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## ‘Locals versus visitors’ Discussion continues on short-term rentals

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

Community identity, opinions and comments flared over the future of short-term rentals (STRs) Tuesday.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held its regular meeting at the CSU Extension office at the fairgrounds Tuesday expecting a large crowd gathering to discuss possible amendments on regulations of STRs.

They guessed right as most, if not all, seats were filled as people lined up to voice their opinions and discuss the future of STRs in Archuleta County.

During the meeting, Commissioner Michael Whiting stated that he did not want to get into a debate of “locals versus visitors” about STRs.

However, many of the public comments were focused on the impact of tourists on local neighborhoods.

■ See Rentals A8

## Fire district election to be held May 8

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) will be holding a mail-ballot election on May 8.

During that election, the PFPD will be requesting a mill levy increase from voters.

Currently, the PFPD’s mill levy is set at 4.067 mills, with .5 mills going to the PFPD’s volunteer pension fund.

A press release from Kenny Rogers, who is coordinating the mill levy campaign for the PFPD, reads, “The ballot issue will be asking for a mill levy increase to 7.85. The 7.85 figure will give us just over \$2 million in taxes.”

The press release goes on to explain that \$129,045 of that sum would go directly to its volunteer pension fund.

“That would mean an increase in taxes to an owner of a home with a market value of \$100,000 of an additionally \$2.27 a month,” reads the press release. “That adds up to

■ See Election A8

## Agencies enact stage one fire restrictions

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

Campfires, open burning, burn barrels, smoking, fireworks and agricultural burning in open areas have all been restricted across the county by the stage one fire ban as of Tuesday.

“In the annual operating plan there’s a set of 10 criteria we look to meet [to go into a fire ban]... to go into a stage one, we require a minimum of four, we are currently at six,” Mike Le Roux, the Archuleta County emergency operation director, said Tuesday.

Le Roux explained that, given the current conditions, a county-wide ban was needed.

Le Roux noted that at any time the county may reach stage two criteria.

The stage one ban was implemented on Tuesday by a vote from the Archuleta

County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) at its regular meeting.

The ban was presented to the BoCC by Le Roux, who explained that Montezuma County, Dolores County, La Plata County, the U.S. Forest Service, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) were all implementing a ban.

Mineral and Hinsdale Counties would be joining the ban in sympathy with Archuleta County, Le Roux noted.

At the work session, Le Roux also explained that, currently, the Pagosa Springs Fourth of July fireworks show would be permitted with written consent of the sheriff under stage one restrictions.

More information on each set of fire restrictions are listed below.

■ See Restrictions A8

## PAWSD presents drought management plan

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board held a public hearing on Tuesday evening to discuss the 2018 Drought Management Plan and to take public comment.

PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey began the presentation by briefly discussing the precipitation levels for the district.

“We’re just a little bit more than 50 percent of what we usually get,” Ramsey said.

In regard to snow-water equivalency, Ramsey noted that, for 2018, “we’re out.”

“I actually checked it this morning and there was .1 inches of water still up in the snowpack, and that was early this morning, so it’s probably gone now,” Ramsey explained.

PAWSD received a call that it had lost water at Four Mile Creek on April 16, Ramsey explained.

“So we lost it quite a bit earlier this year. It was actually earlier than it was in 2002. In 2002 we lost it on April 21,” Ramsey explained later.

Then, Ramsey described the lake levels for Pagosa Springs.

Hatcher Lake is down 11 inches and is 97 percent full, Ramsey stated.

Stevens Lake is 88 percent full, Lake Pagosa is 98 percent full, Village Lake is 99 percent full and Lake Forest is 94 percent full, Ramsey described.

“So, the lakes are in pretty good shape going into the year. So, that’s the good news,” Ramsey said.

Beginning the discussion on the 2018

■ See PAWSD A8



Photos courtesy Donna Wilson

Top: Pilot Joel Hampton speaks to members of the media Tuesday at the Durango Air Tanker Base about the current wildfire dangers. Bottom: San Juan National Forest Fire Management Officer Richard Bustamante takes questions from the media about the current drought and wildfire danger.

## Preparing for increasing wildfire danger in the face of exceptional drought

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

In 2002, the Missionary Ridge Fire burned 71,739 acres near Durango. In the area of Silverton, the Million Fire burned 9,346 acres.

In 2012, the Little Sand Fire burned 24,900 acres in the Piedra area of Hinsdale County, northwest of Pagosa Springs.

The following year, in 2013, the West Fork Complex fires burned 109,049 acres on and near Wolf Creek Pass.

While not comprising all of the large fires that have occurred in southwest Colorado, the four fires rank among Colorado’s largest wildfires in terms of burn area, and each cost millions of dollars to fight.

They also had other factors in common — drought and weather that led to extreme fire behavior.

2018 is sinking into the same pattern. With several fires a day since April 1,

southwest Colorado firefighting agencies are gearing up for what has the potential to be an extreme and dangerous wildfire season.

“Since April 1, the whole month of April has been very busy in our dispatch center,” said Richard Bustamante, San Juan National Forest fire management officer, adding, “We’ve seen an uptick in April, receiving ... normally multiple fires a day. So we have had an increase. We’ve noticed a change of fire behavior as far as, you know, that we’re still able to catch them, but it seems like the resistance to control of a lot of those starts is outside of the normal, what we would normally see this time of year.”

That, he said, has triggered a response in terms of planning according to the current conditions and fire behavior.

In addition to lower-than-normal

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### It only takes one spark

Don't let the rain fool you; Archuleta County is experiencing extreme to exceptional drought.

"New fire starts may be difficult or impossible to control due to fast rates of spread. Outdoor burning is strongly discouraged," warned the U.S. National Weather Service on Sunday.

Fire bans are in effect throughout the county, forest and on BLM lands. Low snowpack. Red flag warnings. Fire weather watches.

This combination puts many locals on edge. It's a combination that brings back memories of Missionary Ridge, Little Sand and the West Fork Complex fires.

Southwest Colorado experienced several red flag warnings last week and earlier this week. According to Accuweather, a red flag warning goes into effect when critical fire weather conditions are either occurring or will shortly. The combination of strong winds, low relative humidity and warm temperatures can contribute to extreme fire behavior.

On Sunday, the relative humidity for our region was listed at 12 to 17 percent.

On Sunday, June 9, 2002, the temperature was 86 degrees and humidity was 12 percent when a spark of unknown origin fell on the lower Missionary Ridge Road north of Durango. Thirty-nine days later, 46 homes and cabins were destroyed and nearly 73,000 acres were scorched by the fire.

Ten years later, on May 13, 2012, a lightning strike ignited a fire in the Piedra area northwest of Pagosa Springs.

As reported in The SUN: "At first, U.S. Forest Service personnel let the blaze continue burning for the benefit of the natural resources, with the area previously identified as one in which fire would be allowed to play its natural role.

"Several days of low relative humidity and high winds later, the fire — known as the Little Sand Fire — became an uncontained wildfire that had grown to several thousand acres and was being fought by hundreds of firefighters.

"As the summer progressed, so did the fire, with roads, trails and campgrounds closed and evacuations called for some properties in the upper Piedra area.

"By July 3, the fire had grown to 24,450 acres."

The following year, on June 5, 2013, the West Fork Fire was sparked by lightning west of the Continental Divide near Born's Lake northeast of Pagosa Springs, in an area difficult to access.

Eight days later, on June 13, the Windy Pass Fire began from a lightning strike 12 miles northeast of Pagosa Springs, near the Windy Pass Trail.

Three days later, the two fires were managed as the West Fork Complex.

On June 20, evacuations were announced and U.S. 160 over Wolf Creek Pass was closed.

The next day, on June 21, the town of South Fork was put under mandatory evacuation. Colo. 149 between South Fork and Creede was closed.

A third fire, the Papoose Fire, grew to more than 11,000 acres and was added to the management of the West Fork Complex on June 22.

Two days later, on June 24, members of the Colorado National Guard were called in to help.

On June 28, most residents of South Fork were allowed to return home.

On June 29, U.S. 160 over Wolf Creek Pass and Colo. 149 reopened as desperately needed rain fell over the area and containment of the fire grew to 2 percent.

The last incident update for the West Fork Complex was July 19, 2013, with 66 percent containment and a total of 109,615 acres burned. Smoke continued to be visible in the region for days.

Recent conditions bring back the memories of those smoke-filled skies and days and days of viewing billowing plumes of smoke.

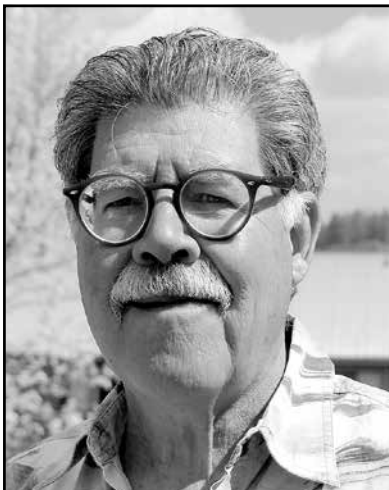
Wildfires have already erupted in other areas of Colorado this season. Homes have been destroyed.

Please remember, it only takes one spark.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## WHADDYA THINK?

Do you plan to vote in the upcoming fire district election?



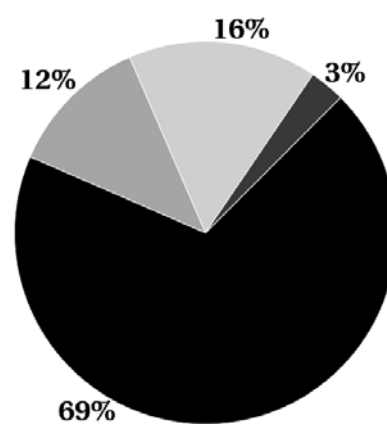
**Ron Hardeman**  
"I'm mailing it right now."



**Kathryn Smith**  
"No, and I'm from California."



**Dan Bartley**  
"Yes, I've read about it."



**Poll results (196 Votes)**  
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What election? — 16 percent  
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This week online: What would you like to see more of in The SUN?  
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## LOOKING BACK



From the May 8, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. STATE TRACK MEET — Three Pagosa Springs High School girls will represent the school at the state track meet at Limon this weekend. They won their way to the State Finals in wins at the league track meet last week. Left to right are Eileen Seilstad, Julie Peters and Terridee Diestelkamp.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 4, 1928

The Odd Fellows' lodge room is undergoing repair and redecorating this week.

A number of volunteer citizens started work Sunday towards opening Wolf Creek Pass highway and repeated the endeavor Tuesday, getting through the drifts to within about a mile and a half of the top. Parties from Del Norte and Monte Vista have also been busy this week trying to open the east side of the pass. All will again plunge into the work next Sunday, when it is believed that the pass can be completely opened for auto traffic — at probably the earliest date since the highway was constructed.

The Junior class play, "Romance and Oil," occupies the boards tonight at the High School auditorium.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 7, 1943

The Senior Class of the Pagosa Springs High School will present its annual class play tonight (Friday) May 7. The class has chosen for its play, a farcical comedy, "The Great Ben Allah." The play deals with a great mix-up of Hindus, hypnotism, dogs, and lovers' quarrels, but in the end all turns out well and everybody is happy. First curtain will be at 8:00 o'clock in the High School auditorium.

A timber fire of undetermined origin was brought under control Sunday night near Chromo west of the John Shahan ranch after it had destroyed more than 80 acres of mountain side timber and brush. The fire was discovered Thursday of last week and neighbors called for help after battling the flames most of the day Friday.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 2, 1968

An official dedication of Echo Lake has been scheduled for Sunday, May 19. The newly constructed lake is now being filled and will be one of the better fishing lakes in the San Juan Basin. It is located five miles southeast of Pagosa Springs on U.S. 84. The lake is filling rapidly and persons driving down U.S. 84 may see it easily from the highway. The lake, or reservoir, is backed up by a dam constructed by the Colorado Game, Fish and Parks Department. It was completed last October after having been under construction for approximately one year.

The local Masonic Lodge each year awards a trophy to students selected from the Junior class as the outstanding boy and the outstanding girl. Selected this year were Greg Schick and Marla DeVore.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 6, 1993

The new Pagosa Springs Post Office located on Hot Springs Boulevard was given a final inspection by engineers and U.S. Postal Service officials Wednesday, and was turned over to local Postmaster Lois Hill and her staff. The building is scheduled to be open with full services available on May 24. Ground was broken on the project June 6, 1992, with the contract for construction awarded to Midtown Construction — a company owned by local resident Jack Jackson. The building was scheduled to be finished Apr. 3, 1993. The Postal Service gave Midtown 32 bad weather days to add to the project schedule due to heavy snows this winter. The \$1,432,000 facility consists of a total 12,000 square feet of space.

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# Letters

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## Vote Formwalt

Dear Editor:  
I have known Bob for over 60 years and he has proven to be a very Public dedicated individual. He has served with honor and distinction on numerous boards and committees in the County, and the State.  
He has been Archuleta County's Commissioner, Western United Electric United Supply corporation Board of Directors including 2 years as President, Archuleta County Airport Board. He was selected by Governor Romer's Smart Growth initiative, Region 9 water quality control committee, San Juan Soil

Conservation Board, Colorado State Soil Conservation Board, San Juan Resource, Conservation land development Board, Colorado's Job Training Partnership, Private Industry Council and many other State and Local boards.

He currently is serving as an elected Official on the La Plata Electric Association board.

His experience gained over the years makes him a valuable asset to any organization or Board. During his time on the numerous Boards and commission have exposed him to high level personnel that also provide personal relationship and trust that helps during many State and Local meeting. Bob's reputation has been built and he is recognized as an outstanding Representative and provides services to his organization that brings Credit not only to himself but the County and State. Bob service to LPEA has been exceptional and he deserves to be re-elected to the Board so he can continue to promote his understanding of critical issue that he is familiar with.

His experience and knowledge are invaluable and needs to be retained. —Vote for Bob Formwalt  
Franklin Anderson

## Living next door

Dear Editor:  
I saw the article in the sun regarding the potential rules of short term rentals. I see rules regarding licensing, fees, and taxes, what I don't seem to see is rules that affect residents that live next to short term rentals. Apart from the fact that my street no longer is a neighborhood, but a flood of new people every week there are issues with living next door to vacationers.

There should be a noise ordinance, that there is quiet between 10 pm and 7 am. Obnoxious lights on rental units need to be either turned off after 10 pm, or the light source needs to be modified so that it does not shine in other peoples houses and makes looking at our beautiful night sky impossible. There should be a single phone number (similar to 911) for residents to call if the noise ordinance is not being followed. Obviously, the person(s) taking care of the rental property may not be available after hours, thus

someone from the city/county should be available to take care of a complaint since they are the ones getting the monetary benefit from short term rentals. Or the number of the owner of the property should be public if and when the caretaker does not respond to off hour complaints.

Just to cite some complaints that we have had in the last 5 years since short term rentals seem to have exploded apart from the loud parties that we have had to endure: (1) rentals which allow dogs, where the dogs are left in the house while the renters are out and about, and bark till the wee hours of night, and during the day come over in our yard to pee and poop (2) kids that pee in our yard, while their parents stand there and smile or run all over our property (3) renters that fish in our lake and leave their dead fish on the bank to attract unwanted wild life and may or may not have fishing licenses.

As far as non compliance, a hefty fine should be levied on owners that rent out their properties and do not follow the rules. Also, a website should be available where residents can flag short term rentals so that the city and county can get its licensing fees and taxes. This website should be anonymous.

It might also be a good idea to include PLPOA and other home owner associations and devise a comprehensive set of rules and regulations.

Ingrid Dorgan

## Turkey hunter

Dear Editor:  
Soooooo ... where are all the turkeys?

This letter is a shout out to all my fellow turkey hunters out there in Archuleta county. I don't know about anybody else, but are you sick and tired of getting up early to go and turkey hunt, only to realize that a majority of the wild turkeys in our county are being corn fed by your neighbors? I am. The turkey hunting here in Pagosa used to be awesome. And I stress used to be. After a long winter I look forward to the spring turkey season. As well as the shed hunting season. And we should all know by now we can't even do that anymore until May. Silly. Stupid. Unreasonable. Anyway, back to the turkeys. I've been an avid

turkey hunter for many years now. I've seen a steady decline in the number of turkeys in the National Forest. However, at the same time amazingly the population of turkeys in Loma Linda, Holiday Acres, certain parts of the Lower Blanco and Upper Blanco roads, and I am sure many other subdivisions in town, has grown tremendously. Why? Because feeding wild turkeys is legal. I just recently learned this incredibly discouraging fact. I called the DOW to lodge a complaint, and to my dismay, there's nothing I can do. It's legal to feed wild turkeys. How can this be? We can't feed the elk. We can't feed the deer. We can't feed bears. We can't feed mountain lions. So why can we feed wild turkeys? I don't know. But I do know that it's really affecting the turkey hunting around here and I personally am sick of it.

All you fellow bird hunters out there, please, help me put an end to feeding the wild turkeys in our county. It's ruining the turkey hunting season. Straight up. Call the DOW in Durango. 247-0855 Complain. Do it often. This needs to stop.

People of Archuleta County, Please, stop feeding the turkeys. (At least in April and May.)

Please.  
Disgruntled Turkey Hunter,  
Chris Durfee

## Formwalt vote

Dear Editor:  
It's so refreshing to see a campaign with class and humility;

■ See Letters A4

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## Law Enforcement Torch Run to support Special Olympics Colorado

By Roxanne Lattin  
Special to The SUN

For the past two years, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office has participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Colorado (SOCO). In doing so, Archuleta County has raised over \$7,000 in donations, which went directly to SOCO athletes.

Everyone is encouraged to register and participate in this worthy event set for Saturday, May 12. Registration starts at the Pagosa Springs Elementary School at 9 a.m. A 5k run and a 3k walk are available to fit each participant's abilities, activity level and preference.

Donations collected go directly to support all the athletes in Colorado, including the 13 athletes from Archuleta County. The donations allow individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities to experience true joy in sports and in life.

From a letter for SOCO: "Special Olympics Colorado Young Athlete Ashton Steinbacher-Scheppers was born with Down syndrome. Before he joined SOCO, his mom, Kristen, struggled to find an activity and community for Ashton that he could enjoy being a part of. In school, his peers would play sports at recess while Ashton was often left alone, which broke Kristen's heart."

"Kristen stated, 'Trying to connect with other families was hard; I just wanted him to have the same opportunities as any other child.'

"When Ashton joined Special Olympics Colorado, he learned how to play and how to interact with people. He now plays on a soccer team each week and loves every minute, because it has brought him friendships, confidence and joy, what every mother wishes for her son."

"Kristen went on to say, 'Before, he had no interest

at all in sports. He's the only kid with special needs at his school, and now he's like any other kid. These opportunities have allowed him to have this common interest so that he can play with friends and be a part of the community.'

"Misperceptions and negative attitudes about people with intellectual disabilities exist worldwide. Many face exclusion, discrimination and judgement every day. Support is invaluable as we work to forge a path of acceptance for inspiring individuals like Ashton, and create inclusive communities throughout the state."

To participate or inquire further about the event, contact Detective Roxanne Lattin with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office via email at rlattin@archuletacounty.org or by phone 264-8498.

You can also check out the event on the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.

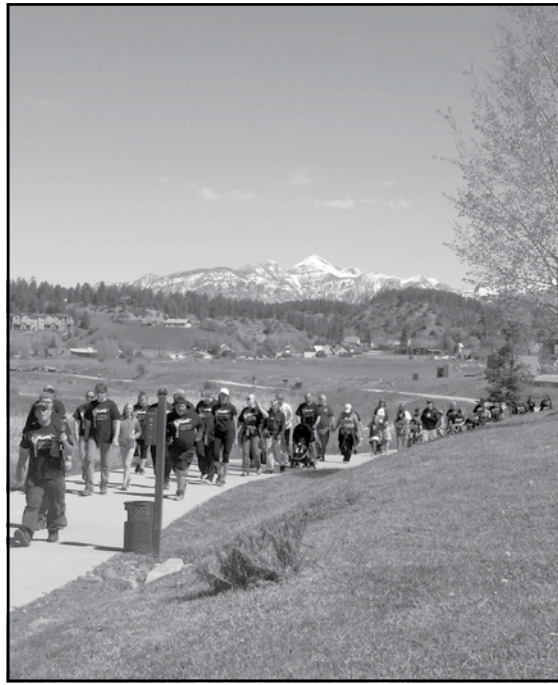


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## Letters

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thank you, Mr. Formwalt. You have been here. well ... about forever and you are a good business man, good family man with godly morals and ethics. You know this county, you know the people, you have shown wisdom. You actually care about the people here; not just seeking glory, power or your name in lights. I sincerely wish I had more than one vote to give you; but I have one and I will use it wisely and vote for you. I pray others do the same. I worked under Bob back in the '70s. He is a fair, honest man with wisdom this county ought to be "smart" enough not to throw out or away. Vote for a sure person who cares about this county and people — unmatched; vote Bob Formwalt. Peg Ellis

### LPEA vote counts

The LPEA Board elections have turned into a dirty mess of special interest politics led by one-sided personal agendas. It started last year when some candidates obtained board seats and then began pushing to get out of a power-purchasing contract with Tri-State Generation and Transmission in the name of renewable energy. TSGT, as an electric cooperative like LPEA, is owned by LPEA and 42 other Cooperatives.

LPEA and TSGT are national leaders in the renewable energy initiative. While TSGT currently has a generation portfolio that includes coal and natural gas as its base-loading generation, renewable generation of wind, solar and hydro now nears 30% of the combined generation. That has been a significant shift for a company if this size. I've watched it, and I believe the shift to more

renewable will continue for many years to come.

If the special interest candidates get voted onto the Board of Directors, there will be a push to leave TSGT at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars to LPEA, affecting member rates. You, as a member, will have no say, as the Board vote to leave TSGT (costing millions) will be solely a Board decision.

I urge and recommend you to vote for these candidates in your district: District 1-Bob Formwalt, District 4- Karen Barger, District 2-Kohler McInnis and District 3-Gene Fisher. I know these candidates are conscientious citizens and concerned for the membership as a whole.

Thank you for voting. It counts for all LPEA Members.

Steve Gregg,  
LPEA chief operating officer  
(retired)

### Skeehan support

Dear Editor:  
For everyone that doesn't know Kirsten Skeehan, I want to assure you that she is our best choice for our LPEA Board. I've known Kirsten for about 12 years and have always known her to be smart, honest, and forthcoming with her ideas. Kirsten is an independent thinker that won't be swayed by the politics around her. Kirsten Skeehan is our best choice for our LPEA Board.

Karen Hoch

### PPFD mill levy

Dear Editor:  
I am reluctantly against the almost doubling of the PPFD mill levy. While it would be nice to have a full time paid staff the reality is the community can't afford it at present. There are much more pressing needs for the community.

Our teachers are grossly underpaid and two school facilities are in dire need of replacement. The county is required by law to provide a jail and court facilities. The current county facilities are unusable and new facilities or repairs are required. These problems need to be resolved before the PFPD should attempt to become a paid full time fire department. There is no question that it is a good long-range goal, but the fact is the population has not grown rapidly since 2008 and the demand on PFPD has not grown rapidly. The PFPD is a great organization and is well run and provides a wonderful service for the community. Its volunteers and employees are to be commended. Unfortunately it is not the most pressing problem facing our community.

Bob Moomaw

### New tax law

Dear Editor:  
In last week's edition of The Sun, Third Congressional District Representative Scott Tipton, told us that because of his GOP designed tax bill we can "say goodbye to the old, broken tax code" and usher in "a new exciting chapter for the American people". He is clearly hoping that you don't really focus on the guts of the new tax law until after the election this November.

In particular, he is bragging about the fact that the tax bill doubled the standard deduction. That is true and I have seen estimates that possibly 70% of those who itemized this April will take a standard deduction next year. So that's simpler, right? But where is the meat? Will your taxes go down? Maybe a little but not by much and for families with children and those over 65 it could go up.

Nowhere in Mr. Tipton's bragging does he mention the fact that the personal exemption of \$4050 per person was eliminated by the new tax law. For 2018, a family of four will get only the \$24,000 standard deduction compared to the \$29,200 they could deduct under the old tax law with the personal exemptions. In short, the taxable income for this family will be \$5000 higher than it would be under the old tax law. The new tax law does increase the child tax credit by \$1000 per child which will help some families who qualify but the bottom line benefit is likely to be small or negative for most families. For those over 65, the new law eliminates the additional \$1250 deduction for seniors resulting in only a \$200 difference between the old law and the new higher standard deduction.

If you are underwhelmed by this largess, remember that the tax bill doubled the estate tax exemption to \$22 million, slashed the corporate tax rate by 40% and ballooned the projected deficit by \$1.8 trillion over the next decade. Scott Tipton may regret bragging about this law he voted for.

Johnny Pickett

### Vote Skeehan

Dear Editor:  
LPEA District 1 voters, Kirsten Skeehan is just the burst of energy LPEA District 1 needs. Kirsten's energy and commitment to the community is unparalleled and now is the time for a dedication such as hers to shine and cover the district with a positive forward moving light.

When you vote in the upcoming election, please vote for Kirsten Skeehan.

Keely Whittington

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# Obituaries

## Chersti Kristine Berdahl

Chersti Kristine Berdahl, age 36, was found deceased on March 14 in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Chersti was born on June 13, 1981, at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., to Kristine Laura Berdahl (Grosswald) and her husband, Carl Hilmer Berdahl. Chersti lived her first few years in California and then moved to the Dayton, Ohio, area. She later lived in Massachusetts and Missouri before moving to Colorado, where she graduated from Montrose High School. She worked as a medical assistant at a urologist's office, a phlebotomist and a certified nurse's aide (CNA). She had completed several classes toward becoming a licensed practical nurse (LPN). Chersti's mother had multiple sclerosis, a fact that inspired her work in the medical field. However, her mother's multiple sclerosis also became a difficult burden for Chersti to bear throughout her life. Despite this, Chersti was typically kind and caring to those around her. She is survived by her children, Cory and Abbie; her father, Carl; her sister, Carly; and several aunts and uncles. A previous marriage to Cory Dick ended in divorce. Her husband, Michael Spitzer, was also found deceased with Chersti on March 14. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Society for Neuroscience, Washington, D.C. Interment will be private. Rest in peace, Chersti.



## Bradley Lee Jacobson

Bradley Lee Jacobson, fondly known as "Bad Brad," was born in Omaha, Neb. on July 28, 1930, and he left this journey for a new one on April 29, surrounded by his loving family. He was the only child of Albert and Rachel Jacobson and was raised with love on a wheat farm in Potter, Neb., where he raised ducks, turkeys and chickens and he won grand champion for his sheep at the Nebraska State Fair. He had 72 first cousins in Cheyenne County, Neb. He went to school with the Cabela boys (of Cabela's) and he tied flies with them in their garage. He got his pilot's license at age 16 and crop-dusted local farms. He loved to fly and owned several planes over the years.



He proudly served in the U.S. Army in Korea as an instrumentation technician, as well as a medic. He married Helen Rezac in 1950. In 1953, they moved with their three children, Connie, Linda and Briana, to Pagosa Springs, Colo., and bought a 1,921-acre cattle ranch 12 miles south of Pagosa Springs in the Bell's Schoolhouse District, where they had another son, Vaughn. He ran 100 head of heifers on his ranch. In 1959, he

married Peggy Seavy, who he said was the love of his life and they had four children: Tawnya, Millard, Shawn and Rachelle.

He was a member of the Odd-fellows Lodge in Pagosa Springs, where he held numerous offices and volunteered in the community. He worked for the United States as a government trapper for predator control for the agriculture industry and taught his kids the trade. In Durango in the early 1960s, he managed and bartended at the VFW and a local steakhouse. He was an electrician and medic at the Eisenhower, Asatea and Oso water diversion tunnels and liked to tell the story about coming out of the tunnel after a 12-hour shift near Leadville, Colo., in the middle of July to snow. He was a fire lookout for the Forest Service with his wife, Peggy, at the Devil Mountain Lookout Tower near Chimney Rock. He worked at the sawmill in both Durango and Pagosa Springs as an electrician from the mid-'60s to late-'70s, and also managed the Weminuche Valley Ranch in the Upper Piedra.

He retired from PNM Power Plant in Farmington, N.M., at age 63, where he worked as an electrician and was nominated by his fellow workers to serve as the union steward. He married Mary Nordman in New Mexico and they moved to Yuma, Ariz., where they lived for 13 years with their cat, Precious. He spent the last year of his life in Durango, Colo., with his son Shawn and wife Sarah and his cat, Shadow, whom he adored.

He owned the Polaris, Ski-doo

and Arctic Cat dealership/rental tours in Pagosa. He was a proud member of the local snowmobiling club, "the snow goers," even taking his very young kids on the first snowmobile trek from Creede to Lake City, Colo., including winter camping.

Brad was an avid fisherman and supported his kids in rodeo, 4-H (as a leader) and high school sports. He loved to dance, teaching his daughters to dance while standing on the tops of his feet. He could even do the schottische (a Bohemian folk-dance) on roller skates.

He loved spending time with his family and his eyes sparkled when he told stories about his children. He never met a stranger and everyone who knew him loved him and respected him. He leaves to carry on his legacy his five surviving children: Shawn Jacobson (Sarah), Millard Jacobson (Tawnya Sue), Tawnya Jacobson, Vaughn Jacobson and Briana Jacobson (Mike Richardson); stepchildren David, Scott and Renee Nordman; 17 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Welcoming him home are his loving parents and his daughters, Rachelle, Linda and Connie.

There will be a celebration of his life on Saturday, May 5, at 10:30 a.m. at Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive, in Pagosa Springs, Colo., with a reception to follow.

## Reece Snow

Better known to his friends as Reece, John Reason Snow Jr. passed away April 24. Reece made friends

as quickly as you could say "we could do a little bit of fishing ...". He had never met a stranger and was willing to share his couch and his table with anyone who may have needed it for the night.

He was the second oldest of seven brothers, and the meanest, most ornery and spirited one of the bunch (cousins included). If you were privileged enough to know him, you have a story or two to share.

Reece leaves behind his brothers, Robert, Larry, Justin, Jene, Danny and Timmy; his daughters, Chrystal Snow, Josie Rose Snow, Cimarrona Lattin-Kelley and Sierra Lattin-Tobias; grandsons Hevon Martinez, Jacob and Josue Tobias; and granddaughters Charlie and Ezri Kelley. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Rose Snow, and his brother, Johnny.

Please join us in celebrating a life lived to the fullest. Come share a shoulder, some stories and some laughs. Initial services will be held at Yamaguchi park at 1 p.m. Friday, May 4 (South 5th Street, across from the sports complex). Seating will be limited — observers are welcome to bring chairs if they wish. A celebration of life will be held at the Pagosa Bar at 4 p.m. and participants are encouraged to bring a dish to share.



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## Local officials, candidates to speak at luncheon

By Sandy Artzberger  
 Special to The SUN

If you have questions about the rising crime rate in Pagosa Springs, what new directions are being considered for the Town of Pagosa Springs and want to hear the goals of the two Republican candidates for Archuleta County treasurer, please come to the Tuesday, May 8, noon meeting of the Archuleta County Republican Women at Boss Hogg's Restaurant.

This is an opportunity to hear your local officials, Sheriff Rich Valdez and Mayor Don Volger, plus the two Republican candidates for Archuleta County treasurer, Samantha Armistead and Elsa White.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. on May 8 for the meeting that begins at noon and ends at 1 p.m. All are welcome.



# Business



Photos courtesy Shane Lucero

The fourth-annual Pints and Pools Craft Beer Festival event took place in Pagosa Springs last weekend at the The Springs Resort and Spa. The event was sold out with 250 attendees from many places, including Los Angeles, Orlando, Denver and Albuquerque.

## CDC to host annual meeting May 9

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) will host its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 9, at the Ecoluxe conference room at The Springs Resort and Spa.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the election of new board members followed by a summation of the year's activities, upcoming priorities and board business. The meeting will be followed by a light reception.

There are three board seats available. Two existing board members, Mike Dreyspring, CEO of La Plata Electric Association, and Neal Johnson, educator and international economic developer, have submitted their names to run for the board again for a two-year term. One board seat will then be up for appointment. You must be a CDC member to run or be appointed to the board.

Questions on the meeting or running for the CDC board can be directed to Mary Jo Coulehan at the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce at 264-2360 or director@pagosachamber.com.

### Youth job fair day

It's hard to believe, but the summer season is almost upon us: graduation, multiple events throughout the summer, tubing down the river

— probably very early this year — and, visitation-wise, what is considered our “busy season.”

For many of our businesses this means an uptick in hiring staff. As an aid to our business community, the Chamber will be hosting a youth job fair day at Pagosa Springs High School on May 18. This is the time to accept applications and start hiring staff. You can vet applications and interview people this same day or call them in for a second interview to your place of business.

The cost of having a table at the fair is \$25. Bring signage describing your business, applications and enough people to help you through the interview process, depending upon how many people you are looking to hire. If you are hiring for more than one position, for example in restaurants or lodging facilities, post a list of the positions that are available.

We are finalizing the details with the high school and will distribute these final instructions once you have signed up for the fair; however, here is the initial overview. Businesses will be able to set up around noon. The youth will be able to visit your tables toward the end of their last class and as they end their early day on May 18.

You can take the applications back with you, sort through those you want to contact or perhaps you already gave instructions to come

to your facility to those young adults that you were interested in hiring.

Many businesses had great success last year during the Job Fair, especially seasonal businesses.

Please call Debra O'Neill at the Chamber at 264-2360 or email her at info@pagosachamber.com if you are interested in participating in the job fair.

Youth and parents of youth: please make sure that your children know about this event. They can visit a number of businesses at once and put their applications in at several options. They should be ready to fill out an application so should know pertinent information, job and personal reference names and numbers, and job history information. Perhaps a nicer shirt/pants than normal would also be appropriate as owners and managers will be looking at the applicants' appearance when they come to fill out an application.

This fair will hopefully save many people time and effort, especially if transportation is limited in the family. Our young adults won't have to run around town looking for a job; they can apply to several all in one opportunity. Mark May 18 down on your family calendar as an important day for your children at school and in looking for jobs this summer.

For more information, contact the Chamber.

## LPEA director election packets re-mailed to approximately 700 members

### Members who have not received ballots are asked to notify the cooperative

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The SUN

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) has received notification that approximately 950 member election packet/ballots for cooperative's 2018

board of directors election were returned/not delivered to members. Addresses have now been verified and a second mailing to the approximately 700 validated addresses was completed April 27.

LPEA originally mailed a total of

33,205 election packets on April 17 as part of its standard election process.

“We are working with the post office to discover the reason for the returns,” said Ron Meier, manager of engineering and member relations. “The returns are relatively consistent among all four districts — 209 in District 1; 135 in District 2; 124 in District 3; and 238 in District 4.”

Members who have not received their election materials can also contact LPEA for a duplicate ballot. Ballots must be received at the La Plata County Clerk's office, or returned to one of the La Plata County Clerk's secure voting boxes (as noted on the election sleeve) by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 11. Ballots may also be brought to, or voting done in person at, the LPEA annual meeting on Saturday, May 12, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort

Event Center. All ballots must be cast by 10:30 a.m. on May 12. Duplicate ballots will be voided.

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

“If any members have any questions, I welcome their call or email,” said CEO Mike Dreyspring.

Contact Dreyspring at 382-3509 or mdreyspring@lpea.coop.

## Card of Thanks

### SOS

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Holly Metzler

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## Medical center financials show mixed results in February, March

By **Randi Pierce**  
Staff Writer

March was the second straight month Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) fell short of meeting budgeted revenues, though the organization posted an operating gain for March.

In February, PSMC's gross charges were under budget by \$582,000 and the center ended the month with an operating loss of \$435,883.

In March, PSMC's gross charges were under budget by \$547,000, but the center ended the month with an operating gain of \$31,787.

PSMC Chief Financial Officer Dennis Wilson presented the information on February at the March 27 meeting of the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors, while March's information was presented at the board's April 24 meeting.

### February

"We did not have a good revenue month in February," Wilson said during the March 27 USJHSD meeting.

Wilson noted that February 2018 was below February 2017, but added that the center will occasionally have months like February.

February's gross charges were under budget in several departments, the finance report notes, with the most significant under-budget variances coming in five areas: the clinic

(\$172,000), oncology (\$151,000), inpatient surgery (\$126,000), professional fees (\$113,000) and outpatient surgery (\$106,000).

Wilson noted during the meeting that oncology revenue shows up with infusion, with it taking time for patients to qualify for infusion.

He also noted that the loss for the month in oncology was expected and was expected for a few months with the new program.

According to the report, gross charges were over budget in two areas: imaging (\$61,000) and other (\$79,000).

Other operating income, the report notes, was slightly over budget, by \$54,000, due to the 340B drug pricing program netting \$60,000.

Operating expenses for the month were \$2.71 million, the report notes, which was under budget by \$128,000, or 5 percent.

The bottom line for February, the report later indicates, was not what was expected.

"We budgeted an operating loss of \$275,793 and we end up with a total operating loss of \$435,883," it states, adding, "We budgeted a total loss of 203k for February but had a total loss of 379k mainly due to soft revenue in February."

Wilson explained during the meeting that PSMC will need to monitor expenses relative to budget revenues as closely as possible.

### March

"We had an OK month," Wilson said at the April 24 USJHSD board meeting, referring to March. "Anytime we have an operating profit I... say we had an OK month."

Gross charges for the month were under budget by \$547,000, the March financial report states, with gross charges again being under budget in several departments.

The most significant variances, the report lists, came in the clinic (\$254,000), emergency room (\$149,000), inpatient surgery (\$51,000), professional fees (\$75,000) and outpatient surgery (\$50,000).

"As we finish up the March operations, one of the things that I notice is that half of our under-budget variance relative to revenues relates to the clinic," Wilson said. "So, that makes up half of the million dollars that we are short relative to budgeted revenues."

Wilson further explained that the clinic is the only department of PSMC where both Medicare and Medicaid pay cost.

Historically, he noted, PSMC has been between 55 and 60 percent Medicare and Medicaid in the clinic.

Wilson explained that the cost-based payment is settled on a cost report, but, on an interim basis, PSMC is paid an interim rate that is based on historical information.

"And, because we have a brand-new clinic, started in 2017, some of the cost is reflected, but not all of it, in '18. And then, in addition to that, we've talked about the change of specialists moving to the clinic, so we allocate both time and salary for any of our specialists that operate in the clinic, basically our general surgeons and our GI guy, and so the allocation of that time and cost has increased our costs in the clinic."

Too, he explained, PSMC had budgeted for a provider in the clinic

that it was later discovered could not bill through the clinic.

Because of all the changes, and because the clinic is under budget in both revenues and visits, the per-visit cost in the clinic has gone up "considerably" compared to what PSMC is being paid.

He noted that all the factors described will have to be monitored throughout the year because, if the year continues at the same level as the first three months, PSMC will be getting underpaid by \$1 million to \$1.2 million by Medicare and Medicaid.

Wilson, however, also informed the board of positive information regarding the budget.

"We know that the provider fee is probably going to pay us \$300,000 more than what we're booking right now," he said.

Wilson explained that, looking at everything, if things continue as they are right now and do not fall further away from budget relative to revenues, things can be kept at the same level instead of reducing expenses.

"At this point, we've got a very good chance of meeting budget relative to our operating income," he said, adding that they are not looking at any "wholesale changes."

In response to a board question, Wilson said PSMC will not file the cost reports for this year until May 2019.

He noted that they will be working with Medicare and Medicaid to get the interim payments increased.

Later in the meeting, CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb noted that, although under budget on volumes, the clinic was ahead on volumes because of emergency room visits shifting to the walk-in clinic.

According to Chief Nursing Official/Chief Operating Official Kathee Douglas' report, the emergency room saw 128 fewer visits in March 2018 than the previous year.

Douglas' report notes the fall in volume is due to "In part, to no snow, flu receding and significantly increased walk-in availability in the Clinic (now averaging about 20 visits per day). While this has direct impact on ER budget and revenue, it represents a shift in location of care that is right for patients. The numbers captured also represent an overall increase in patient volumes."

Gross charges were over budget in imaging (\$82,000), ambulance (\$14,000) and oncology (\$10,000).

Wilson noted that oncology exceeded budget in technical fees, noting, "Two months in, I'm pretty happy with that."

Other operating income was slightly over budget for the month, by \$10,000, helped by the 340B program (\$3,000) and the cafeteria (\$5,000).

Operating expenses for the month of March were \$2.96 million, which was again under budget, this time by \$55,000, or 2 percent.

"We budgeted an operating gain of \$126,897 and we end up with a total operating gain of \$31,787," the report states about the March bottom line, adding, "We budgeted a total gain of 523k for March but had a total gain of 422k, short by 101k, mainly due to soft revenues in March."

### A 2013 payment

Also during the April board meeting, Wilson noted that the Medicaid cost report for 2013 had finally been settled, after two years of trying.

Earlier that day, he said, the letter was received explaining that \$423,000 was owed to PSMC and that there was a month to dispute the finding.

"Our numbers show a larger amount, so we're going to be doing some checking on that," he said. "When we get paid is another question, but at least they've acknowledged that they owe us ..."

Later in the meeting, he noted that he believed PSMC had calculated about \$100,000 more.

He added that it is likely that the check would come in the next 60-90 days.

### A new CFO

It was also announced at the April meeting that PSMC will soon have a new CFO on board.


Chelle Keplinger, Webb explained, will begin on a full-time basis in July, but will begin on a part-time basis before that.

Wilson, she explained, has agreed to stay on as a consultant.

A first-quarter status report regarding PSMC's goals states that Keplinger will fill the position being vacated by Wilson due to his retirement.

"We wouldn't be doing as well as we are if Dennis wasn't here watching out what we're doing," said board member Jerry Baker in expressing his appreciation for Wilson's work.

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## PAWSD employees received certifications

By **Nancy Stahl**  
Special to The SUN

Certified operators are a crucial part of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District's (PAWSD) ability to provide an adequate and safe supply of water and to properly treat and safely discharge wastewater back into the environment.

Michael Medici has re-certified as an ABPA backflow prevention assembly tester. Medici is the cross connection control program coordinator for PAWSD. A backflow prevention device is used to protect potable water supplies from contamination or pollution due to backflow.

Joseph Wychesit has earned the Wastewater Collections 1 Certification.

## BLM to conduct routine special recreation permit program audit

Special to The SUN

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) New Mexico State Office is preparing to conduct a routine audit of its Special Recreation Permit Program for the 2015 through 2017 use seasons.

The audit is being conducted through an independent contractor and should be completed by early December 2018.

Periodic audits are conducted every five years and are one of the ways the BLM can ensure a fair, equitable and consistent business environment for permit holders.

Special recreation permits are required for such recreational activities as commercial outfitters and guides for hunting and fishing, competitive OHV or mountain bike events, and commercial guided tours of public lands.

When the audit is completed, a statewide summary will be made available to all permit holders and the public. Questions about the audit may be directed to Heslin at (505)954-2184 or by email at [heslin@blm.gov](mailto:heslin@blm.gov).

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# Rentals

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More than 15 people stood up and voiced their opinions against STRs in the community, while fewer than eight individuals spoke out in support.

Many of the comments, both positive and negative, offered critiques and suggestions on solutions to problems, future problems and lasting impact on the community.

The BoCC took no action on the STRs, but instead voted to continue the item to the May 15 BoCC meeting.

Information on STRs and the meeting are listed below.

## STR facts

The county currently has provisions in its land-use regulations addressing STRs that prohibit those rentals in residential and rural residential zoning districts.

Per the document, a "Bed and Breakfast" (where an owner lives) is allowed with a conditional use

permit in the following zones in unincorporated Archuleta County: Agricultural Ranching, Agricultural Estate, Rural Residential and Commercial.

At the April 24 joint work session of the BoCC and Pagosa Springs Town Council, Archuleta County Administrator Bentley Henderson explained that, currently, there is a misconception in the community that the county does not currently allow STRs.

"That's not correct," Henderson said. "There are locations within the county where [STRs] are permitted right now."

Currently, Henderson explained at the May 1 meeting, there are over 600 unregulated and unregistered STRs across Archuleta County.

According to Henderson, the current license surrounding STRs exists on a come-and-get-it basis, with no enforcement of policy or punishment for lack of license.

Henderson further explained at

the April 24 meeting that the current decision was if STRs are a use by right in every county zone minus commercial and industrial.

"It only makes sense that you have a second look at establishing residential uses in commercial or industrial zone districts, in my own opinion anyway," Henderson said.

Todd Starr, the Archuleta County attorney, explained that if a subdivision or other body had rules governing STRs, the county's regulations would not overrule those local regulations.

## Proposed change

A vacation rental, according to proposed regulations considered Tuesday, is a residential use of a dwelling unit — whether of the entire dwelling or individual rooms on a short-term basis — is defined as fewer than 30 days at a time.

The proposed regulations would allow vacation rentals of a single-family dwelling as a use by right in all

residential zoning districts and with a conditional use permit in commercial and industrial zoning districts.

For multifamily dwellings, vacation rentals would be allowed with a conditional use permit in residential, commercial and industrial zoning districts.

The proposed regulations note, "Meals are not provided, although guests may have access to kitchen facilities. It is unlawful to rent or offer to rent any Dwelling Unit as a Vacation Rental unless and until a Land Use Permit has been approved."

One of the proposed ideas, which was met with heavy debate from both sides Tuesday, was posting a sign saying the residence was an STR with a contact number.

Several members of the crowd, including Laura Daniels, expressed worry over the STR signs encouraging possible vandalism.

John Shepard, the Archuleta County planner, explained his team had been working on this proposed change since they were instructed to do so by the BoCC.

Shepard further explained that public attendance at open meetings surrounding the STR change had been high.

The ideas for the changes, according to Shepard, came from looking at other counties in which STRs had been somewhat successfully dealt with, such as Ouray County.

The main change in the wording about STRs, however, would be a change from a conditional use permit to a use by right for single-family home.

A multifamily use would remain a conditional use across the board, Shepard explained.

"What you would need to build a house, you need to build a vacation rental," Shepard said, adding that it was a slightly different application process.

## Public comment

Many members of the community stood up to speak both for and against STR changes in the community.

Gordon Graves, who spoke in support of the changes, mentioned several concerns including who would enforce the noncompliant properties, some concern over security checks on the property, a possible limit on number of occupants based on size and perhaps listing the number of the property manager on the sign, not the tenant.

Graves also noted that there are always going to be good and bad renters.

Dan McPherson, who said he was an advocate of owners and a member of an organization taking care of

rentals on behalf of owners, mainly from Texas, explained that many of the owners bought the house as a vacation home to be rented when not in use.

McPherson also informed the BoCC that Texas had recently ruled there was no difference between an STR and a long-term rental.

He further added that safety inspections already taken place on the homes, and the organization he worked for was adding one or two properties a month to its service.

McPherson warned that not allowing STRs may cause a negative impact.

Sharon Crump stated that she believed the proposed regulations would make both sides happy, but that signs are unacceptable.

She further suggested making part of the permit process sending a notice and contact information to neighbors of the STR site.

She also said she was concerned over whether or not there should be a limit to the number of adults in a room.

The comments ranged from standings against STRs to concerns, and long-term residents wondering about changes to their community.

Doug Hampton, a member of the San Juan River Metro District, explained that STRs would have significant impact on the smaller sewer systems that are not within the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District.

Jim Huffman explained that he felt that "one size does not fit all."

He explained that a blanket coverage on STRs did not fit every community or neighborhood within the county.

Members of the community who are from areas of the county not governed by a homeowners association or other more local governing body came forward to ask the BoCC for protection against STRs.

Bob Moomaw explained that having STRs basically went against zoning.

"The original idea of doing zoning, and I was on the city council back in the '70s when we first wrote these things, was to separate business and residential," Moomaw said.

Moomaw explained to the BoCC that many definitions of a business would fit the description of an STR.

"And, clearly, these short-term rentals are businesses," Moomaw said.

Moomaw further noted he felt there were many more cons than there were pros.

"One of the jobs of government is to do the best for the majority," Moomaw said.

Moomaw described how a small group of people would benefit from the STR changes and how they would impact many who just wanted to live in a residential area.

"Yes, tourism is a major part of this community," Moomaw said, "But the larger part is that this is a community."

Moomaw noted there were several things that "bothered" him, one of which was the lack of enforcement based on cost.

"We're creating a special group who runs a business that does not pay commercial real estate taxes," said Moomaw.

Barbara Kennedy opined that many owners did not understand why STRs would be allowed in Archuleta County.

She further stated that a major investment was made by owners to live in a residential area, which would change with STRs.

Kennedy noted that her community of Timber Ridge put out a survey on whether or not STRs were popular.

According to Kennedy, of the 60 percent who responded, 70 percent of responses were against STRs.

## Continuation to May 15

The commissioners took some time to address concerns they had with the proposed regulations.

"I'm a little concerned we're about locals versus visitors," Whiting said.

Whiting explained he did not want to get into that argument and explained that situations of who your neighbors were depended on how close they were to your house.

Whiting explained that he was mostly against unaccountable enforcement.

"I'm opposed to building regulations and then not making it possible to enforce them in particular way," Whiting said.

Whiting said that unaccountable enforcement bred a lack of accountability on both sides.

Henderson explained to the BoCC that there would be no action to force members to get a permit; it would be volunteer powered.

"So, what the [heck] are we doing?" Whiting asked.

The BoCC asked specific questions to be addressed or changed, including manager location radius be expanded to 60 miles, 10-day notice of changing to STR, signs and owner notification to neighbors.

Henderson told The SUN in an interview that Shepard, Starr and Henderson would work on addressing BoCC concerns today, and prepare the regulations for the next meeting.

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# Drought

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snowpack, and earlier runoff, April also contributed a lot of wind, creating a difficult combination.

"We had a very windy April this year. Lots of wind, lots of downed power lines ... those power lines starting fires," Bustamante said.

Part of that response was a coordinated multiagency effort to enter into fire restrictions.

The lower zones, Bustamante explained, are trending basically with 2002 — which is the baseline worst in the area's recorded history.

"And we're trending right along those same lines," he said.

The upper elevation, he noted, is trending with 2013 — another worst year.

Many years, when fire restrictions are enacted, they differentiate between the higher and lower elevations.

"This year, with those trends, we're going forest-wide," Bustamante said of the Forest Service's restrictions. "We're not having any break in where we're going to implement any of those restrictions, so that should tell you also what we're doing. We're also going into restrictions about a month earlier. This is four weeks earlier than anybody, at least locally here, can remember going into. We weren't even in restrictions this early in 2002."

For more information on the fire restrictions put in place on Tuesday, see related article.

"I anticipate that we're going to increase these restriction levels ... at some point during the month of

May," Bustamante said.

In addition to coordinating to implement stage one fire restrictions, the agencies are also bringing in more resources, and bringing in resources earlier than normal.

Bustamante noted that the Pagosa Ranger District is bringing in at least one more engine to supplement its initial attack capabilities.

"As far as aviation, we've beefed that up a little bit more," Bustamante said, noting that the Durango Air Tanker Base is revving up for the season earlier than normal.

Normally, he explained, the date to open the tanker base and bring in the helicopter and helicopter attack crew is May 15.

This year, however, the helicopter and its crew are being brought on before the contract date and will instead be there today.

Too, Bustamante explained, the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control has stationed its single-engine air tanker at the tanker base.

The base also opened early in order to fill planes with retardant — which it already did recently, helping to fight a fire near Shiprock, N.M.

"But we were flying retardant out of our base because we're already opened up, and that was very helpful because it was able to do quicker turnarounds than, say, having to go through Phoenix or Albuquerque or something like that," he said.

Bustamante explained that if something goes through a local 911 center, the Durango Interagency Dispatch Center also, allowing for fire incident managers to call for ad-

ditional help when necessary.

## Drought and forecasting

"Our extended forecasts are not very favorable for us," Bustamante said.

Drought.gov shows that 29 percent of the lower 48 states are in drought, while the U.S. Drought Monitor shows (as of April 24) that the western edge of Archuleta County is experiencing exceptional drought (the most intense drought category) and the remainder of Archuleta County is in extreme drought (the second most intense category).

Bustamante noted that, basically, the exceptional drought is heading this direction.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) drought tendency outlook predicts the current drought to stick around through May, despite another NOAA outlook calling for a chance of southwest Colorado being wetter than normal in May.

NOAA is also forecasting that the area will be warmer than normal over the next three months.

"We always plan for the worst and hope for the best," Bustamante said, adding that officials are hoping that the probability for greater-than-normal precipitation gives the relief needed, but that they aren't banking on it. "We're going to ... continue to plan for the worst, but we monitor and re-evaluate all the time with our conditions. ... This is the worst year it's been in a long time."

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# Election

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\$27.24 a year."

The release explains that the PFPD hopes to increase its staffing in order to have a quicker response time to incidents, and that 10 full-time positions would be added.

"The proposed positions are seven firefighters, one fire captain, one mechanic, and one fire division chief/training," reads the press release.

The release adds that another priority would be to develop a "comprehensive replacement schedule" for the PFPD's capital items, such as stations, vehicles and equipment.

Another priority for the PFPD is to develop a contingency reserve in the event of a large emergency within the district.

At one point, the PFPD Board of Directors discussed the idea that perhaps the majority of the public already perceives that the PFPD has fully paid staff available 24/7.

In a previous interview with SUN staff, PFPD Chief Randy Larson pointed out that the PFPD is still a department that heavily relies on volunteers.

He explained that the PFPD utilizes paid staff from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, but any other responses to calls are handled by one paid staff member on call and volunteers.

This means that, if a call comes in

at 3 a.m., volunteers must wake up, travel to the PFPD, retrieve gear and vehicles, and then respond to the incident, which can impact response time, he explained.

Larson stated that one of his biggest goals is to have paid staff covering the district constantly, instead of just during business hours.

"By putting on paid crew and having them stationed here 24 hours a day, seven days a week, we can look at quicker response times," Larson said. "Our turnout times to the door will decrease significantly."

Larson also pointed out that the PFPD wouldn't be replacing volunteers, either.

"This department will always need volunteers. The size of our district and the amount of area we cover, to be able to try and fully staff a department for this size, we'd be looking in the \$10 [million] to \$12 million range, and that's just not going to happen," Larson said. "Our volunteers are our core, and they'll always be our core. They're the most important part of this department. We're trying to supplement the volunteers with a quick-response paid staff."

Three different seats are also open on the PFPD board, with three individuals all running for those seats.

John Daffron, Jason Webb and John Thompson are all nominated for four-year terms.

Webb and Thompson both currently serve on the PFPD Board of Directors.

In an email to SUN staff, PFPD Executive Administrative Assistant Shirley Brinkmann explained via email that an "eligible elector for a special district election is a person who is registered to vote in the State of Colorado AND IS EITHER:

• A resident within the special district; or

• The owner of taxable real or personal property situated within the special district boundaries. A natural person who is obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase taxable property situated within the boundaries of the special district is considered an owner. The owner must be a natural person, not a corporation, trust, partnership, etc; or

• The spouse or civil union partner of the owner of taxable real or personal property situated within the special district boundaries."

Ballots were mailed to eligible electors on April 23.

If you believe you should have gotten a ballot but haven't, contact Brinkmann at 731-4191 to check if you are registered to vote.

After that has been verified, ballots can be picked up at Station 1 for the PFPD, located at 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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# Restrictions

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### Archuleta County

Archuleta County has established a fire ban which prohibits open burning, burn barrels and agricultural burning.

Specific restrictions prohibit:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, coal- or wood-burning stove, any charcoal-fueled boiler or any type of fire in undeveloped areas.

This restriction does not include camp stoves, grills or lights fueled by bottled gas, liquid fuel or specifically designed for cooking or illumination. The restriction does not apply to charcoal fires in barbecues, gas grills in private residences or in designated campground pits with protective grates.

- Smoking, except in a vehicle or building, in a developed recreation site, or 3 feet from flammable vegetation.

- Explosive materials such as fireworks or blasting caps.

- Agricultural burning of any cropland, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning and weed burning.

- Operating or using any internal combustion engine, unless it is equipped with a working spark arrester.

The county ban will remain in effect until amended or rescinded by the Archuleta County sheriff or the BoCC.

## SUIT

Stage one restrictions for the Southern Ute tribal lands for the general public prohibit:

- Open burning of trash and/or yard waste.

- Agricultural burning of cropland, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning and weed burning.

- Fireworks, the possession, discharging or use of any type of fireworks.

Southern Ute tribal land restric-

tions for commercial operators include:

- All prohibited acts for the general public.

- Gasoline-fueled engines must be shut down during fueling operations if the fuel tank is integral to the engine.

- Firefighting equipment must be readily available for all operations. During operations a 20-pound fire extinguisher must be immediately accessible. For operations in areas where a minor fire might develop, a person must be designated to fire watch. The area of work must be inspected at least one hour after hot work is completed.

- Portable fire extinguishers must be tagged showing last date of inspection, maintenance or recharge.

If a stage two ban was implemented on Southern Ute tribal lands, all restrictions from stage one would remain in effect and, in addition, prohibiting camp fires outside of designated or developed campsites, smoking in non-designated areas and operation of internal combustion engines (i.e. chain saws and generators) without a spark-arresting device properly installed.

## BLM

Stage one fire restrictions on public land managed by the BLM prohibit building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire.

Also, any smoking, except in a vehicle or building, a designated recreation site or in an area 3 feet from any flammable material.

Further, fireworks, flares or other forms of incendiary devices, such as exploding targets, are always prohibited on federal lands.

Noted by the BLM in a news release, exceptions to these restrictions are given to, "... holders of valid BLM permits, leases and authorizations are allowed to conduct approved activities, but are advised to take extra precautions to prevent fire starts."

The BLM added that the restrictions will continually be monitored, and will be modified as needed.

Federal fire bans are separated into three stages. Stage one contains the restrictions listed above. Stage two fire restrictions includes all stage one restrictions, prohibits welding, chain saws and building, maintaining, using or attending a fire, campfire or even a stove fire.

The restrictions on fires extend to designated fire pits in camp or picnic grounds.

Stage three restrictions prohibit all forms of burning.

For more information on BLM restrictions, visit [https://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch\\_centers/r2drc/RESTRICTIONS.HTML](https://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2drc/RESTRICTIONS.HTML).

## Forest Service

Stage one fire restrictions are now in effect on all National Forest System lands in the San Juan National Forest, including the wilderness.

The fire ban prohibits:

- Campfires in Forest Service-provided fire grates and grills in Forest Service-developed camp and picnic grounds.

- Petroleum-fueled stoves and lanterns that use gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel.

- Fully enclosed stoves with a one-quarter spark arrester.

- Smoking, unless in a car or building, 3 feet from anything flammable, or in a designated recreation area.

- Chain saws without Forest Service, USDA or SAE approval. Operators of chain saws must have a fire extinguisher and shovel.

- Welding or other torches, unless in a clear area of 10 feet and with a 2A-rated fire extinguisher.

- Fireworks, tracer bullets, explosives and exploding targets.

For more information, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sanjuan/news-events/?cid=FSERPD578183>.

# PAWSD

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Drought Management Plan, Ramsey described the triggers of the plan itself.

## Triggers and levels of plan

"The triggers are basically going to be a combination of the amount of water in the reservoirs plus the

amount of water we have pulled in from the river," Ramsey explained. "It's going to be a ratio between that and what our expected water use for the year is going to be."

PAWSD is going to base these triggers off of what the district used in 2017, Ramsey noted.

When 90 percent of that use is

met, that is what will trigger level one of the drought management plan, Ramsey stated.

Level two is triggered by 70 percent use, 50 percent would trigger level three, 40 percent triggers level four and 30 percent use will trigger

## ■ See PAWSD A13



# Social media posts attack water district board applicant

By Chris Mannara  
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A week after a heated discussion on the possible appointment of Bill Hudson to the board of directors of the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD), posts referencing Hudson appeared on the board's Facebook page.

The only "team member" associated with the page is former SJWCD chairman Rod Proffitt, who resigned from the board on Jan. 2.

The Facebook page is also categorized as a "Government Organization."

On May 1 at 12:20 p.m., a post was made on SJWCD's Facebook page by the organization that states: "It seems Bill Hudson does not believe in climate change is caused by humans, as if 7 billion people spewing fossil fuels into the air and water over a hundred years, would have no impact." The Facebook post continues, "Actually, Bill's theory is that climate change is simply cyclical so we can't do anything about it. Either way, it makes sense to do our best to make the most of options to adapt to this change. Check out his column on water that started April 30th on the Pagosa Daily Post if you want to see just how ignorance knows no bounds."

The May 1 Facebook post goes on to state that climate change will "deplete water flows in the Colorado River by over 20% in coming years."

"Snow pack will come later, and melt earlier. If Bill has a better solution to adapting to this change than water storage, he sure has not informed any of us. In fact, even if climate change were not an issue, this community would still need more storage just to meet the needs of a growing population," the post goes on to read. "PAWSD cannot extend water service to Aspen Springs, but Aspen Springs is within the jurisdiction of SJWCD. It would be irresponsible for SJWCD to ignore the needs of that community as it builds out,

and let's remember that PLPOA is only half built out."

The May 1 post concludes, "In fact, this County has lots already platted that would more than quadruple the population. As the old saw goes, it is best to repair the roof when it is not raining - so too, we need to build water storage before it people have nothing coming out of the tap."

## Additional posts

A comment made by the organization on the Facebook page on April 30 references Hudson.

The initial post, pertaining to potential severe storm outbreaks, was posted on SJWCD's Facebook page on April 28.

Responding to a comment made by Val Valentine which read, "0.20 last night," SJWCD's Facebook page stated "It must mean the drought is over! Bill Hudson has an article on the drought in today's Daily Post. Obviously, Bill thinks this is an aberration hardly worth the time and effort to figure out long term solutions."

Another post made by SJWCD on the Facebook page was on April 23, and linked to an article from the Durango Herald on Sen. Michael Bennet introducing a bill to protect numerous acres in the San Juan Mountains.

Valentine again commented on this post, asking about how this bill would affect the Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run. SJWCD responded by saying, "You might need a permit, but it would not adversely affect it otherwise."

When Valentine then asked if this was the official position of the SJWCD, the organization's response was, "What? If you want an official position - call Bennet's office, SJWCD has no control over federal wilderness areas. Get a grip man!"

Valentine clarified that he was only asking because the article was posted on SJWCD's official Facebook page.

SJWCD vice chair Susan Nossaman responded to the thread

of comments on April 25 at 11:49 a.m. by stating, "As a member of the Board, I would like to say that this article is on the page for information's sake. Please read the article and draw your own conclusions."

On April 2, the SJWCD linked to a story on long-term water needs. The post made on SJWCD's Facebook page reads, "Good letter pushing back on people who do not see the benefits of good long term planning and preparation for future water needs. Unfortunately, Pagosa has a number of people with their head in the sand. Is this the crisis year that turns things around, will the Growing Water Smart Group finally put to rest those wild guesses at 3 and 6 years of water storage, and will Bill Hudson finally quit lying about anyone that wants to do anything to make Pagosa a better place to live."

Again, on March 2, more posts referencing Hudson were made on the SJWCD's Facebook page by the organization.

Linking to a Pagosa Daily Post article, the post reads, "Bill has never had much use for the opinions, recommendations and advice offered by educated, capable, experts. Rather, he concentrates his limited perspective on 'the problem' rather than solutions, which elude him. He is in good company; there has been a lack of leadership regarding community development for quite some time, and what leadership there has been gets met with a garage of character assassination instead of analysis of the substance."

The post goes on to briefly touch on growth projections and water storage needs for Pagosa Springs.

On March 29, Valentine tagged Proffitt's personal Facebook page on a post made on the SJWCD's Facebook page. Valentine's comment reads, "Rodney B. Proffitt does anyone beside you and me read and care about these posts?"

SJWCD's Facebook page responded to Valentine's comment by stating,

"I sincerely doubt it! However, I am in good company in caring about these things."

## Nossaman responds

When asked on Wednesday of this week if she knew who the page administrator was for the SJWCD Facebook page, Nossaman responded by saying "Well, I believe it is still Rod Proffitt."

Nossaman also noted she was aware of the posts that had been made on the Facebook page.

"I am really, very troubled, by it because I think Rod is acting real vindictively towards Bill Hudson and I think a lot of that stems clear back to the election last fall," Nossaman said. "I'm very disappointed to see the last couple posts."

Due to Proffitt having not been formally associated with SJWCD since January, Nossaman responded to a question on whether or not there would be a process to remove Proffitt as an administrator from the page.

"I honestly don't know. You know, because we've been under such scrutiny for open meetings and things like that I hate to try and talk to the other board members, because we'd be taking an action," Nossaman said. "And I feel, you know, in this case, like it's definitely something we need to address, but I'm not sure how to go about it."

Nossaman noted, however, that she would attempt to meet with Proffitt and explain that is not the right image SJWCD is trying to portray.

Nossaman added later that she had not spoken to the full board about this issue.

Pfister also noted in an interview with The SUN that he was aware of the Facebook posts, but declined to comment.

The SUN also reached out to SJWCD Board Chairman John Porco and Proffitt for comment.

Neither Porco nor Proffitt were available for comment by press time Wednesday.

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# Avoid hantavirus: Practice prevention and year-round rodent control

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As spring cleaning gets underway, the state health department reminds Coloradans to take steps to avoid hantavirus, a rare but potentially fatal respiratory disease from a virus carried by deer mice.

People are most likely to get hantavirus by breathing in dirt and dust contaminated with deer mouse urine, droppings or saliva. More people get hantavirus in the spring and summer, often while cleaning up homes, yards and sheds.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has documented more than 110 cases of hantavirus across the state since it began tracking the disease in 1993. There has been one case of the dis-

ease in Colorado this year.

"If you see deer mice in or around your home, you may be at risk for this illness," said Dr. Jennifer House, state public health veterinarian.

Deer mice have large ears and eyes and white undersides.

Hantavirus symptoms begin one to six weeks (average two weeks) after exposure. Symptoms include fever, chills and severe pain in the legs and back. About half of people with hantavirus also experience nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. After one to seven days of illness, the disease begins to affect the heart and lungs. Infected people may have a dry cough and difficulty breathing. Approximately one out of every three people who get hantavirus die from it.

"If you become sick with these

symptoms, tell your health care provider if you have been in rodent-infested areas," House said. "People who might have hantavirus must be hospitalized as soon as possible."

Because there is no effective treatment for the disease, House emphasized prevention and year-round rodent control both in and outside the home. To protect yourself from hantavirus:

- Remove wood, junk and brush piles near your home. Store firewood at least 100 feet from your house. Keep vegetation around the house well-trimmed.
- Open windows and doors for at least 30 minutes before cleaning sheds.
- Spray accumulated dust, dirt, rodent droppings and dead rodents

with a mixture of bleach and water (1 1/2 cups of household bleach to one gallon of water) or another disinfectant.

• Wear rubber, latex or vinyl gloves when cleaning.

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## LEGISLATURE

# Finding a remedy for prescribed addiction

How did opioid and heroin abuse become such a widespread issue? The answer to this question is complex and multifaceted; however, too often opioid abuse begins in a hospital emergency room or doctor's office.

Heroin is illegal, but opioid pills like oxycontin are FDA-approved and are used in many hospitals and doctor's offices throughout the country to treat and manage pain. One is illegal and the other is not, but the chemical makeup in both are highly similar and stimulate similar reactions in the human brain. Along with an increase in pain tolerance comes a sense of euphoria and, in many cases, an addiction is born.

Once opioid pills are no longer available, heroin is what many who have become addicted resort to next. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, of those who began abusing opioids in the 2000s, a whopping 75 percent reported

that their first opioid was a prescription drug.

In response to the overwhelming number of people who have become addicted through prescribed opioids, the Colorado Hospital Association (CHA) in collaboration with the American College of Emergency Physicians established a pilot program in 10 hospital emergency departments across Colorado with the goal of reducing the distribution of prescribed opioids by 15 percent over a six-month period of time. The program was so successful that the 10 participating sites were actually able to more than double their goal and achieve



Rep. Tipton's Report

a 36 percent reduction.

The success of this program inspired me to help introduce the Alternatives to Opioids in the Emergency Department Act, otherwise known as the ALTO Act, in the House of Representatives earlier this year. This critical legislation would establish a demonstration program to test pain management protocols to limit the use of opioids in hospital emergency rooms as well as provide grant funding to build these programs.

It is important to note that this program would in no way try to prevent doctors from treating their patient's pain. This program simply aims to identify effective pain management methods that can serve as alternatives to opioids so that fewer Americans fall victim to addiction. Colorado has the 12th highest rate of abuse of prescription opioids in the United States and I am optimistic that, once passed, this legislation will

help to reduce opioid abuse both in Colorado and nationwide.

To reduce the risk of abuse, it's also critically important to ensure that prescribed opioids don't fall into the wrong hands. At some point, almost everybody has undergone a procedure and brought home pain medication. Many times, this medication is not fully used and the leftover pills sit in a medicine cabinet for years. The Partnership for Drug-Free Kids shows that one in four teens reports having misused or abused a prescription drug at least once in their lifetime, and many of these teens gain access to these prescription drugs from their parents' medicine cabinets.

I remain committed to the fight against opioid abuse and will continue to listen to and work with the impacted families, law enforcement officers and health-care providers so that we can put an end to this heartbreaking crisis once and for all.

# Governor signs bill to find solutions for Colorado's educator shortage

Last week was a good one for schools and teachers. In 2017, the governor signed my bill, HB17-1003, to find solutions for Colorado's educator shortage. We're pushing forward to address them.

Colorado is about 3,000 educators short, including teachers, aides and special services instructors. The Department of Higher Education and Department of Education toured the state last year to determine why educators are leaving the profession early, or not entering it at all.

In December, they presented the education committees with their results. Recently, the House Education Committee discussed bills generated by the listening tour.

The legislature set aside \$2 million for teacher education programs and \$8 million for public schools in the budget this year to remedy many of the educator shortage issues. These bills are working their way through the legislature:

- One bill, HB18-1367, will create a professional development program for school principal lead-

ership. The listening tour found many teachers leave the profession because of weak leadership; this bill will use strong mentor principals to help those who need assistance. The goal is to train principals to use distributive and collaborative leader skills and improve educator retention, school climate and culture and student outcomes.

- HB18-1309 implements a "grow your own" teacher program. Under the bill, education majors at Colorado colleges and universities are paired with school districts or charter schools. With assistance from state grants provided by the bill, the district or school would pay tuition for the student's last 36 credits. In exchange, the student would commit to work in the same

- Another bill, HB18-1412 provides funding for a Retaining Teachers Grant Program to help schools implement initiatives to improve teacher retention, as teacher attrition in Colorado is higher than the national average. Schools will be offered a menu of strategies and each can choose the ones that best fit their needs. The menu includes job-sharing, on-site child care, teacher induction programs, incentives for highly effective teachers, and others.

- HB18-1189 expands the number of teachers entering a residency expansion program. This helps encourage professionals who want to enter the teaching profession to complete the rigorous alternative teacher licensure program.

- HB18-1002 is a rural grow-your-own fellowship program that helps a student pay for the costs of student teaching, with the promise that the district and teacher will work together to ensure employment.

- SB18-229 streamlines the background check process for

school for three years.

students in a teacher education program. Some students have paid for the check multiple times as they apply to several districts. This ensures they pay once.

Another one of my bills, SB18-085, will expand an existing program providing stipends to teachers who are pursuing additional certification and agree to teach in rural areas. This will help teachers complete an alternative licensure program, finish additional course work to be certified as a concurrent enrollment teacher, or complete classes leading to certification as a special services provider. Teachers who receive this funding must teach in a rural area for three years. This bill may die in the Senate, as they don't believe funding for special services — psychologists and special needs — is needed in the rural areas.

I am so proud to be a legislative leader for education. Listening to educators and addressing their needs has produced some forward-thinking bills that will help our students become well-educated and productive members of society.

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## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Monday, May 7

**State Demographer Presentation.** 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, north conference room (senior dining room), 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

### Tuesday, May 8

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

**Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting.** 4:30 p.m., Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

**Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission.** 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting.** 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

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

### Wednesday, May 9

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors school tour with the Colorado League of Charter Schools.** 12:30 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) annual meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Ecoluxe Conference Room at The Springs Resort and Spa, 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

### Monday, May 14

**Archuleta School District Board of Education notice of gather-**

**ing.** 8 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School, 800 S. 8th St.

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors full-day board training.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

**Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and regular meeting.** 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

### Tuesday, May 15

**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.

### Thursday, May 17

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

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

### Friday, May 18

**Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session and regular meeting.** 3 p.m. work session, 4 p.m. regular meeting, 7 Parelli Way.

### Tuesday, May 22

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

**Joint town/county work session.** Noon, Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

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

### Wednesday, May 23

**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) work session.** 11 a.m., First Southwest Bank conference room, 249 Navajo Trail Drive.

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

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

### Thursday, May 24

**Archuleta School District Board of Education community engagement.** Noon, Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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**gagement.** 6 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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# Education

## Dog house auction to support building trades classes

By Kim Elzinga  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Area Builders Advisory Committee (PABAC) is hosting a dog house auction May 18 at 5 p.m. at Shooters and Shenanigans, 23 Pike Drive. The San Juan Mountain Boys will provide live entertainment.

Tickets for the event can be purchased online at BuildPagosa.org. Ticket prices are \$20 online and \$25 at the door.

The 10 dog houses up for auction were built exclusively by students from the first building trades 1 class at Pagosa Springs High School. The 32 students in the class took the project from blueprints to final construction, learning valuable building skills and safety protocols along the way.

Each dog house is personalized by signatures of the students who constructed it. Over \$200 in donated materials were used to build each of the sturdy, insulated, solid dog houses. All proceeds will fund future building trades classes at the high school. Dog houses can be viewed at several supportive businesses around the community.

"The dog houses are the culmination of everything the students have learned over the course of the class," said instructor Torry Hessman.



Photo courtesy Kim Elzinga

The Pagosa Area Builders Advisory Committee is hosting a dog house auction May 18 at 5 p.m. The San Juan Mountain Boys will provide live entertainment. Proceeds from the event will fund future building trades classes at the high school.

"It's an excellent first project for the students because they are basically learning every phase of building a house, just in miniature scale. With what they've learned already in this building trades 1 class, they are well on their way to having the skills necessary to become eligible for summer and full-time employment

with local contractors. It's great for the kids and also addresses a need in the community," Hessman said.

PABAC, through BuildPagosa.org, is assisting the Archuleta School District to develop a vocational-technical program by initiating the building trades 1 class, which is the first one at the high school this year,

and adding building trades 2, wood-working 1 and architectural product and furniture design next school year. Several students have already expressed an interest in the building trades classes for next school year and many from this year's class will continue their training in building trades 2 in the fall.

## PPOS board members speak out on BEST grant process

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) board discussed Archuleta School District (ASD) pursuing Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grants at the PPOS board meeting on April 20.

ASD is pursuing BEST grants in order to supplement funds to build a new elementary school, as well as provide safety and security upgrades in its existing schools.

As part of her finance report, PPOS interim business manager Chenni Hammon discussed the topic briefly.

"The district presents to the BEST board in mid-May and they expect an approval by the state board by June, and that's when they'll know whether or not they got the BEST grant and if they're going for the mill levy," Hammon said. "I did indicate that we would be supportive in any efforts that they had in pressing for that mill levy and we would support them in any way we could."

Later, during the "board comments" section of the meeting, PPOS board member Bill Hudson explained that he could not support ASD's efforts in the BEST grant process.

"I can't support the BEST grant application, personally. Because the school district, in order to fulfill their facilities plan that they currently have, they have to abandon the elementary school," Hudson said. "But they can't allow a charter school to use the school after they've abandoned it."

To Hudson's understanding, if ASD were to allow PPOS to move into the vacated elementary school, ASD would not get the BEST grant.

"Because they're abandoning a useful school," Hudson added later.

"You know, I know that's been the mantra, but we don't know that's true," PPOS board member John Daffron responded.

Hudson clarified that he had been told this information by an ASD Board of Education (BOE) member.

"Yeah, because they don't want to give us that school. That's why they're telling you that. I think that needs a little more homework. I don't know that that's true," Daffron added. "If they're outgrowing that facility and they need a new facility, that's fine."

It's really common for schools to move to another place and charter schools to take that facility."

This information was presented to the unnamed ASD BOE member by representatives of RTA Architects, who ASD is working collaboratively with to draft site concepts and master plans for the BEST grant process, Hudson explained further.

"I don't connect the dots either, but I could probably support a new school, if they were going to allow a charter school to go in there, if they were going to allow an early childhood center to go in there," Hudson said. "But, they wouldn't be able to do the BEST grant, which is \$15 million."

Hudson explained that he could not support ASD's plan to abandon a building that was built for education and "hand it to the county to use it for some other purpose when there are educational needs in this community."

PPOS and early childhood were two of the educational needs mentioned by Hudson.

"I know Chenni may have said that we're going to support their BEST grant but I can't do that myself," Hudson said.

Board president Ursala Hudson did note that Hammon's comments were not a "board decision."

"We're in open session here, so you got to be really careful," PPOS board member Mark Weiler said. "But the school board did, one school board member made a general offer, not an offer from the school board, that if the county did not put their jail initiative on the November ballot, they would, and if they got their BEST grant, that they would give the grammar school property to the county to do whatever they wished."

Weiler noted that the offer sounded questionable.

Daffron agreed that it sounded questionable.

"Now, you know, they said it in open meeting, I mean, it's a matter of public record, but somebody, who's a real smart attorney at some point is going to say 'Hold on, cowboy, it's a great idea but you can't do that,'" Weiler said.

Weiler went on to state that ASD has multiple hurdles to jump over, and the BEST grant is only one of them.

"And the fact of the matter is the architects, their dream plan is building infrastructure on property they don't own," Weiler said.

Weiler noted that he was not sure if the Pagosa Springs Town Council is willing to give up the property to ASD.

"It's sounds really questionable to me what they're trying to do," Weiler added later. If PPOS were to move into the vacated elementary school, Weiler noted that he and Hammon had discussed this scenario and Weiler explained that he thought it would be "the best thing that could ever happen to the charter school."

"I said, you get a building without any cost, you know, you got utilities and some maintenance, that's the best thing that could possibly happen," Weiler said. "But based on what I heard in the public comment from the one school board member, they're trying to make a deal that

only gives the property to Archuleta County and I just don't see how that passes legal muster."

Bill Hudson added that he would do some "homework" on the entire process before the next PPOS board meeting.

"I'm a little uncomfortable with this kind of in a comments section in the board meeting without a lot of preparation in terms of facts or data," PPOS Director James Lewicki added.

Lewicki also noted that the board would need to do more research on the topic.

Weiler recommended that Ursala Hudson and Lewicki "Engage with your counsel. Get an opinion on if there is precedent for a school district to give away assets that the taxpayers have paid for."

The next PPOS board meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. on May 19 at PPOS, located at 7 Parelli Way.

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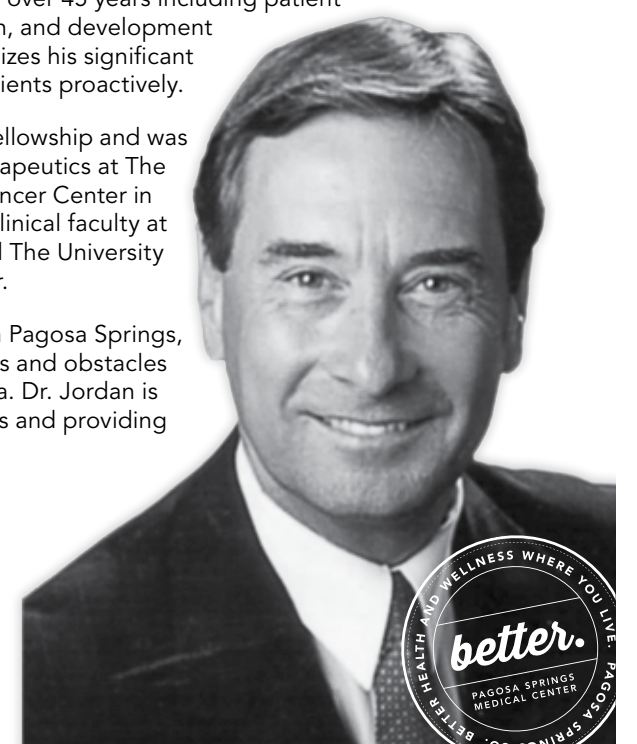
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## National Bike To School Day: Pedal your way to school on May 9

By April Rossetti  
Special to The SUN

Attention Pagosa Springs elementary and middle school students: Wednesday, May 9, is National Bike To School Day.

Switch up your morning commute and join Retro Metro Kids-Safe Routes To School for some bicycle riding before the bell rings.

We will be meeting at Yamaguchi Park at 6:45 a.m. and beginning

the bike ride at 7:15 a.m. Parents may drop off kids for the bike ride, but are more than welcome to join us on the ride, too. Helmets are required. Bring your bicycle, helmet, gloves and warm layers.

Volunteers are needed for National Bike To School Day. We are aiming to have a 3-to-1 ratio of kids to adults to ensure student safety. To sign up, please email [arossetti@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:arossetti@pagosa.k12.co.us) or [agadomski@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:agadomski@pagosa.k12.co.us).

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# Outdoors

## CRIA Lecture Series continues with David Stuart presenting on May 10; 2018 season opens May 15

By Nadia Werby  
Special to The SUN

On Thursday, May 10, the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) is proud to host a special presentation by David Stuart: "In Good Times and in Bad: The Dynamics of Chacoan Success and Failure 850 — 1125CE."

The lecture will focus on population dynamics, food supply, cost of labor, growth, complexity and decision-making.

The lecture is free of charge and will begin at 7 p.m. at The Springs Resort and Spa (Ecoluxe building) located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd. The public is invited to join CRIA for its social hour preceding the lecture at 6 p.m.

Stuart is professor emeritus of anthropology and former associate provost at the University of New Mexico. He has done archaeological field work all over the world and is the author of 20 books, including a novel. He is considered a major contributor to the study of southwestern archaeology. Many know him for his book "Anasazi America." His unusual approach to the southwest combines anthropology, ecology, eugenics and evolutionary theory.

### Opening for season

Chimney Rock National Monument opens for the 2018 season on Tuesday, May 15.

May is a great time to explore and get outside at Chimney Rock National Monument. View the stars, the full moon or take a tour of this spectacular monument where

the ancient Pueblos used to live. Chimney Rock offers monthly programs, annual events and daily guided and self-guided tours that are fun and educational for the whole family.

### Night Sky: Our Solar System Program

The first special event of the season will take place on May 18 with the Night Sky: Our Solar System Program. This program is timed for when the moon is present in the sky but not fully illuminated, which enables us to enjoy the night sky unimpeded by artificial lighting or the brightness of a full moon and see many of the brighter objects that are visible.

Your evening begins with an amazing sunset and interactive discussion at the Kiva Trailhead just off the high mesa parking lot. Visitors can bring their own camp chairs or sit on the stone wall or wooden benches that will be provided. Topics will include how the ancient people who periodically inhabited the site lived, how they used the unique landscape of the Chimney Rock area to view the sky and what special astronomical events they might have seen.

After the discussion, volunteer astronomers await with telescopes to provide a closer look at the wonders of the night sky. Reservations are strongly recommended as space is limited. Walk-ins will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are \$12 (adults) and \$5 (children 5-12) plus booking fee and are nonrefundable. Please

check our website for times and to make your reservation.

### Dances of the Ancients

On May 26, CRIA is proud to host the Dances of the Ancients. The Okay Owingeh Dance Group and the Oak Canyon Dancers, both all-children Pueblo dance groups, will be performing at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

There can be no better way to connect with Chimney Rock than through the descendants of the ancient Puebloan people performing celebratory dances in traditional dress. Tickets for this event are \$15 per adult and \$5 per child (ages 5-12). Guests should plan to stand for the performance, or bring their own camp chairs or blankets.

This program does not take place near the archaeological sites; regularly scheduled walking tours of the archaeological sites will be available for an additional \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Reservations are strongly recommended as there is limited space for this event. Walk-ins are accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Full Moon Program

The first Full Moon Program of the season will take place this month on May 29. Visitors will hear Native American flute music by Charles Martinez and experience the moon rising from the ridge where the Puebloan Great House is located. This program is not recommended for children under the age of 8. The fee is \$15 for the Full Moon program, or \$20 to attend the Full Moon Program with an early tour of

the Kiva Trail. Guests who plan to attend the early tour, please check in at the Visitor Cabin by 5:45 p.m. Guests who plan to attend the Full Moon Program only, please check in at the Visitor Cabin by 7:15 p.m. The Full Moon Program begins at 7:45 p.m.

### Additional information

Visit this Ancient Puebloan cultural site located 17 miles west of Pagosa Springs and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. The site is accessible for two-hour guided walking tours at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and for one-hour guided walking tours at 10 a.m. and noon. The cost of the guided tours are \$14 per adult and \$5 per child (ages 5-12). Audio-guided Kiva Trail tours are also available between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. (\$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, under 5 is free).

For monthly program tickets, please visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center. Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for the monthly and annual programs. Most programs are at full capacity prior to the event, but we will accommodate walk-ins if space is available.

CRIA is a nonprofit organization which operates the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under a participating agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest. For more information, please visit our website at [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).



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Eight-year-old Janzen Tuggle-Rapp enjoys fresh powder at Sheepshead Cabin on Long Trek Mountain the weekend of April 24. More snow fell on the Continental Divide Wednesday while areas at lower elevations enjoyed much-needed rainfall.

## Local smoke due to fires in New Mexico, Arizona

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

Smoke was in the air in Archuleta County earlier this week, with the cause of the smoke believed to be two separate fires burning in New Mexico and Arizona.

Archuleta County Director of Emergency Management Mike Le Roux explained on Monday that it was his understanding that a fire larger than 10,000 acres was currently burning west of Albuquerque, N.M.

"We have a huge fire in the Coconino National Forest outside of Payson in Arizona putting out a lot of smoke," Le Roux said. "Obviously, with the wind we got yesterday, it's blowing a ton of that up our way."

Continued Le Roux, "There's two fires, one in New Mexico and one in Arizona, and that's what's putting that smoke up in our region."  
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## Firewood permits now available

By Cam Hooley  
Special to The SUN

Permits to cut firewood on the San Juan National Forest will be on sale starting May 1 at the Pagosa Ranger District, 180 Pagosa St.

A minimum purchase of \$20 allows the holder to gather two and a half cords of dead and downed firewood from the San Juan National Forest for personal use through the end of 2018.

Permits come with a brochure and map.

Currently, the forest is under Stage 1 fire restrictions, meaning that chain saws must have an approved spark arrester, and the saw operator must have a fire extinguisher meeting a 2A rating and a round-pointed shovel at least 35 inches long. Fire restrictions will change throughout the season.

Permits are divided into five separate tags; each tag is good for one-half cord of firewood and can be used separately or all at one time. One household may purchase permits for up to 10 cords

of firewood per year for personal use. A cord is measured as a stack 4 feet by 4 feet by 8 feet. Cutting firewood for commercial resale requires a commercial permit and information can be obtained at the district office.

Restrictions apply to the cutting of standing dead ponderosa pine and live Gambel oak. While most forest roads at lower elevations open on May 1, some may still be wet or muddy and impassable. Permit holders are expected to be familiar with all regulations.

More information on firewood gathering regulations and current road conditions are available online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan/>.

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

## Photography Club meeting to focus on night-sky photography

By Gregg Heid  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will hold its May meeting on Wednesday, May 9, at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Longtime photographers and those just starting out are welcome.

The Photography Club normally meets the second Wednesday of

each month at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room of the Methodist Church.

Our speaker this month will be Photography Club president Andy Butler. He will discuss techniques for night-sky photography, particularly creating images featuring the Milky Way. Topics will include techniques for planning night landscapes featuring the Milky Way, photographing these scenes in single and multiple images and processing the final images.

Photography Club members may bring up to 10 images on a flash drive to share and discuss with the group.

Photography enthusiasts at all levels of ability are invited to attend club meetings at no charge for the first meeting. If interested, you are invited to join for annual dues of \$25 for individuals or \$35 for a family membership.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Butler at (512) 581-1470 or visit our website, [pagosaspringsphotoclub.org](http://pagosaspringsphotoclub.org).

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## Forestry workshop set in celebration of Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

By Laurel Sebastian  
Special to The SUN

In celebration of Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, several Pagosa Springs partners are hosting a public forestry workshop to improve local forest health and protect local communities from wildfire.

The workshop will be held May 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Turkey Springs Trailhead, Piedra Road.

Workshop participants will meet leaders at the Turkey Springs Trailhead at 10 a.m. before carpooling to a research area near Middle Mountain.

The workshop will begin with a presentation by Matt Tuten, (forest/silviculturist for the San Juan National Forest) and Emily Hohman

(executive director of the Chama Peak Land Alliance) on research conducted in the area, methods for marking trees for removal, and the importance of tree thinning and prescribed burning for forest health.

After a lunch break, participants will get a chance to mark trees that should be cut to improve the health and safety of the forest and surrounding communities.

Interested participants can also learn techniques for assessing the effectiveness of their marking at the end of the day. This is a great opportunity to get an inside look at what foresters do on a day-to-day basis to manage our local public forests.

Please bring a lunch and sturdy shoes. Snacks, forestry equipment and safety equipment will be provided.

As we head into the fire season with extremely dry forest conditions, local land managers, organizations, businesses and community members are looking closely at what we can do to prepare our communities for the possibility of fire. One tool land managers use is thinning trees in dense forests to reduce the possibility of intense and destructive fires.

We invite the public to join us for a presentation, tour and hands-on tree marking with local foresters in one of our gorgeous local forests. Trees marked by volunteers will be removed later to improve forest health.

Participating partners include San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership, San Juan National Forest, Mountain Studies Institute, Chama Peak Land Alliance, and Prescribed Fire Training Exchange.

## Forest roads and campgrounds statuses

By Elizabeth Reid  
Special to The SUN

To protect road surfaces and for public safety, forest roads are seasonally closed to wheeled motorized vehicles, except snowmobiles operating on snow. They are open to nonmotorized uses, including bicycling, hiking and horseback riding. Roads will remain closed until most of the road surface can withstand traffic without damage.

An open gate does not give permission to damage roads. Damage is defined as: ruts 1 inch deep or deeper on gravel roads, or 4 inches deep or deeper on native surface roads. Do not go off roads, except to park adjacent to the road on dry ground.

### Roads

The following road statuses were released on April 27.

- Black Mountain, No. 661, closed.
- Blanco River, No. 656, open.
- Blue Creek, No. 012, and Big Branch, No. 664, closed.

- Buckles Lake, No. 663, closed.
- Burns Canyon, No. 649 (to second gate), open.
- Burns Canyon, No. 649 (above second gate), closed.
- Castle Creek, No. 660, to Opal Lake Trailhead, open.
- Castle Creek, No. 660, to Fish Creek Trailhead, closed.
- Chris Mountain Road, No. 681, open.
- Devil Creek, No. 627, to State Wildlife Area, open.
- Devil Mountain, No. 626, closed.
- East Fork, No. 667, open to Quartz Meadow.
- East Toner, No. 637, open.
- Echo Canyon, No. 029, open.
- Eight Mile Mesa, No. 651, closed.
- Falls Creek Road, No. 039, closed.
- Fawn Gulch Road, No. 666, open.
- First Fork, No. 622 (main gate), open.
- First Fork, No. 622 (gate at Sheep Creek), open.

- Fourmile Road, No. 645, open.
- Jackson Mountain, No. 037, open.
- Jack's Pasture, Road No. 746, open.
- Kenney Flats, No. 006, open.
- Lefthand Canyon, No. 024, open.
- Lower Piedra to campground, No. 621, closed.
- McManus, No. 633 (at Plumtaw intersection), open.
- Middle Fork, No. 636, open.
- Monument Park East, No. 630, open.
- Monument Park West, No. 630, open.
- Mosca, No. 631, closed.
- Nipple Mountain, No. 665, open.
- Nipple Mountain, No. 665 (above Echo Canyon), closed.
- Plumtaw, No. 634, open.
- Poison Park, No. 644, open.
- Price Lakes, No. 731, open.
- Snowball, No. 646, open.
- Snow Ranch, No. 628, open.
- Trail Ridge, No. 639, open.
- Turkey Creek, No. 647, open.

- Turkey Springs, No. 629 — lower/middle gate, open.
- Turkey Springs, No. 629 — upper gate, open.
- Valle Seco Upper, No. 653 to private property, closed.
- West Fork, No. 648, open.
- Williams Creek, No. 640 (from gate to lake), open.
- Williams Creek, No. 640 (to Palisades HC), open.
- Wolf Creek Road, No. 725, closed.

### Campgrounds

The following campgrounds are estimated to open on May 4:

- Blanco River Group Campground,
  - Bridge,
  - Cimarrona,
  - East Fork,
  - Lower Piedra,
  - Teal,
  - Ute,
  - West Fork and
  - Williams Creek.
- Palisades campground is estimated to open on June 8.

## PAWSD

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level five, Ramsey described.

Deeper descriptions of each level were then touched on by Ramsey.

Level one is the voluntary stage of the drought management plan, Ramsey noted.

Primarily, public education and awareness is handled in this stage, Ramsey explained.

"What we're hoping to do is reduce our water flows by 10 percent," Ramsey said.

Unofficially, PAWSD has entered stage one and is currently just trying to get the word out to educate the public.

Level two is referred to as the "low" stage of the drought management plan, Ramsey explained.

"When we get to that point, we are going to have to some irrigation restrictions," Ramsey said.

These irrigation restrictions would allow people to irrigate only from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m.

At this point in the plan, a drought surcharge will also be implemented, Ramsey added later.

For level two, PAWSD is trying to reduce water flows by 20 percent, Ramsey noted.

If level three is reached, water flows are going to try and be reduced by 30 percent, Ramsey stated.

The same things covered in level two of the drought management plan will be covered in level three, but with few minor differences explained by Ramsey.

"You're only going to be able to water your lawn on odd or even days and

no weekend watering," Ramsey said. "So, depending on your address is whether you can water on the first or the second, basically, is how that's going to work."

In addition to the surcharge, a rate adjustment is implemented as well, Ramsey added later.

Level four is, as Ramsey described, when things get "serious."

"Now, all of a sudden, you're going to be able to irrigate just one day a week," Ramsey said.

Again, irrigation under level four would only be allowed from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m., Ramsey explained.

PAWSD hopes to reduce water flows 40 percent in level four, Ramsey clarified.

Level five is referred to as "severe" and does not allow any outside irrigation whatsoever, Ramsey explained.

The surcharge for this year's plan will be \$7.68, Ramsey noted later.

"For a single-family home, when we get to level two you'll see an additional \$7.68 on your bill," Ramsey said. "And what that's supposed to cover is, we kind of figured out, we're hoping that we're using less water, we're selling less water so it's trying to make up for that less water that we're selling."

The surcharge also covers the cost of pumping water from the San Juan plant, Ramsey explained.

The rate adjustments will vary based on whether or not you are a commercial or residential building, Ramsey stated.

"Residential, for your first 4,000

gallons of water you use, there will be no difference in your bill, outside of the surcharge," Ramsey explained further. "After the 4,000 gallons it will be two times your standard grade."

After 4,000 gallons in level four it will be three times the standard rate, and level five will be four times the standard rate, Ramsey added later.

For commercial buildings, the threshold is over 6,000 gallons per equivalent unit.

The rate adjustments remain the same, however, for each subsequent level as the residential buildings, Ramsey noted.

In regard to penalties, PAWSD will initially send a written warning; however, upon each violation fines ranging from \$100 to \$500 dollars will be added onto each customer's bill, Ramsey explained.

With Ramsey monitoring varying water levels, it is ultimately up to the PAWSD board to make the declaration on what level in the drought management plan to transition to.

### Public input

The board then opened the session to public questions and comments.

One audience member complimented the board on reducing residential water usage to 4,000 gallons during the summer.

"I just wanted to say that is definitely, I think, the way to go. As a resident, I am totally good with that," the citizen commented.

In regards to the trigger ratios, that same community member

raised some concern over the triggers themselves.

"Personally, I don't know how solid those are in the plan. I'd like them to be more conservative. I'd like them to be higher than what they are," the citizen explained. "If there's any room to have that discussion amongst yourselves and with the public, I would prefer to see them be higher than that."

Ramsey noted that the public hearing is not the only opportunity for citizens to make PAWSD aware of their thoughts.

PAWSD also allows for two more weeks for the public to submit their thoughts via email or phone calls, Ramsey explained.

That same audience member also raised a suggestion to get the San Juan plant's usage going "sooner than later."

Ramsey responded that, at the time of the meeting, use of the San Juan plant had already started.

"Because, you know, as a resident of this community, I would rather pay more money, use less of the water and keep our lakes at a good level," the citizen commented.

The PAWSD board will be taking public comments and suggestions on the 2018 Drought Management Plan until the next board meeting on May 17, at which the board will vote on the plan itself.

That meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. at the PAWSD headquarters at 100 Lyn Ave.

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# Band-O-Rama

Photos courtesy George Hunyadi

The brass was blowing, drums beating and woodwinds and strings singing in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium for the seventh-annual Band-O-Rama on April 21. The concert was hosted by the Pagosa Springs Community Band, which played during the evening. Listeners were also treated to concert band music performed by Pagosa Springs Middle School's bands and Pagosa Springs High School's jazz and concert bands.



## Correction

In the April 26 edition of The SUN, the article "Juvenile hit by truck, Subaru rolls on U.S. 160 in separate incidents" reported that a Subaru rolled during an accident.

Information provided to The SUN by the Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) stated, "The truck collided with the rear of the Subaru, causing it to spin out and roll over once."

On May 1, the PSPD issued a press release clarifying the incident that stated: "On 04-25-18, at approximately 0710 hours, Pagosa Springs Police Department, Fire Department, and EMS were dispatched to a report of a rollover accident at the intersection of Hwy 160 and North Pagosa Blvd. The investigation determined that a gray 2006 Ford Ranger pickup truck was traveling westbound on Hwy. 160 and proceeded through a red light at a high rate of speed.

The truck collided with a silver 2015 Subaru Outback, which had a green light and was traveling southbound through the intersection. The truck went into a skid and then rolled one and a half times, coming to rest on its side in the westbound lane of traffic on Hwy 160, approximately 125 feet west of the intersection. The Subaru came to rest facing southbound in the intersection.

"The driver and only occupant of the pickup truck, 40-year-old Kaleb Potter, of Pagosa Springs, was transported to the Pagosa Springs Medical Center by EMS. Mr. Potter was charged with Careless Driving, Disobeying an Official Traffic Control Device and Owner or Operator of Vehicle Failed to Present Evidence of Insurance Upon Request.

"For questions, please contact the Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department at (970) 264-4151."

## Historic Preservation month celebration includes guided tour of Water Works and Rumbaugh Creek Bridge

By Cindy Schultz  
Special to The SUN

Each May, Historic Preservation Month is recognized and celebrated across the country at national and state levels, as well as in rural communities, including Pagosa Springs.

Established in 1973 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the event is co-sponsored by preservation groups, state historical societies, businesses and civic organizations and other heritage groups and enthusiasts.

As one of over 60 certified local governments in Colorado, Pagosa Springs will celebrate Historic Preservation month locally with a public open house on Wednesday, May 16. The event will begin with a guided tour of the first locally

designated site in the town, the historic Water Works facility.

Completed in 1938 as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project, the Water Works facility was designated by town council as historically significant by emergency ordinance in 1999. This designation prompted the formation of a Historic Preservation Board and associated preservation guidelines and regulations.

The guided tour will explore the overall site, providing a background on the Water Works history and construction and conclude at a spot overlooking the site where participants will be invited to grab a light snack and drink and join in public input activity. As a public site, the town is seeking community members' input to ensure potential options can be

considered in site planning. The Water Works facility is on property envisioned to include a Riverwalk trail connection, and future uses and activities should anticipate this trail connection.

The tour will also include views of the recently stabilized Rumbaugh Creek Bridge adjacent to the Water Works. This stone arch bridge predates the Water Works facility, constructed late 1800s. This bridge is estimated to be one of only a few bridges exemplifying this type of stone arch construction still remaining.

Part of the bridge stabilization, which was completed in early March, included constructing a new creek pan and spillway. This feature creates a scenic vista from the east side of the San Juan River. The public engagement process

into the future site planning considerations should also capitalize on this scenic river vista over which the stone arch bridge spans, as well as the Riverwalk connection.

The May 16 open house will kick off a four-part series of public events aimed to gather and hone feedback and input on the combined site.

The event will begin at 5 p.m. at the site, 96 N. 1st St., the site of the San Juan Historical Museum. Parking is available on 1st and Lewis streets and at the museum after 5 p.m.

This event coincides with the 2018 opening of the San Juan Historical Museum.

For more information, please contact Town Planning at ccschultz@pagosasprings.co.org or 264-4151, ext. 221.



## PAWSD makes bylaw changes, discuss USDA loan

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

A bylaw change was made by the Pagosa Area Water Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors at its meeting on April 19.

"Before I got here, the board had passed, in the bylaws, that any revenue bonds or loans would have to be approved by a vote of the constituents," PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey explained. "Unfortunately, the way I read it, and I think the way it read, is even if 100 percent of the people that came out and voted, voted for it, but only 49 percent of the voters voted, we wouldn't be able to do it. So I wanted to change that."

Ramsey explained that he would like the bylaws changed to allow the 51 percent of people who actually

voted to influence the decision.

There also was concern about a scenario in which the state requires PAWSD to expand a wastewater plant, for example, and the only way PAWSD could do that is by a vote of the people, Ramsey added.

"People vote it down, we're kind of in deep trouble," Ramsey said.

The proposed new bylaw change language addressing both issues was then read by Ramsey to the rest of the board.

"The board shall not issue any new revenue bonds or acquire loans without a public vote and the approval of the majority of the rate payers who participate in the vote," Ramsey read. "Bonds or loans necessary to meet state mandates will not be subject to this provision."

PAWSD board member Glenn

Walsh commended the board for having its reserves built up over the past few years.

"So, if I were looking at a rate study, without this, you know, I would be more inclined to build in a little bit higher rate to continue building up reserves in anticipation of something like this," Walsh added.

One of the reasons why PAWSD even considered a bylaw change was because the state has required the use of UV in order to use water from the river, Ramsey explained.

PAWSD is also looking to get a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant, Ramsey added.

"But to get that, we got to go for a USDA loan," Ramsey noted. "This just gives us a little bit of flexibility."

Ramsey noted that he, person-

ally or professionally, would never advocate for a loan, but noted that it is sometimes a "necessary evil."

"In the long run I think it saves a ton of money," Ramsey added.

The board then approved the bylaw changes via a motion with Walsh abstaining from the vote.

These changes give PAWSD a little protection, Ramsey explained later.

"We just don't want to be left holding the bag if the state mandates something and we go pay for a vote and it gets voted down," PAWSD board member Gordon McIver said. "I see that as a potential, you know, water board version of the county jail thing, you know? I don't want to be put in that position. I mean, if we're mandated to do something, we got to do it."

## Nicole DeMarco again appointed to town council

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Tuesday, the Pagosa Springs Town Council appointed Nicole DeMarco to the council's vacant at-large seat.

There were three applicants for the position, with the other two being Mark Weiler and Bill Schwab.

"Please accept this as my letter of interest to be considered for the at-large vacancy on Town Council.

I meet all of the qualifications for elected office as specified on the Town website," wrote DeMarco. "If selected, I am committed to fulfilling the remaining four years on Council."

DeMarco went on to write that she had served two years for a vacated seat, and that the term was over in April.

"I was ineligible to run in April, having recently moved from one Town district to another. However, now that all seats are at-large, I am

eligible to serve another term on Town Council," wrote DeMarco. "In my first two years on Council, I rode the learning curve hard, and by the end of my term I was piecing together the different processes, policies and community narratives that come before the dais. I am now better prepared to serve my neighbors in this capacity and am inspired by the ongoing work under the Council's purview."

Concludes DeMarco's letter of

interest, "I am vested in the future of this community. And with that comes the responsibility of paying it forward. I believe that serving on Town Council is such an opportunity for me."

Council member Matt DeGuise made the motion to appoint DeMarco to the council, with DeGuise, Clint Alley, David Schanzenbaker, and Don Volger voting in favor of the motion.

Council members Tracy Bunning and Mat deGraaf voted against the motion, which caused it to pass 4-2.

## Juveniles escape youth service center, results in high-speed chase

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

Thanks to assistance from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), five escapees are now back in custody along with the person who broke them out.

On Friday, April 27, five juveniles escaped the Robert E. Denier Youth Services Center in Durango, resulting in a high-speed chase that ended on the eastern side of Wolf Creek Pass.

The juveniles were able to escape after a 21-year-old man cut the fence to the facility and picked up the youth in a car.

The man and all five juveniles are in custody.

According to the Durango Police Department's Ray Shupe, Anthony Kolesar, 21, of Aurora, is charged with aiding escape.

In the state of Colorado, aiding escape is a class 3 felony.

"An unidentified man parked

in a parking lot below our facility, and after our morning perimeter check, at 6:17 a.m., this individual walked up the grade with a pair of bolt cutters and clipped several links on the southwest corner of our security fence," explained Kent Moe, executive director for Rite of Passage, which runs the youth services center in Durango.

"Later, at noon, when the students were doing their daily wellness activity ... one of the students, who obviously knew the individual outside had done what he had done, walks up and pulls the fence out as to allow for egress," explained Moe. "That individual and four other students followed, as did our shift supervisor, on foot, and the five kids got into the individual's car and drove off. Our shift supervisor got the make, model and license number to the vehicle and called 911."

Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez explained that, upon learning

of the escape, he parked at the intersection of U.S. 160 and Piedra Road and later noticed a car that matched the description of the vehicle.

Valdez explained that when he ran the plate, he learned the vehicle was from Aurora.

"I could tell it was occupied by several people," Valdez said. "I started following it to get more information on it and track it."

Valdez explained that, at one point, the vehicle passed a vehicle in a no-passing zone, but due to being in an unmarked car, Valdez couldn't initiate a traffic stop yet.

"I was waiting for a marked car to catch up to me so that we could do a traffic stop on it," Valdez explained, adding that, by the time a marked car did arrive, the vehicles were headed east on U.S. 160 and were near East Fork Road.

"At about that point is when they saw the lights of a police car coming up behind me, and as soon as they

saw the lights, that car took off," Valdez explained. "It went into the other lane and almost (collided) head on with another car ... At that point we knew that this is more than likely them."

Valdez explained that the juveniles and Kolesar were "easily" going 110 miles per hour.

"We relayed ahead, and Rio Grande (Sheriff's Office), South Fork and Colorado State Patrol were all waiting on the other side," Valdez said. "They spiked them at mile marker 181.5."

He went on to describe how the front right tire on the vehicle then blew out, but the vehicle proceeded to travel about another mile before stopping.

"Once they stopped, three of them exited and ran towards the river; there was a campground down there," Valdez explained. "They took off, but we were able to catch the ones on foot with the assistance of Rio Grande and South Fork PD."

He added that Kolesar was not one of the people that ran.

"I think they were all in custody within two or three minutes," Valdez said. "Once they were all in custody the vehicle was secured and towed for evidentiary purposes. Then we transported everyone back to La Plata County."

Valdez added that the ACSO does intend to file additional charges on Kolesar.

"We're really grateful to the work of the Archuleta County officials who apprehended the kids safe and sound an hour and 20 minutes later," Moe said.

## BoCC tables Sheriff's Office grants for fourth time

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

Acceptance of two court security grants was tabled for the fourth time on Tuesday.

The grants for the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) were tabled yet again by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), with the grants in question having been in limbo since March.

The two grants would be reimbursements to the ACSO for their obligation to provide court security, and both are reimbursements of expenses, Henderson explained to the BoCC on March 20.

Due to specific wording in regard to the time, place and reason of the evacuation of the Archuleta County Courthouse, Archuleta County Attorney Todd Starr has continued to express concern that the grants could jeopardize the county's position in the lawsuit against Sixth Judicial District Court

Judge Jeffrey Wilson and State Court Administrator Christopher Ryan.

Valdez said that the grants' continual tabling was a major concern, as funding for this position via the grants reached back before 2012.

Valdez explained the grants provided \$65,130 to the county's budget for the ACSO.

"This fund is not going to be there forever," Valdez said.

Valdez explained that he hoped the BoCC understood that the funds came out of a grant pool, and that the funds were not stationary and could disappear at any time.

"These are very much sought-after funds," Valdez told the BoCC.

A second concern Valdez noted was the future of the ACSO's ability to even request the grant funding.

"My biggest concern is that they're gonna look at us and say, 'You didn't need these funds for the first six months, so why do you need them now?'" Valdez said.

Valdez explained that the fund-

ing went to a full-time position.

Steve Wadley, chair of the BoCC, expressed to Valdez that he appreciated Valdez's concern over his staff.

"But, we can't jeopardize a multimillion-dollar lawsuit," Wadley told Valdez.

Wadley further noted that everyone involved was doing the right thing.

At the meeting Tuesday, Starr told the BoCC and Valdez that he was to speak with the Colorado attorney general on the phone Wednesday to hopefully clear up the future of the grants.

"And I respect that part of it ... my point is that this money is not there and may not be there," Valdez said.

"We're being as expeditious about it as we can," Wadley said.

"We're feeling the repercussions of it ...," Valdez said.

The items were tabled to the upcoming May 15 meeting, which is scheduled to be held at 1:30 p.m. at the county's administration building on Lewis Street.

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# Sports

## TRACK

### Pirates to host Terry Alley Invitational Saturday

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 28, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track team participated in the High Altitude Challenge in Alamosa.

The boys' team placed fourth, and the girls' team placed fifth.

"It was a small meet, and it wasn't windy in Alamosa," commented coach Connie O'Donnell. "It went really fast. We were done at 1:30."

O'Donnell explained how, oftentimes, track meets don't conclude until 5 p.m.

"We had people get (personal records), but I think the super exciting one is that Paul Farrah jumped 6 foot in high jump, so he's on the bubble and could maybe qualify for state," O'Donnell said. "He is in the top 18. That's like a 5-inch increase on his PR."

In the 100-meter, Mackenzie Wedemeyer placed fourth with a time of 13.59 seconds.

River Pitcher placed sixth with a time of 13.82.

In the 400-meter, Wedemeyer placed fourth with a time of 1:02.33 seconds.

Pitcher placed seventh with a time of 1:05.15, and Piedra Goss placed ninth with a time of 1:07.80.

In the 800-meter, Emma Heidelberg placed third with a time of 2:34.15, and Megan Greenly placed seventh with a time of 2:54.59.

In the 1,600-meter, Greenly placed third with a time of 7:26.97 and Ivory Carpenter placed seventh with a time of 7:38.69.

Peyton Khung placed sixth with a time of 7:26.97 and Ivory Carpenter placed seventh with a time of 7:38.69.

In the girls' triple jump, Pitcher placed third with a distance of 31 feet, 9 inches.

In the boys' 200-meter, Isaac Munoz placed eighth with a time of 24.59.

In the 400-meter, Munoz placed second with a time of 53.50.

In the 800-meter, Cade Cowan placed fourth with a time of 2:04.19.

Michael Wedemeyer placed seventh with a time of 2:10.42.

In the boys' 1,600-meter, Gabe Heraty placed fourth with a time of 5:36.35, and Cole Cayard placed fifth with a time of 5:40.84.

In the 3,200-meter, Tate Hinger placed first with a time of 12:05.11.

Cayard placed second with a time of 12:51.82, and Heraty placed third with a time of 13:05.49.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Cam Hinger placed fifth with a time of 46.18.

"Cam Hinger improved in the 300 hurdles and placed, and he was in the fast heat ... it was really fun to watch," O'Donnell said.

The boys' 4x400 meter relay team, consisting of consisting of Cam Hinger, Isaac Munoz, Cowan and Michael Wedemeyer, placed fourth with a time of 3:43.

Farrah placed second in the high jump with a distance of 6-0.

Aidan O'Donnell placed eighth with a height of 5-4.

In the long jump, Cowan placed

third with a distance of 19-3.

In the triple jump, Cowan placed fifth with a distance of 37-7, and Nolan Kay placed eighth with a distance of 35-1.5.

"We decided to not have Michael Wedemeyer jump," O'Donnell said. "We were trying to get him some running times."

Trevor Bryant placed eighth in discus with a distance of 116-5.

"We're not totally backing off of them this week, but we're getting down to only having two meets to qualify (for state), so our practices will be a lot shorter and maybe a bit more intense this week," O'Donnell explained. "They'll be short because I want them to get recovered and be able to perform well, especially at home."

This Saturday, May 5, the Pirates will host the Terry Alley Invitational at Golden Peaks Stadium.

"Field events start at 9," O'Donnell explained. "Running starts at 10."

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## SOCCER



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Tesla McConnoughey uses her noggin on the pitch on Saturday against 2A Ridgway. McConnoughey registered a goal in the Pirates 2-1 victory over the No. 10 Ridgway Demons.

### Lady Pirates notch three straight wins, will take on Crested Butte for final regular season game

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

It was a successful past five days for the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team, as they won three games in a row.

The Pirates began the streak at home for senior night, defeating the Telluride Miners 2-1 in a thriller.

#### Telluride

Pagosa, for the majority of the first half, controlled possession in Telluride territory.

This persistence on the offensive end payed off as Tesla McConnoughey was rewarded a free kick after a Telluride foul.

McConnoughey's kick met Telluride's goalie at the net, however, the ball bounced off the Miner's keeper and Alannah Gallegos was there to poke the ball through the Miner's defense and into the net.

McConnoughey was credited with the assist on the Gallegos goal.

Leading 1-0 with just under 10 minutes remaining in the first half, Telluride tied up the game at 1-1.

Heading into the second half, both teams had a number of scoring opportunities, but neither team could capitalize.

However, with under three minutes left to go in the second half, history repeated itself for the Pirates.

Nicole Bartz fired a shot on goal, and the Telluride goalie was able to block it, however Alyssa Lewis was in the right position for a rebound shot on net, which found itself in the back of Telluride's net, giving Pagosa a 2-1 advantage late in the match.

Bartz was credited with the assist on Lewis' game-winning goal.

With the lead in hand in the final minutes, Pagosa held strong defensively to knock off the Miners.

Telluride had previously been ranked No. 5 in the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) standings for the 2A classification.

Telluride, as of press time Wednesday, was ranked No. 9 in the RPI standings for the 2A classification.

In total, the Pirates were able to send 22 shots at the Miners.

Gallegos led the team with six shots, while Lewis added five and Isabelle Pajak contributed four of her own.

Morgan Thompson added two shots herself, while five other Pirates provided one shot each.

Diana Scott made six saves that evening.

Coach Scott Galabota noted in an interview Wednesday that the match against Telluride might have been the Lady Pirates' best game of the season.

"It was a very complete game, really strong defense with girls making great decisions and communicating well with each other," Galabota explained.

Even after Telluride tied the game, it did not put a damper on the Pirates, Galabota noted.

"It was really great. Really strong effort," Galabota said.

Pagosa is 6-2 this season when they shoot 10 or more shots on goal.

The Pirates were forced to rest up quickly, as they played host to the Ridgway Demons for their final home game of the season the following day.

#### Ridgway

Another exciting match was in

store for the home fans as the Pirates closed out their final regular-season home game with a 2-1 victory over Ridgway.

A quiet first half had the game scoreless going into the final frame.

Pagosa was able to take an early 1-0 lead off of a McConnoughey goal.

However, Bartz then scored to give Pagosa a 2-0 advantage.

Ridgway answered in the final seconds of the match on a header off of a corner kick to make it 2-1 Pagosa.

Ridgway, as of press time Wednesday, was the No. 10 in the RPI standings for the 2A classification.

The Pirates finished with 10 shots on goal against the Demons.

Thompson led the way with three shots, while Bartz and McConnoughey added two each.

Lewis, Samaya Dunn de Pulido and Sarah Ross all added one shot apiece as well.

Scott made 12 saves this game.

After the highly competitive game against Telluride, Galabota noted that the Lady Pirates came out flat against Ridgway.

"They actually talked to each other as a team and got it figured out at the half," Galabota explained. "They turned up the energy."

Pagosa then made the trek to take on the Buena Vista Demons.

#### Buena Vista

Pagosa extended its win streak to three games after defeating Buena Vista 1-0 on the road Tuesday.

The lone goal for the Pirates was scored by McConnoughey, unassisted, in the 75th minute.

Dunn de Pulido led the team with three shots on goal against Buena Vista.

Gallegos finished the game against Buena Vista with two shots on goal.

Lewis, Bartz, Thompson and McConnoughey each added one shot each as well.

Scott finished with seven saves in net.

Given that prom was on Saturday night and there was no school on Monday, there were many things that got the Lady Pirates off of their rhythm in preparation for Buena Vista, Galabota explained.

"We had a hard time finding our rhythm for most of the game yesterday," Galabota explained. "It was definitely not the kind of performance that I think we were hoping for after the way they played on so well on Friday and Saturday."

Galabota indicated he hopes the performance against Buena Vista was just a "blip."

The team played OK against Buena Vista and did enough to win, Galabota added.

"We're hoping to get back into our championship form, the kind of play that we were showing on Friday and Saturday," Galabota explained.

Galabota noted that he hopes to return to that level of play as they travel to Crested Butte (10-2 overall, 10-1 in league play) on Friday for the final game of the regular season.

#### Crested Butte

Varsity action for the season finale against the Crested Butte Titans is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. at Crested Butte Community School.

#### See Soccer A17

## BASEBALL

### Pirates look to finish regular season with nine-game win streak

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team is riding an eight-game win streak into the final game of the regular season.

The Pirates scored 36 runs in three games over the last week to improve their overall record to 13-5 and their Intermountain League (IML) mark to 6-4.

"Thirteen wins, I think, is the most that baseball's ever had in Pagosa; now we're up to 13," coach Jim Fait said. "Three doubleheader wins, we've never had that in a year that I could find. An eight-game winning streak is the longest that I've seen."

The Pirates not only extended their win streak and continued to make history, but also solidified a third-place finish in the IML with a sweep of Saturday's doubleheader against Centauri in La Jara.

"We're playing pretty good ball right now," Fait said.

#### Centauri

Pagosa jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning during the first half of the doubleheader before allowing the tying run in the bottom of the inning.

From there, the Pirates were able to keep Centauri quiet offensively while plating three runs in the second and one in the third for a 5-1 lead.

Centauri brought a run around in the bottom of the sixth, which Pagosa neutralized with a run of its own in the top of the seventh.

Then, in the bottom of the seventh, the Falcons made things interesting.

Centauri brought one run around to make it a 6-2 game. Then, with two outs, the Falcons plated two more runs to make it a 6-5

game before the Pirates recorded the final out of the game.

The Pirates knocked only three hits in the game, with one each from Jesse Laverty, Ryan Lewis and DJ Day (a double).

Keaton Laverty notched the sole RBI for the Pirates in game one, though six different Pirates crossed the plate: Jesse Laverty, PJ Bailey, Liam Doctor, Tanner Evans, Lewis and Day.

A handful of Pirates reached base on traditional walks, and three more reached after being hit by a pitch.

A handful of Pirates advanced on the base path with steals: Jesse Laverty, Bailey, Keaton Laverty, Evans and Zach Haines.

Bailey started the game on the mound, pitching six innings before handing the ball over to Keaton Laverty.

"He did really well," Fait said of Bailey, noting that he threw 107 pitches.

Pagosa's pitchers combined to allow five runs on nine hits while striking out nine and walking one.

"They came back. We let them back in late," Fait said, adding that it was the same in the second half of the doubleheader.

Pagosa again racked up an early lead in the second game, this time by scoring six in the top of the first.

Centauri earned one run back in the bottom of the second, which was neutralized by Pagosa in the top of the third with a Pirate run.

In the bottom of the third, however, the Falcons had four runners cross the plate, cutting Pagosa's lead to 7-5.

The Falcons further cut into the lead in the bottom of the fifth, making it a 7-6 game.

Pagosa's offense returned in the top of the sixth, with the Pirates pushing one run across the plate

before Bailey knocked a three-run home run over the highway to give Pagosa an 11-6 advantage.

"You heard the crack of the bat and, man, it was a shot," Fait said.

Fait noted that the home run was estimated to be over 400 feet.

The Falcons fought back with a home run of their own to complement a three-run inning to make it an 11-9 game heading into the final inning.

Both teams continued to make it interesting in the seventh, with Pagosa putting up four runs in the top of the inning that were matched with four runs in the bottom of the inning, leaving the Pirates with a two-run win and a final score of 15-13.

Keaton Laverty went 3-for-3 (all doubles) with three runs scored and two stolen bases in the game.

Jesse Laverty also had a three-hit game that included two doubles and was accompanied by an RBI and a run scored.

Bailey had two hits in the game — a home run and a double — as well as four RBIs, three runs scored and two stolen bases.

Evans logged one hit, two RBIs, two runs scored and a stolen base in the affair, while Haines notched a hit and three RBIs.

Lewis added a hit and a run scored, and Day had a hit and two runs scored.

Doctor crossed the plate once for Pagosa and stole two bases, and Hunter Bailey scored two runs.

The Pirates racked up seven bases on balls in the game, as well as reaching twice after being hit by pitches.

Hunter Bailey took to the mound first for the Pirates, pitching four and one-third innings before being relieved by Day.

"He's throwing the ball well," Fait said of Hunter Bailey.

The pair combined to allow 13 runs (12 earned) on 12 hits and three walks while striking out seven.

"Centauri didn't quit. I give them credit on that," Fait said, commending the Falcons' hitters.

**Dolores**

Then, on Tuesday, the Pirates traveled to Dolores for a non-conference matchup.

The game, which was originally scheduled to be a home game, was moved to Dolores to accommodate the 2A Bears.

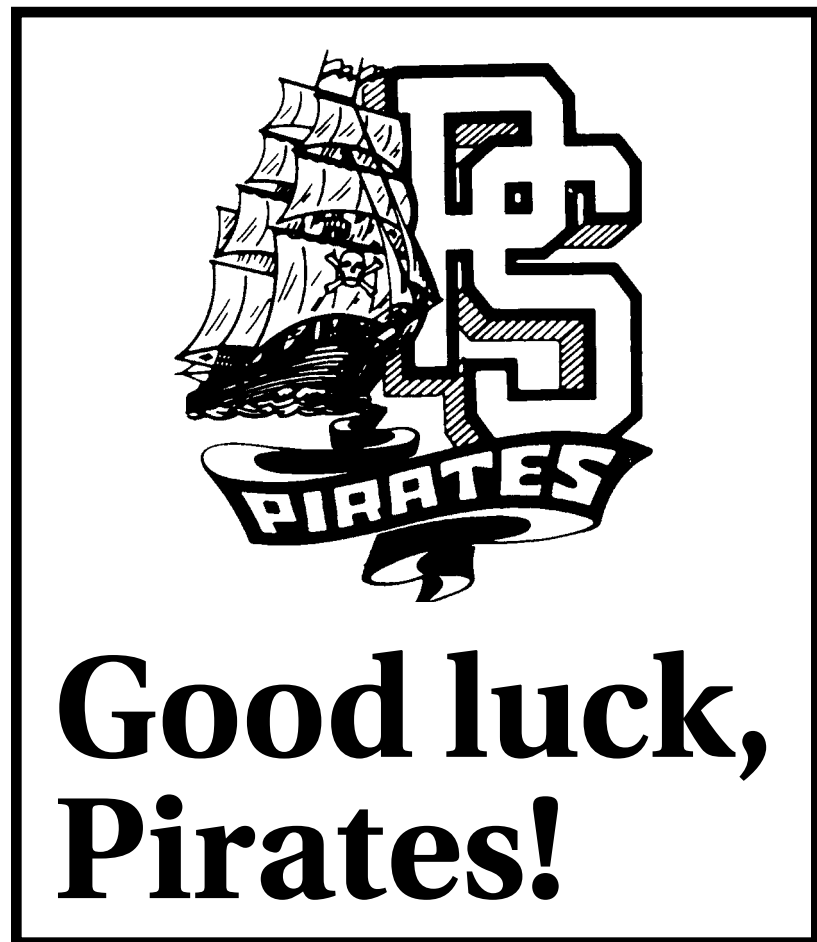
But, regardless of location, the Pirates came out on top to extend their win streak to eight.

Pagosa again jumped out with six runs in the top of the first, adding another four in the top of the second to take a 10-0 lead.

The Bears struck back, scoring one in the second and three in the third.

"We were up, but we let them stay in the game," Fait said.

Pagosa added four to the scoreboard in the top of the fourth, with the Bears scoring one in the bottom of the inning, as well as two in the fifth and six in the fourth to make





# Soccer

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Currently, Crested Butte is No. 4 in the RPI standings for the 2A classification.

The Titans are currently first in the 2A Region 4 league standings.

Crested Butte is coming off a 3-2 overtime loss against Del Norte.

According to MaxPreps, the Titans are scoring, on average, 4.2 goals a game and averaging 1.8 assists per game as.

Since 2009, Pagosa has only played Crested Butte once.

That matchup came in 2017, and Pagosa defeated Crested Butte 4-0 in that game.

Galabota admitted he does not know much about this year's iteration of the Titans.

"Just looking at their stats and numbers, they have a solid team and I think we're going to match up pretty well against them," Galabota explained.

## League standings and RPI rankings

Pagosa, with those three wins, now sits with an 8-6 overall record and a 4-3 league record.

The Pirates remain in second place in the 3A Region 5 league standings.

Alamosa remains at the top of the league ladder with a 12-1 overall record and a 6-0 league record.

Bayfield (8-6 overall, 4-3 in league play) and Montezuma-Cortez (2-13 overall, 0-10 in league play) round out the final two spots in the league standings.

The Pirates are ranked 22nd in the RPI standings for the 3A classification.

As of press time Wednesday, the win against Buena Vista had not been added to the Pirates' overall record for the RPI standings in the 3A classification.

Bayfield is currently No. 21 in the RPI standings for the 3A classification, and Alamosa sits at No. 10.

The top 24 teams in the state qualify for the state tournament.

chris@pagosasun.com



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

**Isabelle Pajak out-muscles a Telluride defender to head the ball during Friday's matchup. Pajak finished with seven shots on goal and Pagosa went on to defeat the No. 9 Telluride Miners (in the 2A classification) 2-1.**

# Fifth annual Veterans for Veterans Golf Tournament set for May 26

By Ken Rogers

Special to The SUN

Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County is proud to announce its fifth-annual golf tournament scheduled to take place on May 26 at the Pagosa Springs Golf Course.

We have slots available, so get your teams together and enter. The cost is \$70 per player which includes green fee, golf cart and lunch at the end of the tournament. Plan on paying with cash or check (sorry, no credit cards) on the day of the event. Please make all checks

payable to "Veterans for Veterans." There will be some great prizes, lots of fun and you will be helping our local veterans.

The golf tournament players will start arriving at 8 a.m. for cart and tee box assignments. Play will begin at 9 a.m. in a shotgun start. This will be a best-ball scramble format tournament using three blind holes for scoring. Mulligans will be available for purchase before the 9 a.m. tee-off time, but will be limited to two mulligans per player. The mulligan tickets will also be the tickets for our numerous door prizes. The door-prize drawing will be held

after play has been completed. The top four teams at the end of play will be awarded prizes. There will also be prizes for the longest drive and closest to the pin for both men and women contestants.

We would like to thank all the generous sponsors from Pagosa Springs and the surrounding area for their overwhelming support. Without them, we could not provide this fundraising event to help the many veterans within our county and the Four Corners area. Contacts for this event are Kenny Rogers at (303) 902-5340 and Chuck Jordan at 759-6444.

# Public Notices

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Tel. 970.264.2400  
Plarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc  
Plaintiff  
v.  
The Sunshine Group IV, LLC  
c/o Anice Guillion  
Defendant  
Case No.: 2017CV030087

## COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

### AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered December 12, 2017, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s): The Sunshine Group IV, LLC  
c/o Anice Guillion

Enclosure of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Plarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc.

Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
Samuel S. Vigil, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054

Association Assessments Due to: Plarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc.  
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"  
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act  
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.

The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST**

HEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 10 o'clock A.M. on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: [April 12, 2018]  
Last Publication: [May 10, 2018]  
Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

## NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO A CERTAIN STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF

THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.

A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE PURSUANT TO §38-38-104 C.R.S., SHALL BE FILED WITH THE OFFICER AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO §38-38-302 C.R.S. SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH. BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:  
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901  
Samuel S. Vigil, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054

INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed February 23, 2018.  
Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff,  
Archuleta County, Colorado  
By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

Exhibit A  
Detail Listing of Judgment Calculations  
As of December 8, 2017

The Sunshine Group IV, LLC  
Building Number: 015B  
Lot (Unit) Number: 7229  
Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 7  
in that parcel of land being a portion of Parcel D, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded under Reception No. 139304, Plat Filed 314A-C, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, and which is located one building containing two, one level townhouse units designated, respectively, as Building 15, Units 7229 and 7230 described as Plarmigan Phase V as recorded in Plat File No. 341, under Reception No. 179510 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to that Fourth Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Plarmigan Townhouses recorded May 22, 1991, Reception No. 179511, Book 331, Page 164 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount  
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,264.62  
Costs: \$352.50  
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00  
Total: \$3,617.12  
Published April, 12, 19, 26, May 5 and 10, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

## TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO

### TOWN COUNCIL

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10

**A RESOLUTION INITIATING ANNEXATION PROCEEDINGS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MILL CREEK ROAD ANNEXATION AND FINDING THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION NO. 2018-01 TO BE IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 31-12-107, C.R.S.**

WHEREAS, a Petition for Annexation No. 2018-01

("Petition") has been filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Pagosa Springs ("Town") and referred by the Clerk to the Town Council, requesting annexation of certain property to be known as the Mill Creek Road Annexation (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Petition contains the following:

A. An allegation that it is desirable and necessary that the Property be annexed to the Town;

B. An allegation that the Property meets the requirements of Sections 31-12-104 and 31-12-105, C.R.S., and is eligible for annexation to that;

1. Not less than one sixth (1/6th) of the perimeter of the Property is contiguous with the Town, which contiguity may be established by the annexation of one or more parcels in a series;

2. A community of interest exists between the Property and the Town; the Property is urban or will be urbanized in the near future; and the Property is integrated with or is capable of being integrated with the Town;

3. Without the consent of the landowners, no land included within the Property, which is held in identical ownership, whether consisting of one tract or parcel of real estate or two or more contiguous tracts or parcels of real estate;

(a) is divided into separate parts or parcels, unless such tracts or parcels are separated by a dedicated street, road, or other public way; or

(b) comprises 20 acres or more and, together with the buildings and improvements situated thereon, has a valuation for assessment in excess of \$200,000.00 for ad valorem tax purposes for the year next preceding the proposed annexation.

4. No annexation proceedings have been commenced for the annexation to another municipality of part or all of the Property;

5. The annexation of the Property will not result in the detachment of area from any school district and the attachment of it to another school district;

6. The annexation of the Property will not have the effect of extending the boundary of the Town more than three miles in any direction from any point of the Town's boundary in any one year;

7. If a portion of a platted street or alley is to be annexed, the entire width of said street or alley is included within the Property;

8. Reasonable access shall not be denied to landowners, owners of an easement, or the owners of a franchise, adjoining any platted street or alley annexed by the Town but not bounded on both sides by the Town;

C. An allegation that the signers of the Petition comprise landowners of one hundred percent (100%) of the Property, exclusive of streets and alleys and any land owned by the Town;

D. A request that the Town approve annexation of the Property;

E. The signatures of such landowners;

F. The mailing address of each Petition signer;

G. The legal description of the land owned by each Petition signer;

H. The date of signing of each signature, which date is not more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of filing of the Petition with the Town Clerk;

I. An affidavit of each circulator of the Petition that each signature is the signature of the person whose name it purports to be;

J. Four copies of an annexation map containing a written legal description of the boundaries of the Property; a map showing the boundary of the Property; a showing of the location of each ownership tract of unplatted land, and the boundaries and the plat numbers of plots of lots and blocks of platted land within the Property, and the boundary of the Town and any other municipality contiguous to the Property;

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town to annex said area to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to initiate annexation proceedings in accordance with law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO, as follows:

(i) The recitals contained above are incorporated as if resolved and set forth in full.

(ii) The Petition and the annexation map are in substantial compliance with the requirements of Section 31-12-107(1), C.R.S., and the provisions of the Municipal Annexation Act.

(iii) The Town Council hereby accepts the Petition and initiates annexation proceedings for the Property, situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, as described in the Petition, and incorporated herein by this reference.

(iv) The Notice attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A is adopted as a part of this Resolution. The Notice establishes the date, time and place when a hearing will be held regarding the final passage of an annexation ordinance pertaining to the Property. The Town Clerk is directed to publish a copy of this Resolution and the Notice once a week for four successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the Property, with the first publication at least thirty days prior to the hearing.

(v) A copy of the published Notice, together with a copy of this Resolution and the Petition as filed, shall also be sent by registered mail by the Town Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, the County Attorney and to any special district or school district having territory within the Property at least twenty-five days prior to the date fixed for such hearing.

(vi) A copy of the published Notice, together with copies of the Letter of Intent provided with the Application, the annexation map, and the concept plan for the development of the Property shall be sent by certified mail by the Town Clerk to the owners of real property within three hundred (300) feet of the boundaries of the Property, irrigation ditch companies whose rights-of-way traverse the Property, and to the mineral estate owners and their lessees of the Property.

(vii) Pursuant to Sec. 21.10.5(6) of the Town of Pagosa Springs Municipal Code, the Petition and annexation map are hereby referred to the Planning Commission for its consideration, review and recommendations at a regular or special meeting to be held prior to the date of the hearing before the Town Council. If zoning of the Property has been requested concurrent with annexation, the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on the zoning of the Property at the same meeting. Notice of the public hearing on the zoning of the Property shall be given as provided in the Municipal Code.

ADOPTED by a vote of in favor and against, this 4th day of April, 2018.

TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO  
By: Don Volger, Mayor  
Attest: April Hesson, Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was introduced to and approved by the Town Council of the Town of Pagosa Springs at its meeting of April, 2018.  
By: April Hesson, Town Clerk

## EXHIBIT A NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Council of the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado has adopted a Resolution Initiating Annexation Proceedings for Certain Property known as the Mill Creek Road Annexation, said Annexation being more particularly described as follows: A parcel of land being a portion of the southeast quarter of Section 19, Township 35 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., Archuleta County, Colorado, described in Archuleta County District Court Case Number 2017CV30092, filed November 22, 2017 and also being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the center-south sixteenth corner of Section 18, a 3.25" brass cap PLS 9009; Thence N 85°02'36" E a distance of 239.67 feet to a point on the easterly right of way line of Highway 84 monumented with a 1" plastic cap PLS 26973 and the POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence N 89°05'40" E a distance of 543.27 feet to a 1.5" aluminum cap PLS 31926;

Thence N 89°38'36" E a distance of 445.63 feet to a 1.5" aluminum cap PLS 31926;

Thence N 89°40'59" E a distance of 598.66 feet to a 1.5" aluminum cap PLS 18970;

Thence N 89°43'08" E a distance of 80.10 feet to a 1.5" aluminum cap PLS 32770;

Thence S 0°0'18'15" E a distance of 59.59 feet to a 2" aluminum cap PLS 37884;

Thence S 89°41'45" W a distance of 580.99 feet to a 2" aluminum cap PLS 37884;

Thence S 89°37'53" W a distance of 1088.06 feet to a 2" aluminum cap PLS 37884;

Thence N 01° 11' 27" E a distance of 54.62 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing 2.172 acres more or less.

That, on or about May 16, 2018, at the hour of 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on for hearing at the Town Council Chambers, Town of Pagosa Springs, 551 Hot Springs Boulevard, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, the Town Council will hold a hearing for the purpose of finding and determining whether the property proposed to be annexed meets the applicable requirements of Colorado law and is considered eligible for annexation. At such hearing, any person may appear and present evidence upon any matter to be determined by the Town Council.

Dated this day of April, 2018.

By: April Hesson, Town Clerk  
Published April 12, 19, 26 and May 3, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

## COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2018-005

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Debt of Trust:

On February 22, 2018, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Debt of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.

Original Grantor(s) Lanore Pemble  
Original Beneficiary(ies) First Southwest Bank  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt First Southwest Bank  
Date of Deed of Trust June 12, 2008  
County of Recording Archuleta  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust June 12, 2008  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20804464  
Original Principal Amount \$35,000.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$26,512.23  
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
**LOT 131, Pagosa Vista, according to the plat thereof filed September 13, 1971, as Reception No. 74884, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.**

**Also known by street and number as: 123 Highland Ave., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.**

**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

HEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 06/21/2018, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 4/26/2018  
Last Publication 5/24/2018  
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun  
**IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;**

**IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.**

**Colorado Attorney General  
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor  
Denver, Colorado 80203  
(800) 222-4444  
www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov  
Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau  
P.O. Box 4503  
Iowa City, Iowa 52244  
DATE: 02/22/2018**

Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado  
By: /s/ Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Nicholas H. Santarelli #46592  
Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9800 S Meridian Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990  
Attorney File # 02-017862

Attorney fees above are acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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## FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON May 15th.

Arturo Rock Dillone & Kimberly Ann Dillone have applied for Variance No. 2018-001 to build a 30'x40' Accessory Structure at 33' from the front lot line and 28' from a side lot line in a Planned Unit Development (PUD) zone, Lot 76, Martinez Mountain Estates Unit Two, located at 108 Cameo Ct., Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN18-056).

A public hearing will be held by the Archuleta County Board of Adjustment, on Tuesday May 15, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Building Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting, or may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners on May 15, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.

Published April 26 and May 3, 2018 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON May 15th.

San Juan River Village Metro District (Cynthia Purcell, District Manager) has applied for the San Juan River Resort Subdivision Unit No. 1 Amendment 2018-01 final plat, a vacation of an unbuilt portion of Harman Avenue and replat of Lots 30X, 40X and 42X, creating Lots 30X, 40X (Landscape F1) and 42XZ (962 Harman Ave.) and vacate unused utility easements (PLN18-043).

The property is owned by Steven and Janet Hanks Trust. Steven D. Hanks and Janet W. Hanks, and Fleming Family Revocable Living Trust, and is zoned Residential (R).

Comments may be submitted to the Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on May 15, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.

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## DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160  
Plaintiff:  
MOUNTAIN MANNA LLC  
v.  
Defendants:

ALAN BUDNIK and SHEILA BUDNIK; PAUL E SPACEK and ROSEMARY E. SPACEK; RONALD WILLIAMS; CRYSTAL CRONIN and MICHAEL CRONIN; PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.

Submitting Attorney:  
Paul Kosnik, # 38663  
Eggleston Kosnik LLC  
556 Main Ave.  
Durango, CO 81301  
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580  
E-mail: pkosnik@e-law.com  
Case Number: 2018CV030027

## SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION) PLAINTIFF MOUNTAIN MANNA LLC TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS; RONALD WILLIAMS; CRYSTAL CRONIN; MICHAEL CRONIN; AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to file with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response to the attached Complaint. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you within the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 21 days after such service upon you. If service of the summons and complaint was made upon you outside of the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after such service upon you.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within the applicable time period, judgment by default may be entered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiffs in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado,

more particularly described as follows:  
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Lots 309 and 310 in Archuleta in the Pines Unit Two, according to the plat thereof filed for record February 7, 1972 as Reception No. 75408, in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado;  
Lots 24 and 25, Pagosa Trails, according to the plat thereof filed for record September 13, 1971 as Reception No. 74885, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado; and  
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO, Plaintiff,  
v.  
LAINORA LINTON, HUGHEY MCKINNEY and BETTY DILLER as the Archuleta County Public Trustee, Respondents.

**Case Number: 2013 CV 30037  
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Pagosa Springs High School Prom Queen Zoe Strohecker and King Trevor Bryant.



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Prom Attendants Angela Zaki and Colton Castro.



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Prom Attendants Alyssa Lewis and Josue Castaneda.

## SJWCD discusses consultant position, again

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Once again, the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors discussed the potential approval of a request for proposal (RFP) for the hiring of a consultant at its meeting on April 23.

### Hiring process

"If you recall, we did look at a proposed draft RFP at a previous meeting," said SJWCD chairman John Porco in opening the discussion.

SJWCD's legal counsel did raise concern over the "proposed methodology for the first-level ranking of the potential candidates," Porco explained.

SJWCD board member Al Pfister had originally drafted an RFP which had a committee comprised of two SJWCD board members and two members of the private sector with water knowledge to make a recommendation to the board on a consultant candidate, Porco explained.

"That, I think, clearly, is not acceptable because that is involving people in the decision-making process," Porco said. "So, I think we changed it to they would provide a ranked list of all of the candidates that we received based on the criteria that we sent forth in the RFP."

Porco later explained that the board needed to decide whether or not to go with the suggestion from its legal counsel and have the board be the ranking panel.

SJWCD's legal counsel, Kent Holsinger, participating in the meeting by phone, explained that he was concerned that the district would be violating its bylaws by utilizing a panel to select the consultant.

"I'm just concerned given the statute in the bylaws you'd be running afoul of the way the district is supposed to conduct its business," Holsinger explained.

If SJWCD would still like public involvement, the board could still do that, such as holding the process in a public session while also taking public comments, but the selection of the consultant is the board's decision, Holsinger explained further.

"However, you should know, that if one of the candidates says, 'I'm not comfortable with interviewing before my competition or before the public,' then you have to do that in executive session. You have to conduct that interview in executive session," Holsinger said.

The draft RFP states that the consultant will be a contractor and no benefits will be paid to the contractor by the SJWCD.

Colorado Revised Statutes 24-6-402 (f) states that a local public body may enter an executive session for the purposes of discussing "Personnel matters except if the employee who is the subject of the session has requested an open meeting, or if the

personnel matter involves more than one employee, all of the employees have requested an open meeting."

Holsinger did note that any action the board takes on hiring a consultant needs to take place in a public session.

"If the board were to proceed and do it in such a way that the public is a part of the decision rather than just public comment, you well could open yourself up to liability and when contracts are on the line that could be a pretty real risk," Holsinger described further.

SJWCD board member Matt Roane then suggested to postpone any further action on the RFP and consultant position.

### Another postponement

The legality of the entire process and the possibility of the appointment of two new board members at the meeting were some concerns raised by Roane.

"This position is going to be the biggest expenditure, probably, that we spend next year. Knowing that they're likely to be on the board I would like to give them a chance to weigh in because this really is a defining moment moving forward," Roane explained.

The primary issue that Roane described is for SJWCD to pinpoint what exactly they would like to accomplish in the coming year.

"I don't get the sense that the district has that. We have not defined what our problem is, we have not defined what our solutions are," Roane stated. "And until we do that, how do we know who we need?"

Because SJWCD also has a limited budget, the district needs to decide what it can accomplish based on the amount of funds allocated, Roane noted.

"That's my main concern; if we don't know where we're going to head, how do we know who we need to get us there?" Roane asked.

The SJWCD is really hiring someone who can help with the day-to-day operations of the water district, SJWCD board member Doug Secrist clarified.

In regard to goals, that will be on SJWCD to provide direction to the consultant, Secrist added later.

"One of the key things is to help us develop a strategic plan to answer some of the very questions you're talking about," Porco stated, addressing Roane's concerns. "To help us move forward in whatever direction we should choose to do."

SJWCD board member Stacy Thompson also added that she would like to take a step back and determine where the district is going.

Roane's initial motion to delay the process on the RFP and consultant position was seconded by Pfister.

### Board discussion

"If we hired a consultant tomorrow, how are we going to use him or her?" Roane asked.

Porco acknowledged that he is not opposed to taking a step back.

"Mr. Chairman, I think there is another important issue that needs to be discussed here, and that's that Director Roane filed the complaints that led to the resignation of Rod Proffitt, who was acting in this role," Holsinger said.

"Mr. Holsinger, that is just absolutely not correct. That was his choice," Roane responded. "Mr. Proffitt made his decision because he didn't want to be on this board because he knew he was getting that job. That's why he resigned."

"So, it's not correct that you filed complaints with the sheriff and the D.A.'s office and the office of independent ethics?" Holsinger asked. "So, your action is what led to the circumstance that the board is seeking to address here and I think that raises a conflict of interest issue."

After that exchange a dialogue was held about when SJWCD would revisit the consultant issue again.

A deadline for another discussion on the consultant position was an idea raised by Pfister and Secrist.

"I'd move it before our next meeting. By June 1 so we could put it on the agenda before the June 11 meeting. So we could take some action," Pfister said.

Roane then amended his earlier motion to accommodate Pfister's request.

"I would move that we postpone further consideration of the request for proposal by the board to no later than June 1; the next meeting after June 1 we will revisit the matter," Roane said.

Audience member Michael Whiting added during public comment that he approved of having a date in mind to revisit the consultant topic.

The motion to postpone the RFP and consultant process no later than June 1 and revisiting the issue at the June 11 meeting was approved by the majority of the board, with SJWCD board member Susan Nossaman abstaining from voting.

### In other business

Amidst the conversation surrounding the RFP and the consultant position, Thompson raised questions over SJWCD and if the district had applied for grants for projects.

"But even if we do decide to do the reservoir, we've missed a lot of deadlines to help us, you know, partnering on grant money and different things," Thompson said.

Porco responded that there will always be grant opportunities for SJWCD.

"We're not seeking grants at this point," Porco said.

"But, why not? Why would you hire a consultant if you don't even know that's what we're doing?" Thompson asked.

## State demographer to present to Archuleta County Growing Water Smart Workgroup

By Cindy Schultz  
Special to The SUN

On May 7, Elizabeth Garner, Colorado's state demographer, will be in Pagosa Springs to share information on statewide trends impacting growth in Colorado, particularly how these trends are expected to impact our community.

The presentation is being hosted by the Archuleta County Growing Water Smart Workgroup, a newly formed collaborative with representation from the town, county, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation, Pagosa Fire Protection and San Juan Water Conservancy districts.

This collaborative effort is a result of a team comprised of water representatives from around Archuleta County attending a three-day workshop last fall, "Growing Water Smart," hosted by the Sonoran Institute. Seven individuals attended including County Commissioner Michael Whiting, town and county planning commissioner Mike Frederick, Mat deGraaf from the Pagosa Springs Town Council, Rod Proffitt formerly with the San Juan Water Conservancy District, Justin Ramsey from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, Mike Davis of Davis Engineering and James Dickhoff, the town planning director.

Dickhoff summed up the benefit of the workshop as, "the Growing Water Smart workshop introduced us to other urban and rural Colorado communities that were also discussing how to integrate land use planning and water resource planning. Our Archuleta work group left the seminar knowing that a local col-

laborative effort was necessary."

From the workshop, the local team concluded that implementation of the goals of the Colorado Water Plan in Archuleta County would require better collaboration among the separate government entities, starting with a better understanding of what amount of growth is expected and the implications on providing services and utilities. Of concern is what projected growth means for the region's water supply and what options exist to manage growing demand.

The first task for the working group is finding consensus on the region's population projections, the underlying assumptions about what is driving growth and what drives where people will live.

"The working group identified the need to work together on how we, as a community, use available population data to ensure confidence in local population and growth projections. We cannot determine what services and infrastructure may be needed unless we agree on how many people we are planning for first," stated Dickhoff.

The state demographer will meet in a work session with the region's local governments and agencies prior to the public meeting. The focus of the work session will be to learn about the different methodologies for population projections.

The work session will be followed by a public session at 5:30 p.m. in the North Conference Room (Senior Dining Room) of the Ross Aragon Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend the public event.

For questions, please contact Dickhoff at [jdickhoff@pagosasprings.co.gov](mailto:jdickhoff@pagosasprings.co.gov) or 264-4151, ext. 225.

## Births

The following are the March Births with parents from Pagosa Springs as reported by Mercy Regional Medical Center:

Michael Beckett, Kelly and Michael Keegan, 7 pounds, 7:59 a.m., March 5.  
Nausikaa Rose, Kimberly Arana

and Charles McCulley, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, 2:10 a.m., March 9.

Reagan Grace, Stephanie Erickson and Derek Hungerford, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, 1:17 p.m., March 12.

Xander Lee, Amber and Ricky Jr. Perez, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, 11:28

a.m., March 22.

Jedd Clenton, Sydney and Tadd Quiller, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, 3:06 p.m., March 28.

Parents are invited to submit photos of their baby and an official announcement to [editor@pagosasun.com](mailto:editor@pagosasun.com) to be printed in the newspaper.

## Fire district responds to three fires in two days

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to a trio of fires over the course of the week, with two started by humans and one started by a lightning strike.

### Human starts

The first occurred on Saturday, April 28, off of Justin's Road.

According to PFPD's Thad McKain, the fire occurred after a landowner performed a controlled burn and believed the fire to be extinguished.

The landowner left the property, and the fire rekindled.

McKain estimated the fire burned a 5-foot-by-5-foot patch of land before being extinguished.

He stated that PFPD personnel arrived in a brush truck and dumped water on the fire until it was extinguished.

The fire was placed into monitor status and was later called out.

McKain stated that units were dispatched around 10:45 a.m., and under control at 12:30 p.m.

Later that afternoon, the PFPD responded to a fire off of Magpie Lane that burned a quarter of an acre.

McKain explained that the fire is believed to be an "accidental human start."

He explained that units were dispatched to the scene of the fire around 12:30 p.m., with the fire being under control by 2 p.m.

He added that the PFPD dispatched a brush truck and a tender

truck, and that, upon arriving, the PFPD dug lines around the fire and used water to extinguish it.

### Lightning strike

Then, on Sunday, April 29, the PFPD responded to a fire that was caused by a lightning strike off of Country Road 146.

He explained the fire burned less than one-fourth of an acre, and added that the PFPD dug lines and used a lot of water in extinguishing the fire.

McKain complimented the residents near the fire, explaining they did a great job with throwing water on the fire before the PFPD arrived.

The PFPD was dispatched to the fire around 2:10 in the afternoon, with the fire being under control around 4:30 p.m.

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- Q & A from the membership

**Election of Directors**

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

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# Rotary Club Kentucky Derby Party

Keyah Grande Lodge • Saturday, May 5 • 2 to 6 p.m.



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# Experience the Kentucky Derby Pagosa-style at Saturday gala

By Lisa Scott  
Special to The PREVIEW

“The most exciting two minutes in sports,” the Kentucky Derby horse race, is days away.

There is no better way to bet on the horses than by attending the Rotary Club Kentucky Derby Party at Keyah Grande Lodge on Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 per person and will be available at Exit Realty, Choke Cherry Tree, Happy Trails or from any Rotarian until 5 p.m. on Friday. Saturday, tickets will be available at the door. The shuttle from the parking area up to the lodge starts at 1:45 p.m.

Your ticket includes a buffet lunch that will be open beginning at 3 p.m. Live music by local jazz musician Bob Hemenger will fill the air and inspire dancing and there will be several “fashion” and hat contests, trivia games, cash bar and betting booths.

Derby festivities will be simulcast live from Churchill Downs. Prior to watching the race live, you’ll get the opportunity to bet on the horse or horses that might win (come in first), place (come in second) or show (come in third) in the race. You can even make multiple bets on different combinations of horses. Please bring cash for betting. If you are good at picking a winning horse, then you get to keep 75 percent of your winnings and get to donate the 25 percent that Rotary keeps to support local philanthropic projects.

Even if your particular bets don’t pay out, remind yourself that all of this fun is raising money to help fund postsecondary scholarships, food-filled backpacks for youth needing supplemental meals, dictionaries for third-grade students, community needs through Pagosa Outreach, sponsoring four Loaves and Fishes luncheons and sponsoring youth leaders to attend leadership camps. That is definitely a win-win-win opportunity to have a lot of fun, make some money and also make a donation.

Bring your checkbook for the “Experiences” silent auction which will include: Creede weekend package including one-night stay at Antlers Rio Grande Lodge and tickets to Creede Repertory Theater; Sedona, Ariz.,

golf package with four-night stay; Ouray weekend including two-night stay at a five-star bed and breakfast and \$100 gift certificate to a restaurant; Silverton and Durango railroad weekend including one-night stay at a hotel with train ride up and back; two rounds of golf and a dinner for two in South Fork and a night’s stay at a famous and historic hotel in Del Norte; “Queen for a Day” package of services for the lady of the house including massage, beauty treatments, house cleaning, car wash, handy man and more; “King for a Day” package of services for the man of the house including yard service, car wash, handyman, car services, power equipment rental and more; Durango hotel stay at the General Palmer and dinner; raft trip down the San Juan for four; full-day jeep excursion through the mountains for four; two rounds of local golf and

dinner for two; two theater tickets to “Proof” at Thingamajig Theatre with dinner for two; and more.

It’s going to be a great afternoon in a beautiful setting with great company, music, food, drinks, betting on the horse race, silent auction and many Derby traditions. This party has a live horse with the “Run for the Roses” garland draped over his neck, greeting guests at the entrance. Another unique characteristic of the Derby is the hats. Women and men top off their Derby duds with a variety of headwear to put them in the Derby spirit and compete in the hat contest for both men and women.

The Kentucky Derby receives its nickname, “the most exciting two minutes in sports,” from the approximate length of time it takes the thoroughbreds to run from the starting gate to the finish line. You won’t want to miss this exquisite afternoon event. Come on out and gamble on a “sure thing” on May 5.

With over 24,000 clubs and 1.2 million members worldwide, Rotary International is a service organization with the goal of bringing together dedicated individuals to exchange ideas, build relationships, take action and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Exemplifying the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self,” the local Rotary clubs provide support for local and international project that improve the lives of others.

*Women and men top off their Derby duds with a variety of headwear to put them in the Derby spirit and compete in the hat contest for both men and women.*

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Dylan, age 3, is all set for a ride. Others looking to gear up for a ride can visit Saturday's tack sale, with the event benefiting the Wilderness Trails Forever Campaign.

# Tack sale planned for Saturday, May 5

By Lisa Nelson  
Special to The PREVIEW

Whoa, pardner — don't let the Pagosa Springs Tack Sale pass you by.

There's still time to reserve space to sell tack at the event, which will be Saturday, May 5, at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tack sale is sponsored by San Juan Back Country Horsemen.

A large collection of used tack and gear has been donated for sale to raise funds for the Wilderness Trails Forever Campaign to clear backcountry trails clogged by beetle-killed trees on the Pagosa Ranger District. All proceeds from the sale of the donated tack collection will go to this on-the-ground

effort.

The Wilderness Trails Forever Campaign, operating under the auspices of the Pagosa Area Trails Council, is raising funds to hire crews this summer to clear trails in coordination with the U.S. Forest Service.

Members of the public also are invited to purchase space to sell tack and stock-related gear at this event.

Proceeds from the sales of selling spaces and concessions at the tack sale will support the annual trail work of San Juan Back Country Horsemen and help defray costs of the event.

For more information about the Pagosa Springs Tack Sale, please email [sanjuanbchtacksale@gmail.com](mailto:sanjuanbchtacksale@gmail.com).



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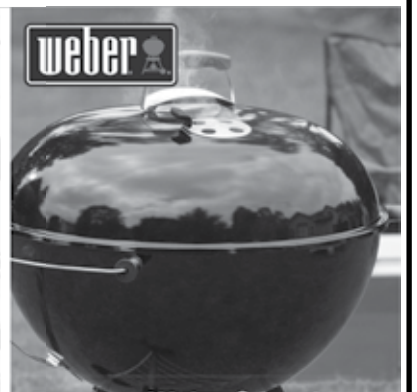
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# Free gardening Q-and-A with Ron Chacey set for Sunday

By Leslie Wustrack  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden will host Ron Chacey, renowned gardener and tree farmer, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 6, at the downtown River Pointe Coffee House meeting room, 445 San Juan St.

Chacey, a well-known regional expert, will give a short introduction to the area's growing season and then open the meeting to questions from the audience.

A lifelong organic gardener and Pagosa Springs resident for over 20 years, Chacey will offer sage advice on a variety of topics. He believes that almost any vegetable can be grown in this interesting growing environment if the proper methods are employed.

Attendees will be encouraged to ask questions on all topics, from soil, microbes, amendments, water, raised beds, row covers, greenhouses, microclimates and more, to warm- and cool-season vegetables and the best types of produce and trees to grow.

Chacey is known for his experimental gardening and his can-do nature. His annual sought-after "Gardening Notes" that outline the challenges, potentials, and processes of growing food in the Pagosa area will be available free for all attendees.

Chacey was one of the original founders of the Pagosa Springs Community Garden, which is located at the end of 5th Street on the San Juan River downtown. Chacey and other volunteer gardeners turned a small patch of land into

a vegetable and flower garden. The almost-decade-old gardening space holds historical value for residents and tourists alike.

The garden was revitalized in 2017 with generous donations from Pagosa Springs businesses and the work of a group of dedicated volunteers now known as the Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners.

In 2011, Ron and his wife, Windsor Chacey, received the Colorado Tree Farmer of the Year Award from the Colorado State Forest Service.

Free and open to the public, attendees are encouraged to arrive by 12:45 p.m. The Q-and-A will begin promptly at 1 p.m.

For more information, please email [pagosaspringscommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:pagosaspringscommunitygarden@gmail.com) or visit [facebook.com/pagosaspringscommunitygarden](http://facebook.com/pagosaspringscommunitygarden).

# Hand-drumming classes feature more than just drums

By Paul Roberts  
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, May 8, at noon.

The class offers a welcoming environment that encourages fun, creativity, playfulness and connecting with others. Drums are provided for those who do not have one.

Besides a wide variety of hand-drums, the class utilizes four-string Irish tenor banjo, lilting the rhythm with lively jigs and reels; five-string banjo, romping the beat with an insistent gallop; and cello banjos, which take the music to exotic and unexpected places.

Drums are intrinsic to banjos. Banjos belong to a family of drums

with strings stretched over them, musical instruments that can be traced throughout the Far East, the Middle East and Africa since ancient times. Take a drum, a string, a stick to hold the string in tension and a bridge to transfer the vibration of the string to the drum skin, and you have a banjo. Drums and banjos play very well together.

The drumming class is designed as an opportunity for people of all ages to unleash their creativity through music. The class provides an innovative and easily accessible approach to the benefits of music.

For more information, email [banjocrazy@centurytel.net](mailto:banjocrazy@centurytel.net) or call 731-3117. The Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave.

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## Homemakers to hear about dealing with grief May 10

By **Tozi Rubin**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Beverly "Bev" Arrendell will be talking about dealing with grief at The Homemakers' next meeting on May 10.

Arrendell is an experienced grief counselor who has been the facilitator for five different grief support group sessions here in Pagosa Springs. She is a retired teacher with experience in both public schools and at the college level.

This is such a timely topic for us all since, as we age, many of us

are losing more family and friends, as well as caring for those who are battling a serious health condition. And, processing grief can be so different for each of us.

All area women are invited to join the Homemakers at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. We socialize before we enjoy a potluck lunch provided by members. First-time visitors are not expected to bring food.

Arrendell's talk will begin after lunch.

Mountain View Homemakers is

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

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

## Archaeological Society presentation: 'The Great Inca Road: A Pre-historic Highway Engineering Marvel'

By **Janice Sheffel**  
Special to The PREVIEW

"The Great Inca Road: A Pre-historic Highway Engineering Marvel" will be discussed by Kenneth Wright at the Wednesday, May 9, meeting of the San Juan Basin Archaeological Society at 7 p.m., at the Lyceum, Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College.

The talk will be preceded by a social at 6:30 p.m.

Wright founded, and still works at, a consulting engineering firm in Denver, Colo. Since 1994, he has done extensive research on ancient water works construction and water handling in Peru, at Machu Picchu, Tipon, Moray and Ollantaytambo, and in the southwestern U.S., including several Mesa Verde sites.

The Peru studies include the Inca road system in Peru. This work has earned Wright six academic awards from Peru's leading universities, a decoration from Peru's president and a joint honorary doctor of science degree from the University of Wisconsin.

The indigenous people of South America are proud of the 24,000-

mile Inca road system that joins six countries from Chile to Ecuador. The ancient Inca road moved people, goods and armies over deserts and mountain ranges. It has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Wright will describe the road and its engineering with an illustrated lecture that highlights the road's sustainability and scenic wonder. The Inca road system included infrastructure support that made it work. This infrastructure

included drainage works, water supply fountains, tambos, road section markers, bridges, guard houses, security checkpoints, soil stabilization terraces, retaining walls, uniform road widths and religious/ceremonial buildings.

The Inca road is presently being featured at an exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., an installation on which Wright consulted.

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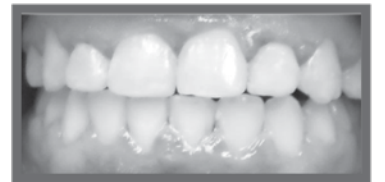
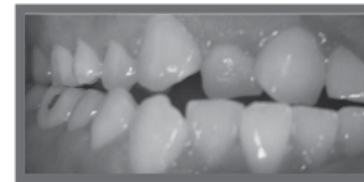
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Pagosa Brass will share the stage with the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir on Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium as part of the choir's "On Broadway" concert.

## Spring Girls Choir concert to feature Pagosa Brass

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) and the Sisters in Song are ready to take their audience on a virtual trip to Broadway, the heart of New York City, from our very own high school auditorium.

Your "little town blues" will be melting away as you listen to tunes from favorite Broadway musicals at the spring concert, "On Broadway," Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

Sharing the stage with the PSGC and the Sisters in Song will be Pagosa's own Pagosa Brass. This very popular quintet stems from the Pagosa Spring Community Band. Both Pagosa Brass and the Community Band are dedicated to promoting instrumental music in our community.

The five members consist of former or present music teachers, a professional musician and a software engineer.

First trumpet is played by Larry Elginer, a retired music director from California. Elginer is also

director of the Community Band and plays professionally locally on occasion. Second trumpet is played by Larry Baisdon, a retired band director from Texas. Baisdon also sings in the Community Choir and plays trumpet in his church. The French horn player is D'Ann Artis, who hails from Arizona. Artis plays in the Southwest Symphony and she has also performed with the Tucson Symphony. Dan Burch, who is the music director at the high school, is the trombone player for the group. Burch is originally from Colorado, but he moved to Pagosa Springs from California. Tuba is played by James Kiker, who is originally from Texas. Kiker is the newest member of the group, and he has only been playing tuba for about a year and a half.

The Pagosa Brass has performed at several Community Band concerts, The Heralds of Christmas concert and the Baylor Brass concert last summer. The quintet loves playing together and is always looking for opportunities to perform.

The community is in for a real treat, so make plans now to attend the Spring Concert of the PSGC

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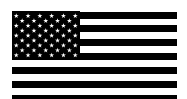
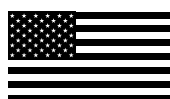






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The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will welcome new girls on Monday, May 14, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs Middle School band room.

# Pagosa Springs Girls Choir welcome party set for May 14

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

Do you have a daughter, granddaughter, niece or young friend who loves to sing? Maybe she has a great voice and doesn't know it. Membership in the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) could be exactly what she needs to provide an outlet for performance while having the opportunity to study voice privately and to give her encouragement and confidence as a singer.

The PSGC will welcome interested girls for the 2018-2019 school year on Monday, May 14, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs Middle School choir room. The choir is open to any girl who will enter fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth grade next fall, whether in public school, in a home-school program or who is enrolled in online classes. No audition is necessary, just a love of music and a desire to further her music education.

Members of the current PSGC will be present at the welcome meeting and refreshments will be served. Information packets for girls who are currently fourth-graders were sent home through the elementary school. Public school girls who are currently fifth-, sixth- or seventh-graders can get a packet in the office at the middle school. Any girls who are home-schooled (or any girl who failed to get one at school) can obtain an audition packet on the PSGC website, [www.singpagosa.org](http://www.singpagosa.org), or by calling Director Linda Parker at 264-1434.

Interested girls are asked to fill out the information form that is in the packet and bring it with them on May 14.

Along with performance, the PSGC offers other opportunities for the members. Two vocal coaches provide private voice instruction during rehearsal time at no charge to the girls.

Additionally, girls are offered a summer educational trip to experience live performances of a specific genre of music each year. The trips are funded through the generosity of the Pagosa community and our fundraising efforts, so they come at a very small cost to the girls. Past trips have taken the girls to the Santa Fe, N.M., opera; to Texas; to Vail, Colo.; Salt Lake City, Utah; and, this year, the girls will spend four days in New York City.

"The information packet will provide many answers to questions about membership in the PSGC. There is a tuition fee for the choir, but because fundraising is so important to us, parents

have the opportunity to have the tuition discounted with fundraising participation. There are also opportunities for scholarships, and no girl has ever been turned away because of financial reasons," said Parker. "Membership in the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir is a wonderful and unique opportunity for girls to learn about vocal and choral techniques and to learn and perform high-quality choral music in a variety of styles. The girls are also introduced to choreography and props as part of their music training. I hope our Pagosa girls will take advantage of these unique opportunities."

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The cast of "Proof" at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The play will be performed until May 27.

## 'Proof' continues run at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

By R. Eli Townsend  
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company's performance space is the quintessential "black box."

For "Proof," the audience is on a semi-arc facing the porch of a rundown house, where Catherine (Christina Norris) had cared for her father (Dennis Elkins), a renowned Chicago University mathematician, while he declined into dementia.

After his death, Hal (Dan Morrison), a former student, shows up to sort through the once prolific professor's notebooks, and Catherine's sister Claire (Melissa Firlit) arrives from New York City to take charge of the funeral, of the house and, she presumes, of Catherine, who fears she's going "bughouse" like her father.

Playwright David Auburn's rare blend of drama and mystery with a dash of comedy won the Best Play Tony Award as well as the Pulitzer Prize in 2001. The genius aspect of the play lies in its 50-50 split between character study and plot intrigue. The elements feed off one another. Dysfunctional family issues and Catherine's fragile emotional state are exacerbated by the discovery among the professor's notebooks of a mathematical proof once considered impossible.

In "Proof," most of the acting is beautiful, low-key naturalism. Norris' Catherine is discovered in a depressed funk, from which

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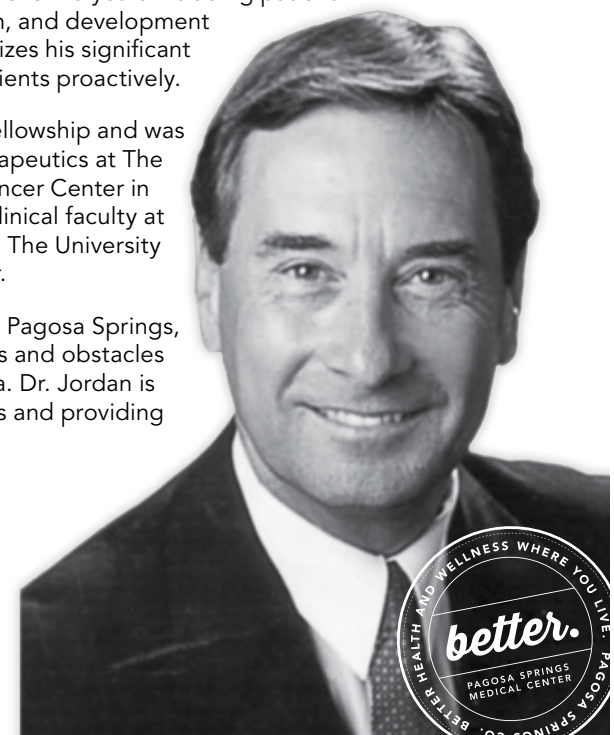
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# Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass to feature Luke Bulla Trio, The Good Time Travelers, Sugar and the Mint

By **Crista Munro**  
Special to The PREVIEW

June 8, 9 and 10 will mark the 13th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival on Reservoir Hill.

As in years past, the three-day outdoor event will draw hundreds of music lovers from around Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Texas and beyond for rousing live performances from a stellar lineup.

This year's performers include Tommy Emmanuel, Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper, Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley, The Way Down Wanderers, The Giving Tree Band, Bonnie and the Clydes, Coral Creek, Caitlyn Canty, The Arcadian Wild, Tallgrass, FY5, Thunder and Rain, and this week's featured bands: Luke Bulla Trio, The Good Time Travelers and Sugar and the Mint.

## Luke Bulla Trio

Luke Bulla has a long history of festival appearances, playing past Four Corners Folk Festivals with bands like Wischild, The Jerry Douglas Band and the Darrell Scott Band. Last year, his trio gave a stunning performance at Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass and we're thrilled for his encore performance this year.

Bulla has been singing and playing music most of his life. Touring with and singing in his family band from age four, Bulla took up the fiddle at age 7. Over the course of the next few years, he won the National Fiddle Contest (in Weiser, Idaho) six times in his respective age categories. His seventh win came in the Grand Champion division at age 16, making him the youngest to have earned the title at the time. Entering Nashville's Grand Masters fiddle contest at age



Photo courtesy FolkWest

**The Luke Bulla Trio will play the festival main stage at the 13th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival on Reservoir Hill at 4:30 p.m. on June 10, as well as a late night set at 9:30 p.m. on June 9.**

ten, Bulla distinguished himself by being the youngest person to have made the top 10.

The spring of 1999 found Bulla moving to Nashville to establish himself as a full-time musician. He spent his early years in Tennessee playing fiddle in Ricky Skaggs' band, Kentucky Thunder, which earned him his first Grammy Award. Following the Skaggs stint, he became a member of the John Cowan Band. More recently, Bulla has performed and/or recorded with a slew of talented musicians including Scott, Alison Krauss, Jerry Douglas, Lyle Lovett, Sam Bush, Bela Fleck, Bryan Sutton and Chris Thile, to name a few. Bulla was also a perennial instructor at Mark O'Connor's fiddle camps while growing up.

With long-time friend Casey Driessen, Bulla founded the band Wischild. The band toured briefly with John Mayer and Counting

Crows. In addition to violin, Bulla plays guitar, mandolin, sings and writes songs. In the spring of '09, Lyle Lovett asked Bulla to join his Large Band and Bulla now tours full time in all of Lovett's configurations. Bulla also released a solo EP featuring Jerry Douglas, Bush, Fleck and Aoife O'Donovan, to name a few.

In 2015, Bulla co-founded a Bluegrass/Americana record label called Pure Music Nashville with music and business executive John L. Heithaus. Bulla's most recent LP, "Who Loves You Better" was released by Pure Music Nashville in May of 2016. Recorded at Zac Brown's awesome Southern Ground Nashville, the LP was produced by Grammy-winner Bryan Sutton. "Who Loves You Better" showcases vocal performances by Sharon and Cheryl White, Maura O'Connell, Lee Ann Womack and Sara Jarosz, complemented by a veritable A-list of Americana's fin-

■ See Festival on next page

## 'Proof'

■ continued from previous page she emerges to some extent after a potentially mood-elevating encounter and a major revelation. Hal is torn between loyalty to Catherine and his own math-science instincts. Morrison plays the young man's doubts and his intellect expertly and it's nice to see these two performers reconnected for the first time since last May's award-winning God of Carnage at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Claire and Catherine could not be more different. Catherine will break your heart, while her icy older sister engenders no sympathy. Dad, appearing in flashbacks, goes in and out of lucidity; Elkins is in his element here, deftly maneuvering these shifts with ease.

The porch setting is expertly designed by John Santangelo and dressed by Tanya Quinn. Mandy

Heath's lighting bridges scene changes with fluid perfection. Jill Fives' scenic art is a sight to behold. At first glance, one could swear the (painted) grass and dirt on the floor are real.

"Proof" is one of those rare shows that will appeal to the intellectual patron and yet is accessible to the casual one, as well. Auburn's gift for writing and story construction are on full display and it's no wonder the show won so many awards. This season's closer is another winner and is a "can't-miss" production.

Thingamajig Theatre Company presents "Proof," directed by Firlit. Rated PG-13, "Proof" is laying at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts through May 27, weekdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

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# Festival

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est musicians including Douglas, Noam Pikelny, Bush, John Cowan, Sam Grisman, Sutton and many more.

Bulla will play the festival main stage at 4:30 p.m. on June 10, as well as a late night set at 9:30 p.m. on June 9 that shouldn't be missed.

## The Good Time Travelers

A high voice, smoky and soulful; a low voice, rich with bravado: Pete Kartsounes and Michael Kirkpatrick come together as The Good Time Travelers. United by a passion for performing, this songwriting and pickin' duo presents original songs about "the journey."

It's a simple endeavor: a guitar, a mandolin and two microphones — traveling light, this band fills up your heart, but barely fills a Subaru. Both gentlemen have been leading bands around the West for some time and found each other at the Telluride Bluegrass Festival in Colorado back in 2013.

At their first campground session, it became clear to all who witnessed the magic of these two troubadours that this was more than just another Town Park jam. Kartsounes and Kirkpatrick began co-writing in the summer of 2014,



Photo courtesy FolkWest

**You can catch The Good Time Travelers on the main stage of the 13th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival on Reservoir Hill at 12:15 p.m. on June 10.**

focusing on the alchemy of their unique voices and instrumental styles and have been on constant "tour" since. Their sound is rooted in bluegrass and folk music, but the sentiment is pure rock 'n' roll with vocal harmonies and a stage presence so big that they have been described as a "two-piece power-trio." Their sophomore album, "Mountain Song," is out this month.

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## Sugar and the Mint

Sugar and the Mint got their start as a band at The Sharlot Hall Museum in Prescott, Ariz., in February 2011. Students were initially chosen by audition and formed as a youth cultural music conservatory group. In 2014, Sugar and the Mint parted ways with the Sharlot Hall Museum (after the program lost funding) and the band ventured out on its own, evolving into a professional and dynamic young musical group. They play a blend of new old-time, contemporary bluegrass and indie-folk music.

In June of 2017, Sugar and the Mint captured first place in the band contest at the 44th annual Telluride Bluegrass Festival, competing against 11 bands from across the nation.

Sugar and the Mint will open the festival's main stage on June 8 at 4:30 p.m., with an encore set at 3 p.m. on June 10.

## Volunteer opportunities

The festival offers people a chance to volunteer for two four-hour shifts in return for complimentary three-day admission. Volunteers must be at least 17 years old.

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# VOTE

**BALLETS IN THE MAIL APRIL 17TH**





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The stars taking part in Seeds of Learning's Dancing with the Pagosa Stars include, back row: Brent Christians, Jacob Miskimens, Bob Brobstand and Brad Ash. Front row: Cindy Houston, Lisa Miranda, Fran Lohr and Tammy Searle.

## Stars for the new Seeds event are unveiled

By Dee McPeek  
Special to The PREVIEW

Seeds of Learning is delighted to announce our eight courageous, enthusiastic dancers who are bringing the "star" quality to Dancing with the Pagosa Stars on July 14.

Our beautiful female stars are Cindy Houston, Fran Lohr, Lisa Miranda and Tammy Searle. Our handsome male stars are Brad Ash, Bob Brobst, Brent Christians and Jacob Miskimens.

These incredibly generous people have agreed to be paired with a professional dancer, learn a dance routine choreographed just for them and perform for your votes on July 14 at this new fundraising event.

Today you can go to <http://growingseeds.org/dwtps-stars/> to see bios of these competitive stars

and vote for your favorites. Each \$1 vote moves a star closer to winning the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy and bragging rights as the winner for a full year.

Tickets for this fun event will go on sale at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 4. Ticket price is \$125 when paying with cash or check and \$128.50 if paying with a credit card. Ticket prices include the dance competition, dinner, drink tickets and open audience dancing while winner votes are tallied.

To reserve Producer Tables (seating eight) or individual tickets, call Lisa Peters at (281) 650-0875 or Dee McPeek at 317-3224 beginning May 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. No tickets will be available for purchase at Seeds of Learning. Tickets will be sold on a first-paid basis.

Because of their amazing con-

tribution, Stars have received reserved tables to fill with friends, so remaining seats for sale are limited. We expect to sell out quickly, so call early on May 4 for your reservations.

Over the next few weeks, we will tell you more about these special people and why they have agreed to help Seeds. Each has a unique story and everyone associated with Seeds feels very lucky to have their support. Their commitment to raise critically needed funds to educate vulnerable at-risk preschool children is truly inspiring. When you see these folks around town, be sure to let them know how special they are. And, don't forget to vote.



Photo courtesy FolkWest

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## Festival

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# Let the seasons come

A fierce wind blew through our valley last night. Its teeth gnawed at our flag and left it in threads and drove trashcans down County Road 335. When mixed rain and snow fell, the Lower Blanco with its gray trees and dead grass came alive. A blanket of bright green carpet now extends to the bank of the Blanco River behind our house. A new fresh season appeared on the landscape overnight.

The newness of another season is clawing at us and is looking different these days. Just a few years ago I sat at a banquet and a dear friend made the comment that he surmised that probably only people over 50 read my column. Another guest at the table argued she didn't look 50 and he must not be referring to her. I sat horrified that I was writing to old people and was that where my life had brought me.

At the time, I thought I was writing to a younger audience. Now, I'm wondering if only over-70s are reading my words as I look around at my Sweet Al's daily box of meds and a cane in the corner. The calendar is filled with doctors' appointments and our children are calling just to check on us.

Things look different on the surface, but there is a newness flowing through my veins; it's like winter has passed and spring is heard in the land. Definitely a paradox: old is becoming young, making dreams real.

A friend sent an article to me on C.S. Lewis as a reminder to encourage me that my dreams are a process and they do not happen overnight.

It notes that Lewis let his faith impact everything he did and includes an explanation by Lewis that his seven Narnian books began with pictures in his head that, at about age 40, he tried to make a story about.

He explained that he had "very little idea how the story would go" until "Aslan came bounding into it" to pull the story together.

The book "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" was written in 1950 and the movie premiered in 2005, 55 years later. Lewis lived 64 years, until 1963. He only saw in part the manifestation of the fullness of his story.

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



Madaleine L'Engle wrote 60 books. In "Walking on Water," written in 1972, she addressed the question, "What does it mean to be a Christian artist?" I devoured her book in the '70s. I was a Christian artist without a platform. At the time, the organized church really didn't know what to do with artists like me. I am sure they saw us as a threat and much less spiritual than they were.

"A Wrinkle in Time," written by L'Engle in 1962, was made into a movie by Walt Disney Pictures in 2018. She passed away in 2007 and didn't see her story on the big screen.

One of my favorite books is "The Art Spirit," written by Robert Henri. He was a great teacher and American artist and the book was published in 1923. He passed away in 1929.

When I was painting and teaching art, I quoted and taught his concepts to all of my art students. I underlined quotes, made notes, earmarked passages and literally destroyed three copies of that single book. His words written in 1923 said so much to me as an artist in 1980, I had to share his words with young artists. Art looks different today, but the principles of art still remain true. Time has not changed anything except the surface.

In a quote from his book, "The Art Spirit," Henri states, "Art is the inevitable consequences of growth and is the manifestation of the principles of origin."

We start with creative bones and we grow into who we are by the end of our days. Where we stop creating, other artists will continue.

Henri wrote, "Where those who are not artists are trying to close the book, the artist opens it, and shows there are still more pages possible. The world would stagnate without him, and the world would be beautiful with him."

"All manifestations of art are but landmarks in the progress of the

human spirit toward a thing. The artist disturbs, upsets, enlightens and he opens ways for a better understanding."

Great writers and artists have learned the process of art and have passed their knowledge on to us through books, paintings and movies.

But as we begin to create, suddenly Aslan comes bounding into it and he pulls our story together. We must be faithful to live our story and let Aslan rule as the King Lion. His spirit will carry the message to whomever He pleases.

Final brushstroke: As artists and writers, our art and words will continue. When seasons of our lives try to close the book, the artist opens it and shows there are still more pages possible. We must dig in, hang on and allow the wind to blow through our lives and change the landscape. Blessed are those who are called artists. He will give life to it.

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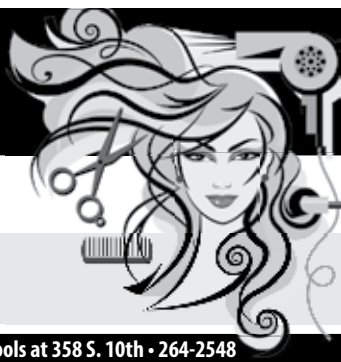
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# Vanity of vanities: finding the meaning of life

By Andrew Packer  
Special to The PREVIEW

How do I find meaning in this life? How do I find contentment in this life? These questions are at the heart of the book of Ecclesiastes. Solomon wrestles with these questions throughout the entire book.

This theme is addressed in the motto of the book: "Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity." (1:2).

This picturesque language does not indicate everything is meaningless. The picture is like that of a puff of breath on a cold day (or picture yourself trying to catch smoke in your hand). It is insubstantial

## A Matter of Faith

and fleeting, not "meaningless."

The idea expressed here is the fleeting or transitory nature of life. Like a vapor, it doesn't last. This is not a statement about the meaninglessness of everything, but rather the temporary nature of life "under the sun."

This vanity is not about the things themselves, but about the

human heart, which abuses things to its own disadvantage. The heart is never content with present things and is always longing for more. When we get what we strive for, dissatisfaction sets in almost right away. The Bible says this is vanity.

John puts it this way: "And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever." (1 John 2:17).

The world and all of its promises (wealth, happiness, security, etc.) and even all our works are passing away. They are here one day and gone the next. But the one who does the will of God is not "vanity," instead they live forever.

And what is the will of God? "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." (John 6:40).

It is the will of God that you quit trying to make the temporary things of this world the main thing of your life. That is, quit looking for your identity, your security and life's meaning in the stuff of this world (the Bible calls this idolatry). Turn from these things and look to Jesus. Your life finds its meaning, you find your identity and security, in Jesus Christ alone.

How do I find meaning in this life? How do I find contentment in this life? Only in Jesus, the only Son of God. In Christ, even the things of this world that are passing away can have meaning and be enjoyed the way God intended us to enjoy them. In Christ, it is possible to find meaning and contentment in our daily lives.

## Bird of the Week

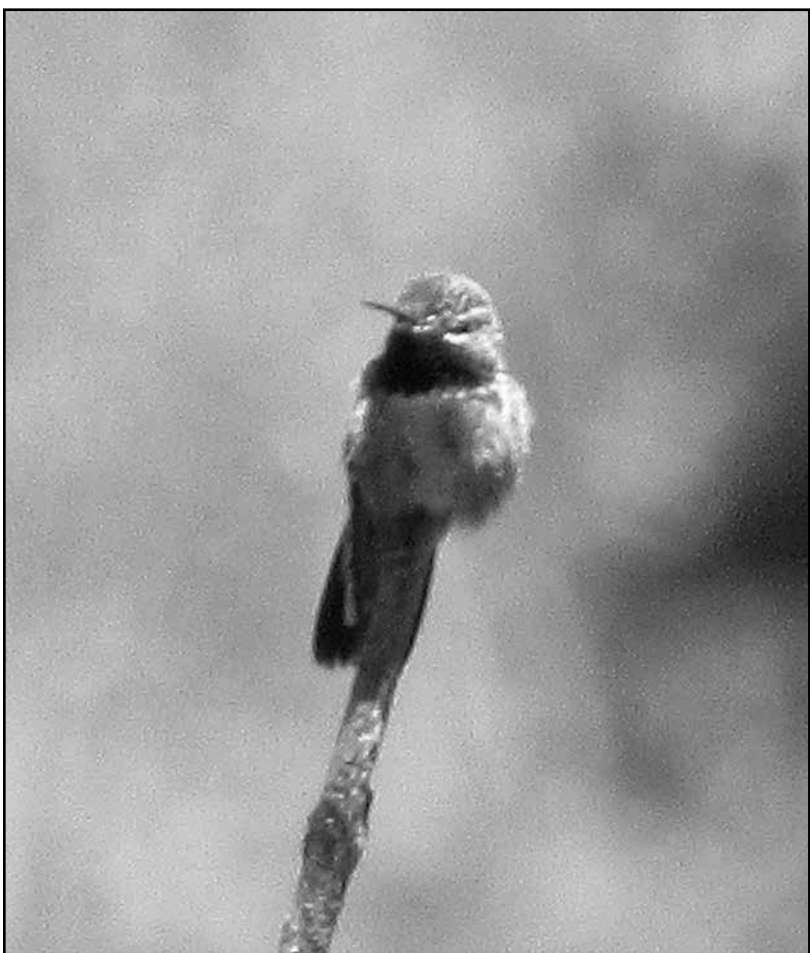


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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the broad-tailed hummingbird.

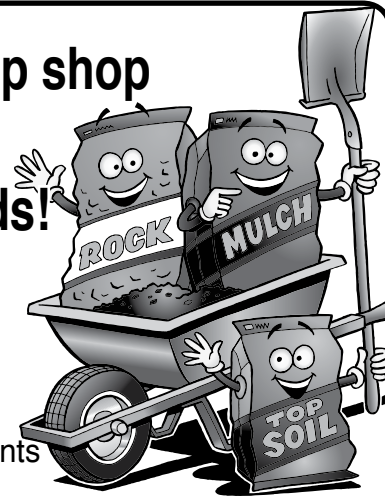
This is a common species of hummingbird living and migrating through the high altitudes of Mexico (winter) and the Rocky Mountain regions (summer). It travels early in the spring and fall, moving north in early March and south in early August. It usually shows up in our neck of the woods the second week of April.

The broad-tailed hummingbird is a medium-size hummingbird about 4 to 4.5 inches long with a wing span of 5 inches. As its name suggests, it has a long, broadly rounded tail extending beyond the wingtips when perched. The male has a green back, neck and head, and a bright rosy red throat. The female is duller with buffy sides and a speckled throat. The wings of the male produce a high musical trill in flight. Males may mate with several females over the breeding season.

These hummingbirds feed on nectar and small insects, sometimes snatching small insects out of the air or from spiderwebs. They do visit sugar water feeders, but an excellent way to attract them to your yard is to plant natural nectar sources. Their favorite flowers are colored red and have tubular blossoms. Some plant suggestions include Agastache, red columbine, lobelia, larkspur, petunia, salvia, scarlet skyrocket and great red Indian paint brush.

For information on local bird watching events, visit [www.weminuche-audubon.org](http://www.weminuche-audubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/](http://www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/).

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# UUs to celebrate Mother's Day and diversity with flowers

By Pauline Benetti  
Special to The PREVIEW

Sunday, May 13, is Mother's Day. On this date, Unitarian Universalists (UU) will also celebrate our annual Flower Communion. Honoring mothers at the time of our Flower Communion seems a fitting combination.

The Flower Communion is a UU tradition originally created by Unitarian minister Norbert Capek of Prague, Czechoslovakia, who introduced this special service to that church on June 4, 1923. For some time, Capek had felt the need for some symbolic ritual that would bind people more closely together. The format had to be one that would not alienate any who had forsaken other religious traditions. So, he turned to the native beauty of their countryside for elements of a communion which would be genuine to them.

The Flower Communion was brought to the United States in 1940 and introduced to the members of the Cambridge, Mass. church by Capek's wife, the Rev. Maja V. Capek.

The significance of the flower communion is that as no two flowers are alike, so no two people are alike, yet each has a contribution to make. Together, the different flowers form a beautiful bouquet. Our common bouquet would not be the same without the unique addition of each individual flower, and thus it is with our church com-

munity; it would not be the same without each and every one of us. Thus, this service is a statement of our community.

In this simple but moving ceremony, everyone in the congregation brings a flower. Each person places a flower in a shared vase. Flowers are blessed and then redistributed at the end of the service. Visitors and anyone who forgets will find a flower waiting for them to contribute to the communal bouquet and all are invited to wear their finest floral attire to add to the festiveness of the service.

Julie Loar will lead the service. Loar is the multiple award-winning author of six books and dozens of articles. She has traveled to sacred sites around the world, researching the material for her books and teachings.

Loar has a BS in psychology, has done postgraduate work and has been certified in numerous professional training and development programs. She was a human resources executive in two major corporations and an independent training consultant working with large companies. She has studied and taught astrology, tarot, mythology and symbolism for more than 40 years.

Our fellowship is about belonging and, through this sense of belonging, we each grow spiritually. We are a Welcoming Congregation; we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment

for all.

Service begins at 10:30 a.m. and, following that, we invite you to share refreshments and conversation. Every third Sunday, our service includes children's religious explorations. All youngsters ages 5-12 are welcome and there are no prerequisites. Parents need only show up with their offspring(s).

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Come in and join us. You are welcome.

For further information, visit [pagosauu.org](http://pagosauu.org) or call 731-7900.

## Pagosa Community of New Thought to discuss manifesting our destiny

By Janie Garms  
Special to The PREVIEW

According to Dr. Ernest Holmes, "At all times, we are either drawing things to us or pushing them away. Mind has no choice but to return what we have thought into it."

At this Sunday's gathering of Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) on May 6 at 10 a.m., we will explore our ability to manifest good for ourselves and others.

Gather and learn new adventures of thinking outside the box, into a beautiful realization that we are meant to live joyous, fun, prosperous lives. Lift your heart and spirit in song, prayer, and meditation. You will do amazing things, Welcome home. We've been waiting for you.

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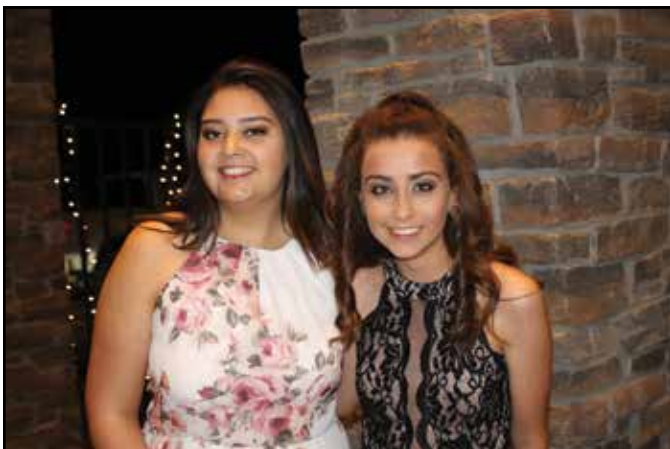
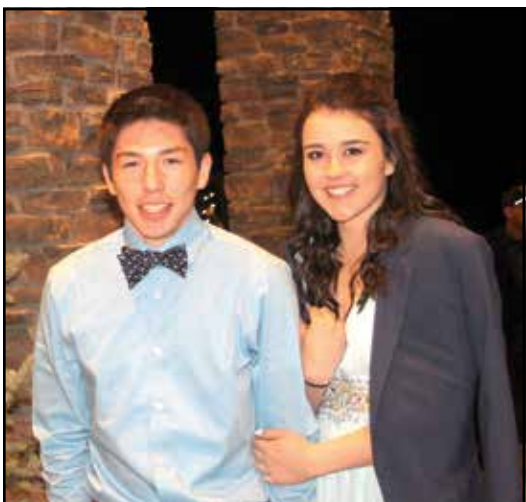
## PAGOSA SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL PROM

Photos courtesy Sally Riggs

Scene ... at Saturday's Pagosa Springs High School prom. This year's event featured an enchanted forest and was held at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, with high school students and staff sporting fine dresses and suits to dance the night away with friends and dates.









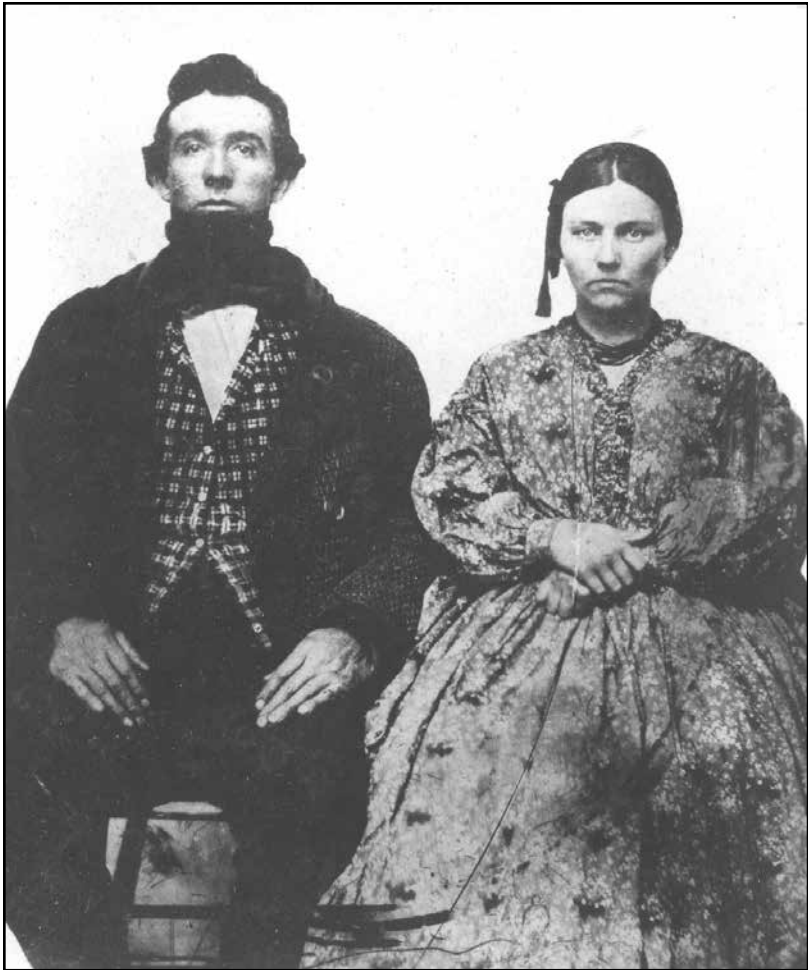
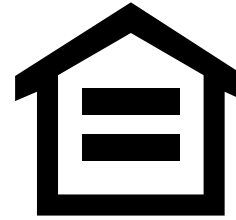


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**Ballots, bullets and bloodshed:  
 Charlie Siringo comes on the scene**

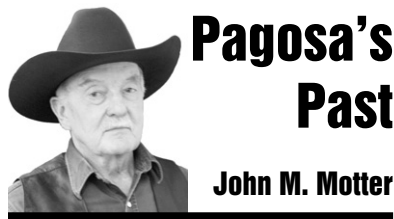
We've been writing about the wrangling between Anglo and Hispanic for control of the county government following creation of the county in May of 1885. This week, we'll look at a report from Charlie Siringo in a book he published in 1912 titled "A Cowboy Detective."

Siringo devoted much of Chapter II in his book to the Archuleta County affair. The following headlines opened Chapter II. "ARCHULETA COUNTY UPRISING-ROPE SECURED TO HANG ME." Before we get to Siringo's version of ballots, bullets and bloodshed, a brief explanation of who Siringo was might be useful.

According to Google, Siringo was born Feb. 7, 1855, in Matagorda County, Texas, and died Oct. 18, 1928, in Altadena, Calif. His occupation is listed as lawman, detective, bounty hunter, cowboy and merchant.

He quit school at the age of 15 to work as a cowboy. While in Dodge City, Kan., in 1877, he witnessed a confrontation between Clay Allison and Wyatt Earp. After taking part in several cattle drives, Siringo married in 1884 and opened a merchant business in Caldwell, Kan.

In 1886, he moved to Chicago and was hired by the Pinkerton Detective Agency, using Pat Garrett as a reference. He became adept at working undercover and gained much notoriety for infiltrating Butch Cassidy's outlaw gang. If you watched one of my favorite movies, "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," the actor featured as Siringo



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**John M. Motter**

was the lawman chasing Butch and Sundance. Such is a brief description of Siringo, who was involved in the Archuleta County fracas.

Siringo opens his account of the Archuleta County affair this way:

"Early in the spring of 1887 I was sent out on my first cowboy operation.

"In the southwestern part of Colorado on the border of New Mexico, was situated the County of Archuleta, the county seat being Pagosa Springs, and the nearest railroad Amargo."

Siringo got off the train in Durango, bought a horse and saddle, and rode 60 miles to Pagosa Springs. On the way, he stopped at the Gordon Grimes cattle ranch, then located on Yellow Jacket Creek just west of the Piedra River bridge. Using the name Anderson, he identified himself to Grimes as a bad man from Texas.

The next step for Siringo was to get E.M. Taylor to put him up at his house in Pagosa Springs. In that way, he infiltrated the insurgent gang of cowboys at Pagosa Springs who had rebelled against the Hispanics living at Amargo who had been elected to county office.

More next week.

**SUDOKU**

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**ANSWER:**



# Next health and wellness event set for May 30

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Senior Center has a pilot program expanding 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 event will be May 30.

## Medical alert system

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

Please call 264-2167 for more information or to sign up.

## San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Survey response and life safety survey

By Kay Kaylor

I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes as the part-time long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County.

Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life. Pine Ridge staff reported that from March 21, while health department surveyors were still on site, to April 6 they took corrective actions on the four citations from the March 22 survey. Some involved care for specific residents, doing a grooming and hygiene walk through and re-educating staff on April 5.

Additional corrective measures reported include daily rounds by supervisors, weekly checks by the

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director of nursing, reviewing documentation, observation of insulin injections and dressing changes, monitoring and documenting infections, reviewing resident records for immunization consent. Finally, staff intends to regularly review medication administration records and ensure compliance during quarterly team meetings. The next step will be whether the health department accepts the corrective actions.

The health department also conducted the annual life safety inspection on April 17 using the fire safety requirements of the National Fire Protection Association's 2012 codes. As background, the Pine Ridge building was constructed in late 1997, with eight rooms added in August 2005. The rehabilitation section has a distinct fire-rated separation. Pine Ridge has a fully sprinklered automatic fire suppression system. The document I received details three citations, with Pine Ridge reporting that it completed its compliance April 23. I will explain the results in more detail in the next column.

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

## Memberships

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

## Menu

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

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$5 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 3 — Salmon

cakes, black bean and mango salsa, Mexicali corn, milk and salad bar.

Friday, May 4 — Chicken blue corn tamale, refried beans, Spanish brown rice, milk and salad bar.

Monday, May 7 — Tacos with mango salsa, black beans, cilantro lime rice, milk and salad bar.

Tuesday, May 8 — Roast pork or vegetarian creole polenta with mustard sauce, black bean sucotash, milk and salad bar.

Wednesday, May 9 — Turkey sausage or veggie pizza, Italian pasta salad, Italian spinach with mushrooms, milk and salad bar.

Thursday, May 10 — Chicken with broccoli and rice casserole, yellow squash medley, milk, salad bar and carrot cake.

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

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

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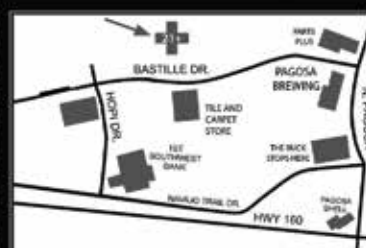
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# Academy Award and AARP films available on DVD at your library

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

For the past several months, we have been listing the availability of Academy Award winners and nominees on DVD at your library as we got them. Now we thought it would be helpful to provide a total list in one place for all our patrons who so greatly enjoy borrowing and watching these films.

We have eight of the Academy Awards best picture nominees, with the ninth available through AspenCat, the Colorado Library Consortium that allows our patrons access to items in 110 other Colorado libraries.

“The Shape of Water” had 12 nominations and won four Academy Awards, including best picture and best director. “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri” received several nominations, including best picture and won best actress for Frances McDormand. “Darkest Hour” received several nominations, including best picture, and won best actor for Gary Oldman. “Phantom Thread” received several nominations, including best picture, best director and best actor. “Call Me By Your Name” received four nominations, including for best picture and best actor. “Lady Bird” had five nominations, including best picture, best director, best actress and best supporting actress. “Get Out” was nominated for four awards, including best picture, best actor and best director. “The Post” received nominations for best picture and best actress for Meryl Streep. “Dunkirk,” available through AspenCat, received several nominations including best picture and best director.

We also have many movies from other Academy Award categories:

Disney Pixar’s “Coco” won best animated feature and best song. “The Breadwinner,” “Loving Vincent” and “Ferdinand” were nominees for best animated feature. “All the Money in the World” received a best actor in a supporting role nomination for Christopher Plummer. “The Big Sick” was nominated for original screenplay. “I, Tonya” had three nominations, including best actress and best supporting actress. “Abacus” and “Last Men in Aleppo” were nominated in the documentary feature category. “Blade Runner 2049” had five nominations and won for best visual effects. “Roman J. Israel, Esq.” received a nomination for best actor for Denzel Washington. “The Greatest Showman” was nominated for best song.

## AARP ‘Grownups’ awards

Many of the films cited by the Academy and available at your

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library as DVDs also were honored by the AARP The Magazine’s 2017 Best Movies for Grownups Awards. They include best-picture nominees “Get Out,” “Lady Bird,” “The Shape of Water,” “Phantom Thread” and “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri,” all in our collection.

Also, in our own DVD collection and through AspenCat, we have other AARP nominees including “Star Wars: The Last Jedi,” nominated for best movie; “The Post,” which got a best actor nomination for Tom Hanks and best actress nomination for Meryl Streep; “Girls Trip,” “Last Flag Flying” and “Murder on the Orient Express,” all nominated for best ensemble; “Marshall,” nominated for best director; and “Roman J. Israel, Esq.,” nominated for best actor for Washington. “All the Money in the World” received a best supporting actor nomination for Christopher Plummer.

## DVD donations

Many of these Academy Award and AARP movie DVDs were purchased using your library’s DVD budget. But many also were donations by two film-loving patrons. We are grateful because the demand for current and classic DVD movie surpasses our monetary resources.

If you have gently used DVDs you no longer need, please consider donating them to us. They will be much appreciated by our patrons.

## Lifelong Learning Lecture today

The fifth presentation in our free spring Lifelong Learning Lecture series takes place today, May 3, when Town Manager Andrea Phillips will speak on local government and the town’s recent and future major projects from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

These outstanding talks continue every Thursday until May 17. San Juan Basic Public Health personnel will discuss proper nutrition and healthy eating on a budget on May 10 and Andrew Gulliford, professor of history and environmental science at Fort Lewis College, will review the history of killing wolves in Colorado and the possibility of bringing them back to our wilderness on May 17.

We hope you will join us for these interesting and informative presentations. For more details

about all the talks, please pick up a brochure at your library.

## Teen advisory board today

Today, Thursday, May 3, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book.

## Operation Veteran Reconnect tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, May 4, adult services librarian Brad Glover will man a table at the Vets for Vets event at the high school from 6 to 8 p.m. to inform veterans and their families about the many free library resources available to them.

These include computer use, Internet access and tech support; access to health, learning and ancestry data bases to help veterans find information about fallen comrades and shipmates; and our interlibrary loan service that allows vets to borrow or request almost any military-themed book or DVD.

Vets for Vets will also provide many other informational opportunities for our local veterans and their families at this special event.

## All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, May 4, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session where you can enjoy video gaming on Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family.

## Paws to Read Saturday

On Saturday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to noon, youngsters from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to share their favorite books with Hondo, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories, at a free Paws to Read session. This is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence.

## New paper marbling fun

On Monday, May 7, from 4 to 5 p.m., we’ll host a free new paper marbling event for those in the fourth through 12th grades to make beautiful marbled designs and dye paper with shaving cream and food coloring.

## Book club for adults

Our free book club for adults meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles. On May 8, we will discuss “Salt to the Sea” by Ruta Sepetys. Stop by to pick up a copy. Light snacks and beverages will be served. No registration is required.

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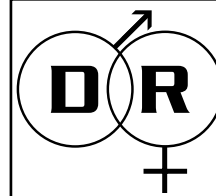
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# Library

## ■ continued from previous page 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 Wednesday, May 9, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

## Healthy eating on a budget

If you are having some difficulty eating healthily on a budget, please join us next Thursday, May 10, at 5 p.m. when San Juan Basin Public Health personnel will host a free interactive discussion about healthy living including nutrition tips, effective grocery shopping and how to cook affordable, healthy meals. Healthy snacks will be available and new recipes will be provided. Everyone is welcome — no registration required.

## Tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

## Computer/technology classes

Join us on Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. for free sessions to learn a technology skill or application.

Today, May 3, you'll learn how to remove programs, manage the space on your computer, speed up your browsing and more.

May 10 covers the Cloud Library, which allows you to download e-books and audio books to your computer or e-reader. May 17 covers using Microsoft Word to create professional-looking resumes using basic and advanced formatting tools. May 24 reviews the Ancestry Library edition database on family histories. May 31 you'll learn about viruses and malware and what to do about them.

## Adult education

Our PALS program — Pagosa Adult Learning Services — takes place three days a week: 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 with high school equivalency, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

## 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.

Please note that both storytimes are now 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.

## Nonfiction

"A Higher Loyalty" by former FBI director James Comey takes readers through the personal events and cases that shaped his views of justice, fairness and ethical leadership. "The Big Ones" by seismologist Dr. Lucy Jones is a history of natural disasters and what we can do about them. "Dear Madam President" by Jennifer Palmieri is an open letter to the women who will run the world as they rise in power in their communities, careers and public life. "The Dream of the Earth" by Thomas Berry, first published by Sierra Club Books in 1988, is a classic in environmental thinking.

## CDs

"Limits of the Known" is a memoir by celebrated mountaineer David Roberts. "The Family Gathering" by Robyn Carr is a Sullivan's Crossing novel.

## DVDs

"Sustainable" is a documentary about the future of our food system in America. "Outlander" is season three. "I Am" is an inspirational true story about a Hollywood director who works to answer two questions: "What's wrong with our world?" and "What can we do about it?" "Hunting the Nightmare Bacteria" investigates the alarming rise of untreatable infections.

## Novels

"Varina" by Charles Frazier explores the Civil War through the eyes of Jefferson Davis' wife. "Noir" by Christopher Moore is a comic story set in 1947 San Francisco.

## Downloadable e-books

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## Quotable quote

"People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it." — George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), Irish playwright, critic and political activist.

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## Thursday, May 3

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

**Computer Class: Clean Up and Speed Up Your Computer.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Come learn how to remove programs, manage space on your computer, speed up your browsing and more. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Teen Advisory Board.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**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.** 5 p.m., Ruby Sisson Library. Andrea

Phillips, town manager of Pagosa Springs, will give a presentation about the importance of local government. She will describe the various projects the town is working on and has planned for the future. Phillips is a graduate of CU Boulder and the University of Ohio. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Adult ESL Classes.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.

**National Day of Prayer.** 6-8 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center.

**San Juan Outdoor Club.** 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Bill Miner will show slides taken while backpacking Salt Creek in Utah's Canyonlands with his wife, Jacquie. This part of the Canyonlands offers spectacular views, deep canyons, many ancestral puebloan ruins and associated rock art. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m.

## Friday, May 4

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

**Pagosa Stitching Group.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are

■ See Calendar on next page

# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Chocolate alternative
- 6 Venomous snake
- 11 "Goodfellas" fellas
- 14 Cocktail garnish
- 15 Hot spot
- 16 Indignation
- 17 Prince hit, "I Wanna Be Your \_\_\_\_\_"
- 18 Pick up the tab
- 19 Conk out
- 20 Kind of leather
- 22 More miffed
- 24 Pet name
- 25 In all respects
- 26 Take in
- 29 Dress down
- 30 Scribble (down)
- 31 Aussie "bear"
- 33 Choppers, so to speak

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- 36 Region
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- 40 Take a chance
- 41 Drive away
- 43 Miser's problem
- 45 Sargasso, for one
- 46 Modular home
- 48 Passel of pups
- 50 Workplace newbie
- 52 Belinda Carlisle, for one
- 53 Legalese word
- 54 Motorcycle escort
- 58 Poetic palindrome
- 59 Fluid build-up
- 61 Skip a syllable
- 62 Vintner's vessel
- 63 Word appearing twice in a 1983 Bond film title
- 64 Twill fabric
- 65 Picnic pest
- 66 What's hot

- 67 Pittsburgh product
- ## DOWN
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  - 3 Tear apart
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  - 5 Bad way to go
  - 6 In motion
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  - 10 Drumming sound
  - 11 Bahrain's region
  - 12 Bay window
  - 13 Drunken
  - 21 Shish \_\_\_\_\_
  - 23 Old-fashioned
  - 25 Coquettish woman
  - 26 Open, a little
  - 27 Drag
  - 28 Mike Brady was one
  - 29 Book jacket ad

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

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

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

**Community Prayer Event.** 5-10 p.m., 755 San Juan St.

**Operation Veteran Re-Connect.** 6-8 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. This is an informational forum sponsored by Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County where veterans can learn of the latest benefits and information assistance available. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Thingamajig Theater Presents 'Proof.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Center for the Arts. The daughter of a brilliant but mentally disturbed mathematician, recently deceased, tries to come to grips with her possible inheritance: his insanity. For more information and tickets, go to [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW.

**Saturday, May 5**

**Community Prayer Event.** 8-10 a.m., 755 San Juan St.

**San Juan Back Country Horsemen Tack Sale.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. A large selection of used tack and gear has been donated for sale to raise funds for the Wilderness Trails Forever Campaign to clear backcountry trails clogged by beetle-killed trees. All proceeds will to this on-the-ground effort. For more information, email [sanjuanbchtacksale@gmail.com](mailto:sanjuanbchtacksale@gmail.com).

**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 to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild.** 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Please join us for a Cinco de Mayo celebration and the "Challenge Quilt" display. Additional information can be found on Facebook, or contact us at [pagosapiecemakers@gmail.com](mailto:pagosapiecemakers@gmail.com).

**Wildfire Community Prepared-**

**ness Forestry Workshop.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Turkey Springs Trailhead. Workshop participants will meet leaders at the trailhead before carpooling to a research area near Middle Mountain. The workshop will begin with a presentation by Matt Tuten and Emily Hohman on research conducted in the area, methods for marking trees for removal and the importance of tree thinning and prescribed burning for forest health. Please bring a lunch and sturdy shoes. Snacks, forestry equipment and safety equipment will be provided.

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

**Kentucky Derby Party.** 2-6 p.m., Keyah Grande Lodge. Tickets are \$45 each and can be purchased from any Rotarian or at Exit Realty.

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**Sunday, May 6**

**Pagosa Springs Community Garden.** 1 p.m., River Pointe Coffee House, 445 San Juan St. Ron Chacey, renowned gardener and tree farmer, will give a short introduction to the area's growing season and then open the meeting to questions from the audience. For more information, email [pagosaspringscommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:pagosaspringscommunitygarden@gmail.com) or visit [facebook.com/pagosaspringscommunitygarden](http://facebook.com/pagosaspringscommunitygarden).

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**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 7**

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are

available if you don't have one. **Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network.** 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email [richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com](mailto:richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com) or call 731-2040.

**Line Dancing.** 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., Advance group at 10:15 a.m. Call Beverly for information 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.

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

**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.

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

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

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

**Paper Marbling.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-12th grades. Design and make your own marbled paper with food coloring and shaving cream. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.  
**Archuleta County Growing Water Smart Workgroup.** 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center. Public session, everyone is welcome. For more information, contact James Dickhoff at [jdickhoff@pagosasprings.co.gov](mailto:jdickhoff@pagosasprings.co.gov) or call 264-4151, ext. 221.

## Tuesday, May 8

**Aspen Springs Metro District Election.** 7 a.m.-7 p.m., District building, 216 Metro Drive. All Colorado registered voters will need to cast their votes at this polling place.

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

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

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

**Hand-Drumming Class.** Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a hand-drumming class. All are welcome. Hand drums will be provided for those who don't have one. For further information, email [banjocrazy@centurytel.net](mailto:banjocrazy@centurytel.net) or call 731-3117.

**Archuleta County Republican Women.** Noon-1 p.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant. This month, hear the latest from local officials. Mayor Don Volger will provide town updates; Sheriff Rich Valdez will discuss the increasing crime rate; Samantha Armistead and Elsa White, Republican county treasurer candidates, will debate. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

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

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

**Book Club for Adults.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join our book club for adults to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles. We will be discussing "Salt to the Sea" by Ruta Sepetys. Stop by and pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Teen Gaming.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**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.

**Adult ESL Classes.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact [ACEC-manager@gmail.com](mailto:ACEC-manager@gmail.com) for more information.

**Let's Dance Pagosa.** 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn the fundamentals of Argentine tango. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

## Wednesday, May 9

**National Bike to School Day.** 6:45 a.m., Yamaguchi Park. Join Retro Metro Kids Safe Routes to School for some bicycle riding before the bell rings. We will begin riding at 7:15 a.m. Parents may drop off kids for the bike ride, but are more than welcome to join us. Helmets required. Bring your bicycle, helmet, gloves and warm layers.

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

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

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

**Free Blood Pressure Checks.** 10:30 a.m., Senior Center.

**Pi Beta Phi.** 11:30 a.m., home

of Paula Tennant. We will be celebrating Founders Day and welcome Lynn Constan back to Pagosa for a visit from Tennessee. Paula will provide chicken salad for the entree. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. RSVP to Lisa Scott at 749-4268 or [sranch@centurytel.net](mailto:sranch@centurytel.net) telling her what you will bring to avoid duplications.

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

**Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club.** 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

**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. 7th-12th grade. Call

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# Pet health: Rabies a real and rising threat to people and pets

By Robin Young  
PREVIEW Columnist

The warm months are a time to beware of rabies. Rabies is an infectious disease that can threaten the health of people and their pets.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is reporting that 131 animals have been diagnosed just this year with rabies in Colorado.

Reports of rabies infection in wildlife hosts often rise sharply in the springtime, as these animals become increasingly active in places where we may easily observe and encounter them.

Rabies is a zoonotic disease, meaning it can be transferred from one animal species to another. It is triggered by a virus that infects the brain and, once acquired, it can be fatal. The rabies virus is shed in the saliva of an infected animal and usually is passed through bites and scratches. The virus then replicates and travels through the nerves to the brain.

Vaccination against rabies can prevent companion animals, such as dogs and cats, from contracting rabies from wildlife — and this is a critical way to avoid the spread of rabies to people.

The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that an average of 60,000 people die from rabies each year, most in Africa and Asia, and that more than 15 million people receive postexposure prophylaxis (PEP vaccine) every year. Most human cases result from the bites of rabid dogs; children are most often

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at risk, according to the WHO.

The main carriers of rabies in the United States are skunks, bats, raccoons, foxes and coyotes. These wild critters are well-established in rural and urban settings alike, and they often come into contact with people and pets. That makes rabies a public-health concern tracked by state and federal agencies.

Bats found on the ground during daytime could be infected with rabies. Skunks, in particular, have gained a high profile as a species that carries rabies in Colorado. In fact, of the 131 animals reported this year, the CDPHE has confirmed rabies in 130 skunks; with the only other animal being an alpaca.

### Vaccinate and beware of critters acting odd or sick

With rabies clearly present in wild animals across the state and nation, it is important that pet owners:

- Check vaccination records for their pets.
- Vaccinate any pets that lack current rabies vaccinations.
- Vaccinate horses and frequently handled livestock, such as 4-H and Future Farmers of America animals.

- Keep pets away from wildlife and keep dogs leashed during walks.

- Notice critters in the environment and be especially watchful for animals that seem sick or act abnormally.

- Never approach or touch a wild animal that seems sick or acts strangely. Call a local animal control office immediately to report the time and location of such a sighting.

- Remember, it is abnormal to spot nocturnal animals, including bats and skunks, during the daytime; that can be a sign of infection.

- Talk to your veterinarian for more information.

Pets should always be vaccinated against rabies to prevent the disease; horse and livestock owners should discuss with their veterinarians whether vaccination is warranted.

### 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 pm. 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.

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264-2209 for more information.  
**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**American Legion Post 108.** 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St. Veterans group meeting.

**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 10

**Mountain View Homemakers.** 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. Beverly Arrendell will be talking about dealing with grief. Arrendell is

an experienced grief counselor who has been the facilitator for five different support group sessions here in Pagosa Springs. All area women are invited. We socialize before we enjoy a potluck lunch provided by members. Call Tozi at 731-3360 for more information.

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

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

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

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**REMINDER: THE ASPEN SPRINGS METRO DISTRICT** election is being held May 8th from 7a.m. to 7p.m. at the District Building at 216 Metro Drive. All Colorado registered voters will need to cast their votes at this polling place.

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## YARD SALES

**LIQUIDATING- Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th, 7a.m.-1p.m.** All must go except main furniture in home. Lawn mower, charcoal grills, ladders, tools, full size bed, futon, shelving, kitchen items, lamps, bedding, towels, etc. 124 Cottonwood Drive (Aspen Springs). GPS or call for directions, Pat at (970)507-0502.

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**SATURDAY, 8A.M.-2P.M. 226 CLOUD** Cap. Furniture, power tools, books, glassware, clothing.

**ASPEN SPRINGS BAR AND GRILL** parking lot, Saturday, May 5, 9a.m.-1p.m. Sign up ASAP to get a spot for selling your treasures, crafts, etc. Call for information after 3p.m. 731-9919.

## YARD SALES

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**FURNITURE SALE, SATURDAY 8A.M.-2P.M.** Grill, dressers, tables, bed, flat screen, couches, treadmill, book shelves, etc. Half price after 12p.m. 10 Tee Ct.

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**GARAGE SALE.** Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, 9a.m.- 2p.m. 1600 Hatcher Circle. Air conditioner, tools, paints and stains, shop tables, gardening items, breadmaker, picture frames, other good stuff. 731-9325.

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**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,** May 4-5, 8a.m.-1p.m. 152 Satum Dr. Household items, mountain bikes, wall art, pet items and much more.

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