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## Semi truck drives off overlook, leading to fire and fatality

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

A semi truck hauling beer products drove off the road, then caught fire and resulted in a death at the Wolf Creek Pass overlook on U.S. 160 on Saturday evening.

According to Trooper Aaron Lupton of the Colorado State Patrol (CSP), the semi contained only one occupant, the 30-year old male driver from Florida.

A combination of circumstances caused the semi to drive off the overlook, but the actual cause of the crash was speed, Lupton reported.

"However, the speed was caused by driver inexperience," Lupton said.

Lupton explained that it was common in commercial vehicle crashes on Wolf Creek Pass for the truck to be in too high of a gear, or not braking enough at the top of the pass, and near the bottom they

■ See Fatality A8

## Public invited to Memorial Day ceremonies

By Roy Vega  
Special to The SUN

The public is invited to Memorial Day ceremonies Monday, May 28, at 9 a.m. at the Legion Hall (next to the Town Park gazebo on Hermosa Street), and again at 10 a.m. at the flagpole at Hilltop Cemetery. Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger will be the keynote speaker.

## Allison-Tiffany Cemetery to host Memorial Day service

By Emma Shock  
Special to The SUN

A Memorial Day service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 28, at the Allison-Tiffany Cemetery on County Road 329.

Services will include music, visiting, and honoring our veterans and loved ones. Everyone is invited.

## State Champion



Senior Pirate Keena Murphy keeps her eyes on the prize during a discus throw at last week's state track meet in Lakewood. Murphy claimed the 3A state title in the event with a throw of 127 feet, 10 inches. In addition to claiming this year's state title, Murphy also holds the school record for the event.

Photo courtesy Justin Cowan

## Helping invisible wounds heal

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

One theme of Charlotte Jones' life, and especially her time in Pagosa Springs, could be care. Another could be hope. Another, healing.

But, with those things come struggle, challenge and heartache — things Charlotte and her husband, Kenneth, have encountered.

"In 2002 we lived in Canyon Lake, Texas, and there was a 500-year flood, and it washed our home away," Charlotte said. "And so, we had recently been through Pagosa and we got what we call the Pagosa nudge, you know, this, 'Hey, come on back' thing. We loved it here on vacation, so we just looked at each other and said, 'We have to start over somewhere, we'll start over in Pagosa.' And have not regretted it at all."

After the flood and the move to Pagosa Springs, the couple were faced with something all too familiar to many who served in the military: post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Kenneth served in the U.S. Navy from 1964-1969. First, he served as a fire technician on



Charlotte Jones

the USS Constellation, then was trained in radar and electronics, Charlotte recalled. He prepared the planes on the deck as they took off and returned.

But it wasn't until 40 years later, following the flood, that Kenneth's PTSD was discovered, Charlotte noted. When it was discovered, they realized all of the upheavals in the past were

just symptoms.

After relocating, Charlotte recalled that, when the pair would work near the airport, Kenneth would shudder as jet planes took off.

"There was a lot of anger in him and I thought it was from losing all of our stuff, and the anger was actually the PTSD. And he has since learned to bridle that anger, which is amazing," she said. "And, I've learned that the anger wasn't at me."

After contacting Raymond Taylor, the veterans service officer for the county, the couple was able to begin the process of getting help for them both.

That journey not only helped Charlotte and Kenneth, but has grown to help many others.

"And so now when I talk with somebody who has come back with what I call the invisible wounds

of war and they don't realize where they're at, I try my very best to explain to them what ... those symptoms actually are, PTSD," Charlotte said.

### Invisible wounds

"PTSD can happen to any-

■ See Helping A16

## School district receives BEST funding for high school safety projects

By Chris Mannara  
Staff Writer

Archuleta School District (ASD) Superintendent Linda Reed sat down for an interview with The SUN on Tuesday to discuss the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant funding.

According to Reed, \$199,680 was awarded to ASD to fund safety and security upgrades at Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) by BEST.

"Basically, it's a cash grant to do the safety and security at the high school," Reed said.

ASD did not receive any BEST

funding for the safety and security upgrades at Pagosa Springs Middle School or for the construction of a new elementary school, Reed added.

In total, PSHS projects would cost about \$11.4 million, which also includes \$2.3 million for a vo-tech addition and \$3.9 million for an auxiliary gym.

Reed explained further that ASD had asked for, in total, about \$14.9 million in funding for all three schools from BEST.

The \$14.9 million in BEST funding would have helped fund 39 percent

■ See School A8

## Current spending trends 'pose a bit of a threat' for county

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

Larry Walton, the Archuleta County finance director, gave his first quarter report of county finances for 2018 to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) at its May 15 meeting.

Walton described the state of the finances as what was expected in this quarter, with no revenue shortfalls indicated in the budget.

Most of the expense categories

and departments were within their budget, Walton explained, and did not have any issues.

"Although, we did have nine departments that are projected to exceed their expense budgets by probably significant amounts," Walton said.

In the first quarter of 2017, Walton explained, only two departments were projected to exceed the expense budget, and their expenses

■ See Spending A8

## Medical center to play host to temporary cell tower

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

A temporary cell tower will soon be located near Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), with potential plans for a permanent microtower atop the facility in the future.

The tower(s) are anticipated to not only help public cellphone signals in the vicinity, but also help provide more reliable cell service as a backup for emergency operations.

"The cell tower is intended to improve cell service to the greater Pagosa Springs area and for all emergency service providers," PSMC

Chief Administrative Officer Ann Bruzzese wrote in an email to The SUN. "Currently, PSMC's EMS ambulances travel to areas in Archuleta County where there is little or no cell service coverage and the cell tower is intended to provide more reliable cell service coverage. In addition, the cell tower will provide more reliable cell service as a back-up for emergency operations."

The cell tower, according to Town of Pagosa Springs Planner James Dickhoff, is expected to improve cell service in at least a 2-mile radius

■ See Tower A8



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

Progress on the Hermosa Street construction near Town Park is shown Tuesday. The Hermosa Street portion of the project is anticipated to be completed soon, and work will then move to 4th Street between U.S. 160 and Lewis Street after school is out for the summer.

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### They made the sacrifice

On Nov. 9, 2010, 2nd Lt. Robert M. Kelly, 29, stepped on a land mine while leading a platoon of Marines in southern Afghanistan. He was killed instantly.

In February 2012, his father, Lt. Gen. John F. Kelly, delivered a message to Gold Star families of 109 Marines, soldiers, sailors or airmen lost in Iraq or Afghanistan since 9/11. The families had come together to help each other with the grieving process.

John's message was forwarded to The SUN by retired Navy SEAL Cmdr. Franklin Anderson. That email originated with retired Army Lt. Col. James Huffman. When such emails come from men of Anderson's and Huffman's caliber, they are worth taking the time to read.

John's message said, in part, "Since the birth of our nation, 45 million have served in uniform. A million have died in its defense. All of them, but particularly the fallen, are part of a legend that, God willing, will never end — our America. The irony is that your loved ones who we remember this weekend came out of an America that no longer seems to value commitment, self-reliance, and selfless dedication to a cause ... but they did. Rather, it seems most of our countrymen today are more interested in objects of status or what America can do for them, than serving the nation and protecting its people, and the principles for which it stands ... but yours did. Most of the fallen we remember tonight were only nine or ten years old on 9/11. If they remembered anything about that day it might be the images of the burning towers, or the looks of concern and confusion in your eyes as you held them close that day as much to get comfort, as give it. A decade later, and much to your surprise I bet, they astonished you when after screwing up enough courage they marched into the room one day, or at dinner one evening, and informed you they'd decided to join ... to serve."

John has visited with thousands of wounded veterans and their families. When he was asked if it was worth it, he said, "I've asked this same question of myself a million times these last months, usually when I unexpectedly caught a glimpse of him in a picture at the house, or when a thought of an earlier time came to mind, or in a quiet and unguarded moment when his loss washes over me in emotions I still can't control. Since the day I had my turn standing in the door looking into the glistening eyes of a casualty officer, and the day I woke my wonderful wife and crushed her heart with the news, and had to nearly pick my daughter up off the floor where she worked, I have desperately tried to convince myself that it was worth it. I have worked hard at believing his life was worth the sacrifice on the altar of America's freedom. But it all came to me the day we buried him in the sacred ground that is Arlington, at Section 60, Gravesite #9480, that it doesn't matter at all what I think. The only thing that matters is what he thought. That he had decided it was more important to be where he was that morning in the Sangin River Valley, Afghanistan, to be doing what he was doing with the Marines and Doc he loved so much and led so well in what was at that time the most dangerous place on earth. In his mind — and in his heart — he had decided somewhere between the day he was born and 07:19, 9 November 2010, that it was worth it to him to risk everything — even his life — in the service of his country. So in spite of the terrible emptiness that is in a corner of my heart, and the corners of the hearts of everyone who ever knew him, we are proud ... so very proud. Was it worth his life? It's not for me to say. He answered the question for me."

His talk closed with, "God Bless America, ladies and gentlemen, may they rest in peace, may we who loved them find peace and understanding in their sacrifice, and that the America that they so loved and protected, and gave their lives for, is forever worthy of their sacrifice."

This Memorial Day weekend, remember those who made the sacrifice for the many freedoms that many take for granted.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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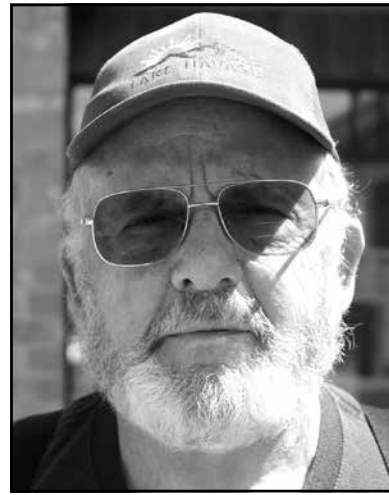
## WHADDYA THINK?

Would you support a joint effort between the town, county and PLPOA to form a parks and recreation authority to allow for joint funding, planning and management of recreational amenities?



**Jennifer Moore**

"Yes, I would. For the betterment of the whole area — it enables to meet future goals a little quicker. More minds with more ideas."



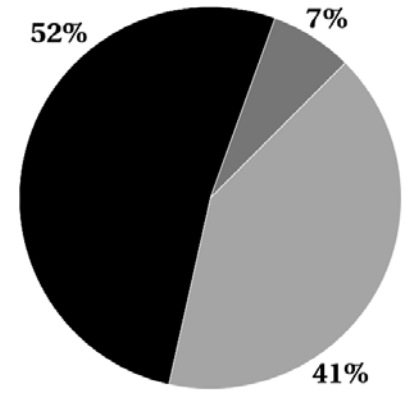
**Keith Serkes**

"A definite maybe."



**Charlene Smith**

"Yes, I think I would. I think it will be a good idea if we all got together."



**Poll results (174 Votes)**

Yes — 41 percent

No — 52 percent

I do not know — 7 percent

This week online: What advice do you have for the high school class of 2018?

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## LOOKING BACK



From the April 24, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. **FIRST PLACE** — A square dance team from the Archuleta County 4-H Clubs placed first in San Juan Basin competition. The dance team members are, left to right: Warren Decker, Leailia Purcella, Shawn Jacobson, Tawnya Jacobson, Millard Jacobson, Lorna Alexander, Becky Taylor, and Raymond Taylor.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 25, 1928

**Sunday, May 27th, Memorial Day** will be observed at the eleven o'clock hour at the M.E. church. The Civil War veterans, the World War veterans, the Spanish-American War veterans, and the Women's Relief Corps are asked to take part in this service. This day should mean much to us because of the passing of so many of our nation's heroes. Several special musical numbers will be rendered and an address will be given by the pastor.

**St. Peter's Catholic church at Arboles**, built by the Theatine Fathers in 1918, was completely destroyed by fire of an unknown origin Wednesday night. The loss is estimated at approximately \$4,000.

**Both Wolf Creek and Cumbres passes** were opened to traffic the past week.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 28, 1943

**An explosion** of a small pan of cleaning fluid started a blaze in one of the rear apartments of the Moorehead building shortly after 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning, which completely razed seven Pagosa Springs business houses and partly destroyed the eighth, with an estimated property damage of \$150,000. Mrs. James Moorehead had just finished cleaning some window curtains when the accident happened. Wilbur Voorhis, who was in Alley's store directly below, heard her screams and rushed upstairs as did several others. The blaze was small and confined only to one room, but before suitable fire extinguishers could be brought, the rear of the apartments was a roaring inferno. The fire spread rapidly and within 20 minutes, the entire block was a flaming furnace.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 23, 1968

**The Methodist parsonage and church** are to be torn down very soon. The present buildings need to be removed so that construction on the new Methodist Church can start. The large building used for a parsonage is of heavy block, or rock, construction. The church would like to hear from anyone who may be interested in removing the building material from the building, and should contact the pastor, J.C. Wood.

**Modesto Montoya**, town water commissioner, reports that samples of the town water this week showed excessive mud and turbidity, and has been found to be unsafe to drink at times. It is advised that all drinking water be boiled for not less than three minutes, and more if possible.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 27, 1993

**Pagosa Springs High School** will hold its 83rd graduation ceremony at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 30 at the Mamie Lynch Gymnasium. Diplomas will be awarded to 63 graduating seniors in the Class of 1993 and scholarships announced for the deserving recipients.

**A copy of the proposed 1993-94 School District No. 50 budget** is available at the superintendent's office for review. The 1993-94 budget expenditure total is \$9,640,803, with a budget appropriation of \$8,940,803. The higher figure for expenditures is explained by funds held over from the previous year, with the addition of Hughes trust money. Whit Newton and Charles H. Mooney trusts both stipulate that only interest from a minimum \$700,000 principal held by the district be used each year.

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# Letters

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## Change culture

Dear Editor:

It's time to set the record straight regarding school shootings and gun control. Until the 1960's school shooting were virtually unheard of and yet gun were not at all restricted, even to the youth of the country. My father gave me my first .22 rifle when I was 11 and a British .303 when I was 13. Guns were a routine fixture in the back windows of pick-ups parked in my high school parking lot when I was a student, but there were no school shootings. Even in the 19th century when Pagosa was part of what was called the "Wild West", no school shootings occurred.

Thus, it must be asked, what has changed? Clearly the answer to this question is that guns haven't changed at all, but our culture certainly has. From this simply assertion should come an obvious conclusion: Controlling guns will not solve the problem of school violence. It is the culture that must be changed.

Growing up in the '50's and 60's there was a pervasive reason why the culture was different. Even though people don't want to talk about it the reality is that the Christian faith (or what has become known as the Judeo-Christian ethic) was the predominant influence throughout the culture of that time. Virtually every child grew up understanding and being instructed that "Thou shalt not kill" was a primary value of people. Not that the culture of that time was perfect. It wasn't. However, the common values of the Judeo-Christian culture precluded the acts of violence that we see in schools today.

Frankly, I am not at all convinced that our culture can be "fixed". We now grow up in a culture that glori-

fies violence and gratuitous sexual behavior in our entertainment to such an extent that we have no right to be surprised that we see such outbreaks of violence and an epidemic of pre-marital sex. We have sown the seeds of corruption and are reaping the sad harvest. As our culture continues to become more secular, it can only degenerate further. School shootings will tragically continue.

What's the answer to having safe schools? Simply put the State of Colorado must end its statutes that mandate schools as "Gun Free Zones". Teachers willing to be armed and rigorously trained should be permitted to carry in schools and protected by "Good Samaritan" laws should they find it necessary to protect their students. You can't put a School Resource Officer in every classroom, but there is a teacher in every classroom. Such measures would serve as both deterrence for would be shooters and pro-active protection for our children that would actually make a difference.

The government sanctioned confiscation of U.S. citizen's personal property like firearms will not solve a cultural problem, would violate a Constitutionally guaranteed right, could not and should not be enforced even if it were enacted. Until the underlying causes of our cultural decline can be addressed, our schools must become hard targets for any would be shooter.

Richard Bolland

## Proof

Dear Editor:

Kudos to the Thingamajig Theater and their current production of "Proof". The New York based four person Actors Equity cast consisting of Christina Norris, Dennis Elkins, Dan Morrison and Melissa Firlit brings this Tony and Pulitzer award winning play to life in the intimacy of the Black Box Theater in a way that probably could not be duplicated anywhere. The backyard setting makes you feel as though you are actually sitting in the garden watching the drama unfold. This complex play explores the relationship of genius and lunacy, death and the redemptive power of love, family and loss amongst other things. Throw in humor and some theoretical mathematics and you have yourself a highly entertaining evening. If you did not believe that world class Theater is available in our community "Proof" is proof that you owe it to yourself to see this amazing production at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Unfortunately this is the last week to see "Proof". Thanks to Laura and Tim Moore for bringing world class Theater to our community. It has made Pagosa even more vibrant and exciting than it already was. It is something that we all can take real pride in.

Simon Fuger

## PLPOA status

Dear Editor:

In their letter, PLPOA's legal counsel cites the establishment of PLPOA, via the Articles of Incorporation in 1972, as a Colorado Non-profit Corporation (which we never disputed), but they conveniently omit that the Articles of Incorporation state: "Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the corporation shall exercise only such powers as are in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations set forth in Section

501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as the same now exist or as they may be hereinafter amended from time to time." Clearly the majority owners (Eaton) went into great detail in crafting the Articles and intentionally voted to adopt this structure. After going to these lengths we think it's most likely that they applied to the IRS for 501(c)(7) status. We agree with the legal counsel that "an entity's tax status is governed solely by tax law." We have asked for the tax status documentation, numerous times, and have not been supplied with any. In order to hold a nonprofit Federal tax filing status, our understanding is that an application must be made to the IRS and accepted by them. We requested this application and acceptance document from PLPOA. According to their e-mail response PLPOA does not have this document, nor does their CPA or their legal counsel. We also asked for the 1972 & 1973 tax returns to see if they shed any light on the tax status question. PLPOA responded that they only keep returns for 7 years. However, PLPOA resolution #2005-12 mandates that tax returns will be kept permanently (although this resolution is contradicted by another resolution, it is on the PLPOA website, it is still in force, and it has never been rescinded by any subsequent resolution). Yet, the counsel's opinion is that PLPOA is not, and never has been, a 501(c)(7). How can they possibly make this judgment with no supporting documentation? The Articles of Incorporation is the only document we've found that spells out PLPOA's intended tax structure. Barring any documentation to the contrary, the Articles are unambiguous. Our question has not been about corporate law; it has been about the application of tax law to the PLPOA tax status. Our belief is that in the case of a conflict, Federal tax law supersedes State corporate laws.

Jeff and Charlotte Maier

## Public lands

Dear Editor:

Your recent editorial on the importance of public lands is especially timely, because right now, there is an all-out attack on our public lands.

The Trump administration is slashing the size of two National Monuments in Utah, Bears Ears and Grand Staircase/Escalante. Both were established by the Antiquities Act of 1906. In fact June 8th is the day when President Teddy Roosevelt signed it into law.

Bears Ears is a treasure trove of sandstone canyons and Ancestral Puebloan structures, with over 100,000 in 1.4 million acres. The administration intends to shrink it by 85%, leaving 72% of the archaeological sites vulnerable.

The Grand Staircase/Escalante NM is 1.8 million acres containing Ancestral Puebloan structures, striking scenery and dinosaur fossils. It is a mecca for outdoor recreation and a boon for the local economies. The Trump administration wants to reduce it 47%.

Why does the Trump administration want these reductions? Simply put, extraction industries want to exploit them.

Because of the dubious legality of Trump's intended actions, there are bills going through congress to legitimize them. H.R. 3990 would gut the Antiquities Act.

It would remove geology,

oceans, and all other "objects not made by humans" from eligibility for monument designation. It would prohibit the designation of new monuments within 50 miles of existing ones. If the revisions had been included in the original Antiquities Act of 1906, Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, and Arches, among others, could never have been designated.

The "Grand Staircase Escalante Enhancement Act" (that's a laugh) would cement Trump's action repealing Grand Staircase while throwing up a smoke screen by replacing it with the "Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve." The proposed park is unlike any previous national park. Its boundaries are a mystery; no maps have been provided. The bill cedes control of the park and preserve to a seven-member commission partly composed of a state senator and four county commissioners.

The "Shash Jaa National Monument and Indian Creek National Monument Act," would make permanent Trump's action to shrink Bears Ears and create a management body that excludes three of the five tribes with ancestral ties to Bears Ears (Ute, Hopi, and Zuni), makes appointments with advice from Utah's anti-public lands congressional delegation, and includes two San Juan County commissioners. The San Juan County Commission spent 2016 calling for the elimination of the Monument.

The five tribes that were in-

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# Obituaries

## Joseph E. Donovan

Joseph E. Donovan, born April 24, 1932, in Chicago, Ill., died May 20 in Charleston, S.C.

Donovan had recently moved to Salida, Colo., from Pagosa Springs, Colo., and was visiting family when he died.

A retired veterinarian who built one of the largest practices in Wisconsin and also practiced on the island of Grand Cayman, Donovan was committed to public service his entire life. An Eagle Scout, he served in the United States Army from 1956-1961. He was elected and served as a county supervisor for Dane County, Wis., and was instrumental in establishing one of the most highly regarded park systems in the country. As a Jaycee, he spearheaded the construction of a children's zoo in Madison and was an avid supporter of protecting wildlife. He was an active volunteer at the Cayman Turtle Farm, established in 1968, where he contributed his efforts to study and preserve the green sea turtle. He volunteered as a trail veterinarian for the Iditarod dog race in Alaska. He served as president of the Rotary Club in Jackson, Wyo., and was active in both the Rotary Club and Humane Society work everywhere that he lived. He was recognized for his volunteerism in 2002 when he was selected to carry the Olympic Torch on its journey to Salt Lake City.

Family came first in everything that Donovan did, and his children and grandchildren were treated to endless stories (both fiction and nonfiction with the line occasionally blurred) and an amazing

repertoire of jokes. He and his wife worked together to create a wonderful family life that treated their five children to adventures that were uncommon in the middle of the 20th century.

An avid skier and scuba diver, he had just recently completed writing his first novel. It is believed that he ticked every box on his bucket list and then some, including rafting down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon several times at his wife's request.

Donovan is survived by his college sweetheart and wife of almost 64 years, Janet Hugus Donovan; his sister, Margaret; his children, Leslie (John Seymour), Michael, Christine (Bruce Councell), Jennifer (Tom Kloes) and Bill (Laura); eight grandchildren; and three great-grandsons.

Services are private.

## Wilson 'Bill' Arthur Gibbons

Wilson "Bill" Arthur Gibbons went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 16. His wife of 72 years and his two daughters held his hands as he passed away. He was 92 years old.



Bill was born on March 8, 1926, to Arthur and Nelda (Olmstead) Gibbons. Bill married Betty Louise Lounsbury on Sept. 15, 1946, in Pasadena, Calif.

Throughout his life, Bill was most proud of his service in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He was also proud of earning the rank

of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America and that his two grandsons followed in his footsteps by also becoming Eagle Scouts.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman — he enjoyed snow skiing, water skiing, hunting and fishing. Bill worked in the space industry for Rocketdyne and was a project manager for the petroleum company Fluor for 25 years. He and Betty retired to Pagosa Springs more than 20 years ago.

Bill is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters Nancy (Joe) Blodgett and Jill (Frank) Cason; grandchildren Kevin (Stephanie) Blodgett, William (Juli) Hegeman, Karianne (Ben) Apple; and seven great-grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Reese. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

## Lester Ronald Phillips

Lester Ronald Phillips passed away surrounded by family on May 15 at Mercy Medical Regional Center in Durango, Colo. Lester was born to Franklin and Mary Jane Phillips on March 18, 1931, in Georgetown, N.Y. Lester was raised to have a strong work ethic and a strong belief in God.



He served in the Army during the Korean War. After his service in the Army, for a short time, he was a home builder in upstate New York and then moved to Florida, managing campgrounds, building homes and raising his family. Lester moved

to Pagosa Springs, Colo., in 1980. He had a love for the mountains and animals, so Colorado was the place for him to be. Lester was a wonderful man with an enormous heart. Lester never met a stranger and was kind to everyone he met. He believed you were born with one thing and died with one thing — your word. Without your word, you had nothing. He will be remembered for his million-dollar smile and positive attitude.

Lester was preceded by his wife of 55 years, Josephine Elizabeth Phillips. Lester is survived by son Jeffery D. Phillips, daughter-in-law Anita Phillips, daughter Deborah Phillips Archuleta, son-in-law Louis Archuleta; grandchildren Nicholas Bird and Alan (Courtney) Swinson; great-grandchildren Margaret Mave Swinson; his special cousin, Jessiemae Fuller; and numerous nieces and nephews.

This Saturday, May 26, will be the day we say goodbye to the greatest man that was ever in our lives, our dad, Lester Phillips. We will have a small service at St. James Church in Trujillo (at the first bridge on County Road 500) at 11 a.m., where anyone is welcome to say a few words to honor him. Immediately following, we will have a Celebration of Life at our home, (Phillips/Archuleta) 22210 County Road 500. If you cannot come to the church, feel free to join us at our home for a meal with a dish and a memory to share.

In lieu of flowers, you may send donations to a foundation that was close to Lester's heart, an organization that provides prosthetics to individuals that have no resources: Limbs for Life Foundation, 9604 N. May Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73120 or limbsforlife.org.

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## All Colorado title and registration services will be unavailable Aug. 1-5, all driver license services will be unavailable Aug. 2-3

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All Colorado title and registration services, including motor vehicle registration renewal, vehicle titling, International Registration Plan (IRP) and ownership transfers will be unavailable Aug. 1-5 to allow for technical upgrades that will improve the customer and employee experience in offices and online.

Online registration renewal and kiosk registration renewal in participating counties will remain available Aug. 1-5. Individuals needing to renew eligible vehicles are encouraged to skip the trip by using online services at mydmv.colorado.gov.

Colorado driver license services, both in office and online, will be unavailable Aug. 2-3. State driver

license offices will be closed.

This closure will allow the state of Colorado to replace the Colorado State Titling and Registration System (CSTARS), originally installed between 1983 and 1986, with a new system, Colorado DRIVES, which will allow for better county-to-county integration, faster transaction processing and additional online services. This system was successfully implemented for driver services on Feb. 21, 2017.

New online services which will be available Aug. 6 at mydmv.colorado.gov include:

- Improved online vehicle registration renewal.
- Out of state emissions extension.
- Emissions waiver application.
- Generate prior receipts.
- Duplicate registration receipt request.

request.

- 2 percent rental upload spreadsheet fee estimator.
- Document uploading.
- Personalized plate request.
- Change of address.
- New registration.

"We are excited to introduce the DRIVES system into both driver license and motor vehicle offices in Colorado," said Department of Revenue Executive Director Michael Hartman. "This new system offers a 35-year leap in technology, which will allow for a faster customer experience with several additional online service options."

Individuals whose driver license, identification card or motor vehicle registration expires in July or August 2018 are encouraged to renew early.

We apologize for the inconvenience this closure may cause and look forward to providing the residents of Colorado with a modern, user-friendly system for driver and vehicle services.

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# Letters

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strumental in establishing the monument, Hopi, Zuni, Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute and the Ute Indian Tribe are suing to defend Bears Ears.

The public land system protects our natural, scenic, and cultural heritage and is the envy of the world. Do not let a few misguided politicians destroy what we love and hold dear.

Representative Scott Tipton sits on the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee and can vote no on the threats to the Antiquities Act. Call Rep. Tipton at (202) 224-3121 and tell him to stand up for our national monuments and the Antiquities Act.

Ernie O'Toole  
 President, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, Chimney Rock National Monument

## Memorial Day

Dear Editor:

Memorial Day is this Monday — a day to honor those who gave their lives to support goodness around the world, during both war and peace — their work for goodness was never-ending. Many sacrificed their lives in battle, others returned to continue their work for goodness.

If we ignore opportunities to do good, we are denying ourselves a blessed life. Even with the possibility of failure, putting forth the effort gives strength to our soul as we gain the confidence to succeed wherever life takes us.

It can be a simple every day decision or a life-time one. Supporting goodness with the same commitment as those we honor will bring blessings to all.

Patty Tillerson

## Obituaries

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# Veterans Outdoor Recreational Therapy Project offers opportunities for veterans to heal

By Jesse Walth  
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Springs residents can become a little indifferent and possibly even jaded when we hear the excitement in a tourist's voice and the smile on their face when they tell us about the awe-inspiring natural beauty of the area or some outdoor adventure they have experienced.

I don't know about you, but when I travel and meet someone, they inevitably ask me where I am from. I proudly declare that I am a citizen of Pagosa Springs, Colo., USA — one of the most beautiful places in the world.

Sometimes they say to me things like, "Oh, I have been to Pagosa Springs with my family when I was a kid," "My grandfather used to take me fishing there on the San Juan River" or some other reference to a Norman Rockwell moment stored in their memory bank forever.

When I first arrived here eight years ago, my new neighbor lady said that this is a healing place if you let it be. I wasn't used to people talking like that, so I just smiled and remained motionless with that deer-in-the-headlights look in my eyes. But after a little time spent here, I began to understand what she was saying to me. They weren't just pretty words.

This place is special and it has been special for a very long time. I am a history buff and Pagosa has some very interesting history. The part I like most is how the various tribes would share the spring because it was holy ground and a healing place, and no violence could be committed near Pagosa Springs out of respect for this sacred healing ground and water.

Please allow me to tell you something personal about myself. I am a combat veteran myself and have suffered with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other physical problems for years.

My most vivid memories are not of Norman Rockwell images of yesterday. They are memories that can be hard to deal with; they are the images of war, and they are with me everywhere I go.

Please don't think I am looking for attention. Attention makes me uncomfortable and I have a tendency to avoid people and crowds whenever possible. Living almost several miles downriver helps me with that.

I don't know how I ended up being so fortunate, but every day I wake up on the river, every day I see wildlife like elk, mule deer, bear, mountain lions, foxes, eagles and wild horses. Every day the mountains and the mesas challenge me to a duel and I believe that I have found real treasure, something to live for — "the American dream."

And that is what we military folk have fought to preserve since the founding of our great nation: The pursuit of happiness ever before our eyes inspiring quests of adventure with the hope of great reward. The reward we find in living life to the fullest. Sometimes we need a little help to set us back on the trail. We can lose sight of the pursuit of happiness when the stress of life seems overwhelming. And you don't have to be a combat veteran to have that shared experience. It is common among us all.

Memorial Day weekend is right around the corner. Many of you will enjoy spending time with your families, friends and neighbors. Some of you will enjoy all that Pagosa Springs has to offer and that is what it's all about. But as you do enjoy, please remember those soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms and who helped to make our freedoms possible. With 14 percent of the population of Archuleta County being veterans, it should be easy to find someone to thank for their service.

U.S. military personnel who spend time in stressful and dangerous situations for extended periods and intensity are tested emotionally, physically and mentally. These men and women have passed the test and have fulfilled an oath taken for the defense of all we hold dear and,

if they could, they would do it again. They are truly honorable.

Unfortunately, after service, a high percentage of our returning vets have a difficult time adjusting to a civilian life where this warrior mentality seems out of place.

The United States service member has suffered the loss of limbs, head injuries, burns, PTSD, carcinogens, toxins, disease, homelessness, incarceration and every other calamity, including death by suicide since we have become a free nation. Not to mention the untold thousands who have died wearing the uniform of the United States.

Too many veterans come home and have a difficult time relating their experiences to loved ones.

The returning veteran can often feel disconnected and dissociated from the world around them.

As many as 22 veterans commit suicide every day. This is unacceptable and must always be unacceptable. We may not be able to change the realities of military service. But we are able to plant some seeds of love, kindness and understanding that will eventually bear good fruit in the lives of those men and women we call veterans.

That being said, I am happy to announce that with the ongoing support of Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, the Veterans Outdoor Recreational Therapy Project (VORTP) is ready to serve veterans and their families.

This project is about welcoming veterans home, reaching out and helping with the readjustment process — presenting information on healthy lifestyle choices that will help promote physical and mental health, and relieve stress naturally.

VORTP is about veterans resources. We are building relationships and hope to collaborate with numerous other organizations. This is just the beginning.

We are working toward having an extensive and comprehensive list of activity providers that offer their services to veterans for free. It doesn't cost the activity provider to be on the list and usually only takes a couple of business days until it's posted on [www.vortp.com](http://www.vortp.com).

Veterans who want to participate in outdoor recreational activities view the activities provided. By having a list of activities providers in all 50 states, we can be sure that the veteran will be served no matter if they are here in Pagosa, in Houston, Texas, or in Maine, for example.

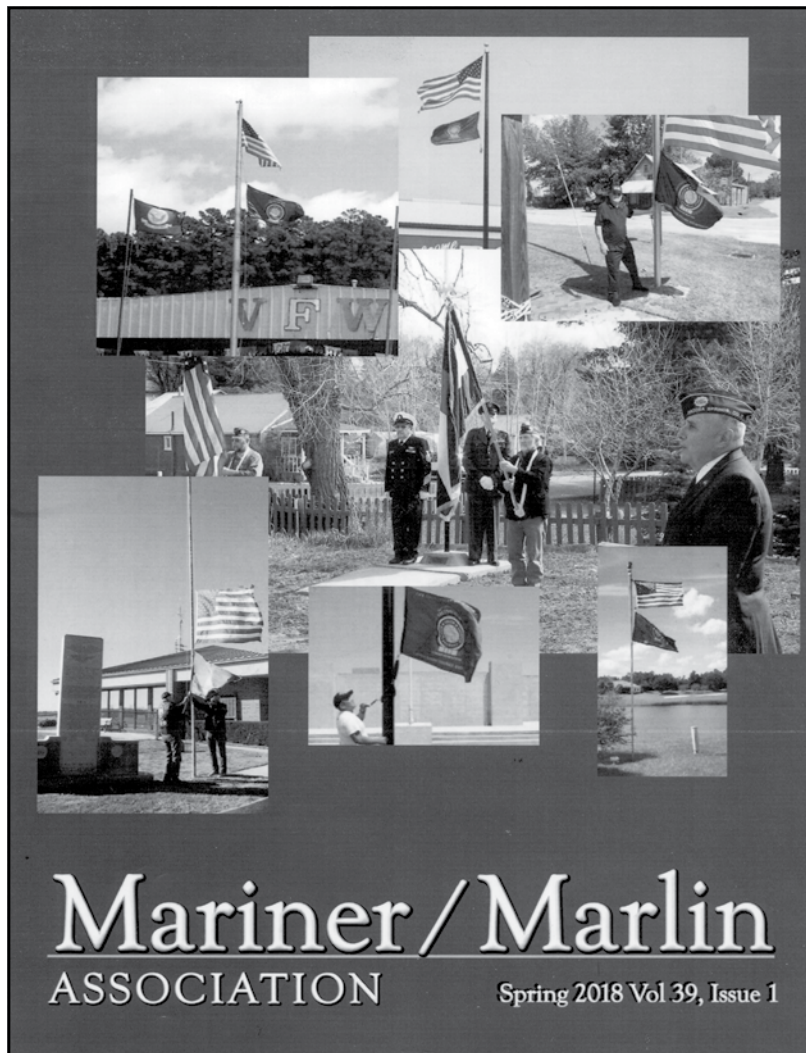
With financial support from donations, grants and corporate sponsorships, we can and will provide activities free to disabled veterans and their families here in the region on an ongoing basis. We hope to bring veterans and their families to Pagosa Springs and get them outdoors, with professional guides, food, lodging, local transportation and support from Veterans for Veterans.

Activities will range from one-day excursions to three days' worth of activities along with two nights' lodging and meals. Activities such as, but not limited to, rafting, guided horseback trail rides, fly-fishing, 4x4 vehicle trail rides, scenic train rides, kayaking, biking, hiking, downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and guided tours to monuments such as Chimney Rock, Mesa Verde and Chaco Canyon.

You can find valuable information on our website, [www.vortp.com](http://www.vortp.com), with links to veterans resources and information.

At present, the VORTP is seeking sponsors for our first VORTP fly-fishing trip to the quality waters below the dam on the New Mexico side. This trip is a one-day guided fly-fishing trip to New Mexico and includes transportation from Pagosa Springs, lunch and snacks. All tackle is supplied by the fishing guide and we hope to make this a worry-free excursion.

VORTP is raising money for this first trip and could use your help. We hope to accommodate six disabled combat vets on May 30. Any and all donations great and small are appreciated. You can go to the website, [www.vortp.com](http://www.vortp.com), or [www.vets4vetsPSCO.org](http://www.vets4vetsPSCO.org) to find more information.



## Mullins-Nickerson Post featured on cover of Mariner/Marlin Association's magazine

By Ed Robinson  
Special to The SUN

During 2017, the Mariner/Marlin Association sponsored a traveling flag to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. The association's goal was to fly the anniversary flag in all 50 states. Colorado became the 23rd state when the flag was raised during the ceremony at the Mullins-Nickerson American Legion Post 108 on April 8, 2017.

The Mariner/Marlin Association, a nationwide military organization, was founded in 1982 to preserve the history of flying boats also known as seaplanes and patrol bomber flying

boats. The planes served in World War II, Korea and the Vietnam era. The flag-raising effort in Colorado was coordinated by Pagosa Springs resident Chris Colby, a member of the Mariner/Marlin Association.

The goal of flying the flag in all 50 states was recently met, and the Mullins-Nickerson Post of Pagosa Springs was prominently shown in the center of the front cover of the most recent Mariner/Marlin Association's magazine.

On the cover were Post 108 Legionnaires Raymond Taylor, Warren Grams, Hal Lowe, Don Brenno and Roy Vega, who raised the commemorative flag in Colorado.

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Thursday, May 24, 6pm  
Ross Aragon Community Center, South Room  
Presentation

Saturday, May 26, 11am  
Pagosa Springs Elementary School Cafeteria  
Presentation/Tour

Thursday, June 7, 6pm  
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## LEGISLATURE

### 71st session of the General Assembly comes to a close: U.S. 84 between Pagosa Springs and state line to be named the Nolan Olson Memorial Highway

The 71st session of the General Assembly came to a resounding close after 120 days of crafting, discussing, arguing, reconciling, meeting and contemplating.

Fourteen of my bills, all with bipartisan support, will be signed into law, including:

- A suicide-prevention bill offering grants for schools to access research-based training programs for all school employees to understand symptoms in students who might want to hurt themselves or others.
- Help for student teachers by having every school district require the same background check. Unbeknownst to me, every district had a different rule, making student-teacher certification harder and more expensive than necessary.
- Industrial hemp seeds are now considered an agricultural product, helping the industry in Colorado continue to grow.
- An agricultural workforce

development internship program was developed, paying farmers and ranchers half the cost of hiring a young and beginning farmer to work the land and learn the craft.

• Two broadband bills passed. One gives a company with the right of first refusal the opportunity to implement broadband, as long as it offers the cost and speed a local broadband provider offers. The other allows Colorado to apply for federal broadband funds once they become available.

• Another bill will provide a financial incentive for teachers in rural districts to complete coursework that will help them finish a



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second certification or earn an alternative license. They will need to work in that district for three years.

• Lower-income homeowners buying a manufactured home will not have to pay sales tax, though they will still pay the property tax. This should save them about \$1,000 each.

• An aquifer water storage study will determine how to best use aquifers in Colorado to store our water.

• Off-highway vehicle riders will have new safety standards to follow, making this popular recreational activity safer.

• The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will change its bidding process slightly to help award smaller construction companies more jobs working on highway projects.

• The Fort Lewis College Hesperus Campus income will go directly into the college's account instead of to the General Assembly.

• The Southwest Water Conservation District will get to choose its own meeting dates; having them set ahead of time made it difficult for members to travel regularly.

• A Food Systems bill, which supports the continued communication between food producers and consumers, will not sunset or be killed.

• U.S. 84 between Pagosa Springs and the state line will be named the Nolan Olson Memorial Highway in honor of Olson, a longtime CDOT employee who was killed on the job.

• I sponsored a resolution for the Outdoor Retailer Show, which celebrates public lands and has brought its conventions to Colorado.

• And, I sponsored another resolution celebrating Colorado's educators.

I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together next year.

## Opening the door for small business success

Did you know that there are 611,495 small businesses in Colorado that account for 99.5 percent of the state's businesses?

Or that 48.6 percent of employed Coloradans work at a small business?

National Small Business Week recognizes the significant impact of small businesses at the state and national level. As a former small business owner, I can testify to the importance of providing local opportunities and jobs, as well as to the many roadblocks that entrepreneurs and small businesses regularly face from overzealous federal regulators and Washington bureaucrats.

My experience as a small business owner is a big part of what inspired me to first run for Congress, since much of what is done in our nation's capital directly impacts the ability of small businesses to operate and engage in commerce and for communities to prosper. Upon my arrival to Congress in 2011, it was apparent that many improvements needed to be made, like reforming our nation's tax code and reducing burdensome federal regulations, so that small busi-

nesses — the main driver of the American economy — can thrive. Fortunately, over the course of this past year, Congress has achieved many of these objectives.

Now that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is officially law, we have a tax code that works for small businesses and American families. Thanks to this tax overhaul, a 20 percent deduction has been established for the first \$315,000 of joint income earned by businesses that are classified as S corporations, partnerships, LLCs and sole proprietorships (the majority of small businesses). This deduction will allow small businesses to use tax savings to increase investment, hire more workers and give their hardworking employees the raises that they deserve.

One little-known benefit of the new tax code is the establishment



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of the opportunity zone program, which will offer tax incentives to investors who invest in low-income or rural areas that are still struggling to recover from the recession. This incentive for private investment will encourage entrepreneurs to start small businesses in these designated zones, which in turn will bring more jobs and commerce to areas that need them most. The implementation of this program is welcome news for the Third District, as opportunity zones will be located in various counties in western Colorado like Rio Blanco and Alamosa.

In addition to rewriting the tax code, we have gone to great lengths to reduce duplicative or unnecessary federal regulations that stifle small business growth, and, as a member of the Financial Services Committee, this has been a mission to which I have dedicated much of my time.

A huge roadblock to many entrepreneurs who hope to start and run a small business is often access to capital. This became a major problem under the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act, which mandated that banks and credit unions be regulated under a one-size-fits-all approach, regardless of

size. Since smaller financial institutions do not have the same amount of staff and resources as larger institutions, they have been forced to spend more time on compliance rather than serving their communities and, more specifically, lending capital to entrepreneurs so that they can start and operate a business.

In response to this issue, I introduced the Taking Account of Institutions with Low Operation Risk (TAILOR) Act, which will require financial oversight agencies to tailor regulations to fit a bank or credit union's business model, so that they can better serve small businesses on main street. This legislation was recently passed off of the House floor, and I am optimistic that it will be signed into law soon.

Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy and must be allowed to succeed. I have been proud of the progress made over the course of this last year, but I recognize there is still a lot of work to be done. I will continue to advocate for policies that will open the door to success for small businesses in Colorado and nationwide.

## Interesting statistic emerged in test results for eighth-graders

Stay with me here ...

Have you wondered how students in Colorado compare academically to students in other states? There is a nationally recognized test given every other year to fourth- and eighth-graders that has been around since 1969. It's a snapshot of how our students are achieving in school.

The test, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) report, is known as the Nation's Report Card. It uses a carefully designed sampling procedure that allows the assessment to be representative of the geographical, racial, ethnic and socioeconomic diversity of the schools and students in the United States. The re-

cently released 2017 scores show that the United States as a whole hasn't improved significantly over time.

NAEP is the most extensive continuing and nationally representative assessment of what our nation's students know and can do in subjects such as mathematics, reading, science and writing. It's not used to isolate school district or individual student achievement



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but is used to compare state-to-state achievement. Colorado test scores have remained relatively stagnant; however, an interesting statistic emerged with the recent NAEP test results for Colorado eighth-graders.

Luke Ragland, president of ReadyCO, an organization working to improve education in Colorado, believes that parents should be able to send their children to a public school of their choice. Public charter schools are a popular choice for many parents and are part of the public school system. While few options are available in rural Colorado, there are some, including 32 charter schools operating in the area that I represent, the

Third Congressional District. Colorado charter schools serve a higher percentage of students of color and English-language learners (ELL) than Colorado's traditional public schools and receive less funding on average than Colorado's traditional public schools.

Ragland studied the recent NAEP scores of eighth-graders in Colorado charter schools. He then compared these charter school scores to test scores of eighth-grade students in public schools throughout the U.S. The result was that Colorado's public charter schools outperform the public schools across the nation in both eighth-grade math and eighth-grade reading.

Colorado charter schools outperformed all public schools in the nation. However, all of Colorado eighth-graders also deserve a "high five."

If we only look at all of Colorado's eighth-graders, including charters, they come in at 17th place out of 50 states in math and eighth place in reading. National averages are 24th and 25th, respectively. Congratulations to all eighth-grade students, teachers and parents.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

**Thursday, May 24**  
Archuleta School District Board of Education community engagement. 6 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Saturday, May 26**  
Archuleta School District Board of Education presentation/tour. 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School cafeteria, 141 S. 10th St.

**Wednesday, May 30**  
Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 4:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.

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

**Wednesday, June 6**  
Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers,

551 Hot Springs Blvd.

**Thursday, June 7**  
Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District initial presentation of results and consideration of any alternatives for water and wastewater rate study by Stan-tec. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

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# Business

## Archuleta County unemployment rate decreases to 2.8 percent for April

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County's unemployment rate decreased to 2.8 percent in April, with 6,584 persons in the labor force and 184 of those people claiming unemployment.

In March, there were 6,400 people in the Archuleta County labor force, with 184 claiming unemployment, putting the unemployment rate at 3.5 percent.

The workforce total gained 139 people over the course of March 2018 and the number of unemployed people decreased by 39 persons, causing the unemployment level to drop to 2.8 percent.

In April of 2017, the county had 6,308 workers and 196 claimed unemployment, which meant 3 percent were unemployed.

April of 2018, however, shows

that employment has decreased by .2 percent by comparison.

The employment situation for April 2018 across Colorado shows that the highest unemployment rate was in Huerfano County with an unemployment rate of 5.2 percent. Meanwhile, Cheyenne County had the lowest unemployment rate at 1.2 percent.

The unemployment rate stated in the survey of households rated unemployment at 2.9 percent.

The number of active participating labor force people increased by 6,800 people over the month to a total of 3,056,100, and the number of people who reported themselves as employed increased by 9,300 to 2,968,100 in total, causing the number of unemployed to decrease by .3 percent.

The national unemployment rate for this period was 3.9 percent.

The labor force, unemployment rate, labor force participation, the number of unemployed and total employment are based on a survey of households.

The total employment estimate derived from the survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

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

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

Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by worksite and the other

measuring those employed and unemployed in a household, estimates based on these surveys may provide seemingly conflicting results.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased to 7,200, with an increase of 6,300 people in the private sector and an increase of 900 in the government.

The largest private-sector job gains were in leisure and hospitality, professional and business services, and financial activities.

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

In April, the average work week for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 33.7 hours, and average hourly earnings increased from \$27.73 to \$28.91.

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## Management Job Fair set for June 12

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting another job fair, this time for more management- and leadership-type positions with the businesses in this community.

Numerous employers are looking for qualified candidates to fill upper-level and management positions. There are positions in our community with a variety of businesses that offer specialized or upper-level management jobs. Many of these positions require some type of previous leadership experience; however, many of the positions also will train qualified people. If you are looking for a better-paying job, more responsibility or a position that can offer you a career, then now is the time to research what is available in our community.

The Management Job Fair will be held along the river at the Visitor Center park area on Hot Springs Boulevard on June 12 from 3 to 6 p.m. Employers from a range of businesses will be on hand to describe

their opportunities and speak to you about career options.

Attendees should be prepared with a resume and a desire to speak with various businesses to see what could be available in management or career-growth positions. You can view some of the employment positions available in the community through the most extensive job search source, The Pagosa Springs SUN. However, this job fair gives you the opportunity to speak directly with human resource and other business managers about the various job offerings and ask questions about career progression.

For more information, you can contact the Chamber at 264-2360.

### Feedback on community parks and recreation

The Town of Pagosa Springs would like your feedback on parks and recreation activities and services that you feel are important in our community.

There is a short 10-question survey that it would like for you to take. The questions range from what parks, amenities and services you

utilize to additional amenities you would like to see, and your feedback on parks funding mechanisms and collaboration efforts.

You can access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6ZMC26B> or you can pick up hard copies at the Chamber and then drop them off at Town Hall by June 22. It is important to assess what amenities are best utilized as we plan for the future. Weigh in on this important topic in our community and fill out the survey.

### Upcoming SBDC training offerings

The Southwest Colorado Small Business Development Center will be hosting a few trainings in Durango that you might be interested in attending.

The first class is The Inventors' Roundtable on June 11. The class will be held in the Education Business Hall at Fort Lewis College in room 110. All inventors, product developers and wishful thinkers are invited.

The course will cover a number of critical phases involved in the inventing and manufacturing

processes. Attendees will learn to develop, protect and market their inventions. The fee for the day is \$45 and it also includes lunch. You can register for the class through the Chamber's website at [www.pagosa-chamber.com](http://www.pagosa-chamber.com) and then access the link from the blog section.

The other class that will be held is an Introduction to QuickBooks class. This class will be held on June 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a brown bag break for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Topics such as setup, chart of accounts, invoicing and sales, and payment processing will be covered. The class is \$65 for Chamber members and \$70 for nonmembers and will be held in the Community Room at the First National Bank of Durango. To register, you can also access the link through the Chamber's website in the blog section.

### Car show

Mark your calendars for the 10th anniversary of the Pagosa Springs Car Show happening June 8 and 9 on Lewis Street.

If you haven't entered your car, there is still time. There will be lots of activity happening on that weekend and make sure that the Car Show is in your plans.

Visit our website at [www.pagosa-chamber.com](http://www.pagosa-chamber.com) for more information or to register your car.

## LPEA Board of Directors officers announced

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The SUN

On May 16, during its regularly scheduled La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors meeting, members elected Bob Lynch (District 1) to serve as 2018-2019 president.

Britt Bassett (District 3) was named vice president, with Dan Huntington (District 2) elected secretary and new director Tim Wheeler (District 4) pronounced treasurer. Collectively, the four make up the

board's executive committee.

New director Kirsten Skeehan (District 1) was elected to represent LPEA on the Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Board. Jack Turner (District 4) will serve as



Bob Lynch

the delegate for the Colorado Rural Electric Association and Kohler McInnis (District 2) will be the Western United representative. Mike Alley (District 1) and Rachel Landis (District 3) were chosen to sit on the LPEA Round Up Foundation board.

As per the LPEA bylaws, officers are elected each year at the first meeting of the board following the cooperative's annual meeting, which in 2018 was on May 12. Contact information for all LPEA board members is available on LPEA's website, [www.lpea.coop](http://www.lpea.coop).

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# Education

## Renewable Energy Day exposes students to energy options

By Kim Elzinga  
Special to The SUN

Sixth-grade students at Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) participated in the second annual Renewable Energy Day on May 11. The 135 students split into eight different groups and rotated through stations, where they experimented with a variety of energy sources.

Volunteers from the community manned stations exploring wind energy, hydroelectric energy, solar energy, passive solar energy, alternative fuel cell cars, maglev trains and electrical circuits. Former PSMS teacher Sally High took students on a tour of the geothermal greenhouse to demonstrate a use of geothermal energy in the community.

"The idea for this event came about when I discovered that New Mexico has a SunChaser van that goes to schools in New Mexico to expose them to solar energy. One of our standards requires us to compare fossil fuels to renewable energies, but most of the kids are unfamiliar with the myriad of renewable energies in use across our country. Exploring renewable energy options with kids this age is not only a great way to prepare them for their future world, but it's a lot of fun," said sixth-grade science teacher Kristin Hentschel, who created and designed the activities along with local scientists Rick Santopietro and David Smith. "They love doing the hands-on experiments and it's great to see



Sixth-grade students (left to right) Ridge Wilson, Manuel Robles-Espinoza, Elijah Castro and Gavin Lindahl use model water wheels to measure the amount of energy created when water falls from varying heights, demonstrating hydroelectric energy.

Photo courtesy Al Myatt

them excited about discovering something they haven't experienced before."

Two \$1,000 grants from the Foundation for Archuleta County Education (FACE) funded all materials and equipment utilized at

each of the stations.

After attending all eight stations, students reflected on what they learned.

Josh Montemayor remarked, "With clouds in the way, [the solar cars] would not go. I never knew

that."

Annabelle Parker said, "I learned how electricity can flow through dough."

Coy Schaefer commented, "I learned how you could use a pizza box as a (solar) oven."

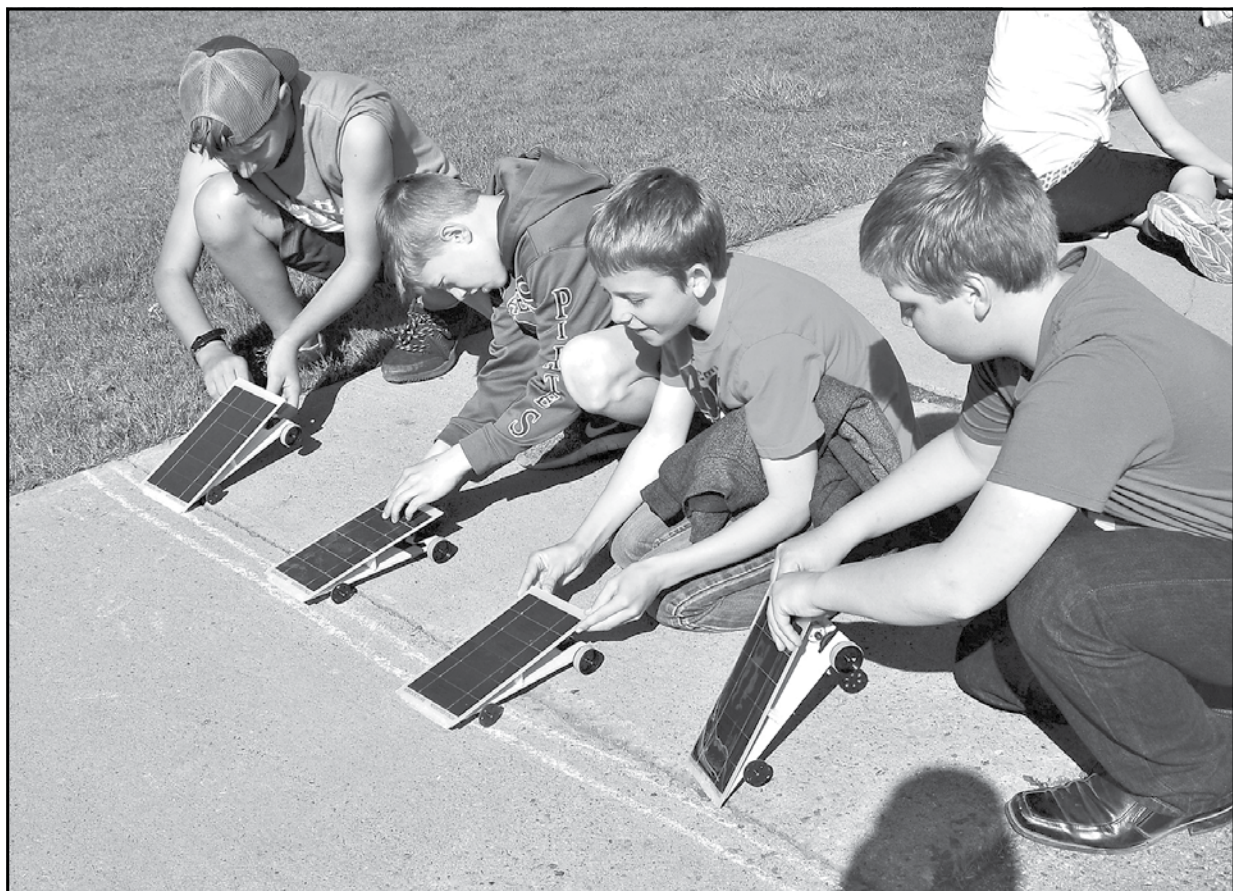


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Sixth-grade students (left to right) Trenton Dykes, Colt Lewis, Collin Bridges and Brodie Norton learn how to build solar panels and race their own solar cars at Renewable Energy Day at Pagosa Springs Middle School.

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# Rotary awards \$28,000 in scholarships

By Livia Lynch  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is proud to announce those individuals receiving 2018 Rotary Scholarships totaling \$28,000.

Colton Castro — Colton plans to attend Colorado State University to major in pre-med.

Hailey Rose — Hailey will also attend Colorado State University, majoring in zoology.

Keanan Anderson — Keanan will attend the University of Denver majoring in both business administration and computer science.

Kyle Garcia — Kyle will attend the University of Utah and plans to study business.

Kayla Nasralla — Kayla plans to attend Seattle Pacific University, majoring in business administration.

Zoe Strohecker — Zoe will be attending Brigham Young Univer-

sity and plans to major in occupational therapy.

Kimberly Armendariz — Kimberly plans to attend Santa Fe Community College and pursue nursing.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club congratulates the outstanding class of 2018 and wishes each of them success in their future endeavors.

Since 1983, the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club has awarded a total

of \$441,000 in scholarships to 169 local high school graduates.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club would like to thank the Pagosa Springs community for its continued support of Rotary events and fundraisers that have made its local scholarships possible again this year. Additionally, the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club was pleased to receive a Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative matching grant this year.



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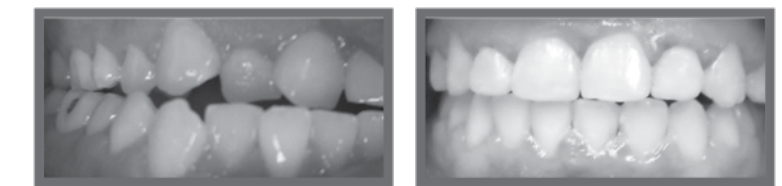
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Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center graduates 30 students who will enter kindergarten in the fall and ultimately become the high school graduating class of 2031. Graduation was held on May 17.

# Seeds graduates 30 students who will become high school graduates in the year 2031

By Terri Hardeman  
Special to The SUN

Family and friends gathered at the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium May 17 to celebrate the pre-kindergarten graduation from Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center. These graduates will enter kindergarten in the fall.

Pre-K classroom teachers Ruby Archuleta and Frances Belarde presented the 30 graduates who will be high school graduates in the year 2031.

Prior to graduation day, the young students were interviewed

regarding what they would miss when they left preschool and what they looked forward to learning in kindergarten. In addition, they were asked how old they would be when they grew up, as well as what they wanted to be when they grew up. The students' answers brought both sighs and laughter from the audience. One excited preschooler wants to be a teacher just like his mommy and Miss Ruby. Another wants to find dinosaur bones. Yet another imaginative preschooler wants to be a butterfly when she grows up.

The teachers reported that the students in this year's graduating

class have developed strong social-emotional skills that include problem-solving, anger management and identifying their feelings in words. She added that the children show a sense of community with each other in their friendships. Skills that they will take with them to kindergarten are identifying letters and numbers, rhyming words, patterning and experiencing the cultures in their town.

If you are interested in learning more about the center or how you can contribute to the success of its young children, please call 264-5513 for more information and a tour of the center.

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# Outdoors



Photo courtesy Bill Trimarco

In 2014, the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership began a collaborative effort with the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado State Forest Service, Pagosa Springs High School, Southwest Conservation Corps and Forest Health Company to address forest health concerns on Reservoir Hill. In order to educate Reservoir Hill users about forest restoration work, signs are being placed to tell the story. On May 18, the first sign was unveiled, with two more ready to follow.

## Educational signs placed on Reservoir Hill

By Bill Trimarco  
Special to The SUN

In 2014, the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership began a collaborative effort with the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado State Forest Service, Pagosa Springs High School, Southwest Conservation Corps and Forest Health Company to

address forest health concerns on Reservoir Hill.

They partnered with students from the high school to evaluate forest conditions and make recommendations for improving the health of the forest.

Since 2014, forest restoration efforts have focused on returning more open, healthy conditions to the landscape to lower

the threat of severe wildfire, insects and disease. Nearly 80 acres of this very special park within the town limits of Pagosa Springs have been treated in this project that now serves as an example for others to follow. Forestry officials in both the state and U.S. Capitol have been interested and praised this effort right here in our town.

In order to educate the park's users about this vital work, signs are being placed to tell the story about forest restoration. On May 18, the first sign was unveiled, with two more ready to follow. There were a lot of local partners involved, so take a look at the signs next time you are on Reservoir Hill enjoying a hike or ride or listening to music.

## Be 'bear aware' when camping and hiking

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Special to The SUN

One of the most frequently asked questions to Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff each spring and summer is, "What do I do if I encounter a bear while camping or hiking?"

Whether you are visiting Colorado for a vacation or are a long-time resident of our state, it's important to learn how to avoid potential issues and discourage human-bear encounters ahead of any outdoor recreation plans.

The first thing to remember is that bears are not naturally aggressive toward humans; in fact, most bears are naturally wary of people. Physical encounters between humans and bears are exceedingly rare. It is when bears become too comfortable around humans or find an easy food source that these powerful animals can cause damage to property or create conflict with people at campsites or on the trails.

### Camping

When camping in bear country, the easiest way to avoid bears is to ensure you have nothing at your campsite that will attract them. Whether car camping or hiking into the backcountry, there are actions you can take to minimize your chances of an encounter.

**Safely store food:** If it smells good enough to eat, a bear will try to eat it. Store food, beverages and toiletries in airtight containers and

place in provided campsite lockers, lock in your trunk or use bear-proof containers stored away from your tent.

**Stash your trash:** If a campground provides bear-proof trash receptacles, use them often to keep your campsite clean. If no trash receptacles are available, double bag your trash and lock it in your vehicle or use a bear-proof container when backpacking.

**Keep it clean:** Scrape grill grates after use, clean all dishes and utensils and ensure you have cleaned up any waste near your site. Never bring food or anything that smells like food — which includes toiletries, sunscreen and even clothes you wear when cooking — into your tent.

**Lock it up:** Be sure your car or RV windows are closed and your vehicles are locked whenever you leave your site or before going to sleep at night.

**Follow signs (and instincts):** Whether printed signs or natural signs such as tracks or scat, if you have evidence that a bear has been in the area recently, leave and choose another campsite.

**If a bear is seen in your camp,** try your best to haze it away with loud noises such as yelling, banging pots and pans together, or using your car horn or an air horn. Be sure to notify the campground host and other campers.

### Hiking

With their tremendous senses of smell and hearing, bears will

usually be aware of your presence well before you are aware of theirs. A bear's natural instinct will be to leave before you know they are there. However, understanding bear behaviors and being aware of your surroundings will help you avoid unwanted encounters on the trails.

**Hike with friends:** Conversation and extra noise will alert bears to your presence and make them more likely to retreat. If your group includes furry friends, keep dogs leashed at all times. Not only will an unleashed dog be more likely to be injured, the instinct to return to its owner may bring an aggravated bear right back to you.

**Stay alert at all times:** Leave your headphones back at your campsite, be extra cautious at dawn and dusk, and pay closer attention to visuals when hiking in an area with noise from running water or heavy winds.

**Never feed a bear:** Never approach a bear of any size for any reason, especially to feed it. Double bag food and pack out all food waste to avoid encouraging bears to see trails as a food source. Do not think "natural" waste like apple cores or banana peels are OK to leave behind — they are certainly not natural treats for bears.

**Respect forage areas:** In the late summer and fall, bears are entering hyperphagia — the period before hibernation when their only concern is getting calories. If your usual trail runs through berry patches, oak brush or other known food sources, be extra vigilant. Make extra noise by periodically clapping

or calling out to alert bears to your presence.

And if you've done everything above and still manage to surprise a bear on the trail? Stay calm, stand still and speak to it in a firm tone of voice. The bear will most likely identify you and leave. Never run from a bear.

If the bear does not leave, slowly wave your arms over your head trying to make yourself look big and continue speaking to encourage the bear's exit. If the bear huffs, stomps or pops its jaws, that is a sign that it needs space. Continue facing the bear, slowly back away and keep slowly moving away until the bear is out of sight.

Finally, if the bear approaches before you have a chance to try to force its exit, stand your ground. Yell or throw smaller rocks in the direction of the bear. If the bear gets within 40 feet, utilize bear spray. If a bear attacks, do not play dead — fight back with anything available, including trekking poles, small knives or even your bare hands.

It is important to remember that most human-bear interactions are relatively benign; bear sightings and witnessing standard bear behaviors are an awesome sight for most outdoor enthusiasts. Staying bear aware on the trails or at your campsite, and keeping respectful distances for photos and viewing, keeps these interactions safe for humans and bears alike.

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# Sports

## TRACK



Photo courtesy Justin Cowan

The Pagosa Pirates track and field team prepares for state competition. The team boasted a state champion, and all Pirates at the state meet placed in the top 15 of their respective events. Three individual athletes and three relay teams represented Pagosa at the state meet. Keena Murphy took state in discus with a throw of 127 feet, 10 inches.

## Murphy brings home state title, all Pirates in top 15

By Avery Martinez  
Staff Writer

Keena Murphy, a senior and battle-tested Pagosa Springs High School Pirate, brought home a state title last week at the Colorado State Track Meet in Lakewood.

Murphy won the discus state title with a throw of 127 feet, 10 inches. The second place competitor only threw 119-1.

On top of a state title, all competitors at the state meet, whether relay teams or individual competitors, placed in the top 15 for all of 3A.

All three of the individual competitors — Paul Farrah, Michael Wedemeyer and Murphy — placed in the top 10.

On Monday evening, Cade Cowan, Wedemeyer and Murphy sat down with coach Connie O'Donnell to talk with The SUN about their state competition experiences.

Murphy described her process of preparing to compete as one very ritualistic, but relaxed.

"I pray before I throw," Murphy said.

Murphy explained that she began her process of preparation

by praying, then praying with and warming up with her dad.

"We're not allowed to hold the discus any more unless we're in competition, so that kind of messed up my ritual a little bit," Murphy said.

Murphy explained she just pretended she had a discus.

Murphy added that a big part of the ritual was joking around with her competition.

"You know, I want to make state a memorable experience for everybody that's there," Murphy said.

Murphy noted she likes to keep the mood loose and break the ice with her competition.

"I personally think the best thing about [state] is being with the team," Murphy said.

Murphy explained that being with the coaches and team and going up and back to state on the bus were some of her favorite memories.

Murphy further explained that the friendships and camaraderie went further than just the Pirate team, adding that she has friends on many different teams around the state.

"And you make more friends at state, and those friendships last

forever, pretty much," Murphy said.

Then Murphy broke into a smile and turned to her teammates.

"Beat that," Murphy joked with Wedemeyer and Cowan.

O'Donnell noted that Murphy had signed with the University of Nevada-Reno.

"It's a Division I [school] which is impressive," O'Donnell said proudly.

Murphy was a state placer all four years, O'Donnell added.

"So, it was kind of her moment," said O'Donnell.

Murphy, different from other kids getting ready for events — locking into blocks, or stretching with looks of dread or angst — was always having a good time and smiling, O'Donnell described.

She added, "And that's important I think. Sometimes I think we forget to enjoy it."

### All Pirates place

While Murphy took the state title, the Pirates all performed exceptionally well, with all Pirates placing in the top 15 teams.

Paul Farrah placed 10th overall in the high jump with a jump of 5-11.

"I think he did so good, I was

so proud of him," O'Donnell said.

Farrah placed 10th, and they only medal to nine, O'Donnell said.

"But his poise that he had the whole time was really good," O'Donnell said, a little choked.

Wedemeyer took eighth place in the triple jump with a jump of 42-10.

"He did great; he medaled," O'Donnell said of his performance. But the relay teams, which filled the bulk of the roster for the boys and girls, made O'Donnell smile.

"I am really, really proud of them ... and I think that they will only get better," O'Donnell said.

The girls' 4x400-meter relay placed 12th with a time of four minutes, 15 seconds. The team is made up of Mackenzie Wedemeyer, River Pitcher, Piedra Goss and Emma Heidelberg.

After the girls' 4x400, O'Donnell said, there were wishes for being able to "do it over."

"Not that they really wanted to run another 400 over again," O'Donnell joked, "but it's that idea of 'Oh, I just want to do that again!'"

The boys' 4x400 relay team, made up of Cowan, Irving Pina, Michael Wedemeyer and Isaac Munoz, placed ninth overall with a time of 3:29.

In the 4x800-meter relay, the boys' team placed 13th over all with a time 8:32. The team was made up of Cowan, Mitch Lewis, Michael Wedemeyer and Trevor Bryant.

O'Donnell noted that being in the state meet would help the relays perform better next year, having already competed with "those elite people."

■ See Track A14

## Play for the Way Golf Tournament set for June 9

By Bill Hudgins  
Special to The SUN

The United Way 19th annual Golf Tournament will be played on June 9 at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

This will be a four-person scramble tournament with registration starting at 8 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Ladies, gentlemen and players of all skills are invited.

This year's tournament features \$25,000 hole-in-one and \$5,000 putting contests, cart, range balls and lunch all included in the entry fee of \$80. There will also be a second hole-in-one contest for a \$25,000 prize. Each player will receive one free ticket and additional tickets may be purchased for \$5 apiece. There will then be a drawing

during lunch and the winner (only one) will have a shot at the prize. There will also be door prizes (one free entry to each golfer, and additional tickets may be purchased for \$1 apiece) and the ever popular \$5 mulligans. A good time will be had by all.

Sponsorships are still available and entry forms may be obtained at the golf club, Pagosa Lakes Recreation Center, or by calling Bill Hudgins at 946-1624 or emailing Bill at oldwahoo@mail.com.

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# Music of Broadway

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The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir and Sisters in Song celebrated the music of Broadway on May 10 at the groups' annual spring concert in the high school auditorium. The evening treated concertgoers to familiar Broadway tunes, including "Popular" from "The Wiz" and "Sunrise, Sunset" from "Fiddler on the Roof." The concert also featured several soloists. The concert's theme complemented the girls choir's upcoming trip to New York City.













# preview

ARTS & LIFE

# Dances of the Ancients

May 26 • Chimney Rock • 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.



Photo courtesy Chimney Rock Interpretive Association



Photo courtesy Chimney Rock Interpretive Association

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association will host the Dances of the Ancients event on May 26, with two Native American dance groups gathering at Chimney Rock to dance. The Oak Canyon Dancers will perform at 10 a.m., and Norman and Ramona Roach will perform at 1 p.m.

## Dances of the Ancients to return to Chimney Rock National Monument May 26

By Nadia Werby  
Special to The SUN

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) is proud to host the Dances of the Ancients event on May 26. This culturally significant event will be both powerful and captivating.

Two Native American dance groups will gather at

Chimney Rock to dance in the beautiful area adjacent to the Visitor Cabin, surrounded by ponderosa pines of the San Juan National Forest. The Oak Canyon Dancers will perform at 10 a.m., and Norman and Ramona Roach will perform at 1 p.m., one day only. There can be no better way to connect with the sacred site of Chimney Rock than through the performance

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- Saturday**  
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Shooters & Shenanigans: Los Mitotitos, 9 p.m.
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of celebratory Native American dances in traditional dress.

## Norman and Ramona Roach

Norman and Ramona Roach are traditional powwow-style dancers and school teachers. They have been dancing and performing for audiences for many years now and they have also traveled the world with the American Indian Dance Theatre. Norman is from the Lakota/Sioux tribe and his native name is Chase Alone. His wife, Ramona, is from the Dine'/Navajo tribe.

Norman dances and also plays the native flute; some songs he has composed himself and some are considered traditional. One dance is the plains-style grass dance. The regalia that he wears during this dance represents the life-giving grasses that fed the buffalo that the plains tribes depended on. Norman also performs the native hoop dance that was originally done with one hoop. It is now a difficult, energetic and complicated dance.

Norman is proud of his ancestry and likes to promote the positive history of the Native Americans. His paternal grandmother and maternal grandfather were both orphaned at the Battle of Little Big Horn when they were toddlers. His mother was a well-known powwow dancer and she is credited with being the first Native American to do continuous spins when she did the powwow fancy-shawl dance.

Ramona dances and performs all three powwow-style female dances. She also sings traditional Navajo songs and tells the history behind them.

When she performs the ladies traditional dance, she wears a fully beaded traditional top that weighs about 30 pounds. For the jingle dress dance, she wears a dress that has tiny metal cones sewn on it. This dance was originally a sacred healing dance of the Ojibwa people, and it evolved from a vision dream that a grandfather had when he was very ill. Ramona also performs the powwow-style fancy-shawl dance, which was very controversial when it was first done by a few brave ladies from the Northern Plains during the early 1960s. It is an energetic, freestyle dance that is now a very popular

dance done by females in the powwow arena.

Powwow dances and songs, collectively, are not considered sacred ceremonies by native people. Although many native dances have evolved and some continue to change, some dances are considered traditional and change is not encouraged. More importantly, many native dances and songs, both sacred and social, have remained the same throughout the ages.

## The Oak Canyon Dancers

The Oak Canyon Dance group was started by Julian Fragua and his brother, Odell Fragua. The brothers were inspired by their experiences with their grandfather and his cousin, dancing at various places when they were young. The Oak Canyon Dancers are a family dance group that consists mostly of Julian and Odell's children and immediate family.

The name, Oak Canyon, is their clan name in the pueblo, which is passed down from the mother's side. All of the dances are performed by the children, ages 9 to 14, and are accompanied by live native singing and a pueblo drum.

The Oak Canyon Dancers perform the eagle dance, the shield dance, the buffalo dance, the butterfly dance and the plains native traditional dance.

The eagle dance honors the eagle for being a huge part of their culture. This dance symbolizes the blessings of their people giving them strength, courage and spiritual healing. The shield dance symbolizes the warrior and the brave men in their tribe who protected their people, honoring these strong, courageous men and also the brave men and women who serve our country and protect our nation. The buffalo dance symbolizes their honor of the great bison, which gave them large amounts of meat for nourishment, hide for clothing, shelter, blankets and drums, and bones for tools that were needed for daily living. The butterfly dance symbolizes the growing and entering into summer, and the plains native traditional dance, which comes from the plains native culture, is a dance for completion and an intertribal dance at powwows.

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## Dances

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### Ticket information

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# 'Proof' enters final weekend at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts

By Tess Wisher  
Special to The PREVIEW

"Proof" by David Auburn is entering its final weekend of shows at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts (PSCA).

The show will play Thursday, May 24, through Saturday, May 26, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 27, at 2 p.m.

The Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning show tells the story of a daughter, Catherine, and her brilliant, but mentally unstable, mathematician father, played by Dennis Elkins. After the father's death, Catherine, portrayed by Christina Norris, struggles with her possible inheritance: her father's brilliance or insanity.

Hal, a former student played by Dan Morrison, comes to sort through the father's incoherent writings in hopes of finding a bit of brilliance. Catherine's sister, Claire, played by Melissa Firlit, comes into town to preside over the funeral and the house.

Auburn's brilliant writing blends drama and mystery with a good dose of humor. The genius of the play lies in its balance between character study and captivating plot. The dysfunctional family issues and Catherine's fragile mental and emotional state intensity with the discovery of a proof, once considered impossible, within the father's books.

The sensitive and subtle portrayals by every member of the cast are beautiful. Norris captures Catherine's depression and moment of levity with the proof's discovery beautifully. Hal, witnessing this discovery, is torn between his admiration and loyalty to Catherine and his loyalty to the mathematics profession. Morrison portrays this internal conflict expertly and with obvious intellect.

The moving show takes place in the backyard of a run-down home on the south side of Chicago, neighboring the University of Chicago campus. The set was designed by John Santangelo, dressed by Tanya Quinn, and hand painted by Jill Fives with impressive attention to detail. Mandy Heath's lighting design bridges each scene with ease, bringing the audience even



Photo courtesy Tess Wisher

"Proof" is entering its final weekend of shows at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The show will play today, Thursday, May 24, through Saturday, May 26, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 27, at 2 p.m.

further into the world of the play. The decaying home and the intimacy of the black-box performance space transports the audience into the world. When sitting in the audience, you feel as if you're sitting in the backyard with the family and become invested in every twist and turn.

Overall, "Proof" is a must-see. The show appeals to the intellectual patron, while the story themes are universal, dealing with family and the drama that unfold around the care and death of a parent.

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The fun and educational Whatchamawhozits Children's Theatre Summer Camp will run again this year at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, with the deadline for early-bird registration being June 1.

## Early-bird registration deadline for Thingamajig's Summer Theatre Camp approaching

By Tess Wisher  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts is revving up for another exciting summer. This summer will include a five-musical season and the fun and educational Whatchamawhozits Children's Theatre Summer Camp.

The theater camp offers an early-bird registration option that ensures your child's spot in the camp. Early-bird registration also offers \$50 off the price of the three-week camp. The deadline for early bird registration is June 1.

Children ages 7 to 12 come to learn all aspects of the theatrical craft. Professional performers hailing from across the country teach a variety of lessons. (Special requests for 6- or 13-year-olds will be considered.)

The children will get to participate in the creation of a collaborative masterpiece while also learning valuable life skills like teamwork, collaboration, public speaking, articulation, critical thinking, self-confidence, physical fitness and, above all, empathy.

This summer the three-week camp will run from July 2 to July 19, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp will culminate in three performances of "Annie Kids" on July 20 and 21 at 2 p.m. and July 22 at 6 p.m.

Students can sign up for just the first week of camp, which focuses on general theater lessons and games that are designed to develop

the tools of the trade. One lesson in makeup class even includes learning how to make gnarly scars.

Or, students can sign up for the second and third weeks, where all of these skills come together and the kids rehearse and perform "Annie Kids." Thirdly, students can sign up for all three weeks of theater fun.

On top of an amazing camp experience, registration includes an invitation to see all the camp counselors in "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at 2 p.m. on July 15.

The cost for just the first week is \$150. The cost for just the second and third weeks is \$300. If registered before the early-bird registration deadline, June 1, registration for all three weeks will cost \$350. This early registration means the cost per day is only \$30. After June 1, the price for all three weeks will be \$400. You can't find a more economical, educational and fun program for your children this summer.

Registration fees are nonrefundable and registration is considered complete once payment has been made.

For additional questions on the best summer camp in southwest Colorado, please contact Laura Moore at [laura@pagosacenter.org](mailto:laura@pagosacenter.org) or by calling 731-7469.

In order to register: Email [thingamajigbox@gmail.com](mailto:thingamajigbox@gmail.com) with the following information:

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Email body: Child's name; age; parents' names; email; phone number; medical conditions; and

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### What parents say

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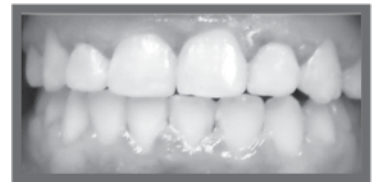
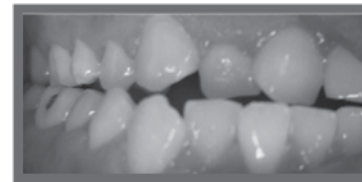
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# Community United Methodist Church invites singers for patriotic concert

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

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

The community singers will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, June 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at CUMC. The choir, under the direction of Linda Parker and accompanied

by Kathleen Isberg, will continue to rehearse each Tuesday in June. The rehearsals will culminate in a performance for the Pagosa community on July 3.

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

“Everyone loves patriotic music. For most of us, a song about America and the sight of the red, white and blue is all it takes to make our

heart beat a little harder and put a lump in our throat,” said Director Linda Parker. “This will be a great opportunity to sing some beautiful music honoring our country.”

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

# ‘Children of Eden’ cast hard at work for opening night

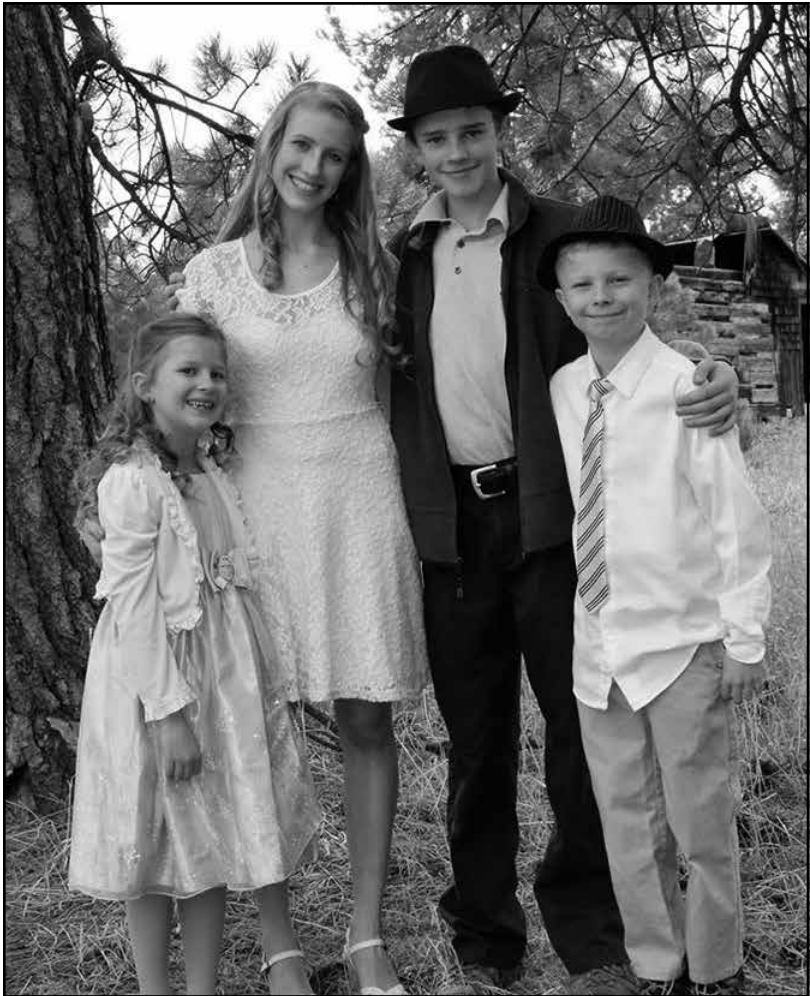


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By Dale Johnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is tearing up the piano and the stage at its home base, the auditorium at Pagosa Springs High School, as it is full-on into rehearsals for its summer blockbuster production of Stephen Schwartz’s “Children of Eden.”

Our cast of 37, with a range of ages and performance experience, is giving its all for this extraordinary and timeless musical about families, children, choices, love, challenges, heartache and joy.

Opening night will be June 29, with six performances only. Our cast will be accompanied by a full pit orchestra, as are all of our productions, conducted by our very own Malinda Burnett.

Each cast member devotes hundreds of hours working towards excellence in performance, and we love our community theater and the opportunities it offers. Save the date. For more information, see [curtain-suppagosa.org](http://curtain-suppagosa.org) and on Facebook.

Curtains Up Pagosa is a family affair. The Thomas kids have been regulars in CUP productions since 2010. They are veteran performers and are at home in all performance areas of voice, dance and acting. They are also strong mentors for the other actors in “Children of Eden” as they share their experiences during rehearsals. Pictured are Avonlea Thomas, Anika Thomas, Kaeden Thomas and Connor Thomas. “Eden” is set to open June 29.



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# 13th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival to feature Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper, FY5

By Crista Munro  
Special to The PREVIEW

The 13th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival is just two weeks away, taking place June 8-10 on Reservoir Hill.

The three-day outdoor event will draw hundreds of music lovers from around Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Texas and beyond for amazing live performances on two festival stages.

This year's stellar lineup includes Tommy Emmanuel, Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley, The Way Down Wanderers, The Giving Tree Band, Luke Bulla Trio, Caitlin Canty, Bonnie and the Clydes, Coral Creek, The Good Time Travelers, The Arcadian Wild, Thunder and Rain, Sugar and the Mint, Tallgrass and this week's featured artists: Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper, and FY5.

## Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper

Considered one of the premier bluegrass fiddlers of his generation, Michael Cleveland picked up a fiddle at age 4 and his talent was recognized early. In 1993, he was chosen to be part of the Bluegrass Youth All Stars at the International Bluegrass Music Association's (IBMA) award show. Later that year, Cleveland made his Grand Ole Opry debut as a guest of Alison Krauss. His list of guest appearances over the years is a virtual who's who of bluegrass legends including Bill Monroe, Jim and Jesse, Ralph Stanley, Mac Wiseman, Doc Watson, Larry Sparks, Doyle Lawson and J.D. Crowe.

After high school, Cleveland briefly toured with then-named Dale Ann Bradley and Coon Creek before joining Rhonda Vincent and The Rage in 2000. At the 2001 IBMA awards, Cleveland took his first Fiddle Player of the Year award, and shared the title of Entertainer of the Year with Rhonda Vincent and the Rage.

In 2002, Cleveland rejoined The Dale Ann Bradley Band. That



Photo courtesy FolkWest

**Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper will close the 13th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival with a headline set at 6 p.m. on June 10.**

year, he won the Fiddle Player of the Year award and then again in 2004. Cleveland's first project as a Rounder recording artist, "Flame Keeper," was released in February 2002 and was chosen as the IBMA's Instrumental Album of the Year.

In 2004, Cleveland shared the Instrumental Album of the Year award with Tom Adams for "Tom Adams and Michael Cleveland Live at the Ragged Edge," an album of fiddle and banjo duets. In September 2006, Cleveland took home his fourth Fiddle Player of the Year Award from the IBMA, and his second solo album on Rounder Records, "et 'Er Go, Boys," won Instrumental Album of the Year.

A year later, in 2007, Cleveland won his fifth fiddle player award and has won it every year since for a total of 10, making him the most awarded in that category.

Today, Cleveland is a sought-after guest and has performed with Vince Gill, Marty Stuart, The Mark Newton Band, J.D. Crowe and the New South, Audie Blaylock and Redline, Melvin Goins and Windy Mountain, and The Wildwood Valley Boys. He is also an active studio musician, and his credits include the 2005 Grammy-nominated "A Tribute to Jimmy Martin: The King of Bluegrass" and a 2003 Gram-

my winner, Jimmy Sturr's "Let's Polka 'Round." Cleveland lives in Charlestown, Ind.

As impressive as Cleveland's credentials are, one would expect him to select only the cream of the crop side-men to make up his band, Flamekeeper. In that regard, he does not disappoint. The ensemble is one of the fastest, most accurate and flat-out entertaining groups in traditional bluegrass music today.

Originally from Louisville, Ky., mandolin player Nathan Livers has been engulfed in music his entire life. From his grandpa's claw-hammer banjo playing to the sounds of Bill Monroe and the Stanley Brothers on the turntable, bluegrass music is in his blood.

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Inspired by Monroe's mandolin style, Livers picked up the instrument at the age of 10 and learned a few chords and melodies from his father, Bill Livers, whom he credits as being the driving force behind his learning to play. Now making his home in Charlestown, Ind., Nathan Livers, a husband and proud father of two, has played in such bands as The Get Down Bluegrass Boys with Michael Cleveland, Charlie Lawson and Oak Hill; Gary Brewer and the Kentucky Ramblers; Tony Holt and the Wildwood Valley Boys, and a Louisville-based bluegrass band, Storefront Congregation, that featured Nathan Livers' songwriting on its 2011 release, "Kaleidoscope."

Bassist Tyler Griffith comes from a musical family — his mother and uncle were part of a family bluegrass band that his grandfather ran in the 1970s, and his father is an accomplished pianist. Although he sticks to the upright bass with Flamekeeper, he also plays guitar, mandolin, trumpet and piano. Griffith's influences from the bass world include Barry Bales and Edgar Meyer. He's a former member of several regional bands playing in Indiana and Illinois, including Vicki and Crew, Penn Central and Grand Central. Griffith was raised in Avon, Ind., where he lives today.

Joshua Richards (vocals and guitar) grew up in the small rural community of Leota, Ind.. His earliest influences were his father, Steve, and brother Jason, who taught him how to play and sing bluegrass music. Joshua Richards has played in several bands through the years, including the Farewell Drifters, Old Louisville Express and Blue River (2008 Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America band contest winners). He is also a songwriter with songs included on the Flamekeeper album "On Down the Line."

Jasiah Shrode was raised in a rural farming community near Plato, Mo. He developed an interest in music at a young age and began learning to play several instruments at age 11. Although he's quite proficient on guitar and mandolin, banjo is his first love. Since 2009, he has been a member of Jim Orchard and the Boys, a favorite in the Missouri region. Shrode cites his greatest musical influences as Jim Orchard, Aaron McDarris, Haskell McCormick, Ferrell Stowe, Earl Scruggs, Don Reno and Sonny Osborne.

Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper will close the festival with a headline set at 6 p.m. on June 10.

## FY5

For decades now, Colorado has been a wellspring for American roots music, combining the traditional Appalachian old-time and honky-tonk strains of the East



Photo courtesy FolkWest

**FY5 will return to the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass main stage with a 5:45 p.m. set on June 8. They will also be providing live music for the Bubbles and Bluegrass event at 9:30 a.m. on June 9.**

with the spirit of adventure and openness of the West. Colorado has served as a magnet for musicians looking to find themselves, and it's become a place for musical kindred spirits to commune and create.

FY5 — formerly known as Finnders and Youngberg — represents this pioneering spirit and, with the band's latest effort, "Eat the Moon," we can hear a new-found maturity and purpose that comes with steady gigging, dedication and a renewed sense of purpose. Bluegrass harmonies, crisp as a mountain stream, meld

with virtuosic picking and fiddling and the kind of honest acknowledgment of the tough realities of life that's best found in traditional honky-tonk.

"We're proud to have come from the traditional folk and bluegrass school," said band leader Mike Finders, "yet we put all that aside and do our best to build the songs honestly, creatively, with no pre-determined agenda to play this or that kind of music."

With "Eat the Moon," FY5 brings us a self-assured vision of American music, rooted in tradition, but

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■ continued from previous page pointing to new, creative directions that make it vital and relevant in today's modern world. If you're looking for the source of this music, there's a deep vein of country music that reaches all the way back to Appalachia and underpins both bluegrass and honky-tonk.

But it takes an uncommon vision and a powerful band to unite the two as FY5 has done. Much of this connection is built through Aaron Youngberg's facility on both banjo and pedal steel, but also

through the gritty vocals of Finders. You can hear traces of both Jimmy Martin and Lefty Frizzell in his voice, but he has a unique and unaffected sound of his own that comes through on all the original songs.

Female vocalist Erin Youngberg does more than hold her own on lead vocals, and when these two voices join together as a duet, one can't help but compare them to classic country duets like George Jones and Melba Montgomery or Dolly Parton and Porter Wagoner.

Combine these vocals with rapid-fire mandolin picking from Rich Zimmerman that, though clean and precise, still contains a gritty edge, and masterful fiddling from renowned violinist Ryan Drickey, and you've got the driving force of FY5.

On "Eat The Moon," all these elements combine in a partnership that recalls a time before roots music became watered down or overly polished. FY5's synergy of styles carries the traditions of what came before with the frontier elements of the West, giving their music a sense of freedom and adventure that sounds fresh to our ears. If you're searching for the ensemble that will bridge the gap between the Smokies and the Rockies, between East and West, old and new, the music of FY5 is for you.

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## Volunteer opportunities and festival information

We still have a few volunteer spots left for individuals age 17 and over. Work two four-hour shifts in return for complimentary three-day admission.

The festival is produced by FolkWest, a nonprofit company that is supported in part with matching funds from Colorado Creative Industries.

More information about volunteering, tickets, camping, schedules and more can be found online at folkwest.com.

## Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Dottie George

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the evening grosbeak.

The best-dressed members of the finch world, evening grosbeaks do not disappoint with their clean-cut tuxedo of black, white and gold. Their heavy beak is an elegant pearly white color.

The males are striking with their luxurious golden capes, chests and brow bands. The stark white patch on their back is obvious against the black lower body and tail. Evening grosbeaks do not use songs to attract mates; it seems their stunning plumage says enough.

The female and immature birds are a soft gray with black and white mottled wings and tails. There is a blush of yellow at the nape of the neck. The thick beak of these finches is for cracking large seeds, but also works for capturing insects and picking berries.

Evening grosbeaks are seen regularly, but inconsistently enough in Pagosa Springs that a sighting is still a fine treat. These grosbeaks visit the

feeders of local bird enthusiasts and ransack the stands of choke cherry bushes as soon as the berries are ripe.

For more information on local bird-watching events, visit [www.weminuchaudubon.org](http://www.weminuchaudubon.org) and [www.facebook.com/weminuchaudubon/](http://www.facebook.com/weminuchaudubon/).

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# Wear my shoes and keep dancing

I heard someone say once, “I don’t know if you’ve walked in my shoes or if I’ve walked in yours, but I know how those shoes feel.”

Continuing my rant on the extrovert, I have learned recently what I should have known years ago. I don’t apologize; I’ve walked in the shoes God put on my feet. I’ve traipsed through mud, tall grass and deep waters in them, been lost, found and almost drowned. These shoes, made for walking, are not always comfortable. I’ve outgrown several pairs, worn them out and even painted them a different color to match my mood.

When we recognize the same style of shoes on someone else, we start seeing things about us. We will embrace that person and love what they do. Sometimes we cringe to think that we do the same thing, especially when they rub people the wrong way.

One night a week, I participate in a small prayer group, which meets for one hour via video conference. The leader, an extrovert, started the group. I was invited to join with three couples. They have sons working together on a special project. I am the grandmother of one of the boys. My grandson requested I become a part with his parents. I agreed and was thrilled he wanted me to share his experience.

Occasionally, I give my two cents, but I try very hard to keep myself tethered. With a little encouragement, I get excited and start tapping my toe to the music. Ready to take over.

When I met the leader online, it was an immediate love affair. The reason I liked her so much is because I saw myself in her. She has similar qualities that I possess. Some things she does are glaring to me, but I have given her grace because I know how much I need grace.

An example, she gets caught up in the moment and doesn’t follow due process. Instead of waiting until everyone states their opinion, she gets excited and makes decisions without the rest of the group.

## Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



Then she comes wearing her dance shoes and dances around us trying to explain why she did it. She wears herself out convincing us it was good for the group.

She still needs our approval because she didn’t wait to ask anyone what they thought. She makes sure she fills her dance card. She doesn’t want anyone to dislike her. She needs the group’s approval in order to function.

I’ve been there so many times that it’s not even funny. It would have been easier for her to stop the music and move with the group. They would’ve gone along with her, especially when she says, “God told me we should do this.” Are they, especially the introverts, going to argue with her and God? I don’t think so. I recognize the tune.

The things she comes up with are usually very creative and good. She is passionate in what she’s doing and not afraid to take charge. I know what she’s doing. I’ve danced to that music so many times.

Introverts sit in the group quietly and politely. They interject ideas when it’s appropriate. They don’t show the pain when others step on their feet. They have ideas, but they keep them to themselves. They are perceived as wallflowers and are waiting for their turn to be asked. No one asked them. So, they are comfortable sitting in the corner until the music is over. They vow not to go to another dance with that person, but then they do.

She felt she might be taking over. No, why would she? Ha. So she asked that we bring a music video and share it with the group. I found a video that opened heaven for me. The spirit was strong and the words were dynamic. They were meaningful and powerful. Before I shared the music, I prefixed


that I was of a different generation, but I found this music was earth-shaking to me and transcended generational lines.

When the video was played the next Monday night, the other members, being introverts, quietly took it in and said later in private they enjoyed it. They live within themselves and walk out their faith quietly. No fanfare.

But my new friend, my alter ego, my other self, couldn’t get excited. She tried, but it fell flat. She made comments about how they dressed funny and their hairdos. She was too caught up in their appearances to see the heart. Many extroverts gauge the height of a person’s character and spiritual well-being by the 5-inch stilettos on their feet.

Extroverts live outside of themselves. Their excitement comes from their surroundings and their approval comes from other people. Their perceived values rise and fall according to who understands them and who doesn’t. I know I have felt the rub many times. I have corns and blisters to prove it, but I have learned to put another

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# Colorado lawmakers pay tribute to importance of forest health

On behalf of the state's Forest Health Advisory Council, the Colorado House of Representatives has passed a formal tribute recognizing the importance of forest health to the citizens of Colorado.

Introduced Friday by Reps. Marc Catlin and Jeni Arndt, the bipartisan tribute emphasizes the need for sound stewardship of the nearly 25 million acres of forest land in Colorado.

The Forest Health Advisory Council was created in 2016 to provide a collaborative forum to advise the Colorado state forester on a range of issues, opportunities and threats with regard to the state's forests.

The council is administered by the Colorado State Forest Service and consists of 21 members representing the interests of a broad group of stakeholders connected to Colorado's forests — and a collective need to keep them healthy — including: sportsman's organizations, wood products businesses, private landowners, public utilities, conservation organizations, municipal drinking water agencies, economic development agencies and environmental organizations. The council is chaired by State

## Extension Viewpoints

Forester Mike Lester.

"No matter where you live in the state, forest stewardship provides direct benefits to Colorado's citizens that are important to be recognized," Catlin said. "Wildfires have devastating effects on local communities and, by managing our forests for these events before they occur, forestry agencies are protecting these communities and their economies."

More than 2.2 million people live in Colorado's wildland-urban interface and Lester asserted that forest health treatments and active management help to reduce the risks of wildfire and to protect human life, property and critical infrastructure.

Healthy forests also are necessary for clean and robust water supplies. Water derived from Colorado's mountain forests is utilized by everyone and everything in

the state, from municipalities to farmers and ranchers, and from fisheries to wildlife.

Several of the Advisory Council's members represent recreational interests, with recreation in the state's vast forested settings being a significant driver of tourism revenue. According to the Outdoor Industry Association, outdoor recreation accounts for \$28 billion in consumer spending annually in Colorado, as well as 229,000 jobs and \$9.7 billion in wages and salaries.

### Weed tour

The Archuleta County weed tour will take place June 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register by June 11 and receive a free lunch.

To register, email Ethan Proud at: [eproud@archuletacounty.org](mailto:eproud@archuletacounty.org) with the number of attendees and "Weed Tour" as the subject. This opportunity is free and funded by grants; as such, there are a limited number spots available.

### Babysitting classes

Babysitting classes will be offered starting June 13 from noon to 5 p.m. for ages 11 and up. This class is offered for free this year, but will be limited to 15 participants. Please call the CSU Extension office to register.

## Lane

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bandage on my hurting toes and keep dancing.

I have learned that the extrovert's enthusiasm is greater when she initiates the idea. She doesn't have the same enthusiasm when someone else suggests a good idea. Sometimes, their idea is better than hers. Oh, no. Don't upstage the leader.

She lives out loud and her ideas scream to be noticed. We need her because she gets things done. She is excited about life when it is her idea and will move heaven and earth to accomplish it.

It's funny, I started talking about the group's leader but ended up describing me. Sigh. Well, it's all about me, my kids say.

Final brushstroke: I'd like to think I have hung up my dancing shoes and am learning to wait. I'm trying to learn that simple lesson. Please give us extroverts the grace we need. We will surely stumble. But, the world would be bland without our enthusiasm, passion and leadership. Don't you think?

### Readers' comments

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# Ballots, bullets and bloodshed: 'We had a dance that night'

We're in the middle of telling the true story of the battle between Gringos and Hispanics for control of the Archuleta County government.

The county was created by the state governor in May of 1885 and three Hispanic county commissioners — Martinez, Archuleta and Scase — were elected in the



## Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

fall of 1885. Most of the Hispanics lived along the southern county border with New Mexico. A cowboy crowd from up Pagosa Springs way accused the Hispanics of winning the election by fraudulently voting their sheepherder friends from across the border.

In retaliation, when the newly elected officials were meeting for the first time in 1886, about 100 cowboys with six-guns on their hips and flagrantly displaying a hangman's noose broke up that first meeting and, without asking for their permission, started escorting the newly elected commissioners on a one-way trip across the New Mexico border.

After carefully sizing up the situation, a couple of the commissioners enlisted the services of 80 or so of their New Mexican friends who were sufficiently armed to confront the cowboys bullet for bullet. The Hispanics lounged in the old Army barracks on the west side of the river, while the cowboys kept a bartender in one of the bars on the east side of the river busy while their itchy fingers massaged the six guns on their hips.

Meanwhile, famous frontier detective Charlie Siringo had surreptitiously infiltrated the cowboy camp, but is in danger of being



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

**Eudolphus M. (Doc) Taylor was on the side of the cowboys during the 1886 fight for control of the Archuleta County government even though Taylor had been elected as clerk and recorder along with the Hispanics. The undercover detective Charlie Siringo, alias Anderson, stayed at Taylor's house.**

hanged for keeping the cowboys from gunning down the Hispanic commissioners. Here is Siringo's version of what is going on as told in his memoirs.

Scase's wife and children are living in a shack on the bank of the San Juan River. The cowboys have decided Siringo saved the commissioners by communicating with Mrs. Scase. Two cowboys hid in a woodpile near Mrs. Scase's front door, waiting for a chance to grab Siringo in the act.

"We had a dance that night," Siringo wrote. "All attended but the men on duty guarding the bridge and the Scase shack."

"About 11 p.m., I walked in a round-about way to the Scase residence to deposit some short hand notes in the back of an old oil painting which hung on the wall

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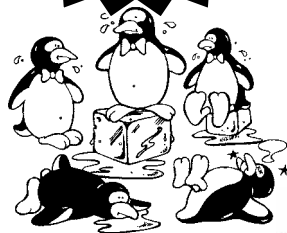
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# Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County: What we do, why we do it, how we do it

By Terry Pickett  
Special to The PREVIEW

As we begin to build our 26th home in Archuleta County, we pause to reaffirm our commitment to the community and its citizens. Here is a brief summary of what Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County does, why we do it and how we do it. We welcome your comments and invite you to be part of this newest build.

## What we do

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian organization that partners with future and current homeowners to build simple, decent and affordable housing for low-income families. Volunteers and future homeowners work together in the building process. Building affordable housing is one of the key planks in eliminating poverty.

## Why we do it

Every day, more and more families find themselves in a struggle to keep a decent roof over their heads. Caught in punishing cycles of unpredictable rent increases, overcrowded conditions, or lack of access to land and affordable financing, these families live with

a constant burden of uncertainty, stress and fear.

Habitat for Humanity knows that safe, decent and affordable shelter plays an absolutely critical role in helping families to create a new cycle, one filled with possibilities and progress. Affordable homeownership frees families and fosters the skills and confidence they need to invest in themselves and their communities. The outcomes can be long-lasting and life-changing.

With a little help, Habitat homeowners are able to achieve the strength and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves and their families. They are empowered to overcome the barriers that so often stand between their families and better, healthier, more financially stable lives.

Studies conducted by academics and experts draw a straight line between housing quality and the well-being of children. Surveys of Habitat homeowners show improved grades, better financial health and parents who are more sure that they can meet their family's needs. And, strong and stable homes help build strong and stable communities.

Decent shelter provides the

solid foundation for all of this. It is the platform on which a family lives out today's realities and prepares for tomorrow's transformations. Every Habitat house changes lives: those of the families who help build them and pay an affordable mortgage or loan and all those who offer them a hand up in a time of need. One of the underlying scourges of poverty is isolation. So, when we say we build communities as well as houses, we mean that diverse neighborhoods break the cycle of isolation, creating lasting and respectful relationships among neighbors.

## How we do it

Families in need of decent, affordable housing apply for homeownership with their local Habitat for Humanity. Applicants must have incomes of 30 percent to 60 percent of the area medium income; must be without adequate housing, but able to afford the mortgage payments, including taxes and insurance; must be un-

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## Past

■ continued from previous page and had escaped the fire." (Mott: They had burned the Scase house.) "I passed within a few yards of the wood pile where the armed guard was doing duty. "Securing the door key under a board — where Mrs. Scase had promised to leave it — I entered the front room and deposited the notes. Then I sat on the edge of the bed talking to Mrs. Scase a moment. The children were sound asleep. "In taking my departure, I slipped a board out of place along the wall, facing the river, and made

a jump of about 12 feet onto the rocky edge of the river. Mrs. Scase replaced the board. "As soon as I entered the door, the young man in the wood pile ran to the dance hall to tell the half drunken mob that the suspect (Siringo) was caught in the trap. All grabbed their rifles or shotguns and raided the Scase shack." Siringo returned to the dance and the drunken mob prepared to hang him. Only the help of Gordon Grimes and Sheriff William Dyke saved Siringo's neck from a hang-man's noose. More ballots, bullets and bloodshed next week.

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# Lively dog house auction exceeds expectations

By Kim Elzinga  
Special to The PREVIEW

In the spirit of generosity, community members who attended the inaugural Dog House Auction on Friday, May 18, at Shooters and Shenanigans hustled to outdo each other in an effort to help make this first fundraiser a success. The event, hosted by the Pagosa Area Builders Advisory Committee (PABAC), raised more than \$17,000 in bids and donations.

Many of those who won the bid even donated their claimed dog house back to the bidding floor, where it could be auctioned off again. The highest bid of the evening was \$1,400. Professional auctioneers Jake Montroy and Mark Crain moderated the evening's spirited exchanges.

"We couldn't have asked for a better outcome in terms of the number of people who turned out and the results of the live auction. We are more than ecstatic with the results," said Building Trades 1 class instructor Tor Hessman, who led the team of student builders from blueprint to final construction.

Hessman, along with other members of the Build Pagosa board — Larry Ash, Jim Van Liere, Gary Hedgecock and Annie Sewell — planned the event.

All proceeds are earmarked for the Building Trades program at Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS). PABAC, through Build Pagosa, is assisting the Archuleta School District to develop a vocational-technical program. This past year, it initiated the Building

Trades 1 class with the enthusiastic support of PSHS Principal Sean O'Donnell.

"It was great to see many of the students who built the dog houses thoroughly engaged in the event," said Ash, who has been fostering this kind of collaborative vision for years. "They really got into the spirit. You could tell they were proud of the work that they did and excited to see the community so supportive."

Also in the works for this coming school year are Building Trades 2, Woodworking 1, Architectural Product and Furniture Design, and new classes in the culinary arts taught by Food Service Director Todd Stevens. On the horizon, plans are in the works for instruction in careers that support the medical profession and the hospitality industry.

"The incredible success of the event shows how much this community cares about its young people," said Doug Hershey, PSHS social studies teacher and Proud Partners coordinator. "It's a win-win for everyone — students, our school and the community."

For more information, visit [BuildPagosa.org](http://BuildPagosa.org).

# Habitat

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able to obtain a loan elsewhere, yet have reasonable credit scores.

Habitat's family selection committee selects homeowners based on three criteria:

- The applicant's level of need.
- Their willingness to partner with Habitat.
- Their ability to repay a mortgage through an affordable payment plan.

As part of their willingness to partner, Habitat's homebuyers invest hundreds of hours of their own labor, called sweat equity, working alongside volunteers and other Habitat homeowners. Habitat homes are affordable because Habitat does not make a profit; the homes are sold with a zero- to low-interest loan and volunteers help build them. It is a program that works — a hand up, not a handout. We build homes mostly with vol-

unteer and donated labor. Often, we receive donations of material from local, regional and national organizations.

Habitat follows a nondiscriminatory policy of family selection. Neither race nor religion are factor in choosing Habitat's homeowners. Habitat acts in conformance with the Fair Housing Act and other applicable legislation.

For more information, contact Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County: 703 San Juan St., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 264-6960, [habitatarchuleta.org](http://habitatarchuleta.org).

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# PAGOSA SCENE . . .

## INAUGURAL DOG HOUSE AUCTION

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Scene ... at the inaugural Dog House Auction Friday evening. The event, hosted by the Pagosa Area Builders Advisory Committee (PABAC), raised more than \$17,000 in bids and donations, with the auctioned doghouses built by Pagosa Springs High School students. All proceeds are earmarked for the Building Trades program at the high school. PABAC, through Build Pagosa, is assisting the Archuleta School District to develop a vocational-technical program. For more information, visit [BuildPagosa.org](http://BuildPagosa.org).





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# The message of Jesus is clear

By Andrew Packer  
Special to The PREVIEW

“There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, ‘Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.’” (Luke 13:1-5).

The mixing of the blood of the Galileans with their sacrifices was a heinous crime. This would have occurred at a Passover celebration. Pilate violated all the holiness codes by sending his troops into the temple area to murder Galilean Jews while they were slaughtering their lambs for the Passover Seder.

During this holy feast the blood of these Jews was mixed with the blood of the Lamb. To understand how shocking and sacrilegious this was, think of the modern-day example of that priest in France who was killed during the service of the Lord's Supper.

It's possible that they wanted Jesus to rebuke Pilate or advocate for overthrowing the government. Instead, Jesus speaks of the sins of the Jews — and not just those murdered, but all of them.

Jesus teaches them that there is not necessarily a one-to-one correlation between sin and sufferings. Those Galileans were no more sinners than the other Galileans. The tragedy cannot be tied to specific or exceptional sins.

The same thing is true of the 18

## A Matter of Faith

who died in a tragedy of natural causes.

The tragedy was not a sign of judgment against particular sins, but against all sinful humankind. Those who died were not worse offenders or worse debtors than anyone else.

The message of Jesus is clear: All must repent and believe. Otherwise, all will perish; that is, go to hell.

Jesus calls us to examine ourselves and our sin. Not the sins of others.

Jesus teaches us that our reaction to such events must not be,

“Well, they deserved it!”

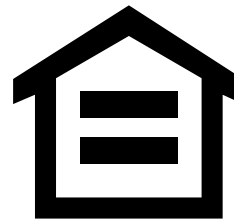
Rather, our reaction to these types of events ought to be, “I deserve the same! God, be merciful to me, a sinner!”

Look for mercy in the only place we have it — our Lord Jesus Christ.

And so, we also cry out, “Thanks be to God that Jesus perished on behalf of me and all sinners.”

May God use such events to keep us in the one true faith. Amen.

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# UUs to discuss Islam: A direct experience of transcending mystery and wonder

By **Dean Cerny**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Have you ever wanted to know more about Islam? In particular, the spiritual origins of Islam? On Sunday, May 27, at 10:30 a.m., the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) will attempt to go beyond the hype of headline news for a more in-depth look at Islam.

Pastor Dean Cerny will provide a spiritual framework for understanding the world's second-largest religion and the world's fastest-growing religious faith. This will be

but one of a series of explorations into the religions of the world in the upcoming year.

Islam and Unitarian Universalism (UU) share a common spiritual foundation for their respective religious journey. UUs refer to this common source as a "direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder that is affirmed in all cultures and spiritual paths." UUs also honor the words and deeds of prophetic women and men who challenged the powers and structures of evils with justice, compassion and a hope in the transforming power of love.

The prophet Muhammad was just such a man in his times. Join us as we discover his relationship with his god, Allah, and just what that encounter required of him and all others who follow in his path. You will learn more about your own path by understanding what it has in common with the path of Islam.

PUUF is a caring, inclusive fellowship dedicated to spiritual growth, justice and serving the needs of our larger community. As a Welcoming Congregation, we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all.

Check out our calendar of events at [pagosauu.org](http://pagosauu.org). All of these events take place at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

If you would like to schedule a private meeting with Cerny, or for further information, call 731-7900.

# Meditate with Joy at Pagosa Community of New Thought

By **Janie Garms**  
Special to The PREVIEW

"Studies prove that the existence of a ripple effect of change when a group meditates together." — (Yoga International).

Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) will present Joy Grenesko, experienced meditation instructor, leading a meditation based on "The Four Agreements" by Don Miguel Ruiz, who wrote: "Always do your best. Your best may change moment to moment. Do your best, and you will avoid self-judgement and regret."

We invite you to join us at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 27, at PCNT to join in this group meditation and discussion.

Grenesko has hosted many such meetings over the past 13 years with positive results as people release into meditation emerging refreshed and relaxed.

Grenesko's rules: Be casual. Be comfy. Be safe. Be on time: 9:30 a.m. Be present.

## About us

Unify is shifting the collective consciousness for all. What brings us together is much more power-

ful than what divides us. PCNT (a center of spiritual living) is establishing community and exploring all paths to the Divine.

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PCNT holds Sunday services each week at 10 a.m. at the Momentum Fitness building, 40 N. 15th St.

Request a concentrated affirmative mind treatment or obtain more information by joining us, emailing [PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com](mailto:PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com), mail P.O. Box 1052 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052, or call (505) 604-5031.

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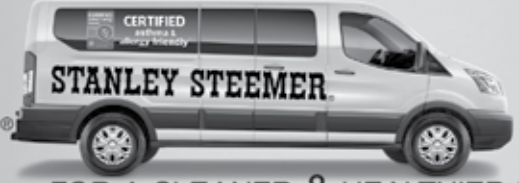
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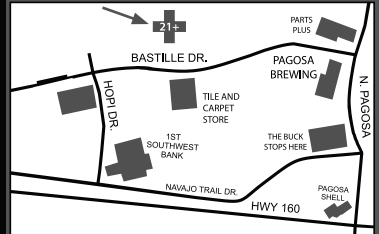


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# Did you know that your library offers 33 free online resources?

**By Carole Howard**  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Did you know that your library offers 33 different free online resources available to you 24/7? Visit <https://pagosalibrary.org/online-resources/> to find a variety of topics for people of all ages.

Examples include Regional Business News with 50 regional business publications, Small Engine Repair Reference Center and Britannica School for students. Transparent Language Online is packed full of lessons that offer a complete, language-learning solutions. History Reference Center offers more than 150 history periodicals, nearly 57,000 historical documents, more than 77,000 biographies of historical figures and more than 37,400 historical photos and maps.

For questions regarding the library's online resources, call 264-2209 or email to [ruby@pagosalibrary.org](mailto:ruby@pagosalibrary.org).

This "Did you know ..." section is the first in a series being prepared by Cindi Galabota, development officer, that will appear occasionally in future "Library News" columns. We hope you find the information interesting and helpful.

## Library closure

Your library will be closed on Monday, May 28, in celebration of Memorial Day.

## Summer Reading Program

Please note that the ever-popular Summer Reading Program with the theme Libraries Rock! starts June 4. Watch for details in next week's "Library News" column.

## End-of-school game break today

Fourth- through 12th-graders, please join us for a free end-of-school game break today, Thursday, May 24, from 4 to 5 p.m. Teens and tweens can take a break from studying to stop by the library for games and snacks.

## Teen book club tomorrow

Friday, May 25, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the teen book club, seventh-through 12th-graders will discuss "Scythe" by Neal Shusterman and enjoy free snacks. Stop by the library to pick up a copy. Note change of day and time because school is out.

## All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, May 25, 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.

## Literary Ladies tomorrow

This free book-lovers' group — formerly the Senior Book Club — meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Tomorrow, Friday, May 25, they will discuss "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin. Stop by the library to pick up a copy. For more information, contact Marilyn Stroud at [Bakestroud@aol.com](mailto:Bakestroud@aol.com). No registration is required.

## LEGO Club Saturday

Kids ages 6-12 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — this Saturday, May 26, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club.

## 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 30, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

## Tween gaming

Free gaming for those in the fourth through eighth grades is next Thursday, May 31, from 4 to 5 p.m. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

## 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. May 24 reviews the Ancestry Library edition database on family histories. On May 31 you'll learn about viruses, malware and what to do about them.

## Adult education

Our PALS program — Pagosa  
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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Casino stack
- 6 Indian garment
- 10 Pond growth
- 14 Eagle's nest
- 15 The Kennedys, e.g.
- 16 Fishing spot
- 17 Luke's hand in "Star Wars: The Last Jedi"
- 19 Do banker's work
- 20 Put in the mail
- 21 Positive pole
- 22 Multinational money
- 23 Lazy sort
- 25 Slow gallop
- 27 Lucky charm
- 30 Keen
- 32 Take the pot
- 33 Boxing ploy
- 35 Church assembly
- 38 Pendulum's path
- 39 Coffee container
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- 42 Latin salutation
- 43 Long (for)
- 45 Entrance area
- 47 Part of NKOTB
- 48 Man of the cloth
- 50 Breakfast treat
- 52 Slim and graceful
- 54 Coral reef
- 56 Sonata finale
- 57 Raise a hem, perhaps
- 59 Additionally
- 63 Falling out
- 64 One way to ask a question
- 66 Hand cream ingredient
- 67 Cousin of a bassoon
- 68 Chopper spinner
- 69 Cowpoke's pal
- 70 Canvas cover
- 71 Tiny organism

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- 9 Entomologist's interest
- 10 With lots to spare
- 11 2016 film, "The Ottoman \_\_\_\_\_"
- 12 Pop or country
- 13 Enthusiasm
- 18 Summertime top
- 24 No longer in use
- 26 Southern
- 27 Out of town
- 28 Bog down
- 29 Neglected
- 31 Legal postponement

- 34 Part of FYI, briefly
- 36 \_\_\_\_\_ the edge
- 37 Like grass at dawn
- 41 Written findings
- 44 Akin (to)
- 46 Speech
- 49 Pekoe vessel
- 51 Winter Olympics event

- 52 Treat for Fido
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- 55 Doctrine
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- 60 Behind schedule
- 61 Pretentious one
- 62 Southern veggie
- 65 Car accessory

### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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 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 babies, toddlers and youngsters of all ages to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

## 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.

## Jicarilla booklets

We have two collections of special Jicarilla booklets edited by Merton Sandoval. The four "Jicarilla Numbers" booklets were compiled over the years by different people to aid classroom teachers assisting students learning to count in Jicarilla. The four "Jicarilla Teachings" booklets were compiled at several work sessions in 2000 to preserve the Jicarilla language and provide moral and useful advice for everyday life. You will find them in the New Item area of the library.

## CDs

"A Higher Loyalty" by James Comey is the memoir of the FBI director. "Shattered Mirror" by Iris Johansen is an Eye Duncan mystery. "Twisted Prey" by John Sandford is

a Lucas Davenport mystery. "The Fallen" by David Balducci is an Amos Decker mystery. "The 17th Suspect" by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro is a Women's Murder Club mystery. "The Forgotten Road" by Richard Paul Evans is the second book in the trilogy about a man on an inspirational pilgrimage across Route 66.

## DVDs

"Night Gallery" is the complete first season. "Teen Canoes" is a parable about Australian aboriginal life before European settlement. "Peter Rabbit" is a comedy for children. "North America" is a two-DVD set of this documentary.

## Large print

"The Other Lady Vanishes" by Amanda Quick is a mystery. "The High Tide Club" by Mary Kay Andrews begins with a summons from a 99-year-old eccentric heiress. "The First Family" by Michael and Daniel Palmer is a mystery about the first family's son. "Shattered Mirror" by Iris Johansen is an Eye Duncan forensic sculptor mystery. "Someone to Care" by Mary Balogh is a Westcott novel. "The Forgotten Road" by Richard Paul Evans is book two of the Broken Road series. "Twisted Prey" by John Sandford is a Lucas Davenport mystery.

## Cookbooks

"Autoimmune Solution Cookbook" by Dr. Amy Myers provides more than 150 recipes designed to prevent and reverse inflammatory-related symptoms and diseases. "How to Grill Everything" by Mark Bittman features 1,000 recipes and advice for gas and charcoal grilling.

## Biographies and memoirs

"Barracoon: The Story of the Last 'Black Cargo'" by Zora Neale Hurston is the biography of a

man born in Africa before being enslaved and brought to America. "The Girl" by Michelle Morgan is a biography of Marilyn Monroe. "Robin" by Dave Itzkoff is a biography of Robin Williams. "The Flying Tigers" by Sam Kleiner is the untold story of the American pilots who waged a secret war against Japan. "Brothers of the Gun" by Marwan Hisham and Molly Crabapple is the story of a young man coming of age during the Syrian War.

## Short stories by a future Pagosan

We have three books of short stories by Maryland Circuit Court Judge Albert W. Northrop: "Buck," "Always an Adventure" and "Did You Say Two." The author and his wife, Karen, plan to move to Pagosa Springs when he retires.

## Novels

"My Ex-Life" by Stephen McCauley follows a couple who reunite after being divorced for 30 years. "Our Kind of Cruelty" by Araminta Hall is a darkly twisted love story. "To Those Afflicted" by

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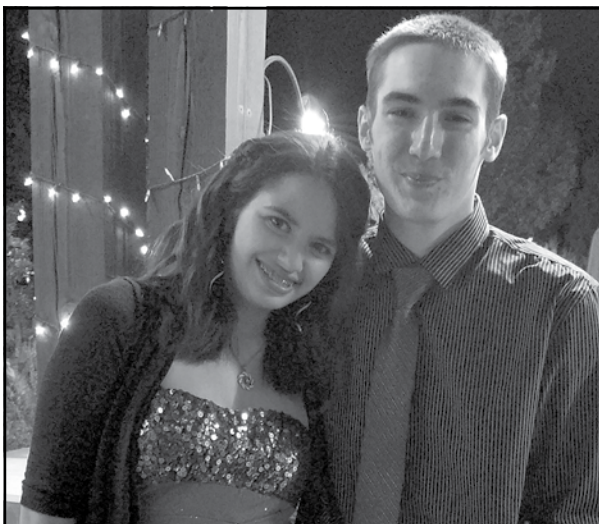
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# PAGOSA SCENE . . .

## GOAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL-PAGOSA PROM

Photo courtesy Anne Grad

GOAL Academy High School-Pagosa had its first prom ever on May 18, with reports that the event was phenomenal. The GOAL Pagosa site was transformed into a dazzling venue, and students and staff danced the night away to DJ Marcus Rivas. Approximately 50 students attended. The event was entirely student-driven, planned and orchestrated. This student leadership team was led by Dakota Pruitt, who was assisted by Brandon Courtney, MacKenzie Patane and Mia Bancesco.



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# Class of 1978 40-year reunion planned for July

By Deborah Fultz  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs High School class of 1978 is planning its 40-year reunion for July 3 and 4.

Dinner and drinks will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on July 3 at Boss Hogg's Restaurant and Saloon. We will have individual checks for our meals and drinks. Please keep in mind that we will all be expected to tip our servers a minimum of 18 percent.

For those of you who are inter-

ested in purchasing a class of 1978 T-shirt, you can do so by calling Monograms Plus the Shirt Seller at 264-5050. The cost for small to XL is \$14 including tax and for XXL \$16 including tax. Orders should be placed by June 10. You can pick your shirts up from the shop or let Jamie Gorrell LaVarta know and she can pick yours up for you. Monograms Plus will also ship your shirts to you at an additional cost of \$7.

We will be preparing a float for the Fourth of July parade and encourage you to ride with us. Please

plan to join us for an evening of reminiscing and fun.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Debbie at deborahffultz@gmail.com, Jamie at (405) 659-4248 or jamiegorell78@yahoo.com, or Marie at 903-2473.

As always, the class of 1978 welcomes all classmates, whether you graduated with us or were part of our class at one time or another. We also welcome friends from other classes. Our teachers are also invited and encouraged to attend.

# Library

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J.L. Blankenship tells of the relationship between two sisters, one of whom may be a schizophrenic. "By Invitation Only" by Dorothea Benton Frank is a tale of two families in two different worlds, limousines and pickup trucks. "How to Walk Away" by Katherine Center focuses on a woman with a perfect future who loses everything. "The Cast" by Danielle Steel features a talented woman as she launches a new TV series.

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## Quotable quote

Advice to his three children: "One, remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Two, never give up work. Work gives you meaning and purpose,

and life is empty without it. Three, if you are lucky enough to find love, remember it is there and don't throw it away." — Stephen Hawking (1942-2018), world-renowned physicist, cosmologist, author and professor who died peacefully at home in March at the age of 76, long after was told at age 21 he would have only two years to live when diagnosed with a rare form of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). He defied the odds and helped transform the way scientists view black holes and the universe. He was portrayed in a 2014 biographical film by Eddie Redmayne in an Academy Award-winning role.

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# Preview Calendar

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

## Thursday, May 24

**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: Ancestry Library Edition.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. This useful database can help you find documents and other useful information related to your family history research. 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.

**End-of-School Game Break.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-12th grades. Take a break from studying and stop by the library for snacks and games. Call 264-2209 for more 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 ACECmanager@gmail.com for more information.

**Counterfeit Detection and Protection Class.** 7 p.m., CSU Extension meeting room. The Archuleta County Treasurer's Office and the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce are partnering to offer additional classes. Treasurer deputies Diane Maun and Samantha Armistead will teach the classes. Email Maun at dmaun@archuletacounty.org to register.

**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 or call 731-SHOW.

## Friday, May 25

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

**Independent Living Skills Classes.** 9-10:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. For adults with disabilities looking to de-

velop skills to live the lives they desire in their communities. These classes will be interactive, informative and fun. For more information, contact Ruthie Uhl at 903-5880 or email ruthie@swilc.org.

**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 welcome.

**Literary Ladies Book Club.** 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We will discuss "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin. Stop by or call to reserve a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

**Teen Book Club.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Join us for snacks and lively discussion of this month's book, "Scythe" by Neal Shusterman. Stop by and pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Pagosa Springs Arts Council Art Walk.** 4-6 p.m. uptown, 5-7 p.m. downtown. Learn more about the Pagosa Springs Arts Council at ps-artsCouncil.org.

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## Saturday, May 26

**Fifth Annual Veterans for Veterans Golf Tournament.** 8 a.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. The cost is \$70 per player, which includes green fee, golf cart and lunch at the end of the tournament. There will be some great prizes, lots of fun and you will be helping our local veterans. Mulligans will be available for purchase, 9 a.m. shotgun start. For more information, call Kenny Rogers at (303) 902-5340 or Chuck Jordan at 759-6444.

**St. Patrick's Episcopal Women Clothing Drop-off.** 9 a.m.-noon, Airport Storage, 200 County Road

600 (Piedra Road). Are you spring cleaning? We are accepting gently used clothing and household linens for the clothing giveaway in October.

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

**Chimney Rock Interpretive Association: Dances of the Ancients.** 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. There is no better way to connect with Chimney Rock than through the descendants of the ancient Puebloan people performing celebratory dances in traditional dress. Tickets at \$15 for adult and \$5 for children (ages 5-12). Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimney-rockco.org.

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

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

**LEGO Club.** 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6 to 12 years old. We've got the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Thingamajig Theater Presents**  
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**Pagosa Uke Jam.** 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. All levels welcome. Come sing and share the fun. Instruction for beginners provided.

**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 28**

**Memorial Day Service.** 9 a.m., American Legion Post 108. All are invited to attend.

**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.

**Memorial Day Service.** 10 a.m., Hilltop Cemetery, American Legion flagpole. All are invited to attend.

**Memorial Day Service.** 11 a.m., Allison-Tiffany Cemetery. Services will include music, visiting, and honoring our veterans and loved ones. Everyone is invited.

**Caregiver Support Group.** 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association.

**High Country Squares.** 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Jim Park calling Mainstream and Plus dances. A Plus workshop will be held before the dance at 6 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, contact Steve Keil at 731-0044 or Jim Park at 731-9910.

**Tuesday, May 29**

**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.

**Men's PTSD Combat Group.** Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church library. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict.

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

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

**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.

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**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.

**Full Moon Program.** 7:15 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Visitors will hear Native American 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. The program begins at 7:45 p.m. For more information and tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

**Wednesday, May 30**

**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.

**Wellness Clinic.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Held by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

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

**Open Art Sessions.** 1-3 p.m., Community United Methodist Church.

**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. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

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

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**MEMORIAL WEEKEND "BARKING LOT SALE."** Humane Society Thrift Store parking lot sale Saturday, May 26 only, from 9a.m.-3p.m. Huge inventory of summer stuff, bikes, camping gear, gardening items, sports gear, lawn furniture, clothing, etc. In-store specials all weekend long on new and used items. Hot dogs on the grill and adoptathon on Saturday. Proceeds support the cats and dogs at the animal shelter! Humane Society Thrift Store, 279 Pagosa Street (E. Hwy 160).

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**APRIL BATTLES INTERNATIONAL EQUINE** Speaker/Instructor will be here in August doing hands-on workshops. Call 731-5529 for details.

**TRADITIONAL ALANON GROUP:** Traditional AlAnon Group meets Mondays, 6p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Dr. (325)669-9715.

**A.A. PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES GROUP** meets at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Tuesday 7p.m. Big Book Study (closed); Thursday 7p.m. Discussion (open); Questions (970)245-9649, www.aa-westerncolorado.org or www.aadistrict18.org; Ken or Charlotte (970)903-9690.

**A.A. PAGOSA SPRINGS GROUP.** 234 N. 2nd St./CR 200- Snowball Rd. Sunday 10a.m. (OD); Monday noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (C-BB); Tuesday noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (CM); Wednesday 7:30a.m. (OD), noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (OD); Thursday noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (ON); Friday noon (OD), 7p.m. (OD); Saturday 7:30a.m. (OD), 5:30p.m. (OD). (Last Friday of the month 6p.m. potluck, 7p.m. birthday speaker meeting.) Questions, contact (970)245-9649, aa-westerncolorado.org or aadistrict18.org, or call Ed K. 946-2606 or Val V. 264-2685 or Ellen C. (214)566-5921.

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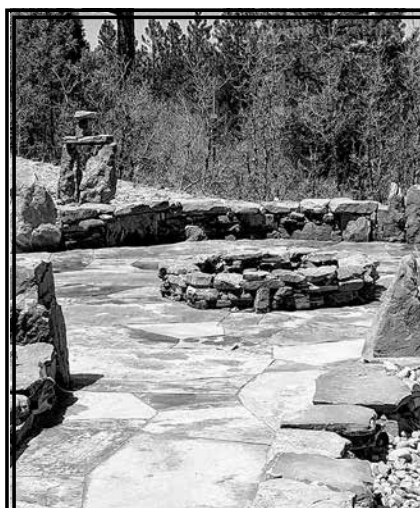
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# Archuleta Seniors Inc. selected as a 19th Hole Concerts beneficiary

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

Archuleta Seniors Inc. (the Pagosa Springs Senior Center) was one of six nonprofits chosen by the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado to benefit from the 2018 19th Hole Concerts at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club.

The 19th Hole Concerts pair an Archuleta nonprofit with a local music talent on Thursday evenings from June 14 through July 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to offer a fun and entertaining event.

The cover charge is a \$10 donation (children 10 and younger are free, making it a great family evening) which supports the six selected nonprofits. At the end of the concert series, all proceeds are pooled and distributed equally to the six featured organizations.

No outside food or beverage is allowed (food from the grill, beer, wine and signature cocktails will be available for purchase). Bring a camp chair or blanket, and please leave pets at home. Concerts happen rain or shine.

The concert schedule is as follows:

June 14 — Bob Hemenger: Dixieland, jazz, blues, soul and pop. Featuring Chimney Rock Interpretive Association.

June 21 — Brooks-i Band: original party rock 'n' roll dance music. Featuring San Juan Outdoor Club.

June 28 — San Juan Mountain Boys: country, folk, pop and old rock. Featuring DUST2.

July 5 — 13th Hour: original rock. Featuring Archuleta Seniors Inc.

Thursday, July 12 — Songs of the Fall: Americana. Featuring Aspire.

Thursday, July 19 — J-Calvin's Soul Sessions: Soul-abducting jazz funk. Featuring San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership.

Please plan to attend as many concerts as possible; ticket proceeds are divided equally among the nonprofits, so even if you can't come on our night, you are supporting Archuleta Seniors Inc. and

## Unleash your creativity at family-friendly drumming sessions

By Paul Roberts  
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, May 29, 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.

Designed as an opportunity for people of all ages to unleash their creativity, the drumming class is a

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the Pagosa Springs Senior Center.

### Health and wellness

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: New and revised assisted living regulations I

By Kay Kaylor

As the part-time long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County, I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes. Federal

and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life.

As noted in the previous column, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment added to and revised the regulations for assisted living residences (ALRs) after 36 months of input and discussions. ALRs are not regulated federally.

Adopted in April, the new rules become effective July 1. However, the "soft roll out" is until Dec. 31, 2020, with full implementation Jan. 1, 2021. During the roll-out period, health department citations for noncompliance with new requirements will be educational and not included in the ALR's record, followed by deficient practice citations. It also will be a period for addressing concerns, providing technical assistance and developing the survey process.

Only about 20 percent of the regulations are new, and some are logical practices for the health and safety of residents, but weren't spelled out in the prior rules. The next few columns will summarize notable changes, starting with the following:

Resident engagement: The activ-

ity program for all ALRs will need to be structured and evaluated every three months. Changes must be made when residents give feedback. For ALRs with 19 or fewer beds, the administrator can run the program and, if residents demonstrate they are able to do so, they can organize activities instead with a waiver. More specific rules apply to larger homes, such as staffing and experience.

For further information, you may call me at 403-2164 or send an email to [ombudsman2@sjbaaa.org](mailto: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 24 — Pork sausage jambalaya, stir-fried zucchini, milk, salad bar and baked apples.

Friday, May 25 — Barbecued chicken, corn on the cob, green peas, milk, salad bar and pineapple/orange cake.

Monday, May 28 — Closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 29 — Beef cheeseburger, baked french fries, beans, milk, salad bar and chocolate chip cookie.

Wednesday, May 30 — Chicken potpie, seasoned green beans, milk, salad bar and applesauce spice cake.

Thursday, May 31 — New England fish chowder, whipped sweet potatoes, green beans with almonds, milk, salad bar and cherry pie.

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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