an Economic Outlook luncheon with the theme being "Thinking Outside the Economic Box."

The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at the new Pagosa Springs Arts Council building at 197 Navajo Trail Drive from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The CDC is pleased to have as the guest speaker Jeff Kraft, who is the division director for business funding and incentives with the state's Office of Economic Development and International Trade.

Kraft will cover topics such as state and local demographics, state programs and funding assistance, the new federal Opportunity Zone initiative and how the state and Pagosa can take advantage of this economic opportunity, and future hot developments such as the hemp and renewable energy industries. The speakers from the state's economic offices always give an interesting presentation and are highly sought after for their ease of understanding, relative data and clear presentations.

Those interested in attending can purchase individual tickets or your business can purchase a table. As a business, purchase a table and invite key clients, people new to the

community or have your staff attend. Tickets are available online at [www.pagosapricdc.org](http://www.pagosapricdc.org). Click on the announcement listed on the home page to take you to the registration tab.

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

Questions can be directed to the Chamber of Commerce, which is the administrative arm of the CDC, at 264-2360.

### Membership news

We have one new member to welcome to the Chamber fold this week: Colorado Overland 4x4 Adventures.

Our renewals this week include Troy Ross Construction, Burris and Sons Bucking Bulls, and the CDC.

## Bob Lynch re-elected board president of La Plata Electric Association

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The SUN

On Wednesday, May 15, during its regularly scheduled La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors meeting, members re-elected Bob Lynch (District 1) to serve as president for 2019-2020.

Britt Bassett (District 3) was re-elected as vice president, and Tim Wheeler (District 4) re-elected as

treasurer, with Guinn Unger (District 4) elected as the new secretary. Collectively, the four make up the board's Executive Committee.

Kirsten Skeehan (District 1) was re-elected to represent LPEA on the Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Board. Jack Turner (District 4) will serve as the delegate for the Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA) and Kohler McInnis (District 2) returns as the Western United representative.

New directors Holly Metzler (District 1) and Joe Lewandowski (District 3) were chosen to sit on the LPEA Round Up Foundation board.

As per the LPEA bylaws, officers are elected each year at the first meeting of the board following the cooperative's annual meeting, which in 2019 was May 2.

Contact information for all LPEA board members is available on LPEA's website, [www.lpea.coop](http://www.lpea.coop).

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# County commissioners, staff hear concerns in Arboles

By John Finerock  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) took its work session on the road on April 30, holding the gathering at the Tara Community Center in Arboles.

The main agenda items were road conditions near Arboles, an update on the detention center construction and the operating hours of the Arboles landfill, but the open back-and-forth dialogue between audience members and county staff took some discussion points far from the agenda items.

The BoCC, County Attorney Todd Weaver, County Administrator Scott Wall, and Matt Archuleta

from the county's public works department sat at a table at the front of the room to address citizen concerns.

BoCC Chair Ron Maez led the work session and kept things generally on task amid a spirited back-and-forth from folks in the audience.

Some issues that were brought up by audience members were:

- The public works department pumping and using water from local ditches.
- How long it takes to get a simple request addressed by the county, in this case getting new signs put up on County Road 500.
- Opposition to a \$10 burning permit required for open burning

from the Los Pinos Fire Protection District.

- Quality, or lack of quality, of local roads around Arboles.
- The amount of deer being hit by cars on Colo. 151.
- County Road 500 being compromised by the rising San Juan River.

One resident explained that she had recently been to the sheriff's office, located on County Road 600, and, "it's pretty sad that [they have] to be thrown in that little building."

Maez agreed, saying, "They're definitely crammed in there like a bunch of sardines."

Maez explained the county is currently looking for another building to put the sheriff's office, but

that it's still "a work in progress."

Another resident asked why the sheriff's facility was so important and was curious, "Why they are all in [the office]? Why are they not out patrolling?"

The resident stated that "to this day, I still don't even know what color the Archuleta County sheriff is, I haven't seen [a patrol car] out here" which elicited a response from Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez, who was sitting in the audience during the meeting.

Valdez got out of his seat, walked over to the man who asked the question and explained that "40 people live in that building," which houses detention, administration, investigations, himself and the undersheriff.

"I have to disagree with you that you don't know what a deputy's car looks like, 'cause I guarantee you stop or you slow down when you see one," Valdez said to the man to laughter and applause from the audience.

Asked if the sheriff's office was still taking prisoners to other counties

because Archuleta County does not have a jail, Maez pointed out that in the first quarter of 2019, Archuleta County paid La Plata County over \$90,000 to house inmates.

Maez was unsure of the cost of sending inmates to other counties.

Valdez explained at the meeting that the sheriff's department is working to get a full-time deputy stationed at Arboles.

In a phone call Monday, Under-sheriff Derek Woodman said that currently one deputy is allocating part of their shifts to Arboles, and the department plans to have a deputy stationed in Arboles full time in the next few months.

A member of the audience also brought up the fact that the San Juan River is rising to levels that is "taking the bank out" along County Road 500 and he had recently showed the damage to Bob Perry, director of public works for Archuleta County.

"County Road 500, you're not going to have to worry about it pretty soon because the river is about 60 feet from taking it out.

The bank is sloughing off near mile marker 34 just past our alfalfa field. The river is taking the bank out. Mr. Perry was up there the other day, he wasn't even aware of it until we showed it to him. It's not something that's going to be an easy fix; the only way I can see that's gonna be remedied is to reroute the river," said the audience member.

Wall urged residents to let the county know when they are having problems.

"If you have problems, don't wait until these meetings to tell us," said Wall, adding, "Tell us what you need and we'll do our best to help you."

An audience member, referencing that he's been telling the county to put new signs up on County Road 500 for seven years, replied, "I think if we submit it to the Senate and it goes through the Congress we might get it done faster."

The county commissioners' next regular meeting is Tuesday, May 21, at 1:30 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room at 398 Lewis St. [john@pagosasun.com](mailto:john@pagosasun.com)

## Town picks funding, architect for new shop

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs is a little bit closer to the construction of a new consolidated maintenance facility, with the Pagosa Springs Town Council approving financing for the facility, as well as choosing an architecture/engineering firm, on May 7.

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2020 on the facility, which will be for public works, facilities and parks maintenance.

The facility is slated to be built in two phases, with the total project estimated to cost \$5.9 million, including contingencies for construction, site work and design.

Phase one will include the bulk of the construction and site work, as well as all engineering.

### Financing

At the meeting, the council opted to go with a \$3 million, 15-year lease-purchase financing option to cover the portion of the \$4.5 million estimated for the first phase of the project not covered by a \$1 million Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DoLA) grant.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained to council that four funding proposals were received, with all four requiring a ground lease of the site for at least 25 years.

Of those, she indicated, Municipal Capital Markets (MCM) provided the most favorable terms.

The MCM financing package chosen by the council, as indicated in an agenda brief on the topic, would equate to an average annual debt service including principal and interest of \$270,000, with no issuance costs and a 25-year ground lease.

The structure is two principal payments per year and a 10-year blackout period in which the town cannot prepay the balance, the document explains. After 10 years, there is a 1 percent penalty calculated on the remaining principal.

The two principal payments, Phillips indicated, will help the town pay down the principal faster.

The option comes with an interest rate of 3.65 percent.

Phillips explained that the remainder owed after the 10-year call period would be \$924,150.

Actual costs of the project, the agenda brief states, will depend on the contract amount, with the project not yet bid for construction.

"The Town will be seeking a guaranteed maximum price contract," the document states.

After some discussion on the topic, the five members of the

council present (David Schanzenbaker and Matt DeGuise were absent) voted unanimously on the funding mechanism.

Town staff is anticipated to bring back an ordinance and lease agreement before council on May 23.

### Architecture and engineering

The town received four "very well-qualified proposals," Phillips told council, with Reynolds Ash + Associates (RAA) being the recommended firm.

Town staff has stated before that it intends to use a construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC) approach to the facility's construction, with the manager brought on after the schematic design phase.

"Based on their team's expertise with similar projects, strength of their built portfolio, prior experience with the Town, experience with CM/GC form of construction contracts, and cost proposal, the Review Committee recommends that the Town award the bid to Reynolds Ash and Associates," an agenda brief by Phillips states.

The bid from RAA totals \$180,246.10, which Phillips explained is 5 percent of the construction and site work costs.

"We are hoping that if council awards the contract tonight that we would be able to finalize the professional services contract and get them going as soon as DoLA gives us an agreement on the million dollar grant that we received," she said, pointing out that the town can't move forward with any work without that agreement being signed.

The budget for the architecture and engineering for both phases of the project was \$500,783 including contingency, Phillips explained, with all four bids coming in "well under budget."

Phillips noted, however, that all of the bids are based on a percentage of the construction contract, meaning if the construction contract is higher than budgeted, the cost of the architectural and engineering work could change slightly.

Following Phillips' introduction, Mayor Don Volger asked RAA's Brad Ash if he would like to comment.

"Our office is very excited about it; I'm extremely excited about it," he said. "Living in the Town of Pagosa Springs and being a part of a project like this, this is a project that's going to be here for many years. We want this project to be the best that it can be, and that's ultimately what we're going to bring to you."

Ash stated he will be the prime architect throughout the project and thinks RAA can accommodate with the budget and schedule.

He also informed the council that RAA has already reached out to five larger contractors who indicated interest in the project, and he hoped a lot more would be interested.

In response to a question from council member Tracy Bunning, Phillips explained that RAA's bid is inclusive of subcontractors that would be brought in.

After expressing that she believes RAA does "great work," Council member Nicole DeMarco expressed hesitation due to the fact that Courtney King's firm had come up with the redesign that the council had liked so much.

"Why would you not advise going with her?" DeMarco asked.

Phillips noted that the cost proposals between RAA and King's firm were very similar.

RAA, she noted, did the original needs assessment to get the project going, with King's firm then helping further define the program and cutting out square footage.

King's design, Phillips explained, was conceptual and may not be what the facility looks like, but showed that all of the needs could fit on the site.

Phillips further explained that King's firm proposed partnering with another firm out of Durango, but that RAA's built portfolio put it over King's firm.

Volger noted that decisions between local firms that care about Pagosa Springs are tough, but "neat."

After stating she appreciated the thoroughness of the recommendation, DeMarco said, "The way that you create a big built portfolio is by having projects."

DeMarco added that town council liked her designs and that it seemed like King "brought a whole new bolt of energy to this project."

Volger added that King really helped the town narrow down the scope, but that was done with information Ash didn't have to work with.

While noting he was pleased with what King did, Ash wasn't given the opportunity to reevaluate based on that same information.

Council member Mat deGraaf noted the need for the council to watch what it spends and how it spends it to ensure that the low bidder is really the low bidder.

In the end, the council voted unanimously to award the contract to RAA.

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## McLachlan to speak at Archuleta Democratic Club gathering

By John Porco  
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Democratic Party (ACDP) is pleased to announce the May meeting of the new Archuleta Democratic Club.

The April meeting attracted 54 participants. The intent is to provide an opportunity for dialogue on progressive ideas in an informal social setting, as well as providing an update on party activities locally, statewide and nationally.

The lunch will be held at Pagosa Brewing Company on Tuesday,

May 21. We will begin gathering at 11:30 a.m. to allow some time for socializing, with lunch beginning at noon. There is no admission fee, but all participants will be asked to order lunch.

Our featured speaker will be Barbara McLachlan, our representative from State House District 59. She will discuss the recently completed legislative session, as well as the new water initiative. Also invited is Shelia Canfield-Jones, from Park County. At the state reorganization meeting earlier this year, Canfield-Jones was elected state vice chair

of rural outreach. This is a new position in the party leadership intended to ensure that concerns of rural counties like Archuleta are represented at the highest level of the Colorado Democratic Party.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to RSVP to Becky Herman, chair of the ACDP, at [becky.herman98@gmail.com](mailto:becky.herman98@gmail.com) or at 903-0788 so that we can provide a count to the restaurant. All people are welcome at the lunch. Note that future lunches will be scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of each month starting in June.

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## Early Deadlines

### for the issue of May 30

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## ARTS & LIFE

# Painting for the Pooches

Saturday, June 22 • Humane Society of Pagosa Springs animal shelter on Cloman Boulevard



Illustration courtesy April Murphy

# A call for artists for Painting for the Pooches

By Paula Jo Miller  
and Mike Stoll  
Special to The PREVIEW

Calling local artists: The Pagosa Springs Arts Council (PSAC) and the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs (HSPS) are collaborating on Painting for the Pooches, a public art project to take place at the local animal shelter. We are looking for artists capable of painting fun animal images to portray the joy of the human/animal bond that is such an important part of our community and an essential aspect in the lives of so many.


A year ago, the HSPS installed a 40-foot storage container at the animal shelter. The container houses much of the equipment needed for an emergency evacuation of animals in the event of a natural disaster or other life-threatening situation impacting the shelter. The container has a very serious purpose with a very drab appearance.

Painting for the Pooches will use the storage container as a canvas with the aim of turning drab into happy and beautiful. This is an opportunity to show your love of animals through the medium of paint and share your vision with everyone who visits the animal shelter and dog park.

The images associated with this article and The PREVIEW cover are from artist April Murphy and are used with her kind permission. They perfectly capture the spirit of joy and happiness — or as April said, “feel-good art that lightens the mood and brings a smile” — that we hope to portray in our container art. If you’re a local artist and would like to be a part of this public art project, please contact the PSAC via email at [info@ps-artsCouncil.org](mailto:info@ps-artsCouncil.org) and include the message “Yes! I want to paint the HSPS container!” in the subject line of your email. Come and join your fellow artists in a worthwhile beautification project and help create some smiles for future animal shelter visitors.

Painting for the Pooches will take place on June 22 at the HSPS animal shelter on Cloman Boulevard. Participant artists will be supplied with paint and other materials necessary to help bring their vision to fruition. Some preparatory work and finish work may occur prior to and after the actual one-day event. Donations from near and far toward the cost of painting materials are most welcome and can be made by visiting the administration office above the HSPS thrift store or by calling 264-5549.

The Saturday painting party will also coincide  
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
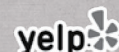
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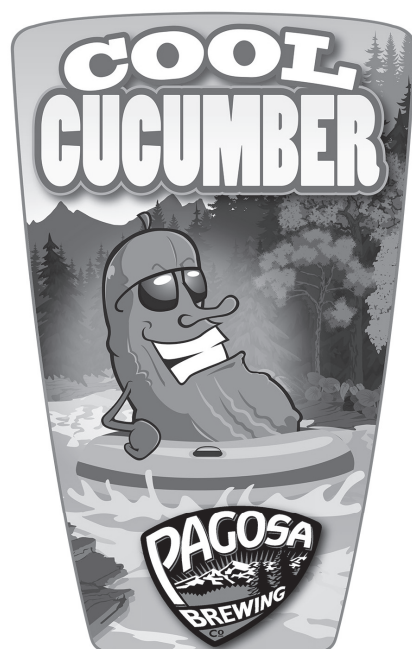


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**Springs Resort Luxury Lodge Atrium:** Bob Hemenger, 5:30 p.m.

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**Coyote Moon:** Karaoke with Lisa Saunders, 9 p.m.  
**East Side Market:** Steve Rolig  
**Riff Raff downtown:** San Juan Mountain Boys, 6 p.m.  
**Springs Resort Luxury Lodge Atrium:** Steve Blechschmidt, 5:30 p.m.

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# Community United Methodist Church inviting singers for patriotic concert

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) is inviting singers in Pagosa Springs to participate in a concert along with the CUMC choir to celebrate the Fourth of July.

The community singers will begin rehearsals on June 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the CUMC. The choir, under the direction of Linda Parker and accompanied by Kathleen Isberg, will continue to rehearse each Tuesday. The rehearsals will culminate in a performance for the Pagosa community on July 3.

CUMC presented a patriotic concert last year and it was such a hit the concert will become an annual event.

"Everyone loves patriotic music. For most of us, a song about America, and the sight of the red, white and blue is all it takes to make our heart beat a little faster and put a lump in our throat," said Parker. "This will be a great opportunity to

sing some beautiful music honoring our country."

Pagosa Springs really knows how to celebrate the Fourth of July and we hope that the singers in Pagosa will want to share their voices, their talent, and their love of music and country. For additional information, contact Parker at 264-1434 or email her at [singpagosa@gmail.com](mailto:singpagosa@gmail.com).

## Painting —

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with an animal shelter open house and celebration that will feature food, entertainment and fun activities for people and pets. Parents are invited to bring the kids to participate in Coloring for the Kitties and use their artistic talents to portray their own pets or the animals at the shelter. Young artists willing to donate their work will have their renditions displayed at the animal shelter and Humane Society thrift store through the month of July.

Mark your calendar in advance for June 22 and plan on joining the PSAC, HSPS and our local artists for a fun way to welcome summer and celebrate our animal friends and companions.

The PSAC is a local nonprofit that partners with businesses, schools, individuals, foundations and our local government to support creative programs and services that educate, nourish and inspire community members. PSAC's vision is to help build a community where arts, culture and creativity are valued and celebrated. For information about and to become a member, visit the PSAC website at [www.psarcouncil.org](http://www.psarcouncil.org).

The HSPS is a local nonprofit that provides a safe haven for lost and homeless dogs and cats until they can be reunited with their families or new, loving homes found for them. HSPS does not receive funding from the Humane Society of the United States, American Humane, the ASPCA or any other national animal welfare organization. The animal shelter relies on revenue from private donations, our thrift store and various fundraisers to keep operating. For more information on HSPS programs and community services, please visit [www.humanesociety.biz](http://www.humanesociety.biz) or contact our administration office at 264-5549.

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# Pagosa Springs Girls Choir registration event set for May 20

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

Registration and a welcome party for girls interested in being a member of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir for the 2019-2020 school year will be held this Monday, May 20, in the Pagosa Springs Middle School choir room, 309 Lewis St., from 4 to 5 p.m.

The choir is open to young ladies who will be in grades five through eight during the upcoming school year, whether they are enrolled in public school, are home-schooled or are enrolled in online educational programs.

When asked what the choir means to her, Naomi Grines, a second-year choir member, said, "This choir is like my family. I have met so many friends by being in the choir. When I'm having a bad day, they are here for me."

PSGC Director Linda Parker stated, "I hope the girls in Pagosa will join this distinguished group and take advantage of all it has to offer. We look forward to and are excited about welcoming into the choir girls who love to sing and want to further their music education. Current choir members will be on hand to help our new members feel right at home. We want this to be a fun afternoon for our new girls."

Once enrolled, members are exposed to vocal training experience like none other offered in our community. Private vocal coaching is offered as part of their tuition charge, as well as the option of participating in the annual summer educational trip. Both opportunities are funded through our fundraising efforts and the generosity of the Pagosa community.

In the summer of 2014, the choir traveled to Santa Fe, N.M., to learn about opera, improvisation and the artwork and style of Georgia O'Keeffe. The following year, the choir traveled to the Dallas/Fort Worth area to see professional stage productions of "Annie" and "Cinderella," to learn about professional musical theater and to visit a variety of museums to learn about the history and art of the region. July 2016 took the



Photo courtesy Linda Parker

Members of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will welcome new members for the 2018-2019 year on Monday, May 20, at 4 p.m.

girls to Vail, Colo., where they attended a performance of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Last summer, the girls visited Salt Lake City, Utah, and heard the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The girls celebrated their fifth year of existence with an unparalleled trip to New York City last August to experience world-class performances firsthand.

"These kinds of experiences open up the entire world to these girls and give them broader musical and artistic experiences than they can find in their hometown," Parker said. "It is my hope that through all of their choir experiences, whether they are local or distant, the girls will see the opportunities and possibilities that are within their reach if they know such things exist."

Parker encourages all interested girls to take advantage of this unique opportunity and to join the choir. New members need an information packet. Elementary students were given a packet, but middle school girls can obtain one from the school office. Packets are also available by calling Parker at 264-1434, emailing her at singpagosa@gmail.com or by visiting the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir website

at [www.singpagosa.org](http://www.singpagosa.org).

Because Pagosa Springs Girls Choir is a nonprofit, there is a tuition charge for the girls. We offer payment plans and scholarships are available so that no girl is turned away because of financial limitations. All pertinent information is in the packet along with an information form. Each girl should bring their filled-out information form and a \$10 registration fee on Monday, May 20.

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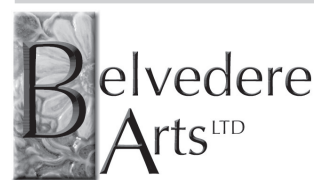


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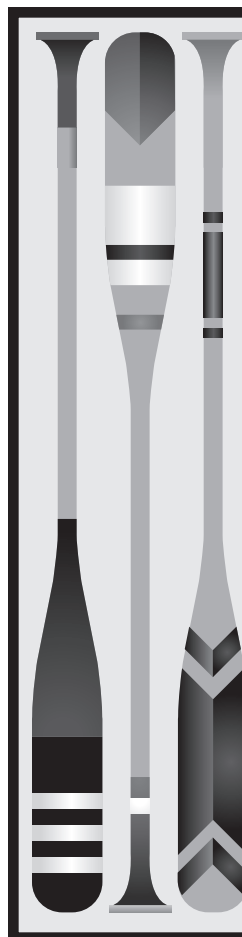
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# San Juan Stargazers to consult on school district astronomy project, learn summer star constellations

By Joan Mieritz  
Special to The PREVIEW

The San Juan Stargazers will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 23, in the Chamber/Visitor Center conference room located at 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

The meeting is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (sharp). Hot drinks and a treat will be served at 6:30 p.m. with time to socialize.

Our program for this month will be meeting and brainstorming with Pagosa Springs Middle School Principal Chris Hinger, who is working on a very expensive and exciting astronomy project that the Stargazers may be able to help with. He will present background information about the project. Stargazers can share their ideas and then we will see how we can work together to make it happen.

With the time that is remaining, we will have a specially designed lesson on using the summer constellations to improve our telescope viewing skills. If you have wanted to learn the constellations, this method may be the answer. We are working hard because of our nine star parties this summer at Chimney Rock National Monument, plus we have an additional 10 practice sessions.

Our first star party will be a Stars and Galaxies dark-sky event on May 31 with the gate opening at 7:30 p.m. and program beginning at 8:15 p.m., followed by telescope viewing.

If you are interested in taking part in our star parties, but you do not have a telescope, the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

owns four telescopes: two are computerized “go-to” telescopes and two are manual 10-inch Dobsonians. We can help you learn to use either type of scope with operation manuals which you can study. We will have practice sessions for all telescope operators on Friday, May 17, and Friday, May 24, but they are for members only. Please RSVP to Joan if you will be coming.

We do not have another telescope clinic scheduled for now. But many people in Pagosa have a telescope which they were given or picked up somewhere, but have no idea how to use it or if it is even usable. The San Juan Stargazers want to help you learn how to use it or fix it.

You may call 335-8286 with a little information about what you have and what you may be needing in the form of help. We will match you with a club member and set up a convenient time and place to meet. We want to get as many telescopes as we can working. You can have an amazing summer learning how to use it at both the star parties and practice sessions. 2019 is the year to add this amazing dimension to your

life.

The San Juan Stargazers are part of the Astronomical League, which includes clubs from all over the U.S. We have a new website, [www.sanjuanstargazers.org](http://www.sanjuanstargazers.org), as well as an email address, [sjstargazers@gmail.com](mailto:sjstargazers@gmail.com), and a club phone number, 335-8286.

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# Legendary Del McCoury band to close Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass

By Crista Munro  
Special to The PREVIEW

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

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

Even among the pantheon of music's finest artists, Del McCoury stands alone. From the nascent sound of bluegrass that charmed hardscrabble hillbilly honkytonks, rural schoolhouse stages, and the crowning glory of the Grand Ole Opry to the present-day culture-buzz of viral videos and digital streams, McCoury is the living link. On primetime and late-night television talk shows, there is McCoury. From headlining sold-out concerts to music festivals of all genres, including one carrying his namesake, there is McCoury. Where audiences number in the tens of thousands, and admirers as diverse as country-rock icon Steve Earle and jam band royalty Phish count as two among hundreds, there is McCoury.



Photo courtesy FolkWest

A legendary bluegrass supergroup, the Del McCoury Band, will be closing out the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival on June 9 with a 6 p.m. headline set.

Emerging from humble beginnings in York County, Pa., nearly 80 years ago, McCoury was not the likeliest of candidates for legendary status. As a teen, he was captivated by the banjo playing of one of its masters, Earl Scruggs, and decided he'd be a banjo picker, too. The Baltimore/Washington, D.C., bar scene of the early 1960s was lively and rough. McCoury caught a break. More than a break, really. It was an opportunity of a lifetime: joining Bill Monroe's Blue Grass Boys in early 1963. Considered the father of bluegrass, Monroe transformed McCoury, moving him from the banjo to guitar, anointing him lead singer and providing him with a

priceless trove of bluegrass tutelage direct from the source.

Countless hours of recording sessions and miles of tireless touring dotted the decades. McCoury carried on, and carried with him the hallowed traditions of the form and its dedicated following. The passing years became certificates of authenticity. So, in the sea of grunge and rhythm and blues that dominated the music scene of the mid-1990s, it was special, perhaps even startling, to see: There was McCoury.

Now helming the Del McCoury Band, with sons Ronnie and Rob, the ensemble did and continues to represent in a larger, growing mu-

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# Festival

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 sical community a peerless torch-bearer for the entire sweep and scope of bluegrass history. Those many years, not to mention a good-natured willingness to stay alert to the latest sounds and opportunities around him, earned Del McCoury a whole new generation of fans, including in some unlikely places.

“I’m just doing what’s natural,” he said. “When young musicians ask me what they should do, I always tell them, ‘You do whatever’s inside of you. Do what you do best.’”

No surprise that contemporary, bluegrass-bred stars sang his praises; marquee names like Vince Gill and Alison Krauss (who first met Del McCoury at a bluegrass festival when she subbed for his missing fiddler). Yet, here too was rocker Earle recording and touring with the group. Here was Phish jamming onstage with the boys. Here was the band on TV, or headlining rock clubs and college campuses; the can’t-miss appearances at country and jazz festivals. There was Del McCoury.

“We don’t have a set list,” he said. “We try and work in the new songs, but a lot of times it’s just requests from the audience. It’s more interesting for the band, for me, and for the audience because nobody knows what’s coming next.”

Almost unimaginable, Del McCoury’s fifth decade in a half-century of bluegrass bliss brings new triumphs, new collaborations and new music. With but a single change in membership in 20 years, The Del McCoury Band shows unprecedented stability, as well as

garnering the respect and admiration of the industry for its unmistakable work: nine IBMA Entertainer of the Year trophies; Del McCoury’s awarded membership in the cast of the legendary Grand Ole Opry in 2003; the band’s first Best Bluegrass

*“All music is related. Bill Monroe went to New Orleans and listened to jazz players. Earl Scruggs — some of the tunes he recorded were from New Orleans,” said Del McCoury. “It all fits together if you’re willing to be open-minded.”*

Album Grammy award in 2005, followed by a second Grammy win in 2014 (not to mention double-digit nominations).

“I know (having the same band) helped with my success. It keeps your sound constant,” said Del McCoury. “We really enjoy what we’re doing.”

The group traveled with the groundbreaking post-“O Brother” “Down From The Mountain” tour, and performed with Gill, recording on his Grammy-winning “These Days,” as well as country sensation Dierks Bentley. In addition to becoming something of a regular at the wildly popular Bonnaroo Music Festival, they’ve also curated and expanded Del McCoury’s annual namesake festival. One of the premier string-band events in the country, the multiday, multistage DelFest showcases the new lions of the genre such as Greensky Bluegrass, The Infamous Stringdusters and Old Crow Medicine Show, and legends like Ricky Skaggs, Sam Bush and Bobby Osborne, plus a diversity of artists like Phish frontman Trey Anastasio and blues-rock veterans Gov’t Mule to Americana darlings The Wood Brothers and Rhiannon Giddens.

“DelFest is a great accomplishment,” said Del McCoury. “I never thought it would be as successful as it is.”

And, when Sony Music came calling, post-Hurricane Katrina, proposing a collaboration with New Orleans’ revered Preservation Hall Jazz Band, there was Del McCoury.

If there was ever a collection of recordings confirming Del McCoury’s wide-ranging impact and spirit of musical comradery, it would be “American Legacies.” A wonderfully fulfilling cross-section

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## ‘Tarzan’ cast, performance dates announced

By Dale Johnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is well into its celebration of 30 years of performance, excellence in production, mentorship of young people and support of the performing arts in our schools.

CUP is community theater at its best, bringing together kids of all ages, musicians, community members, technicians and countless other volunteers to create not only professional-level shows, but memories and learning for a lifetime.

Its summer production is “Tarzan the Musical,” with a cast of almost 50, ranging in ages from 6 to 68, a pit orchestra of 17, an auditorium transformed into a jungle and a beautiful musical score by Phil Collins.

Save the date, as there are only six shows: July 5, 6, 7 (matinee) and July 11, 12, 13, evenings at 7 p.m. on CUP’s home stage at Pagosa Springs High School.

Casting is complete, and we are excited to announce the roles of Tarzan and Jane will be played



Photos courtesy Dale Johnson

**Gus Palma and Antonia Bussoli will star as Tarzan and Jane in Curtains Up Pagosa’s performances of “Tarzan the Musical,” set for July.**

by veteran performers Gus Palma and Antonia Bussoli. Palma most recently starred in “My Favorite Year” at Fort Lewis College, while Bussoli just completed her lead role as Ariel in the Pagosa Springs High School production of “Foot-loose.”

The Board of CUP is grateful to the community for supporting its work over the past 30 years, so that they can continue to give back to the students and schools of Pagosa.

“Tarzan” is a musical for all ages, as it portrays family and possibilities and acceptance.

## Festival

■ continued from previous page of traditional bluegrass and the Dixieland pomp of New Orleans, the album typified the Del McCoury Band’s evolution from bluegrass vanguard to an American treasure.

“All music is related. Bill Monroe went to New Orleans and listened to jazz players. Earl Scruggs — some of the tunes he recorded were from New Orleans,” said Del McCoury. “It all fits together if you’re willing to be open-minded.”

And like any genuine treasure, the gifts keep coming. On their latest release, “Del McCoury Still Sings Bluegrass” — a title that echoes his 1968 debut on Arhoolie Records, “Del McCoury Sings Bluegrass,” — Del McCoury and the boys bring home another stellar collection of traditional bluegrass music. With 14 songs brimming with hot licks, classic songcraft, even some boundary-stretching electric guitar, and once again, Del McCoury’s matchless vocal delivery, the Del McCoury Band moves up the gold bar standard of bluegrass yet another notch.

“What I like in a record is variety of moods, of tempos,” he said. “I consider myself traditional at heart, but I don’t have any boundaries. I’m just a guy that likes to sing and play music. Whatever strikes me to do I’ll do it. Without wrecking things.”

One listen and it’s clear as crystal. There is Del McCoury. The Del McCoury Band will be closing out the festival on June 9 with a 6 p.m.

headline set.

### More information

Want to volunteer for a free ticket? A few more volunteers are still needed to round out the schedule, with some shifts available on the setup and construction crew during the days leading up to the event. Work two four-

hour shifts to earn complimentary three-day festival admission — it’s a great way to meet people and have fun.

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



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# Carrying the spirit of a child

Is it possible to flourish in old age? I believe it is. I'm finding that the surprise of each new day alone is enough to help me thrive. It doesn't take much more than to look upon the excited face of a child as they open a gift to know such wonderment.

I would be remiss not to mention my obvious limitations. I certainly don't jump as high as I used to, or even move as fast. That said, my heart is full of thanks for each day that brings about new revelations, those things that take me further than I ever thought I could go.

It may be something as simple as seeing the sun rise or to stand in awe when I see a rainbow. At other times, it is being ushered down a difficult path or being assisted when I am at my capacity. How grateful I am for each of these experiences, let alone to be given breath and life for another day.

Our daughter said, "Look at Daddy, his pockets are bulging and he looks like a mischievous little boy. He is the cutest little man I've ever seen."

I exhaled a long breath and slowly let it out. I shook my head, "He has his moments."

As I am sure he did at a much younger age, my Sweet Al empties his pockets on the dresser to display all of his finds. After the pocketknife and "hanky" come several bent nails, a plastic cap to who knows what and several other items that I assume belong in the trash. After he cleans up, I put iodine on his scrapes and colorful bandages on his cuts.

Aldous Huxley, English novelist and critic, wrote, "The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing your enthusiasm." That is my Sweet Al.

There is a lot to say about the

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



way older people pace themselves. Hopefully, we operate out of years of knowledge and experience. We are blessed when we can do it hand in hand with our inner child who still enjoys a bit of wild abandon.

I enjoy watching movies with older, seasoned actors. They perform with such ease and honesty, yet display a comfort with their own curiosity. And just like a young child, they can bring meaning to something that supersedes the written words of a script.

Yesterday's leading men were cast to make women swoon. Today, our mouths dribble more than they water over an on-screen presence. Nonetheless, we see those who portray their character through a lens that reveals who they are and how they have lived their life.

Eighty-eight-year-old Clint Eastwood, actor and director, said, "I'd like to be a bigger and more knowledgeable person 10 years from now than who I am today. I think that, for all of us, as we grow older, we must discipline ourselves to continue to expand, learn and keep our minds active and open."

Can we flourish in our old age and even in these broken bodies? Yes, we can. Psalm 92:14 says, "They shall bear fruit in old age, they shall be fresh and flourishing."

I have questioned, "Why am I just now learning this? Shouldn't I have learned all of this 30 years ago? After all, 30 years ago is when I really needed to know these things."

Apparently, I needed this lesson

more now. I'm not sure I would have been receptive to welcoming wonderment back in the day. My life was too busy, too full, and too driven by achievement and acquisition. There is something to be said for scaling down, clearing out and decluttering. It almost seems like I have finally removed the obstacles that have kept me from experiencing all that I was missing in life.

I am loving the peace of this moment. My Sweet Al and I walk to the river each morning to enjoy coffee, sight nearby geese and have a simple conversation full of thanksgiving.

The children laugh at us and say, "One day, we will get you a little red wagon and you can sit in it while Daddy pulls you to the river on his tractor."

That day is probably coming

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## Thursday, May 16

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Grief Support Group.** 4-5:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Grief share is a national nondenominational program. The purpose of the meetings is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member or of a special friend.

A person may attend one or all of the meetings. Topics vary, so there is no progression of subjects. Interested persons can call the church office at 264-5508 for further information.

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

**Lifelong Learning Lecture: Financial Fraud Awareness.** 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Elsa White and Samantha Armitstead will be joining us from the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office for an educational presentation about how you can protect yourself from becoming a victim of fraud. You will learn how to identify and protect yourself from loss of money, identity and have peace of mind. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

## Friday, May 17

**Pagosa Springs Rotary Club EKG Heart Screenings.** Pagosa Springs Middle School. Free EKG heart screenings during

physical education classes. This screening is for all eighth-grade students. Consent forms and a FAQs sheet will be sent home to parents prior to the screening. For more information, call Ralph Maccarone at 317-0371.

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

**Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Ring of Fire.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the

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## Lane

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sooner than we think. When it does, I hope to still appreciate the gift of time that allows us to "go out and play." I can hear my Sweet Al singing in the background now. "Hey, hey, oh, playmate, come out and play with me. And bring your dollies three. Climb up my apple tree. Slide down my rain barrel, into my cellar door. And we'll be jolly friends. Forever more, more, more."

Final brushstroke: Heavens,

have we become children again? If we should be so fortunate, then yes! If ever we are to flourish at whatever the age, we know that is driven by a reveal that comes from curiosity, imagination and surprise. Whether we are 6 or 60, or 80, let us not forget to be thankful for those moments experienced as if opening a gift.

### Readers' comments

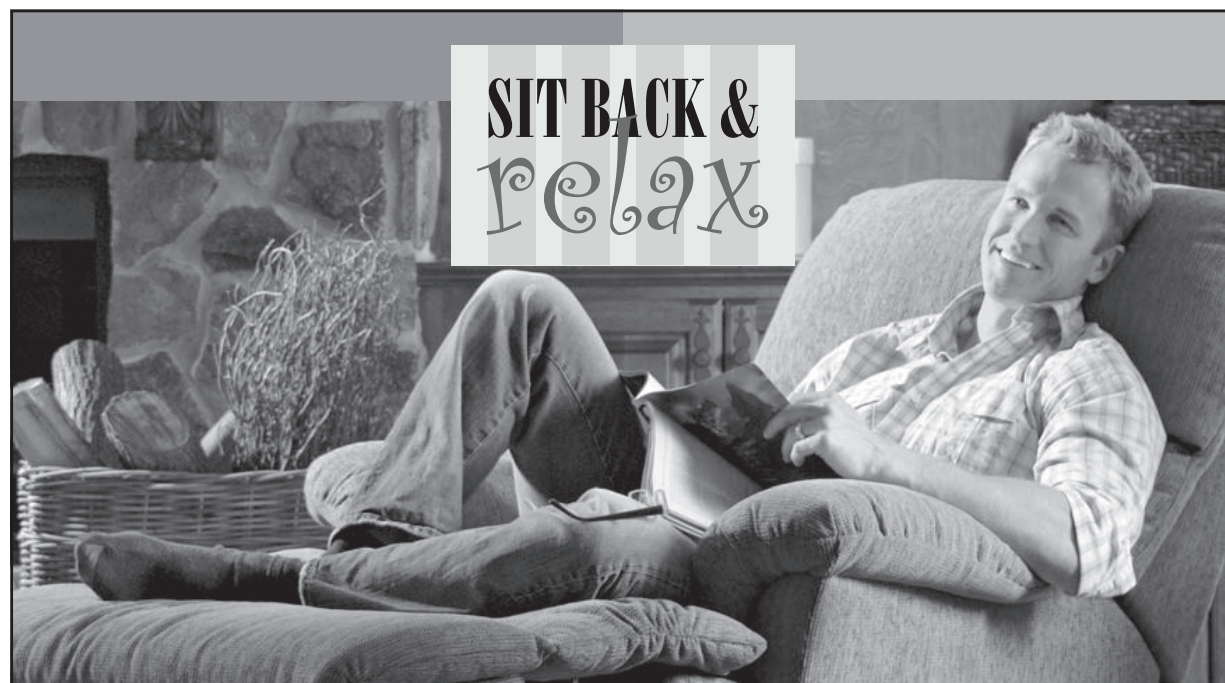
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**Arts. Celebrating the music of Johnny Cash.** The contours of Cash's life and art can be seen through narratives woven by his music. The story, told through Cash's music, develops an earnest dialogue about home and family, the people you love and what holds people together in the face of tough times. Go to [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW.

## Saturday, May 18

**Pagosa Valor Academy Rummage Sale and Krispy Kreme Fundraiser.** 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Donations can be dropped off on May 17 after 2 p.m. Go to [academy@pagosavalor.org](mailto:academy@pagosavalor.org) or call (970) 254-4782 for more information.

**Pagosa Springs History Museum Opening Celebration.** 9 a.m.-noon, Pagosa Springs History Museum. A special quilt show will be featured along with thousands of historical exhibits. Contact Frank Zellner at [circlez15@gmail.com](mailto:circlez15@gmail.com) or call 264-2872 for more information.

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

**St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Clothing Collection.** 9 a.m.-noon, Airport Storage. It's time to start cleaning out those clothes that no longer fit. St. Patrick's would love your gently used clothes for the clothing giveaway in October.

**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.

**Public Auction, Consignment Sale**

**and Silent Auction.** 10:05 a.m., Western Heritage Event Center. Accepting donations and consignment items. Proceeds benefit Hughes Pavilion covered arena. Call 759-8424 for more information.

**Paws to Read with Hondo.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For those in the K-5th grade. Come and share your favorite book with Hondo, a dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet.** 5 p.m., Community Center. This year's banquet will include games, raffles, silent and live auctions, and a full-course meal. For more information, contact Kerry Denison at 903-4257.

**Kiva Tour/Full Moon Program** 6 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. For more information, go to [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**Full Moon Program.** 6:45 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program occurs against the backdrop of the Great House Pueblo at the top of Chimney Rock Mesa. The program includes an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site, such as the ancestral Puebloan culture, archaeoastronomy theories or area of geology. Then, guests watch the full moon rise to the music of Charles Martinez's Native American flute. For more information, go to [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Ring of Fire.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Celebrating the music of Johnny Cash. The contours of Cash's life and art can be seen through narratives woven by his music. The story, told through Cash's music, develops an earnest dialogue about home and family, the people you love and

what holds people together in the face of tough times. Go to [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW.

## Sunday, May 19

**Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Ring of Fire.'** 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Celebrating the music of Johnny Cash. The contours of Cash's life and art can be seen through narratives woven by his music. The story, told through Cash's music, develops an earnest dialogue about home and family, the people you love and what holds people together in the face of tough times. Go to [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW.

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

## Monday, May 20

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■ **continued from previous page work.** 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

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

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

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

**Qigong.** 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

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

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

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

**Otaku.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 5th-12th grade. If you are into anime or manga, this is for you. Come and watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga.

**Pagosa Springs Girls Choir Auditions.** 4-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School band room. The choir is open to girls who will be in the 5th-8th grades. Information packets for public school girls will be sent home. Any girls who are home-schooled or are in an online educational program can obtain an audition packet. For more information or for a packet, contact Linda Parker at 264-1434 or email

singpagosa@gmail.com.

**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.  
**San Juan Back Country Horsemen.** 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Nonmembers are always welcome. Join us for our potluck at 6 p.m. to socialize. Call Annie at (210) 215-9566 for more information.

## Tuesday, May 21

**Chi Energi.** 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A variety of movement and stretch to create energy for the healing of our mind, body and soul.

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

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

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

**Yoga Fusion Class.** 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

**Yoga.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

**Archuleta Democratic Club.** 11:30 a.m., Pagosa Brewing Company. Our featured speaker will be Barbara McLachlan. She will discuss the recently completed legislative session as well as the new water initiative. Also, Shelia Canfield-Jones from Park County. Anyone interested in attending, please RSVP to Becky Herman at becky.herman98@gmail.com or call 903-0788.

**Hand-Drumming Class.** Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a hand-drumming class. All are welcome. Hand drums will be provided for those who don't have one. For further information, call 731-3117.

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

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

**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. 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.

**Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners.** 5 p.m., River Pointe Coffee House. Ron Chacey will discuss "How to Develop Soil for Vegetable Gardening." Attendees will be able to ask questions on any gardening topic at 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.Facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden.com> or email [PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com](mailto:PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com).

**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 22

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

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

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

**Wellness Clinic.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Held by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

**Economic Outlook Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Arts Council, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation is pleased to have as the guest speaker Jeff Kraft, who is the division director for business funding and incentives with the state's Office of Economic Development and International Trade. Kraft will cover topics such as state and local demographics, state programs and funding assistance, the new federal Opportunity

Zone initiative and how the state and Pagosa can take advantage of this economic opportunity, and future hot developments such as the hemp and renewable energy industries. Tickets are available online at [www.pagosapricescdc.org](http://www.pagosapricescdc.org) or call 264-2360 for more information.

**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.

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

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

**Role-Playing Game.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**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 23

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Build Pagosa gives a shout out to all those who donated goods or services, offered valuable assistance, gave us financial support, and showed up for our 2nd Annual Charity Auction. All proceeds go to the Pagosa Springs High School's vocational trades programs.

Quite honestly, there are too many individuals and local businesses who provided support in one way or another for us to list everyone. (We're highlighting a few in the margins.) That's amazing. We're honored to be a part of a generous community that will step out and support its youth. Thank you!

Head to [buildpagosa.org](http://buildpagosa.org) next week and look for a wrap up of the event on our homepage.

**BuildPagosa.org**



Thank you to Riff Raff Brewing Company for donating the beer for our event.

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

**Grief Support Group.** 4-5:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Grief share is a national nondenominational program. The purpose of the meetings is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member or of a special friend. A person may attend one or all of the meetings. Topics vary, so there is no progression of subjects. Interested persons can call the church office at 264-5508 for further information.

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

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

**San Juan Stargazers.** 7-8:30 p.m., Visitor Center. We will be meeting with Pagosa Springs Middle School Principal Chris Hinger to brainstorm on an astronomy project. Hot drinks and a treat

will be served at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.sanjuanstargazers.org](http://www.sanjuanstargazers.org), email [sjstargazers@gmail.com](mailto:sjstargazers@gmail.com) or call 335-8286 for more information.

## Friday, May 24

**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).

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

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

**Literary Ladies Book Club.** 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We will discuss "The Women in the Castle" by Jessica Shattuck. Stop by and pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

**Teen Book Club.** 2:30-3:30 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.** 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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# Because of the simple faith of children

By Jan Davis  
Special to The PREVIEW

Anna, deaf from birth, found her seat on the plane. Her parents had given her the ticket as a graduation gift. She was about to embark on a life-changing experience: her first mission trip.

She traveled with her church deep into the countryside of Brazil. Once there, the men built churches while their wives taught Bible stories to the children. Anna tutored them in sign language.

Early each morning she assembled a small group under the shade of an old kapok tree. They sat on the large surface roots that crept out from its trunk. The villagers

## A Matter of Faith

provided Anna with a homemade bench to teach from. She sang the words to “Jesus Loves Me” as she signed. By the end of the week, the children signed along with her, “for the Bible tells me so.”

Anna spent seven days entrenched in the small village life. She ate food provided by the villagers, worked with the children and collapsed at night on a mat.

The last day of Anna’s stay as she

began to sing the children snuggled close. Some laid their small calloused hands on hers while others signed, “little ones to Him belong.”

Tears rolled down Anna’s cheeks with the significance of their actions. Jesus now lived in their hearts. Her own faith increased because of this humble demonstration of acceptance. Anna pulled them into her arms in a warm goodbye embrace.

The next evening, Anna boarded an airplane for home. She dozed off in a peaceful sleep as gentle memories of the children filled her heart.

Commotion and racket startled her awake. A jumble of unfamiliar noises surrounded her. The shuffle of feet and the food cart being pushed up the plane aisle told her it wasn’t a dream. She heard laughter for the first time in her life.

Because of the simple faith of children and a phrase from a beloved song, “we are weak but He is strong,” Anna received God’s gift of healing. God demonstrated His un-failing love through the innocence of children.

Because of Jesus’ love all things are possible.

“But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” — Matthew 19:14 (KJV).

I love you but Jesus loves you more.

# New Thought to hear about ‘Practical Principles with Dr. Ernest Holmes and The Science of Mind’

By Lisa Burnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

All are welcome to join the Rev. Janet Wyrick and New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC, formerly the Pagosa Community of New Thought) this Sunday, May 19, at 10 a.m. when we will share “Practical Principles with Dr. Ernest Holmes and The Science of Mind.”

Every person is a center in the consciousness of God. You were born with wings — why prefer to crawl through life?

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

Reiki classes are held at NTC. Please call NTC for more information. Donations are appreciated.

NTC is a New Thought center based on fostering living a spiritually centered life and promoting the philosophies of the Centers for Spiritual Living and the Agape

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# PAGOSA SCENE . . .

## PAGOSA SPRINGS GIRLS CHOIR AND SISTERS IN SONG

Photos courtesy Jeff Laydon

Scene ... an evening of song with the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir and Sisters in Song. The annual spring concert featured not only the girls' choir and women's chorus, but also honored individuals and organizations who make Pagosa "the best kept secret in Colorado."







# UU Fellowship to welcome new members with Sunday service

By Dean Cerny  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship will celebrate our "New Member Service" on Sunday, May 19, at 10:30 a.m. At this service, we officially recognize and welcome new members into our fellowship.

In addition to the ritual of welcoming new members, we will explore the nature of belonging to a religious fellowship. The ultimate question UUs must ask of themselves is, "What is it we are asking people to belong to when they join our fellowship?"

This is a key question for any faith organization welcoming new members into their community. For mainline Protestant denominations, evangelical "Bible" centered faiths and emerging new age spiritual communities, the relationship between belonging, behaving and believing is instructive of what one might be joining or committing to.

So, whether you are interested in membership or are simply interested in what joining the UU fellowship of Pagosa might mean, please visit us this coming Sunday. This service will be rendered manageable by Pastor Dean Cerny.

## St. Patrick's Episcopal Church collecting clothes

By Lynne McCrudden  
Special to The PREVIEW

Winter has finally fled, and it is time to start cleaning out those clothes that no longer fit. St. Patrick's would love to have your gently used clothes.

We are collecting on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon during the month of May at Airport Storage. Our unit is right in the front so you can't miss us, and the gate will be open.

The Clothing Giveaway is held in October at St. Patrick's Church on Pagosa Boulevard. In the past, we have been able to help those who need new winter coats, shoes, dresses, suits, jeans and even household linens, but we can only do this with the support of the community. Please consider donating those things that your family can no longer wear, but remember that clean and in good shape is important. Everyone deserves to look their best.

The Religious Exploration (RE) program for 2- to 9-year-olds takes place on May 19. In addition to this program, this Sunday service will recognize the youth within our fellowship and those courageous leaders who undertook the RE program for this year. For more information, contact Anna Ramirez at afrancis@hotmail.com.

Check out our calendar of events at pagosauu.org. All of these events take place at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 "\_\_\_ she blows!"
- 5 Petty malice
- 10 Heavy reading
- 14 TV skipper Alan
- 15 Island greeting
- 16 Locket shape
- 17 Castaway's home
- 18 Salad ingredient
- 20 Book keeper
- 22 Scottish cap
- 23 Hoops game for two
- 24 Honking flock
- 26 Anagram for "lane"
- 28 Kiddie transport
- 31 Up and about
- 34 Gravy dish
- 35 Aquatic shocker
- 36 Navy clerk
- 38 Beard on grain
- 39 Whole number
- 41 Bakery buy
- 42 Fairly new
- 44 Film director's cry
- 45 Kennedy matriarch
- 46 Renter's document
- 47 In shreds
- 49 Bad-mannered
- 51 Strike back, say
- 52 Pertaining to the Pope
- 55 Bonkers
- 57 Tartan cloth
- 60 Vaper's "e"
- 63 Part of ABM
- 64 Make an impression?
- 65 \_\_\_ of roses
- 66 Type of tea
- 67 Finger jab
- 68 Itsy-bitsy
- 69 Workplace note

### DOWN

- 1 With-ring link
- 2 Breakfast dish

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- 3 Loyalty
- 4 Vote for again
- 5 Woodshop tool
- 6 Blood clotting aid
- 7 Itty-bitty bit
- 8 Kind of song or park
- 9 Place for a plug
- 10 Home of the Maple Leafs
- 11 Recovered from
- 12 The "m" in some physics equations
- 13 Ultimatum ender
- 19 Shot follower
- 21 Tina of "Date Night"
- 25 Like some candles
- 27 Newborn's outfit
- 28 Way up the slope
- 29 Spiked wheel on a spur
- 30 Campaign poster word
- 32 Wilde's "The \_\_\_ of Being Earnest"
- 33 Salary increase
- 37 Scholarship basis
- 39 Dig
- 40 Kind of angel
- 43 Aural ailment
- 45 Get back
- 48 Water source
- 50 Put on a show
- 52 Baby bird sound
- 53 Choir member
- 54 Quick kiss
- 56 Poker payment
- 58 Big-ticket \_\_\_ of Carthage
- 59 Mythical queen
- 61 Backstabber
- 62 Bawl

### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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# Traipsin', tradin' and explorin'

Santa Fe merchant Antonio Armijo is credited with making the first trip over what we remember as the Old Spanish Trail from New Mexico to California in 1829-1830. When Armijo returned, the governor of New Mexico immediately reported the success of his journey to his superiors in Mexico City.



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

During the early 1900s, this picturesque pioneer family and its team living on the West Fork of the San Juan River were all dressed up and ready to trot into Pagosa Springs, maybe to stock up with a sack of flour, a little coffee, some kerosene for the lanterns and, oh, yes, a little gossip exchange along the lines of, "Do you believe what she did?"



## Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

As a reward, the governor officially named Armijo "Commander for the Discovery of the Route to California." Armijo's route was documented by him in a report to the governor and published by the Mexican government in 1830.

Traders began using his route for what was normally a single, annual round trip. However, due to hostilities with the Navajo Indians, the Armijo route west to the Crossing of the Fathers Ford of the Colorado River was abandoned and a new route was adopted which used the trails of the southern fur trappers headquartered in Taos through Ute lands. This route ran northwest to the Colorado and Green rivers, then crossed over to the Sevier River and followed it until crossing westward over mountains to the vicinity of Parowan, Utah. From there it ran southward to the Santa Clara River where it rejoined the Armijo route to California.

The venture normally consisted of one pack train of mules with from 20 to 200 packers and twice as many mules which left Santa Fe in early November with goods such as serapes and blankets hand-woven by Indians. California had many horses and mules, often running wild. The only market for these equines prior to the opening of the Santa Fe Trail was a long ocean journey around the southern tip of South America to Europe or the east coast of the United States.

Usually, two blankets were traded for one horse. Mules were worth more than horses. The trading parties normally left New Mexico in early November to take advantage of winter rains while crossing the extensive deserts.

They reached Los Angeles in early February, then left Los Ange-

les in early April to return over the same trails before the water holes dried up and melting snow made flooding rivers difficult to cross. The return party often included from several hundred to several thousand horses and mules.

Next week we'll talk about the lucrative slave trade developed as the result of traipsin' across the Old Spanish Trail.

## Grief support sessions continue Thursday

By Beverly Arrendell  
Special to The PREVIEW

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

Grief support sessions are being held every Thursday through June 27 at Community United Methodist Church. The meeting time is 4 to 5:30 p.m. The public is invited

to participate in these free sessions, which are nondenominational in nature. All meetings are held in the church library.

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

The church is located at 434 Lewis St. Interested persons can call the church office at 264-5508 for additional information. The Rev. Leighton Mekeal is pastor of the church.

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# How to visit the Library of Congress in our nation's capital

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff



If you think of the Library of Congress as an unapproachable, scholarly building somewhere in our nation's capital, you might be surprised to know that it is very much a place you can visit, tour and spend time reading and researching.

Author and scientist Linh Anh Cat has compiled a list of answers to frequently asked questions about the Library of Congress:

First, where and what is it? The Library of Congress was established in Washington, D.C., on April 24, 1800. Unlike libraries most of us are familiar with, it doesn't publicly circulate books. Instead, it mainly serves the 535 members of the U.S. Congress and their staffs as they prepare reports based on the legislation they are working on.

Second, how many books are in the Library of Congress? It houses a whopping 38 million books, 3.6 million recordings, 14 million photographs, 5.5 million maps, 8.1 million pieces of sheet music and 70 million manuscripts in its three buildings on Capitol Hill. There are other miscellaneous items in the library that bring the grand total to 167 million items.

Third, who can use the Library of Congress? Although it mainly serves members of Congress, it is also open to the public to help with research needs. You can access materials there, but you cannot take them out.

Fourth, how long does it take to tour the Library of Congress? On your own, plan for one to two hours. If you take the tour, set aside two to three hours. The must-see parts are the Main Reading Room, viewed from a soundproof glass room, and the Great Hall, which is where you enter the library. In the Great Hall, take note of the intricate

designs on the wall that include various fields of study and quotes from famous scientists, poets, artists and others. There are other interesting exhibits, including Thomas Jefferson's library.

Fifth, how can I use the reading rooms? Ask the front desk to direct you to the office that issues a Reader Identification Card. You will have to show a government ID with a photo, such as a driver's license or a passport. Then you can enter the Main Reading Room.

Bonus: The Supreme Court and Capitol buildings are extremely close. There also are plenty of restaurants if you continue past the Library of Congress and need a break.

### ESL classes underway

We are now holding free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes twice weekly year-round on Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. with two highly experienced teachers. Joyce Holdread is teaching the intermediate/advanced group and Ellynn Ragone is teaching beginners. No registration is required. Similar to other library programs, we are not able to provide child care as a separate component.

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

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4	9	6	1	5	3	8	7	2
5	7	1	2	8	4	9	6	3
6	5	7	9	4	1	3	2	8
1	4	8	3	6	2	7	9	5
9	3	2	5	7	8	1	4	6

ANSWER:

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### Time of Services

Sunday	Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
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de inglés como segundo idioma en nuestra comunidad de Pagosa.

## Lifelong Learning lectures

The fifth lecture in the free spring Lifelong Learning series on Thursdays takes place today, May 16, when Elsa White and Samantha Armitstead from the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office will discuss "Financial Fraud Awareness."

There will be no presentation May 23. May 30 is "Chasing Denali," when author and adventurer Jon Waterman shares his observations from 40 years of mountaineering on North America's highest mountain. Pick up a brochure at your library with more details on these very interesting talks.

## Spanish conversation

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

## All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, May 17, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. for a PG movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to identify the film titles in the media, but you can find them listed on the activities calendars. Note the movies now start at 2:30 p.m. rather than 2 p.m. because of ESL class.

## Otaku Club

The Otaku (Anime/Manga) Club meets Monday, May 20 from 4 to 5 p.m. Join us to watch anime, talk about manga and Asian cultures, and enjoy snacks. This free club is for those in the fifth through 12th grades.

## Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens on Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the seventh through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

## Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Wednesday, May 22, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

## Computer classes

The regular program of free sessions from 1 to 2 p.m. on alternating Thursdays to learn a useful

technology skill or application resumes in mid-June.

## Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) takes place on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., plus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help from Mark with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Note there will be no PALS on May 21.

## Free tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Please note there will be no tech sessions on Tuesdays in May. They will resume in June.

## Family storytimes

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m., join us for free great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. This is an excellent way for kids of all ages to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

Both storytimes are open to babies, toddlers and youngsters of all ages to make it easier for parents to attend with their children depending on their busy schedules rather than the age of their little ones.

## Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your families at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults. We look forward to seeing you at your library. Se habla español.

## Novels

"There There" by Tommy Orange, named one of The New York Times 10 best books of the year, is a multigenerational story of 12 urban Native Americans traveling to a powwow for various reasons. "Blessing in Disguise" by Danielle Steel follows a single mother and her three daughters by different men. "The Farm" by Joanne Ramos is set in a luxurious retreat where women are kept to produce perfect babies. "Wunderland" by Jennifer Cody Epstein moves between decades with stories of three women tied to Nazi Germany. "Machines

Like Me" by Ian McEwan takes place in alternative 1980s London.

## Mystery and suspense

"Far and Away" by Fern Michaels brings all three of the Godmothers novellas together for the first time. "Willing to Die" by Lisa Jackson is a Selena Alvarez/Regan Prescoli mystery. "The Kremlin Strike" by Dale Brown is the fifth book featuring Brad McLanahan in this techno-warfare series. "Light from Other Stars" by Erika Swyler features an 11-year-old girl obsessed with becoming an astronaut. "18th Abduction" by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro is the latest in the Women's Murder Club thriller series.

## Nonfiction

"Life After Suicide" by Dr. Jennifer Ashton, ABC's chief medical correspondent, uses her personal experience and others' as a basis for a guide offering support, advice and hope in the process of recovery. "Ketofast" by Dr. Joseph Mercola is a guide to ketogenic living and well-planned fasting. "Why They Marched" by Susan

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# Older Americans Act to expire in September

By Kay Kaylor  
Special to The PREVIEW

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

The U.S. Senate Aging Committee held a hearing on May 8 titled “The Older Americans Act: Protecting and Supporting Seniors as they Age.” Signed into law in 1965, the Older Americans Act (OAA) was last approved in 2016 and will

expire Sept. 30 unless it is reauthorized. U.S. senators Susan Collins and Bob Casey, Aging Committee chairman and ranking member, held the hearing and are leading a bipartisan coalition working to reauthorize the OAA. Testimony can be heard using the link [aging.senate.gov/hearings](http://aging.senate.gov/hearings).

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and national AAA programs and services are funded and regulated by the OAA, including the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (via 1978 and later amendments), the senior center congregate and home-delivered meals, caregiver support, in-home

care and transportation. The act’s goal is to help adults age 60 and older to live with independence and dignity within their homes and communities.

In April, 40 senators wrote a letter asking Senate appropriators to increase federal funding for the OAA by at least 12 percent.

“The Older American’s Act represents our commitment to the generations before us who helped build our country, and it lifts up seniors who need our help now,” Casey said.

For further information, please call me at 403-2164 or send an email to [ombudsman2@sjbaaa.org](mailto:ombudsman2@sjbaaa.org).

# Library

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Ware features untold stories of the unknown women who fought for the right to vote.

“Falter” by Bill McKibben looks at climate change, new technologies and other trends that are negatively affecting the human experience. “Our Planet” by Alastair Fothergill and Keith Scholey is the photographic companion to the Netflix documentary series. “Moon” by David Warmflash is an illustrated history of the development, observation and exploration of the moon. “American Moonshot” by Douglas Brinkley celebrates the 50th anniversary of the first lunar landing with a fresh look at the American space program. “Chasing Denali” by Jon Waterman is the legendary story of four miners (called “sourdoughs”) who claimed to ascend and descend Denali all in one day.

“Shortest Way Home” by Pete Buttigieg, the mayor of South Bend, Ind., and a Democratic candidate for president of the U.S. in 2020, explores the resurgence of a dying city. “D-Day Girls” by Sarah Rose documents the extraordinary women who became British spies to help pave the way for Allied victory in World War II. “The Moment of Lift” by Melinda Gates explores the importance of lifting women up in all societies with data presenting the issues we need address

first for the benefit of everyone.

## CDs

“The Scribbly Man” by Terry Goodkind is a new Richard and Kahlan novella, the first book in the Children of O’Hara fantasy series. “The A List” by J.A. Jance is an Ali Reynolds mystery. “Wild Card” by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington mystery. “Miracle at St. Andrews” by James Patterson and Peter de Jonge is a story about golf. “Someone Knows” by Lisa Scottoline reunites three friends who share an unbearable secret. “The Last Second” by Catherine Coulter and J.T. Ellison is a thriller pitting two special agents against a private French space agency. “The Cornwalls Are Gone” by James Patterson and Brendon DuBois features a female Army intelligence officer. “Machines Like Me” by Ian McEwan takes place in alternative 1980s London.

## DVDs

“Open Range” is an action western starring Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner and Annette Bening. “Puss in Boots” is a Dreamworks animated family film. “Seed” is a multiple award-winning documentary about seeds, 94 percent of our planet’s varieties having disappeared in the last century.

“Boy Erased” is a biographical drama film that received two Golden Globe nominations. “No Passport Required” with Marcus Samuelsson explores food and traditions across America. “White Fang” is the Jack London classic adventure story. “Unknown Soldier” is the Finnish classic war drama, the most expensive movie ever produced in Finland. “Reilly Ace of Spies” is a real-life dramatization of an agent who inspired Ian Fleming’s James Bond. “The Mayo Clinic” is a documentary produced by Ken Burns.

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## Quotable quote

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## WALK FOR MOMS

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# History club to meet June 19

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

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

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

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

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

Questions? Call 731-6878.

## Art classes

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

The next class date is to be announced. Classes are held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Room B11 at Pagosa Springs High School. The instructor and medium will be announced at a later date. Materials are provided.

## Senior Center Caregiver Support Group

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

The next Caregiver Support Group is scheduled for May 21 at 1 p.m. and will be facilitated by Elaine Stumpo.

For more information, please call 264-2167.

If you are a caregiver of a friend or a family member, please join us for a support and respite group. Adults 18 and older are eligible to participate.

A support group can have significant positive effects on caregivers' overall well-being. It is a chance to speak with other caregivers who have common experiences with caregiving, learn about resources

## Senior News

available in the community and nationally, learn how to keep yourself healthy so you can better deliver the care, and a chance for respite.

## Health and wellness

The Senior Center is continuing the pilot program which expands health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring, or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next health and wellness date will be May 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Menu

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

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

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

Thursday, May 16 — Turkey Rachel sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, milk and salad bar.

Friday, May 17 — King ranch chicken casserole, refried beans,

zucchini medley, milk, salad bar and baked apples.

Monday, May 20 — Mild Italian sausage, bacon, fig, and arugula pizza, asparagus with lemony breadcrumbs, spinach/mandarin orange salad, milk, salad bar and poached pears.

Tuesday, May 21 — Turkey potpie, bacon green beans, buttered corn, milk, salad bar and strawberry shortcake.

Wednesday, May 22 — Crunchy baked catfish with tartar sauce, toasted Brussels sprouts with sweet chili sauce, roasted sweet potatoes, milk, salad bar and lemon cream pie.

Thursday, May 23 — Braised beef, harvest potatoes, snap pea medley, dinner roll with butter, milk and salad bar.

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

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

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**RUBY M. SISSON MEMORIAL** Library Foundation is seeking proposals for architectural design services. Proposals will be accepted up to 5p.m. June 15, 2019. RFP is at www.pagosalibrary.org or at the Library. For more information, contact Cindi Galabota at (970)264-2209 or cindi@pagosalibrary.org.

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

**ADVERTISEMENT TO BID.** Sealed bids will be received by the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (District), 100 Lyn Avenue, P.O. Box 4610, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81157, until 10a.m. on May 31, 2019. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. At 10a.m. on Friday May 31, 2019 the bid opening shall be held at the District Board Room at 100 Lyn Avenue, Pagosa Springs, Colorado; all Bids that have been duly received will be opened publicly and read aloud. All interested parties are invited to attend. The District reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive irregularities therein, and all Bidders shall agree that such rejection shall be without liability on the part of the District for any damage or claim brought by any Bidder because of such rejections, nor shall the Bidders seek any recourse of any kind against the District because of such rejections. The filing of any Bid in response to this invitation shall constitute an agreement of the Bidder to these conditions. The work to be performed generally includes, but may not be limited to the following components: a) Install approximately 1,200 feet of 10 inch ductile iron or HDPE water line at an average depth of 66 inches within the utility easement along Piedra Road between Martinez Creek and Black Powder Place, installation shall comply with PAWSD published specifications, b) maintain the existing 10 inch pvc line during installation of the new line and abandon existing line in place, c) There are no taps or hydrants along this line, d) Contractor shall coordinate installation with PAWSD and private land owner. Contractor shall provide all materials, equipment and appurtenances required for a completely functioning system. Contact Justin Ramsey, PE, District Engineer, P.O. Box 4610, 100 Lyn Avenue, Pagosa Springs, CO 81157, 970+731-7641 for additional information. DISTRICT: Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District By: /s/Justin Ramsey, Manager. Published May 16, 2019 in The Pagosa Springs SUN. Noticed May 14, 2019 in the Administrative Offices of the District. Posted on the PAWSD website.

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**HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS AVAILABLE** full time. Flexible schedules and competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr.

**SERVER POSITIONS AVAILABLE NOW** for soon to open tavern. The Iron Dram Whiskey Lodge is looking to hire servers. Applicants must be 18 or older. Please email resume with the word "resume" in subject line to info@irondramwhiskeylodge.com. Come be part of this new piece of Pagosa.

**GENERAL LABORER.** Help wanted- full time. Please call (970)264-5000. Pagosa Cattle Company.

**NOW HIRING FULL-TIME MEAT** counter position. Must be positive and able to multi task. Potential management position. Please apply with Kevin at The Buck Stops Here Market & Eatery.

**PAGOSA ROOTER IS HIRING** a full-time employee. No experience necessary. Just have a good attitude and good work ethic. Call 946-3692 or come by 208 N. 14th St.

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**PAGOSA WELLNESS IS LOOKING FOR-** Massage Therapist and Esthetician, to join Pagosa Wellness team when we open in our new location at the Pagosa Lodge; June 2019. Please send resume to: info@pagosawellness.com (970)422-7161.

**HELP WANTED**

**ADMIN ASSISTANT-** You are looking for a part-time job that will keep you challenged, year after year, with a wide variety of administrative duties for an established Pagosa technology firm. You have a "servant's heart," as you work closely with like-minded co-workers, and engage with interesting clients. Requirements: Exceptional verbal, written and interpersonal skills; minimum 2 years employment in customer service and office administration; strong knowledge of MS Office. Finally, a good sense of humor and a sincere, innate desire to help others are required! Position offers a competitive hourly rate based on experience, paid time off, and profit sharing plan. (970)585-1235.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for a **Referral Specialist.** The Specialist will receive referrals from primary care/specialty providers, processes referrals, provide clinical material to outside organizations as necessary; assist patients in obtaining the referral appointment; and assures we have received referrals related to patient record. Will be able to build relationships with patients and other organizations over the phone. The Specialist will also build a relationship of trust with all providers in order to make the process as smooth as possible. Self-directed and organized candidates will be considered for this position. Medical terminology is not a necessity. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration and the human resources office or downloaded from www.pagosaprimedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**FULL-TIME TELLER I.** Bank of Colorado is a family-owned business with deep ties to the local community. We are looking for a Teller/ New Accounts employee to join our team, that can provide quality service by assisting customers accurately and efficiently. Can perform a broad variety of customer service and sales activities, cross selling all bank products and answer questions from customers and branch staff. Ability to multi-task, and strong attention to detail. Cash handling experience preferred, long term employment desired. We offer health, dental and vision benefits, vacation and holiday pay. We are a Thrive Living Wage employer. Apply online only at http://pinbank.balancetrak.com/. Member FDIC/EOE.

**HIRING: SPRINGS RESORT & SPA** is looking for enthusiastic and great customer service oriented associates. Current openings: Housekeeping, Cooks, Servers, Supervisor for Bath House, Grounds- Bath House, Pool Technician 11p.m.-7a.m., Security guard. Must be available to work holidays and weekends. Full- and part-time positions available. Great benefits medical and dental and vision insurance, vacation time and 401K. Please stop by to pick up an application or send your resume to vmedina@pagosahotspings.com. Please visit www.pagosahotspings.com for more information.

**ELEVATION HEAD SHOP** wanting reliable, honest worker. Competitive pay with opportunity to grow quickly. Weekends to start. Management experience preferred. Bring by resume.

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**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH DINER** seeks server and also host for busy summer season. Must have a great attitude and work well with others even under pressure. We are a closely knit team and cooperation is key. The pace is fast but fun and camaraderie makes it easier. Must be available to work some weekends and holidays. Apply in person at The Rose, 408 Pagosa St., on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9a.m. to 1 p.m.

**POSITION AVAILABLE- NAVAJO TRAIL** Laundry. Part-time counter help needed. Please apply in person. 75 Navajo Trail Dr.

**FULL-TIME ASSISTANT COOK** (experience preferred). Monday- Friday, 7a.m.-3 p.m. Send resume to Jeff@psseniors.org.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for friendly, customer service oriented Volunteers. Our volunteers greet and assist patients with way finding and information from our front entrance. Applications may be picked up at the volunteer desk (next to registration). Applications are may be submitted to jodi.scarpa@psmedicalcenter.org or returned to the volunteer desk.

**HELP WANTED: BARTENDER, WAIT-STAFF,** dishwasher and cook. Pick up applications at Pagosa Tire and Auto or The Roadhouse, Saturday from 10a.m.-3p.m. 27 Talisman Dr.

**LOOKING FOR A LEAD FRAMER** or framing crew for a 1,000 sq. ft. 2-story home addition. Start approximately June 1st. Located 12 minutes drive from City Market Center. Moonlighting from a full-time job? Weekends or flexible working hours are OK. Must have job references and journeyman qualifications. Call for plan review: (970)946-3006.

**LOOKING FOR MECHANICALLY SKILLED** person with Class A CDL. Pay commensurate with experience. 731-1200.

**PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS & GREEN HOUSE** Pagosa are looking fill several positions both in our cultivation and retail environments. No experience is required; we love to train motivated people! We offer competitive wages, a happy, friendly work environment, employee discounts and more. Please stop by Pagosa Therapeutics for an application or email your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

**SUPPORT AIDE OR CNAs** needed for Pine Ridge Extended Care. Able to work in a fast paced environment. Under new management. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr.

**FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION** at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

**HIRING EXPERIENCED AND LICENSED PLUMBERS,** and plumber helpers. (970)946-7096, leave message.

**PIEDRA VALLEY RANCH HIRING** laborers to repair 35 miles of fence. Call 946-4615, ask for Robert.

**OFFICE ASSISTANT.** The Archuleta County Department of Human Services is seeking applicants for an Office Assistant. Minimum starting wage is \$14.90 an hour DOQ-DOE. A job description and application is available at www.archuletacounty.org. Submit your application and resume to Human Resources, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, fax to (970)264-1879 or email to rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**HELP WANTED**

**JOIN OUR LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION** crew for the summer season. Very competitive pay. Wilson Enterprises, 69 Park Ave. (970)946-6651.

**DENTAL ASSISTANT WANTED** to help care for our growing family of patients. Want a job with a bright future? Willing to train (good wait staff make good assistants. There is always more to learn). Join an awesome team of hardworking professionals! Weekends and holidays off, beautiful facility, excellent pay. Gain satisfaction by helping people! Drop off or email resume to PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com.

**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** has openings for **Nutritional Services Workers** to prepare and cook food for hospital patients, staff, and visitors. Must have a flexible schedule and willing to work nights and weekends. We offer full benefit package to our employees including health insurance, discounts at our facility, retirement and paid time off. Applications and resumes must be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

**CNA'S NEEDED, DAY SHIFT** and night shift. Night shift differential. Apply in person. Pine Ridge Extended Care. Under new management.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE PARK** is looking for a keeper /clerk to care for animals. Job will include preparing diets, cleaning enclosures, and providing tours for groups of all ages. The right candidate must be a team player, friendly, self-motivated with excellent customer-service skills. Must be able to lift 50+ lbs., work outside in inclement weather year round, and have basic computer skills. Only hard working self-starters need apply. Drug testing is required. Schedule: will vary throughout the year. Please come in to fill out application and drop resume off. 4821 A Hwy. 84 Pagosa Springs. Call (970)264-5546 for appointment.

**CNA CLASS STARTING SOON.** Full-time positions available. Alternating weekends off. Competitive wages and benefit package. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa.

**DENTAL HYGIENIST:** San Juan Dental is seeking a caring and compassionate dental hygienist to join our team. Please email resume to drcericsmithdds@aol.com or stop by our wonderful office and meet the team. (970)264-9436.

**SEEDS OF LEARNING** is accepting applications for a full-time assistant teacher position. Education and experience are required. Please contact Lynne or Melissa at (970)264-5513 for more information.

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**MECHANIC I & II.** Archuleta County Public Works is accepting applications for a full-time Mechanic I and Mechanic II. These are full-time positions with excellent benefits. For job description and wage details, visit www.archuletacounty.org, submit application and resume to HR, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or fax (970)264-1879 or email rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**WEEKLY PAY!** Up to \$100 a day depends on experience. Forklift/ Yard person and Delivery driver. Apply in person at Day Lumber.

**PAGOSA LIQUOR HIRING FULL-TIME** cashier. Please apply at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**HIGH ALTITUDE CLOSET** looking for reliable sales clerk for 3-4 days a week, \$11.50 to start. Bring by resume.

**THE BUCK STOPS HERE** is gearing up for the busy summer season. Taking applications for servers, bartenders, cooks and front counter. Serious inquires only. Please apply at 19 Navajo Trail Dr.

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

**LOOKING FOR A JACK OR JILL** of all trades for building maintenance work. Must be flexible and adaptive. (970)731-3005.

**DENTAL ASSISTANT POSITION** available now. If you are looking for a fun and rewarding career, this is it. Duties include helping with interesting procedures, being a patient advocate and operational maintenance. Be a part of a profession that is always in high demand. Will train career minded, motivated individuals. Please send resume to denprac@yahoo.com.

**CAREGIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY.** No experience necessary. Must be caring and compassionate. Visit us at www.peoplecarehs.com. Contact Devina at devinab@peoplecarehs.com or (719)320-9925.

**SALES REPRESENTATIVE-** Are you organized? Do you work well under deadlines? Would you enjoy getting to know local business owners and managers? We are looking for a self-motivated sales person to join our team selling weekly paper, website and special issues. Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop and marketing experience a plus. Email your resume to helpwanted@pagosasun.com. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.

**THE JICARILLA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** is accepting applications for the following positions: Domestic Violence Social Worker and Registered Nurse. Please contact the Jicarilla Apache Nations Human Resource Department at (575)759-4285 for a detailed listing of requirements and the application process or feel free to contact Lonna Valdez Or Teresa Cassador at (575)759-7296. As mandated by PL 93-638, absolute preference will be given to qualified Indian applicants, requires knowledge of and sensitivity to cultural and language differences.

**HELP WANTED**

**PEAK DELI NOW HIRING** multi-taskers to help coordinate deliciousness for summer. Stop in for application. No calls.

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

**LOOKING FOR COOKS** with experience. Starting pay \$15/ hour. Apply in person, Boss Hogg's, 157 Navajo Trail Dr. No phone calls.

**NORTH PAGOSA SHELL HIRING** full-time cashier. Please apply at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

**LABORERS, CONSTRUCTION WORK.** (970)403-2228.

**ARCHULETA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION ADMINISTRATIVE** Assistant. Archuleta County Administration Office is accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits. For job description and wage details, visit www.archuletacounty.org, submit application and resume to HR, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or fax (970)264-1879 or email rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT** has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosa-schools.com under the "Job Postings" icon. Openings for the 2019-20 school year are: High School Science Teacher, High School Head Cheer and Dance Coach, Administrative Assistant for Maintenance and Transportation, Middle School Cheer and Dance Coach, Bus Drivers and Substitutes. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE PARK** is looking for wranglers to lead summer trail rides. Experienced horseperson able to work independently with strong customer service skills wanted. Must be able to lift 50+ lbs., and obtain first aid certification. Drug testing is required. Submit application/ resume in person at 4821 A Hwy. 84 Pagosa Springs. Call (970)264-5546 for appointment.

**KITCHEN HELP WANTED. APPLY** in person at The Lost Cajun.

**NOW HIRING PARAPROFESSIONALS** at GOAL Academy High School in Pagosa Springs. We offer competitive wages and employee benefits. Please apply online at www.goalac.org. For more information, call (877)776-4625, ext. 027.

**MOUNTAIN HOME SOUND AND SECURITY** is now taking applications for a security technician, experience a plus but not required. An interest in current technology is a must. Desire to work and learn in a fast paced environment. Background check, valid driver's license and neat professional appearance required. Please pick up application at 301 N Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-3 Monday- Friday 9a.m.-5p.m.

**YARD SALES**

**GARAGE SALE FRIDAY** and Saturday, May 17-18, 7a.m.-noon. 710 Twin creek Circle. Drums, sand paintings, Garmin GPS (vehicle), clothing.

**BE SURE TO CHECK** for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

**YARD SALES**

**MOVING SALE-FRIDAY AND** Saturday, May 17 and 18, 8a.m. sharp. Riding lawn mower, kayaks, wheel barrows, tools, furniture, household items, beds, snow blower, and lots more. Hwy 84 South, right on Holiday Drive, right on Stagecoach, house #260. Rain or shine. AEHPOS.

**PUBLIC AUCTION AND CONSIGNMENT SALE.** Proceeds benefit WHEC/ Hughes Pavilion covered arena. Saturday, May 18, 10:05a.m. at Rodeo Grounds. Accepting donations (100% tax deductible) and consignment items (commission paid) until day prior to auction. Will pick up significant items. Call Mike (970)759-8424 or Brian (970)779-8837.

**ANNUAL BARKING LOT SALE** at the Humane Society Thrift Store Saturday, May 25, from 9a.m. to 4p.m. Tons of great stuff in our outdoor sale, including patio furniture, rototiller and gardening tools, outdoor gear for camping and water sports, golf clubs and athletic gear, mountain and road bikes, cruiser and kids' bikes, and two awesome TerraTrikes! Food on the grill with drinks and chips! Daily in-store special sales both Saturday and Sunday. Don't miss out! 269 Pagosa Street (Hwy. 160).

**MOVING SALE!** Furniture, household and miscellaneous. Saturday, May 18th & 25th, 8a.m.-2p.m. Pagosa Mini Storage, Unit 115, 14th and 15th Place.

**JEWELRY AND CLOTHING SALE!** Handmade new and resale jewelry. Gently worn clothing. Friday 17th 3-6p.m. 17 Lofty Court.

**LOST & FOUND**

**MISSING CAT- BLACK WITH** green eyes from North Pagosa Steamboat Drive area. (970)946-3198.

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**IT CAN STOP!** Let us help. 24-hour domestic violence or sexual assault hotline. Confidential. 264-9075.

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**LIVESTOCK**

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**RANCH SORTING THIS SATURDAY,** May 18th, at the Rodeo Grounds, Pagosa Springs. Sign up 9a.m., start 10a.m. \$25 and \$5 18 and under. Go 3 rounds. Information: (970)264-1486.

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**IS IT TIME TO CLEAN** your freezer out? Bring your meat and fish to the Wildlife Park to feed the animals. 11a.m.-4p.m. Feeding time is 2 p.m.

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**BUILDING MATERIAL, SMARTSOFFIT, CONTINUOUS** vented, 12 pieces, 16' x 24" pre primed and one finish coat (gray). Brand new, no flaws, dry and stored indoors. Ready for cash and carry, \$375. (970)946-9920.

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**WATER TRANSFER TANKS.** 275 gallons. 6 miles west of Pagosa Springs on Hwy. 160. \$200 cash. Call Kurt (801)201-2122.

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**POP-UP CAMPER TRAILER.** 2003, 12 ft. Rockwood Premier in good condition. Needs some work, but ready for the woods now. \$2,300. (970)731-1845.

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**2-MAN PONTOON FISHING BOAT.** Includes trolling motor and trailer. Pictures upon request. (214)755-9227.

**SELL OR TRADE YOUR GUNS.** We buy for cash or trade it. No hassle. Licensed, bonded, insured. San Juan Trading Post, 635 San Juan St. 731-PAWN (7296).

**RAISED GARDEN, 3' HIGH, 10' diameter** with 6' 6" deer barrier. Must be custom built on your property. See at 10373 W. Hwy 160, Pagosa Springs or call (801)201-2122.

**REFURBISHED KENMORE CLOTHES DRYER.** Brand new start switch, hi/lo cut-offs, thermal fuse and cord. Belt and drum rollers replaced 6 months ago. \$200 OBO (970)507-0791.

**MOVING SALE: OAK TABLE** and chairs, \$120. Oak hutch, \$200. Brass queen bed, \$130. 2 rocking chairs, small \$45, large \$50. Roll top ash desk, \$250. Marble top coffee table and end table, \$170. (209)648-9096.

**FRED HARMAN OIL PAINTING** (Too Late to Hibernate). Interested parties: ablais273@gmail.com.

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**ALL NATURAL, 100% GRASS** finished beef and lamb, Berkshire pork, and organic free range chicken from GrassRoots Meats. Available at our warehouse on Mondays, as well as the Choke Cherry Tree and Joy's the rest of the week. www.grassrootsmeats.colorado@gmail.com. Call Lois for more information, (970)582-0166.

**IBANEZ PF40-12 PERFORMANCE** acoustic 12-string guitar. Excellent condition. Accessories: leather and nylon straps, 2 capos, guitar pitch pipe, chromatic auto tuner, Seymour Duncan pickup, padded soft case. First \$400 takes it. Dan at (970)507-0256.

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# Free gardening talk to focus on soil for vegetables

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 Tuesday, May 21, Ron Chacey, the eminent regional vegetable grower and an original founder of the Pagosa Springs Community Garden, will discuss “How to develop soil for vegetable gardening” at the River Pointe Coffee House, which is located next to the river downtown.

The short growing season in the Four Corners region can present challenges, but the difficult conditions can be overcome with the correct gardening knowledge and

techniques. 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. Having the opportunity to learn from a seasoned expert is an important advantage and the purpose of the free Pagosa Springs gardening talks.

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 development of soil. The talk will conclude with real-life stories and information about what Chacey is actually doing right now in his

personal gardens.

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden is located at the end of 5th Street near the San Juan River downtown. 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 Town of Pagosa Springs provides free water for the Pagosa Springs Community Garden. To receive more information, email [PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com](mailto:PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com).

The 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. free gardening talk will be held in the River Pointe Coffee House conference room, 445 San Juan St., on Tuesday night, May 21. 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](mailto:PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com) for further details.

## 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 horned lark.

A few weeks ago, at the beginning of snow melt, but when the ground was still covered in my valley, I noticed some grayish-brown, sparrow-sized birds hopping along on the snow surface looking rather bewildered. They were horned lark males that had arrived in Pagosa Country a bit early.

While the females of this species are rather nondescript, males have a black chest band with some yellow below the bill on their necks, and distinctive, tiny, horn-like feathers just above the eyes on either side of their heads.

Horned larks feed on the ground, seeking out seeds or small insects, and can often be found in mixed flocks with others of their kind, or with similar looking longspurs or other small ground-feeding birds. Typically, they prefer cleared ground with little or no grass cover.

Females build their nests by scratching out a depression in the ground about 1.5 inches deep and 3-4 inches across, lining it with grass or other plant matter, and topping it off with fur, feathers and similar materials. If you happen upon one of their nests, it is best to leave it alone — the females will attempt to lure invaders away from the nest, but if potential predators are nearby, they won’t return to the nest until the danger has passed.

While still numerous, habitat loss and fragmentation likely have contributed to population declines. Although they often feed on snow-covered fields, I can’t help but think that the ones I saw were expecting a different landscape when they arrived from their wintering grounds further south.

For information on bird-watching events, visit [www.weminucheaudubon.org](http://www.weminucheaudubon.org) or [www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/](http://www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/).

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