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## Town manager announces retirement

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Greg Schulte, manager for the Town of Pagosa Springs, announced his retirement earlier this week, with the retirement effective Sept. 1.

Sept. 1 is the end of Schulte's current contract with the town.

"It's hard to believe, but I have been in public service for 29 years and I feel the timing is right for me to close this chapter of life and begin a new one," Schulte stated in an an-



Schulte

nouncement released on Monday.

Schulte was hired as interim town manager in June of 2014 following the resignation of the previous town manager, David Mitchem. Schulte was permanently appointed to the position in September of 2014.

The announcement further states, "This decision is bittersweet as I will miss the people I work with and the citizens we serve. However, I feel like I can depart

■ See Schulte A8

## County seeking in-house legal counsel

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Archuleta County is seeking to hire an in-house attorney.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) directed staff to "begin a search for a full-time county attorney" following an executive session to discuss "personnel issues" during Tuesday's regular meeting.

In an interview following the meeting concerning the reasoning behind seeking in-house legal counsel, BoCC Chair Steve Wadley

said, "Our legal expenses have been climbing steadily."

Wadley noted that legal work for the county is increasing, partially due to the increase in building and the issues and work associated with the increase, and the county is no longer realizing a savings by contracting for legal work instead of having in-house council.

Starr served as the in-house legal counsel for the county from 2009 until October 2015. Following his resignation, the county retained Starr's

■ See County A8

## School board accepts Hamilton retirement

Approves resolutions on town, county actions

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

At its meeting on May 9, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) accepted the retirement of Assistant Superintendent David Hamilton, a long-time employee in a variety of capacities with the local district.

In a bit of levity reflecting the nature of the occasion of retirement by a valued employee, the board paused to consider whether to "pull" the news of Hamilton's resignation from the meeting's consent agenda.

Pulling an item from a consent



Hamilton

agenda is a step taken infrequently, which allows the matter to be considered with an in-depth discussion of the sort not usually given to consent items, which are normally acted on by a single, collective vote.

After good-natured protests over the loss of Hamilton's services, the board happily relented and approved the consent agenda, his retirement included.

On Tuesday this week, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed recalled that Hamilton has been a teacher, wrestling coach, athletic director

■ See School A8



Photo courtesy Elaine Pitts

Bears are out and hanging out, or sitting on a fence and eating from a bird feeder in this case. Folks living in bear country are reminded that if you take away the food, you will take away the bear. Reduce bear attractants by taking down your bird feeders and putting away all pet food.

## Arrests made in shooting death

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) arrested two people on Sunday, May 14, in connection with the death of an Archuleta County man who was shot Saturday west of Pagosa Springs.

Limited information is available on the incident and individuals involved due to a gag order that's been issued for the case.

According to a spokesperson for the ACSO and Archuleta County Coroner Dan Keuning, the victim was identified as 65-year-old Richard L. "Dick" Isaacs.

Isaacs was shot near a residence in the Aspen Springs subdivision, with an autopsy conducted yesterday, May 17.

The spokesperson and affidavits for arrest obtained for the case indicate that Chad Nystrom, 45, and Charlotte Benally, 34, were both arrested in connection to the fatality.

Nystrom was arrested on a charge of second-degree murder, and Benally was arrested on the charge of being an accessory to the crime of second-degree murder,

■ See Shooting A8

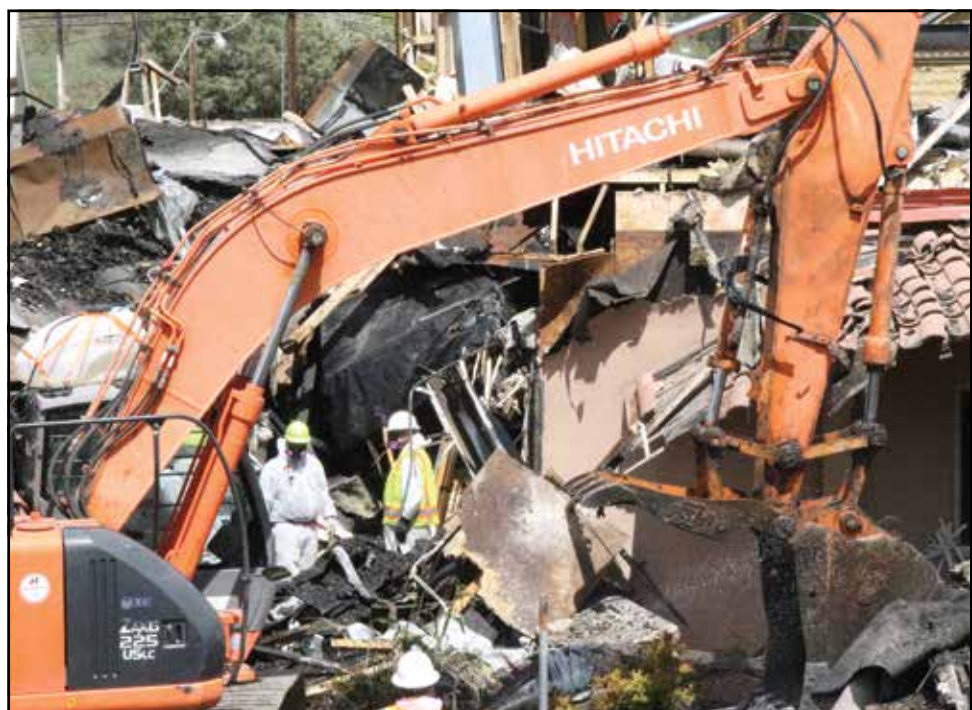


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Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) fourth-graders and Archuleta County emergency responders pose in front of the Colorado Army National Guard Counterdrug Task Force's UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter at PSES Wednesday morning. The goal of the task force, based out of Buckley Air Force Base at the 2-135th Aviation Battalion, is to inspire kids all around Colorado to be drug-free through the Red Ribbon drug prevention awareness. Members of the Guard talked to the fourth-grade students about the dangers of drugs and the importance of being drug-free in order to achieve their life's goals. The students were also given a list of 238 "Things to Do in Pagosa Springs" as alternatives to drugs, with that list being compiled by last year's fourth-graders in a 10-minute period. Pagosa Springs Elementary School Principal Justin Cowan serves as chaplain for the Guard's unit.

SUN photo/  
Terri House

"Debris movement and placement" continues at the site of the Adobe Building fire in order to obtain additional asbestos sampling on Tuesday. Debris removal will begin once the state has given approval for demolition.



## Sales tax collections fall for third month

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

Sales tax collections in Archuleta County for March fell 2 percent compared to the same period during 2016.

March was the third consecutive month that sales tax collections have decreased in the county.

The total sales tax collection in March for Archuleta County was \$749,012.64, according to a report issued on May 12 by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

The town and county each received \$374,506.32.

"The year to date (January through March) 2017 sales tax is \$40,985, (2%) lower than the same period during 2016," reads Wal-

ton's report.

The report lists the following categories as being up for the same period in 2016.

Revenue generated by accommodations and food service increased 5.1 percent, up \$16,239.

Real estate and rentals increased 10.7 percent, or \$6,838.

The following categories were down over the same period in 2016.

Manufacturing decreased 11.7 percent, or \$10,279.

Construction was down 23.7 percent, or \$8,758.

The "other services" category was down 18.2 percent, or \$6,164.

Professional, scientific and technical services decreased 34.2 percent, or \$2,349.

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Gunshots, investigation and reporting the news

Gunshots and law enforcement activities from Sunday started the rumor mill running throughout the community and those rumors even spilled over into neighboring counties.

We all wanted to know what had happened, who did it and to whom. We all wanted to know why. We wanted reassurance that we were safe.

There were numerous versions of stories spreading like wildfire about the incident. We even got inquiries from other counties asking for details.

Fortunately, there are not a lot of circumstances like Sunday's incident in our small community. But when something of this nature happens, it is important that The Pagosa Springs SUN gets the story correct the first time. And sometimes, getting that story takes time.

We have to give law enforcement officials the time that they need to sort out the details of the incident and to do their jobs. With a case such as Sunday's, it isn't an easy or quick investigation. We can't rush to report on an incident and risk getting the story wrong.

It's imperative that we report on the incident responsibly to ensure a fair trial, by the jury not being tainted from reading incorrectly reported stories. We can't report about what we read on Facebook or what the neighbors tell us. We must rely on official sources for factual information. We even got an email from Lake City telling us what friends of the writer heard in a restaurant in Creede about the incident.

These days, standards for social media are low to nonexistent. The last thing we ever want to happen is to publish a story listing the name of someone deceased and have their family learn about it on Facebook.

The Society of Professional Journalists publishes a Code of Ethics that we at The Pagosa Springs SUN subscribe to when covering the news of our area. Space doesn't allow us to print the entire document here, but below are some important highlights:

"Members of the Society of Professional Journalists believe that public enlightenment is the forerunner of justice and the foundation of democracy. Ethical journalism strives to ensure the free exchange of information that is accurate, fair and thorough. An ethical journalist acts with integrity."

"Seek truth and report it:

"Ethical journalism should be accurate and fair. Journalists should be honest and courageous in gathering, reporting and interpreting information."

"Journalists should:

- "Take responsibility for the accuracy of their work. Verify information before releasing it. Use original sources whenever possible.
- "Remember that neither speed nor format excuses inaccuracy.
- "Gather, update and correct information throughout the life of a news story.

"Minimize harm:

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"Journalists should:

- "Balance the public's need for information against potential harm or discomfort. Pursuit of the news is not a license for arrogance or undue intrusiveness.
- "Show compassion for those who may be affected by news coverage.
- "Recognize that legal access to information differs from an ethical justification to publish.
- "Balance a suspect's right to a fair trial with the public's right to know. Consider the implications of identifying criminal suspects before they face legal charges."

So the next time you are looking for an updated story online, rest assured that when you get the update, the story will be accurate to the best of our ability.

The SUN strives to present the whole story, fairly and completely.  
Terri Lynn Oldham House

## WHADDYA THINK?

What kind of fire danger do you think we will have this summer?



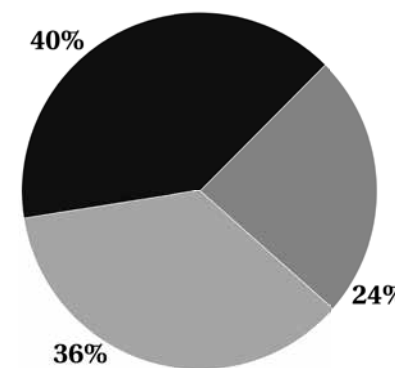
**Dan Mayer**  
"We'll probably have high fire danger, but that's just a guess."



**Davey Belarde**  
"Hopefully, it won't be bad because there's been a lot of rain and snow."



**Daniel Riojas**  
"I'm from Sacramento, visiting my brother, and I don't think it will be too bad for us, we've had a lot of rain."



**Poll results (191 Votes)**  
Low — 24 percent  
Moderate — 36 percent  
High — 40 percent

This week online: What advice do you have for the high school class of 2017?  
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## LOOKING BACK



From the May 14, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. RELAY RIDERS — Jerry Adams, left, and Lionel Adams, right, are shown discussing the merits of horses with Bob Stovall, center. The two Adamases will be the riders in the endurance pony express race that will start Friday, May 15. Stovall is the chairman of the arrangements for the local entry, which is sponsored by the Pagosa chapter of the guides and outfitters association. Jerry is the son of Lionel and the two men will ride the grueling 205 miles to Grants, N.M., in two days.

## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 13, 1927

About 80,000 trout were received here Saturday from the Durango hatchery for distribution in Archuleta county streams.

There are a number of unmarked graves at Hilltop cemetery, and the Women's Civic Club is undertaking to see that the same are properly marked. They will supply a good marker for the sum of \$1.00, which may be given or sent to the club or G.S. Hatcher. It is hoped that all markers will be in place by Memorial day.

The rug, apron and "white elephant" sale of the Women's Civic club will be held at the Sparks hall on Saturday afternoon, May 21. The proceeds are for public improvement work and all are invited and urged to attend.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 22, 1942

Red Ryder Harman will arrive next week to spend the summer here drawin' pitchers for his famous column. He needs a cook. And it's spelled "c-o-o-k" too. Fred will pay good wages, but you just gotta have something cookin' all the time to qualify for the job. Incidentally Joe Hersch at the Los Banos Hotel is taking applications for the job but the winners will not be announced until Mrs. Harman arrives which will be mid-June. In case of "ties" duplicate cooks will be employed.

Mrs. Tonita Valdez, Mrs. Victor Belarde and Mrs. Samuel Valdez expect to go to Alamosa Monday, where they will attend graduation exercises at Alamosa State College. Julian Samora, nephew of Mrs. Valdez and Mrs. Belarde, will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree at that time.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 18, 1967

Some of the neighboring newspapers are already carrying notices to the effect that water rationing is, or will be, in force for sprinkling and irrigation purposes. Almost every town is growing and there are more and more automatic laundries, dishwashers, etc., being installed. These all require more water. Pagosa Springs may have to face up to a water shortage soon unless the stream flow stays high for a few more weeks. Not too many people have started serious work on lawns here and that helps keep down the water consumption.

Fishing is reported as spotty. At some places, and at certain times, some excellent catches are being made. The next day nothing. However, fishing is improving daily.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of May 21, 1992

Sixty-one seniors are scheduled to receive diplomas Sunday at the 82nd graduation ceremony for Pagosa Springs High School. The combined baccalaureate and commencement exercises will start at 2 p.m. at the Mamie Lynch Gymnasium. Steve Craw, high school computer science teacher and coach for the past five years, will present the commencement address at the invitation of the senior class. The valedictorian address for the 82nd commencement exercises will be presented by Matt Stone. Stone earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average during his four years at Pagosa High. Kelley Barsanti, having maintained a 3.98 grade point average during her high school career, will be the salutatorian speaker for the Class of 1992, principal Ron Shaw said.

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5/11	62	33	R	-	.11"
5/12	69	37	-	-	-
5/13	72	41	-	-	-
5/14	68	38	-	-	-
5/15	69	37	-	-	-
5/16	56	36	-	-	-

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# Obituaries

## Michael James Burdett

Michael James Burdett went to be with the Lord on April 8.

Mike was born March 1, 1967, in California, where he grew up on a farm. He was a veteran of the Gulf War and served in Desert Storm. He was a great cook and worked in Pagosa at the Lodge and Pine Ridge nursing home. He was a man of few words and had a big heart.

He enjoyed being outdoors fishing and camping at Navajo Lake. He also liked reading, painting, building furniture, listening to music and smoking a fine cigar.

He will be greatly missed by his mother, Betty Pelton, brother Thomas Marin, sisters Joanne Berry and Catherine Cline. He loved all his nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death was his stepdad, Charles "Chuck" Pelton, his brother, Dan Marin, grandmother Ruby Lowry and his niece, Cassandra Pfeifle.



find himself back in the beautiful mountains of Pagosa Springs, Colo. Here he found and married the love of his life, Susie O'Caña. They were happily married until the day she passed. Rudy worked in Pagosa Springs at the local sawmill. Later, he joined the job corps and taught carpentry. Shortly after, he joined the Forest Service. He retired from managing the San Juan National Forest and always shared stories of his mountain adventures and his love for the outdoors and where he lived.

Rudy is survived by his children: Thomas (Marcelino), Paul (Mike), Monica and Rudolph (Mathew) Candelaria; along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Levi Griego and Donald and Steve Candelaria.

Rudy was preceded in death by his loving wife of 49 years, Susie Candelaria, his son, Mark Candelaria, and siblings Demis, Joe, Charlie and Lala.

Services for Joe "Rudy" Candelaria will be as follows:

Thursday, May 18, 3:30-6:30 p.m. — Viewing at Hood Mortuary in Durango.

Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m. — Rosary at Sacred Heart Church in Durango.

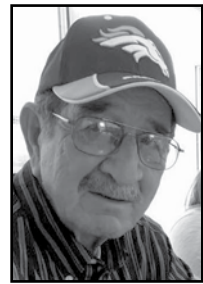
Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. — Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

Interment will follow Mass at Rosa cemetery in Arboles, Colo.

Family and friends are invited to join us for food and celebration in remembrance of Rudy's life at the local church in Arboles following the burial.

## Joe R. Candelaria

Joe R. Candelaria, a 48-year resident of Durango, peacefully passed away surrounded by his loving family on the evening of May 11 at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Durango, Colo.



Joe was known to most people as "Rudy." Rudy was 78 years old and was born on Nov. 19, 1938, in Rosa, N.M. He studied at Fort Lewis College and then proudly served as a Marine on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. After serving our country, he flew across the ocean to

## Gordon Kahn Sr.

A wonderful ride has sadly come to an end. For 54 years, Gordon Kahn Sr. has been Prince Charming (P.C.) to his Cinderella (Cindy), Pat Kahn. He was Pops to his children and grandchildren. Raised



by his parents in the Los Angeles area, Gordon spent his youth playing sports, surfing, working on cars and spending time in the southern California wilderness camping, hiking and fishing.

As a young man, Gordon was enlisted for six eventful years as a sonar operator in the U.S. Navy. His love of cars continued past his time in the Navy, leading to owning and operating a garage in Los Angeles before going to work as a mechanic for the California Department of Transportation.

The story of Prince Charming and Cindy started in 1962. The romance blossomed over several dates, the most memorable one at Disneyland. Gordon collected Mickey Mouse memorabilia throughout his life, a passion sparked by the love he found with Pat at The Happiest Place on Earth in the fall of '62. Prince Charming and Cindy married in December of the same year and started a family shortly thereafter.

Gordon and Pat moved around southern California, building a career and a family. From a remote ranch in the high desert of southern California to a suburb in the Los Angeles valley, they loved and grew together as husband and wife and as a family.

In the early '80s, Prince Charming and Cindy moved their family to the Dallas/Fort Worth area of Texas. Gordon took on the task of helping build a small country town into a thriving suburb of Dallas. Pat found great success with a company supplying the booming clean room industry. Shortly after the move to Texas, they made the youngest addition to the family.

Gordon and Pat remained in Texas through the mid '90s, but the siren song of the mountains was calling them. Years of camping trips led them to fall in love with a small mountain town in southwestern Colorado. What began as plans for a vacation cabin morphed into plans for a new home. Prince Charming

and Cindy decided to retire (they thought) and move to their new home.

Not long after moving, Prince Charming and Cindy decided to start a small business and Victoria's Reign was created. What began as a small, family endeavor slowly grew and took on new form, culminating in the highly successful restaurant Victoria's Parlor. Fifteen years after retiring from professional life in Texas, Prince Charming and Cindy retired from small business ownership in southwestern Colorado.

Prince Charming and Cindy spent the following years traveling, camping, exploring and connecting with friends and family spread across the country. With a truck and travel trailer, they ventured together from coast to coast. Together, they lived these years as most only dream, crossing things off their bucket list and adding new things as they went.

Sadly, all great stories must have an end. After surviving many times where others would have abandoned hope or perished, Gordon's final entry in the Book of Life was made on May 10, 2017. He was met in Heaven by the Lord and a great number of friends and family that preceded him. He is remembered fondly by a loving family — his wife, Pat (Pat a.k.a. Cindy); five daughters; two sons; 11 grandchildren; and a host of friends as a kind, loving, devoted husband and father. He was respected and admired by those who knew him and the numerous lives he touched during his time here.

A memorial service was held at Pagosa Bible Church on Saturday, May 13, to honor Gordon's legacy and his memory. Gordon requested that any contributions be made to the Pagosa Bible Church Building Fund. Further information is available at 731-3120. Gordon's family invites any who wish to offer condolences or (preferably) reminisce about the life he lived to contact them.

## In Memoriam

### Fred Harman

A memorial for Fred Harman will be held on May 20.

Fred Harman III passed away on Oct. 10, 2016, at Pine Ridge Extended Care facility at the age of 89.



In past years, Fred always enjoyed celebrating his birthday with an open house for all residents of Pagosa Springs close to his actual birth date, which was May 21, 1927. He loved sitting down and telling stories about his early years as a rancher in the Blanco Basin as well as sto-

ries of his father's early days here, while enjoying a glass of iced tea or lemonade and a cookie.

He would have been 90 years old this May 21 and, instead of a birthday party, we will have a memorial service for him at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Saturday, May 20, at 3 p.m. Please join us that day and share some of your "Fred" stories. If you would like to bring some finger food to share, that would be welcome.

After a short service conducted by the Rev. John Longcamp of Trinity Anglican Church at the Clubhouse, we will have light refreshments and then proceed to Hilltop Cemetery for a Military Honors Team ceremony at the graveside and interment of his ashes in the Harman family plot.

## Card of Thanks

### Bike Safety Day

The Retro Metro Kids-Safe Routes to School second annual Bike Safety Day at Pagosa Springs Elementary School was a huge success. Six stations were set up on the elementary school field teaching proper helmet fitting, hands-on first aid skills, yoga for cycling, traffic safety, bike maintenance and bicycle navigation skills. This annual event provides an opportunity for fourth-grade students to learn and practice a wide array of bike safety skills.

We would like to thank Pagosa Mountain Sports, The Hub Bike Shop, Pagosa Springs Medical Center and EMS, Bicycle Colorado, Yoga Clarity and the Pagosa Springs Police Department for volunteering their expertise and time to host engaging and educational stations. In addition, every fourth-grade

student received a helmet, which was generously donated by Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

We would also like to thank our individual volunteers who donated their time to help make this event possible: Elizabeth Reis, Rachel Liverett, Darren Lewis, Nicole LaGioia-Lewis, Janine Emmets, Amanda Gadomski, Coquette Collins, Chief Bill Rockensock, Officer Logan Gholson, Terry Granfield, Margaret Burkesmith, Maureen McCanna, Stephanie Leonard, Ken Rogers and Cindy Schultz from Morning Rotary, John Stroug, Sid and Linda Barker, DeEtte Phillips, Janet Ford, Jessica Carr and Steve Earl.

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## LEGISLATURE

# Resources available for fighting opioid abuse

I recently had the opportunity to visit Pueblo and Alamosa to share updates on the federal response to the opioid abuse epidemic.

In Pueblo, I spoke with health care providers from the Pueblo Community Health Center about the impact prescription drug and heroin abuse is having on mothers and infants, and at a roundtable discussion in Alamosa, I received updates from law enforcement officials and health care professionals about the county's response to the epidemic.

The opioid abuse epidemic that is impacting so many communi-

ties across the United States is a public health crisis, and Congress has been working to make sure communities have the resources they need to develop and sustain prevention and recovery programs.

In 2016, Congress passed and the president signed the 21st Cen-



Rep. Tipton's Report

tury Cures Act and the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) into law. Both of these bills authorized programs to provide states with more resources to expand opioid abuse prevention and treatment efforts.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced that the state of Colorado would receive a \$7.8 million grant through the 21st Century Cures Act to support opioid prevention, treatment and recovery services in our state. I know that Colorado's health care providers, law enforcement officers, educators and community

support groups are committed to saving lives and bringing an end to prescription drug and heroin abuse, and this grant will be extremely helpful for our state.

In addition to the 21st Century Cures grant, HHS also recently announced two new grant opportunities that are a result of the CARA. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is now accepting applications for the CARA State Pilot Grant Program for Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women and Building Communities of Recovery program.

Funding for the state pilot grant program has been set at \$3.3 million and single state agencies for substance abuse are eligible to apply. Total anticipated available funding for the Building Communities of Recovery program has been set at \$2.6 million and I hope that recovery community organizations in Colorado will consider applying. Both applications are due on July 3.

The most common feedback I have received from the people who are on the frontlines of the fight against opioid abuse is that they don't have the resources they need to combat the epidemic effectively, especially in rural communities. I know we still have a long way to go in this fight, but I am hopeful that the resources that have been made available through the CARA and 21st Century Cures Act will bring much needed support to communities in Colorado.

## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, May 18

**Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District work session and board meeting.** 4 p.m. work session, 5:30 p.m. board meeting. PAWSD administrative offices, 100 Lyn Ave.

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

### Saturday, May 20

**Archuleta Inclusion to Upper Pine Fire Protection District public information meeting for homeowners.** 9-11 a.m. Upper Pine River FPD Admin Building, 515 Sower Drive, Bayfield. This

is a public meeting to inform homeowners of the inclusion of properties from Archuleta County into the Upper Pine Fire Protection District resulting in lower/available fire insurance rates for homeowners. Q-and-A will begin after the presentation. Contact Chief Bruce Evans, Bevans@upperpinefpd.org.

### Tuesday, May 23

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

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

### Tuesday, May 30

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and Pagosa Springs Town Council joint work session.** 8 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session.** 9:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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# Business

## CHAMBER NEWS

# Chamber to host Human Resources Round Table

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

Summer is fast approaching and businesses are gearing up.

Remember, businesses, that Archuleta School District schools are actively looking at ways to partner with businesses, individuals and organizations. They are doing this through the Proud Partners Program.

If you or your business or organization is interested in being a Proud Partner, contact Doug Hershey at [dhershey@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:dhershey@pagosa.k12.co.us).

The Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is continuing our partnership with the schools by planning a Career Day in the fall of 2017. This is very exciting for our Chamber and our community. We are working hard to help create a more workforce-ready group of young adults and to give our young people options if they choose not to pursue postsecondary education. If you would like to be involved in the conversation, please contact Mary Jo at the Chamber.

We want to thank those employers that attended the annual Job Fair, this year held at Pagosa Springs High School. We hope that you reap many great employees.

A special thanks goes to the high school and Hershey, who helped coordinate this effort.

### Human Resources Round Table

The Chamber is creating several "roundtable" discussions this year

to assist with the needs that some of our businesses have expressed an interest in. The first of these roundtable discussions is extended to those businesses that have human resources questions or issues. Summer is a busy time, the labor pool expands and, oftentimes, there are staff issues.

Businesses are also interested in the most current child labor laws as our youth are looking for summer employment. These are only a few of the topics that could be discussed. This is an opportunity for those individuals who are involved in employee relations or human resources in your businesses to attend this discussion.

The free Human Resources Round Table will take place on Wednesday, May 24, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Chamber. A light lunch will be served. We ask that you RSVP to the Chamber at 264-2360 so that we can ensure enough food is available. Last minute drop-ins are welcome if you find that you can fit the meeting into your schedule. When you RSVP, if you have a topic that you would like to discuss, please give us that information at that time.

### Ride the Rockies

As a reminder, Ride the Rockies will be in town on June 11. The visitor population will increase by over 2,000 people in one day.

The Chamber and Ride the Rockies will be providing transportation buses to assist the cyclists in getting around town. The buses will

run from about noon until 9 p.m. on June 11. We have created maps with designated bus stops for the tour to hand out to the cyclists.

If your business, especially restaurants, wants to offer a discount to the riders, please contact the Chamber ASAP so that we can add your name to the list that we are creating for the cyclists. Not all of the riders will attend the party in Yamaguchi Park, so it is important to draw them into your business.

Please contact the Chamber at 264-2360 or email [director@pagosachamber.com](mailto:director@pagosachamber.com) with your information.

### Beautification kickoff celebration

On Saturday, May 20, the Town-led Community Beautification Project will hold its kickoff celebration in Centennial Park at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site.

The festivities begin at noon with a free barbecue and live music by Jack Ellis. Businesses can then help out by getting a group of employees together to assist with various clean-up and planting efforts throughout the community. Or, take this time to organize your own "spruce-up" effort at your place of business.

Then, at 3 p.m., a party will be held to celebrate the volunteer efforts and to award the bike planters that businesses signed up for through the lottery. The San Juan Mountain Boys will provide the entertainment. This will be a festive

afternoon to kick off the summer season and the community beautification efforts.

The Chamber's Hanging Basket Beautification Program is also just around the corner. The 12-inch hanging baskets will be delivered to the Chamber on May 26. We hope that they will be available at the Chamber starting at about 2 p.m. We will notify the purchasers of the exact time when we get that information.

The 16-inch hanging baskets will be available for pick-up the week after Memorial Day. Again, we will notify the purchasers when we know the exact date.

Pagosa is really making an effort to spruce up and gear up for the busy summer ahead. Don't be left in the dirt — join the fun and enthusiasm. And don't let it just stop with flowers. Get those windows and awnings cleaned and put a shine to the entrance to your business. You'd be amazed what a little elbow grease (or power washing) can do for the look of your store. You don't want to be the only one on the block with dirty windows or awnings. It's time for spring cleaning — join the fun.

### Membership news

Don't forget to sign up for the May Maximizing Your Membership class. This month, the class will be held on Monday, May 22. Do you know some of the new benefits that you are entitled to with the new benefit packages? If you answered no, then you should be signing up

to attend an upcoming class. Give Debra a call at 264-2360 to sign up. Lunch is included in this free class. Don't let your membership benefits go to waste. Find out how to utilize them at a Maximizing Your Membership class.

We would like to welcome one new member this week, Beehive Homes of Pagosa.

We also welcome back our renewals this week. They include Mulberry Home Services, The Hub, Kip's Grill and Cantina, and High Plains Nursery.

For any questions related to upcoming events or how you can get involved in any of the upcoming Chamber events, give us a call at 264-2360.

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## Results of director elections announced at LPEA annual meeting

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The SUN

Results of the board of directors elections for La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) were announced at the electric cooperative's annual meeting, held Saturday, May 13, in Ignacio.

Incumbent Davin Montoya will retain his seat representing District 2, with new directors Rachel Landis and Guinn Unger elected to represent Districts 3 and 4, respectively. In accordance with LPEA's bylaws, annually one seat in each of LPEA's four districts comes up for election. The election in District

1 (Archuleta County) was canceled as incumbent Bob Lynch was the only candidate.

Out of the 24,610 ballots mailed, 7,001 LPEA members cast votes, for a 28-percent return.

With approximately 8,650 members in District 2, south and west La Plata County, Montoya received 1,374 votes, compared to the 1,068 cast for challenger Kim Martin.

In District 3, City of Durango, with approximately 8,070 members, 1,484 members cast votes for new candidate Landis over the 891 earned by new candidate R. Michael Bell. District 3 incumbent Jeff Berman did not seek re-election

in 2017.

Of the approximately 7,890 members in District 4, which covers north and east La Plata County, challenger Unger received 1,181 votes, unseating incumbent Joe Wheeling, who received 999 votes.

An estimated 430 LPEA members attended the LPEA annual meeting. Balloting and tallying was overseen by the La Plata County Clerk's Office, retained by the LPEA Board of Directors as an independent third party.

The first regularly scheduled meeting of the LPEA Board of Directors was Wednesday, May 17, in Durango. Per the bylaws, officers

were elected at that time.

The board re-elected Montoya (District 2) to serve as 2017-2018 president. Lynch (District 1) was declared vice president, with Karen Barger (District 4) was named secretary, and Doug Lyon (District 3) was pronounced treasurer, all by acclamation. Collectively, the four make up the board's Executive Committee.

Kohler McInnis (District 2) was elected to the Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Board. Barger will serve as the delegate for the Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA) and Bob Formwalt (District 1) will continue as the Western United representative. Mike Alley (District 1) will retain his seat, and the newly elected Unger was chosen to sit on the LPEA Round Up Foundation board.

Contact information for all LPEA board members is available on LPEA's website, [www.lpea.coop/company\\_info/board/district\\_map](http://www.lpea.coop/company_info/board/district_map).

## Laura Lewis Marchino awarded recertification in economic development designation

By Terry Blair Burton  
Special to The SUN

Laura Lewis Marchino, executive director of Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado, has been awarded recertification by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

Marchino first achieved the Certified Economic Developer (CEd) designation in 2014.

CEd recertification, required every three years, is awarded for continuing education and service to the profession.

With 11 years of economic development experience, Marchino has served on numerous boards, including the Homes Fund, Southwest Colorado Community College, and United Way of Southwest Colorado. She has been on the National Association of Development Organization's Board of Directors since 2009. Other recognitions include: 2015 Barbara Conrad Leadership Award; 2008 Economic Development Leader of the Year; 2005 Marshall Memorial Fellow for the German Marshall Fund; 2004 Extraordinary Woman Award.

The designation of CEd is a highly recognized national recognition that denotes a mastery of principal skills in economic development, professional attainment and a commitment to professional growth.

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# Fire chief explains scope of operations

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

During the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) regular board meeting on May 9, PFPD Chief Randy Larson presented information about the district to the board.

Larson began by explaining this is the presentation he's used when presenting information to different groups in the community, such as the Mountain View Homemakers and the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club.

He added that he's working on scheduling times to present to other groups in the future.

"We're a special district in the state of Colorado. We were established in 1975, and merged with the Pagosa Springs Fire Department in the early 1990s," explained Larson. "We are a combination fire department. At this time we have four paid fire officers, two chief officers, one fire marshal and two administrative staff."

Larson went on to explain that the "backbone" of the PFPD is its volunteers.

"We have 46 volunteers that are trained firefighters and three volunteer lieutenants that contribute to what we do and respond to emergencies," Larson said. "We work 8 to 5, Monday through Friday, as paid staff."

He added that a battalion officer who is usually a paid staff member is always on call for assisting in

emergencies that occur after hours.

"Basically, we're an all-volunteer department. Our paid staff is here to supplement volunteers," said Larson. "In a lot of departments it's the other way around, but not here. We cannot do it without our volunteers. Our volunteers are our backbone, and they're the ones that do 90 percent of the work that gets done on these calls. We need them."

He went on to say that the PFPD covers approximately 322 square miles in Archuleta County, but, because the PFPD is the only fire department in Archuleta County, the district usually has to step up for emergencies outside its jurisdiction.

He calculated that, with the extra ground that the PFPD has to cover due to being the only fire department in the area, the PFPD probably covers an area closer to 1,000 to 1,200 square miles.

"We go into Hinsdale County, we go into Mineral County, we cover all the way to the state line, and all the way to the county line going to the west," explained Larson, adding that the PFPD has a "pay-for-call" program that helps the PFPD regain funds when it provides assistance to places outside its actual district.

"Now, that's if we actually have a fire or major incident. We don't charge just for little things," said Larson, adding that the reason the PFPD has a right to charge for serious calls is because the taxpayer money that comes from inside the

district shouldn't be used for things outside the district.

Larson then began discussing all the different things the PFPD does, and how its range of duties are a lot more broad than just fighting fires.

"We respond on motor vehicle accidents, we respond on fires, obviously, wildfires, water rescues, ice rescues, swift-water rescues and high-angle rescues," said Larson. "In the meantime we try to do some training and we do public events. We're out there in the public doing fire prevention and public education."

He then explained that for volunteers to maintain their volunteer status, they must complete a minimum of 36 hours of training annually.

In order to become a volunteer in the first place, one has to complete 240 hours of regular firefighter training.

Additionally, the volunteer has to complete 40 hours of hazardous material (hazmat) training in order to get their Firefighter One certification.

"We've got a wildland (course) to get your wildland certification," said Larson, adding, "If you want to be on a special ops team or a hazmat team, there's additional training in that."

Larson went on to stress how much the PFPD depends on its volunteers, and said that, although the PFPD responds to an average of 600

calls per year, it wouldn't surprise him if 2017 surpassed 700 calls.

"Our budget is approximately \$1.1 million, primarily through property taxes," said Larson. "We do get a few donations, we're working on every grant we can possibly think of right now, but we have no oil and gas or things like that to rely on. We're solely property tax."

Larson then discussed some significant events that have occurred since he started working at the PFPD in August of 2015.

He briefly talked about the Adobe Building fire that destroyed a historic building downtown in fall of 2016.

"We've had several fatalities on Wolf Creek, and trucks going over the cliff," said Larson. "We've had wildland fires, car wrecks, other structure fires, house fires, we've had a logging truck roll over on Highway 84, we've had a plane crash ... to be honest the first few months that I was here I was wondering what the heck I'd gotten myself into."

Larson added that the PFPD put on a memorial on Sept. 11.

"It was attended by 100 to 150 people," said Larson. "I was very happy with the turnout."

Concluded Larson, "We're pretty busy. Again, this is with six firefighters, two administrative staff and a whole bunch of dedicated volunteers."

marshall@pagosasun.com

## The Blotter

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

### Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

- May 8 — Theft from vehicle, Bastille Drive.
- May 8 — Warrant arrest, Spruce Circle.
- May 9 — Dangerous dog, Scenic Avenue.
- May 10 — Violation of bail bond condition-felony, San Juan Street.
- May 10 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, violation of restraining order, San Juan Street.
- May 10 — Theft, Bastille Drive.
- May 10 — Harassment, Deer Trail.
- May 10 — Identity theft, Trophy Lake Place.
- May 10 — Death, Red Ryder Circle.
- May 11 — Trespassing, Maverick Drive.
- May 11 — Information only, Scenic Avenue.
- May 12 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.
- May 12 — Suspicious activity, U.S. 160.
- May 12 — Information only, Canyon Circle.
- May 13 — Probation violation/arrest warrant other jurisdiction, Country Center Drive.
- May 13 — Three counts of warrant arrest, Echo Lake Drive.

May 13 — Disorderly conduct-misdemeanor, Oakridge Drive.

May 14 — Under investigation, Evergreen Drive.

May 14 — Criminal mischief, Cloud Cap Avenue.

May 15 — No license plate, operated vehicle with improper/unsafe tires, improper registration-registration rescinded, canceled or used for another, no insurance in possession, U.S. 160.

May 15 — Animals/nuisance, South Birdie Court.

### Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

May 9 — Information only, Hermosa Street.

May 9 — Violation of restraining order, North 5th Street.

May 9 — Information only, Trinity Lane.

May 9 — Criminal mischief, Eaton Drive.

May 11 — Information only, Hot Springs Boulevard.

May 11 — Warrant arrest, East Golf Place.

May 11 — Animal running at large, North 5th Street.

May 11 — Traffic/moving violation, U.S. 160.

May 12 — Criminal mischief, South 8th Street.

May 12 — Prohibited noise/excessive, South 9th Street.

May 13 — Third-degree assault, Aspen Village Drive.

May 13 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

May 13 — Violation of restraining order, Pike Drive.

May 13 — Missing property, Aspen Village Drive.

May 14 — Agency assist, Eagle Drive.

May 15 — Harassment, South 6th Street.

### Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William Anderson

May 10 — Jerry Girardin, careless driving, four points, fines and costs — \$167.

May 11 — Christopher Bonnell, criminal trespass, 90 days unsupervised probation, fines and costs — \$160.

May 11 — Joshua Yount, criminal trespass, 90 days unsupervised probation, fines and costs — \$160.

May 11 — Phillip Salas, possession of an open container of alcohol, 14 days jail, 12 months supervised probation, fines and costs — \$890 (\$85 suspended).

May 11 — Shugery Montes, truancy, 12 months supervised probation, seven days jail (suspended), fines and costs — \$505 (\$385 suspended).

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

May 10 — Samuel Grant Corey, dog at large (first offense no injury), fines and costs — \$76.

May 10 — Earl B. Gillette, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$205.50.

May 11 — Brandon Carter, turning improperly, fines and costs — \$172.50.

May 11 — Telesfor Chavez, failure to display proof of insurance, fines and costs — \$549.50.

May 11 — Jennifer Cleveland,

speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$159.50.

May 11 — Jon Donald Quintana, obstructing highway/passageway, one year probation, fines and costs — \$844.50.

May 11 — Jackson F. Walsh, dogs at large (first offense no injury), fines and costs — \$76.

May 11 — Steven M. Moody, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

May 11 — Richard J. Scoggins, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$98.50.

May 11 — Isaac R. Hoel, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$274.50.

### Archuleta County Court: Judge Samuel H. Cassidy

May 11 — Telesfore Juan Chavez, false reporting-false identification, five days jail suspended imposition, 24 hours community service probation, fines and costs — \$229.50.

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

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# Town of Pagosa Springs to host Smart Growth Workshop: Implementing Smart Growth 101 and fiscal impact analysis

By James Dickhoff  
Special to The SUN

The Town of Pagosa Springs has been awarded a grant-funded technical assistance workshop delivered by Smart Growth America.

This "Implementing Smart Growth 101" workshop will assist community leaders and stakeholder representatives in understanding smart growth principles, which focus on building sustain-

able, affordable, accessible and healthy communities with strong local businesses.

There will be a public meeting on Wednesday, May 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Ross Aragon Community Center (451 Hot Springs Blvd). The Smart Growth America Team will be there to discuss the workshop, where the outcome of the workshop will take the community, and to answer any questions you might have for them. Please plan to ar-

rive early as seats and parking are limited. Community residents and business owners are encouraged to mark their calendars and attend this public presentation.

This workshop is made possible through a Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities to Smart Growth America.

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### EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

## A guide to creating a hanging flower basket

By Roberta Tolan  
SUN Columnist

Hanging flower baskets can add beauty and interest to entrances to your home, deck, patio or backyard. They can also attract butterflies, birds and bees. Why not create your own, something unique for your living space? Each basket can be designed to complement your color and design scheme.

Constructing a hanging basket can be fun and can provide a sense of accomplishment even if you think you do not have a green thumb. Here are five easy steps for building your hanging flower basket. Then sit back and enjoy the beauty of what you have created.

### Selecting a basket

There are many different materials that hanging baskets are made of. The basket can be made of plastic, woven wicker, wood or wire, to name a few. The type of basket determines whether it will require adding drainage holes. The lack of adequate drainage can result in poor plant growth.

If you purchase a wire basket and line it with moss, it will drain naturally. Plastic and wooden baskets won't drain sufficiently without holes, which can result in soggy soil and increases the chances of root rot.

If your basket requires drilling, three to four holes evenly spaced on the bottom of the basket are sufficient. Drill the holes with a 1/4-inch drill bit.

Whatever you choose, keep in mind that the size of the basket is important and must be able to accommodate the plants that you have selected, a liner and soil.

### Choosing a liner

It is important to line the basket to keep the soil moist and prevent all of the water from running out of the bottom of the basket when watering. There are several options, along with a description of how they function, below:

- **Sphagnum moss** — This material is probably the best product to retain water. Its stringy and thick, fibrous texture creates air pockets, allowing it to hold water. A 2-inch layer should be adequate.

- **Burlap** — Burlap is an organic option that is relatively inexpensive. This material is porous and allows for drainage and is environmentally friendly. Utilize one layer of material to line the basket.

- **Supamoss** — Supamoss is probably the most versatile. It looks like natural moss and retains its shape very well. These liners are constructed from reclaimed fibers and are also environmentally friendly. They will provide excellent water retention and sufficient drainage for your plants. A 2-inch layer is adequate to line the basket.

- **Black plastic** — Plastic is the least expensive option and works well with wire baskets. Only one layer of this material is needed to line a basket.

### Add soil

After you have selected your basket and have lined the basket, you can begin to fill the basket with soil. First, you will want to select a good-quality potting soil. Soils that contain a slow release fertilizer are an added bonus for less maintenance.

According to B. Rosie Lerner's "Hanging Baskets," other options for a rich soil mix are two parts peat moss, one part sand and one part perlite.

If adding fertilizer separately, look for a formulation of 12-12-12 and apply according to the directions on the label. The fertilizer can be mixed into the soil prior to building the basket.

Next, you will want to create a base at the bottom of the basket. Depending on the size of the basket, add a few inches of soil and tamp it down to provide a solid base. Begin adding your plants and cover with soil. Leave approximately 2 inches from the soil line to the top of the container for watering.

### Choosing and planting flowers

A general rule of thumb when arranging and selecting plants for your basket is to consider light and moisture requirements. You will want to select plants varieties that will thrive together. Baskets can also be arranged using a single kind of flower and can make a huge statement.

If you use multiple varieties, include tall, midrange, and trailing types of flowers to add interest and impact.

The taller plant should be the main focal point of the container and be placed in the center. Some examples would include: geraniums, dahlias or coleus.

Midrange plants should be planted around the taller ones. They should highlight the taller

plants and add texture to the arrangement. Examples would include: dianthus, begonias or daisies.

Trailing plants should be planted along the edges, cascading and spilling over the sides of the container. Varieties that are well suited for this are: lobelia, verbena and vinca minor. Green foliage plants like ivy or coral bells can be utilized for this purpose, also.

In my experience, if using a wire basket lined with plastic, side planting is an option. With a sharp instrument make holes in the plastic along the sides, large enough to accommodate the passage of the plant. Insert the plant from the inside outward. Trailing plants work well in this situation, just like planting along the edges of a container. The same technique can be utilized with a wire basket lined with moss, however, the plant should be inserted from the outside inward and covered with soil.

### Watering and care of your hanging plants

Water the soil thoroughly after planting. Check the soil daily to make sure it is moist. If you did not purchase soil with a slow release fertilizer, you may want to invest in a flowering plant fertilizer. This

will keep your plants thriving and growing all season long.

*Information for this article was taken from "Hanging Baskets" by B. Rosie Lerner, Department of Horticulture, Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, West Lafayette, Ind., Flowers.*

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## PFPD responds to motorcycle versus deer

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

On Sunday, May 7, the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to an accident where a motorcycle collided with a deer.

The accident occurred near mile marker 23 on U.S. 84, near Rocky Mountain Wildlife Park.

According to PFPD's Colton Calavan, the incident occurred around 8:35 p.m., and he arrived on scene in a battalion vehicle at 8:47 p.m.

When he arrived to the scene, he found that units from Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) EMS and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) were both on scene.

He added that units from the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) arrived to the scene about five minutes after he did.

Because the incident occurred at the bottom of a hill and emer-

gency personnel were in the road, Calavan parked his vehicle at the top of the hill in an effort to mitigate traffic.

He explained that one person was on the motorcycle when it hit the deer, and he believed that the motorcyclist's friend was following behind him in a car.

While Calavan didn't know the extent of the motorcyclist's injuries, he did say that the motorcyclist was transported to PSMC by EMS.

In addition to the battalion vehicle, Calavan dispatched an engine and a rescue vehicle, each carrying two personnel.

He added that the scene was cleared at 9:15 p.m.

CSP could not be reached by press time Wednesday.

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# Education

## School district faces budget impacts

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education received reports from district personnel at its work session on May 9 last week on several issues that will impact its 2017-2018 budget.

Actual approval of a budget, however, will not be considered by the board until next month. State law mandates that school districts must approve budgets annually by the end of June.

Initially, ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson presented a projection to the board of district revenue for next year, which forecasts a modest increase in total funding per pupil, attributable in part to an increase in state funding for the district based on a potential increase of 44 students.

The projection suggested that total program funding for the district next year would be slightly over \$12 million, if its assumptions of pupil population and legislative approval of the currently pending state school finance bill are borne out.

In a later interview, Hodgson and ASD Superintendent Linda Reed explained that state funding will ultimately depend on the actual number of students in attendance next year. They expressed doubt that the increase will be as large as forecasted by the state as a basis for the revenue projection.

Regardless of the ultimate funding for next year, however, Reed observed that the formula used by Colorado to determine the funding available to districts throughout the state is "antiquated and broken."

In part, she said, the problem is that the formula is linked to the consumer price index computed by the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, which is not a reliable measure of the cost of education.

Reed said that district superintendents throughout Colorado are pushing for reforms in school fund-

ing in the state.

"It's a mess," she observed. Plus, it's a complex issue because of the broad range of local economic conditions found in the state.

Reform "can't have winners and losers," she said, in the form of improving funding for some districts by decreasing it for others. So, the bottom line is, "there needs to be more revenue."

### Teacher compensation

Another report presented to the board at the work session provided an illustration of one of the concerns for the ASD closely related to inadequate funding mechanisms — teacher compensation. The report compared ASD compensation data to that for both regional districts and various "mountain" districts in the state, as well as to state averages.

The report showed that although base salary for a teacher in ASD is slightly above the state average, maximum pay in the district is 6.7 percent below that level. As a result, expected cumulative pay over a period of 26 years for local teachers is also below state average.

In addition, base, maximum and cumulative pay in ASD are all well below the levels in neighboring Bayfield.

And although the numbers in most of those categories are comparable to the figures for many regional communities (except for Durango, Alamosa and Bayfield), they are well below those reported for most mountain towns in other areas of the state.

Reed said the district is "looking at ways to realign our salary structure to be more competitive."

With the current salary scale, she said that ASD has lost some teachers to other districts or other occupations because of the salary gap.

And in connection with hiring new teachers, she noted that compounding the impact of the low local salary scale, there is currently fierce competition in hiring teachers, because "right now there is a national

teacher shortage."

Fewer young people are training as teachers across the nation, she said, due to overall poor compensation in field of education, as well as other factors such as declining respect for the teaching profession.

Reed noted ASD has had success in recruiting teachers by capitalizing on the community's attractiveness and emphasizing the district's encouragement of thinking "outside the box to inspire students to pursue their passions."

But, even more than the significance of the salary structure as an impediment to ASD's ability to hire and retain teachers, Reed emphasized the importance to the district of "taking care of the staff, [treating] them fairly."

And a survey of teachers reported to the school board last week in connection with the salary comparison, verified the existence of a concern over compensation among ASD teachers. Seventy-three percent of survey respondents identified an increase in the district's base salary level as a priority issue.

### Health care insurance

The related matter of cost of health care insurance was also the subject of a report to the board by Hodgson last week.

The bottom line is, the cost will go up next year, by about 18 percent.

Hodgson's report showed that the most basic insurance plan available to an individual district employee for next year will be at least \$877.53 per month, compared to \$742.80 per month this school year.

The highest level of coverage available for next year, including employees' families, will cost \$1,655.05 per month, compared to \$1,385.16 per month this year.

Hodgson explained in the later interview that the district pays a fixed amount of each employees' monthly health insurance premium, regardless of the specific coverage selected. (Some employees have access to alternative insurance, and are not

insured under the ASD plan.)

This year, the fixed amount for health insurance is \$617.80. Next year, Hodgson said the district's portion will rise to \$739.50, assuming the increase is approved by the board.

### Technology upgrades

The final financial issue reported by district staff to the school board at last week's work session concerned new high-tech hardware needed for electronic data storage and retrieval, current learning functionality and physical security of the district's facilities.

The report was presented to the board by Jesse Morehouse, the district's new technology director (previously a technology teacher at Pagosa Springs High School). It identified 16 line items significantly in need of upgrade.

Due to factors such as breakdowns, limited technical capabilities and advancing needs, Morehouse told the board the items presented risks to the district including permanent loss of critical data, hazardous security breaches and poor operational efficiency.

Upgrades, he said, will have a price tag of \$189,400 next year.

Reed later told The SUN the listed items had been identified after a thorough review of the district's technology hardware undertaken by Morehouse with the assistance of a consultant.

The items are in need of immediate attention, she said.

Hodgson added that the district is optimistic that financial assistance to complete the needed upgrades will be provided from federal funding.

He said that a total of nearly \$110,000 has been requested by ASD under a federal program identified as E-rate.

### Funding streams

Reed said that to cover the broad range of expenses demanded to provide a quality education to community students, and be able ultimately to meet the goal of achieving a competitive salary scale for teachers, an improved funding stream is needed by ASD.

We can't do it by "squeezing" current funding, she said.

A recent projection presented to ASD by a consultant last month that the district's student population will grow to a total of 1,920 by 2021, an increase of over 450 from the total of 1,568 enrolled in 2016, underscores the significance of the issue.

The district is "dealing with space constraints" already, Reed said, citing shortage of classroom space especially at the Pagosa Springs Elementary School.

She emphasized the concern that

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## Card of Thanks

### PSMS sixth-grade science

On Friday, May 5, sixth-graders attended the first Renewable Energy Day at Pagosa Springs Middle School. This fun day of learning about different renewable energy sources would never have happened without the help of many wonderful volunteers and a \$1,000 grant from Foundation for Archuleta County Education (FACE).

I would like to thank David Smith and Rick Santopietro for taking time out of their incredibly busy schedules to help create some of the renewable energy stations

for the kids. These two gentlemen, along with Matt Ford, also make a weekly effort to come into my classroom during second quarter to help students with their Science Fair projects.

Without the help of several parents, none of the stations would have been possible. Natalie Carpenter, Shanna Gheen, JaNae Christians, Jessica Warren, Holly Metzler, Casey Loveday and Lisa Stern all took time off from their regular schedules to dedicate the entire day to working with students on different projects. Jean Smith and Jan Santopietro joined their husbands, helping out the mom

volunteers with two of the stations. Sally High also volunteered to open up the Geothermal Greenhouse to let the students explore.

A special thank you must go out to my husband and son, Steve and Kit Hentschel, for helping create the stations and for putting them together on Thursday night.

As the African proverb states, "It takes a village to raise a child." Without all of these wonderful people in our community, our sixth-graders would not have had the opportunity to learn about renewable energy. Thank you all.

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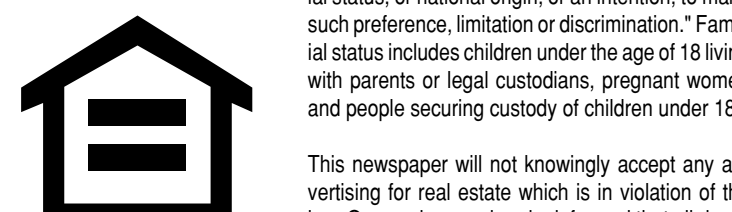
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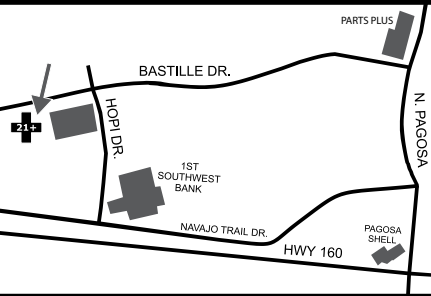
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# To know the joy of work well done: Public presentation on project-based and place-based learning set

By Ursula Hudson  
Special to The SUN

On Wednesday, May 24, at 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Peak Open School will be hosting a public presentation on project-based and place-based learning, presented by James Lewicki.

Lewicki is a national expert on place-based and interdisciplinary learning, as well as the new school director of Pagosa Peak Open School — Pagosa's first charter

school, which will be opening its doors this fall.

Pagosa Peak's school mission and guiding philosophy is centered around project-based learning and the work explored by children when subjects are studied by using the local community as its main source of curricular material.

The school intends to collaborate with various community organizations and businesses on a regular basis, hopefully sharing

many of their learning experiences with students and teachers from the school district's current public schools.

Those who attend this event will find out how project-based education, fused with a strong connection to "place," enhances learning. Attendees will also get the chance to see how they can get involved in this community of learners.

All are welcome to attend: parents, educators, administrators,

and interested community members, and free child care will be provided. This event will be held at the new school located next to Walmart at 7 Parelli Way.

You can learn more about Lewicki at his website: [www.jameslewicki.org](http://www.jameslewicki.org). To learn more about project-based learning, check out [www.bie.org/about/what\\_pbl](http://www.bie.org/about/what_pbl). To find out more about Pagosa's new project-based charter school, visit [www.pagosapeakopenschool.org](http://www.pagosapeakopenschool.org).

# Keuning receives Michael Maestas Memorial Scholarship

By Lori Lucero  
Special to The SUN

The Michael Maestas Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Michael Maestas (Mikie), who was a young man with a passion for the outdoors.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and snowboarding, as well as the sport of rodeo. Wrestling was also a very important part

of his life, having wrestled from pee-wee wrestling all the way through his high school varsity years.

This year's recipient of the \$500 scholarship is Joshua Keuning. Keuning plans to study mechanical engineering at Grand Canyon University in Arizona.

The scholarship committee would like to wish him good luck in his college years and congratulate him on a job well done.

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Art enriches lives and can be used to connect people from all walks of life. Among the many additional benefits of art is its effects on young people and the development of their brains.

The American Association of School Administrators (AASA) notes that neuroscience research has shown that the effects of the arts on a young brain's cognitive, social and emotional development can be profound.

• Art helps to wire the brain. The AASA notes that especially young children spend much of their time playing, and that play often includes forms of art such as singing, drawing and dancing. These artistic activities engage various senses and help to wire the brain so it can learn. As children age, these seemingly basic activities remain essential for young brains.

• Art helps children develop their motor skills. Dancing and other movements that might be prompted by exposure to art help children develop motor skills. Motor skills are necessary for kids to perform important and necessary daily tasks while also promoting independence.

• Art helps kids learn to think. The AASA notes that art can be a valuable tool in instilling essential thinking tools in children, including the ability to recognize and develop patterns, the ability to form mental representations of what is observed or imagined, and the ability to observe the world around them.

• Art can improve memory and focus. The AASA cites studies that listening to music can stimulate parts of the brain responsible for memory recall and visual imagery. In addition, background music played in a classroom has been shown to help students remain focused while completing certain learning tasks.

• Art can positively affect how students approach other courses. Studies have shown that incorporating arts into core curriculums can have a number of positive effects on students' overall academic performance and benefit students socially. Studies indicate that students involved in such integrative programs are more emotionally invested in their classes and work more diligently than those not studying in such conditions. In addition, students may learn more from one another when the arts are integrated into core curriculums than when they are not.

Art is often mistakenly seen as a strictly fun component of children's education. But the effects of art on young brains is considerable, helping young people develop in ways that may surprise many men and women.



Photo courtesy Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Archuleta County Sheriff Richard Valdez presents Emma Crowder with the County Sheriffs of Colorado scholarship award for Archuleta County for the 2017-2018 academic year.

# Crowder awarded scholarship

By Richard Valdez  
Special to The SUN

Archuleta County Sheriff Richard Valdez is pleased to announce that Emma Crowder is this year's recipient of the County Sheriffs of Colorado (CSOC) scholarship award for Archuleta County.

CSOC offered a total of 31 awards of \$500 each this year to deserving high school and college students in Colorado to fund higher-level educational expenses for the 2017-2018 academic year.

A citizens' committee selected the winner for each county. Committees made their selections based upon criteria established by

CSOC, including leadership, merit, character, involvement, purpose and need. Applicants were required to be full-time, legal Colorado residents who planned to attend a Colorado university, college or trade school.

This is the 38th year for the CSOC scholarship program. Monies for the program are derived, in part, from the CSOC honorary membership fund, which consists of contributions from individual citizens and businesses each year.

If you are interested in providing continued support for this program, please contact the CSOC at (720) 344-2763 or visit its website: [www.CSOC.org](http://www.CSOC.org).

# Budget

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if the district were forced to increase class sizes to accommodate a higher volume of students, that would impair the education provided.

So, "we'll have to find a way to grow," Reed said.

Reed and Hodgson mention the possibilities of seeking voter approval of a bond issue, or a mill levy override increasing taxes in the district similar to what has been done

in the neighboring La Plata County school districts of Durango, Bayfield and Ignacio.

However, there's a "lot of work we need to do," the superintendent cautioned, before any proposal can be formulated for presentation to local voters.

"If we go out too fast without understanding what the community wants," she said, "it will fail."  
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# Outdoors

## Trails council announces June trail projects

Special to The SUN

Summer is reaching the trails. Lots of flowers are blooming and snow is receding daily from the high points.

Already, volunteers have been active on the lower-elevation trails, cutting back brush and refining the trail tread.

The Pagosa Area Trails Council (PATC) has scheduled several volunteer work projects for which we could use your help. PATC functions as one of the coordinating organizations to assist with the care and maintenance of a few of the approximately 687 miles of trails that need maintenance in the Pagosa Ranger District.

Trail work is for nearly everyone. Most projects have an array of needs, from lopping to digging to building to sawing. There is a job for every volunteer.

The following is a list of projects you may volunteer for.

### Piedra Stock Driveway Project

May 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Meeting location: Camino Real Pagosa parking lot; we will carpool to the trailhead.

**Project summary:** This project will work on the middle section of the stock driveway and, if our crew is large enough, we will break into two groups and meet in the middle. Our focus is cutting out the trail and cleaning any water drainage features. We will hike approximately 4 to 6 miles. No prior experience is necessary.

**Know before you go:** Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes; a long-sleeved shirt is suggested. Dress for the weather. Bring work gloves, eye protection, lunch, snacks and water.

**Contact:** Please RSVP with Stacy Boone, info@stepoutdoorscolorado.com.

### Eighth-grade Service Project

June 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Meeting location: Turkey

Spings.

**Project summary:** Supervisors needed. The game plan is to build another reroute to move the trail out of the meadows where trail braiding and erosion are occurring. Project priority is keeping the kids safe with their tools. Expect our project hike to be approximately 3 miles.

**Contact:** Tyler Albers, talbers@fs.fed.us.

### Wolf Creek Wheel Club Cloman Park Project

June 7 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.  
Meeting location: Cloman Park.

**Project summary:** This will be the first Wolf Creek Wheel Club project of the season. We will be brushing trail, including removing slick pine needles and sticks that are a danger to bike riders and cutting out overgrowth. Project is low difficulty. Expect our project hike to be approximately 3 miles.

**Contact:** Janine Emmets, janine@pagosamountainsports.com.

### Tuesday Trail Project Day

June 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Meeting location: Camino Real Pagosa parking lot; we will carpool to the trailhead.

**Project summary:** We will continue brushing one of our more widely used trails in the Turkey Springs area. Once we complete this project, mountain bikers will have a clearer pathway for riding and walkers less brush slapping their ankles. We will hike approximately 4 miles. No prior experience is necessary.

**Know before you go:** Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes; a long-sleeved shirt is suggested. Dress for the weather. Bring work gloves, eye protection, lunch, snacks and water.

**Contact:** Please RSVP with Boone, info@stepoutdoorscolorado.com.

### Trails Database Project

June 23 from 5 to 8 p.m.  
Meeting location: Visitor Center Conference Room.

**Project summary:** A non-hiking

project. We need 8-10 volunteers who are familiar with Pagosa trails to enter trail information and data into a database.

**Know before you go:** Bring your computer and a zip drive. Dinner will be provided.

**Contact:** Please RSVP with Boone, info@stepoutdoorscolorado.com.

### Coal Creek Trail Project

June 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Meeting location: Archuleta County Fairgrounds; we will carpool to the trailhead.

**Project summary:** We spent two Saturdays on this trail in 2016, but have yet to reach the ridge. Project is moderate due to elevation gain. We will hike approximately 4 miles to the ridge and work our way down, brushing and cutting out the trail as needed, leaving any remaining tasks for a follow-up crew.

**Know before you go:** Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes; a long-sleeved shirt is suggested. Dress for the weather. Bring work gloves, eye protection, lunch, snacks and water.

**Contact:** Please RSVP with Boone, info@stepoutdoorscolorado.com.

### Wolf Creek Wheel Club Treasure Mountain Project

June 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Meeting location: Pagosa Mountain Sports.

**Project summary:** We will be working on the lower portion of the trail accessible via East Fork. Our focus is brushing the trail and working on tread that has been washed away over the winter season. Project is moderate difficulty. Expect our project hike to be approximately 5 miles.

**Know before you go:** Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes; a long-sleeved shirt is suggested. Dress for the weather. Bring work gloves, eye protection, lunch, snacks and water.

**Contact:** Janine Emmets, janine@pagosamountainsports.com.

### Little Blanco Trail Project

June 28 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Meeting location: Archuleta County Fairgrounds; we will carpool to the trailhead.

**Project summary:** Over the past two years, we have done a significant amount of work on the upper reaches of the Little Blanco Trail. On this project day, our goal is to clean or create water mitigation features that will maintain the integrity and stability of the trail for a longer time. Our primary tools will be a Pulaski and McLeod, with each crew working together at their ability. We will be working above 10,000 feet for the duration of this project. Space is limited to eight persons.

**Know before you go:** Lunch, snacks and tools are provided. Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes; a long-sleeved shirt is suggested. Dress for the weather. Bring work gloves, eye protection and water.

**Contact:** Please RSVP with Boone, info@stepoutdoorscolorado.com.

### About the PATC

The PATC is a volunteer-run 501(c)(3) organization which functions as the clearinghouse of organization and coordination for all of the trail user groups in Pagosa Springs. This is the place where all trail users are respected and come together, work together and work to meet the goal of keeping our trails open and valuable to the entire community.

We have a number of goals in 2017. Those goals include:

- Continue to facilitate a bi-annual roundtable that includes all trail user groups.
- Continue to function as the liaison for all user groups to develop own work projects and to assist with marketing those projects in an annual calendar.
- Coordinate the 2017 Public Lands Day with a volunteer committee.
- Offer training opportunities that benefit all user groups.
- Be a representative user club for hikers and the associated trail

work projects. For more information, please visit <https://pagosatrails.org/about/>.

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To learn more about the PATC, please contact Boone, president, at 946-5001 or info@StepOutdoorsColorado.com.

Visit the PATC website at [PagosaTrails.org](https://pagosatrails.org) for up-to-date information on volunteer projects.

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## Night sky — Stars and Galaxies plus telescope clinic coming in May

By Joan Mieritz  
Special to The SUN

The regular meeting of the San Juan Stargazers, on Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce conference room will be our annual Telescope Clinic.

There are dozens of unused telescopes sitting in Pagosa closets and basements with people not knowing how to start using them. Every year we have a telescope clinic, which is an opportunity for you to haul it out and bring it to our meeting to get the help you need to make use of this wonderful addition to your life. Start looking for that scope today.

The basic format of the meeting will be an introduction and welcoming, then sharing of telescopes and breaking into small groups to provide individual help for each telescope and operator. We have many club members that will look over your scope,

collaborate and come up with recommendations for repair and use in the future.

Our star parties at Chimney Rock National Monument provide the perfect opportunity for you to practice using your scope with immediate help available. Even if you have brought your scope before and never followed through, try it again. Telescopes are too valuable to be wasted.

We hope to end the meeting with some simple observing in the parking lot with our newly operational scopes. It is one of our greatest joys to help new people learn about their scopes and our incredible universe.

### Night sky — Stars and Galaxies

This Friday, May 19, at 6:15 p.m., we will have our first Chimney Rock summer event.

We have made some improvements to our usually twice-month-

ly telescope programs. All are called night sky programs, which means that telescopes will be used after our educational talk.

The program, scheduled close to the new moon (no moon), will be called Night Sky — Stars and Galaxies because we will be able to see the more difficult deep-sky objects, which include stars at various stages of development and as many other galaxies as possible.

Then, about two weeks later, we schedule a program when part of the moon is visible, calling it Night Sky — Our Solar System, because we will not only see the moon close up, but also the visible planets of our solar system.

This Friday, the gate opens at 6:15 p.m. Our Night Sky — Stars and Galaxies should be extra exciting for two reasons. We will be having a guest speaker, Erica Ellingson, Ph.D., an astronomer from the University of Colorado who specializes in black holes. Bring her your most

difficult questions.

We also are expecting that John Buting, from Durango, will be bringing his 20-inch telescope (which is the largest that can be transported). We should be able to see some of the most exciting deep-sky objects available.

A special invitation is extended to all locals. In May, we do not have as many out-of-towners, so it will be fabulous viewing of the most exciting deep-sky objects with fewer people.

### The San Juan Stargazers

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

We encourage anyone interested in learning more about our amazing universe to come to our events. We hope to see you.

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## DUST2 announces second annual Backyard Race Series

By Annie Sewell  
Special to The SUN

Join DUST2 (Developing Urban Single Track Trails and Teams) this summer for an all-new lineup of Pagosa backyard venues for this summer's mountain bike fun race series. This mountain bike race series, hosted in Pagosa's backyard, has something to offer riders of any ability.

At each race, there will be an "A loop" for those who want an extra

challenge, a "B loop" for those who want to just get their feet wet, a "Kids Rippin'" for racers under 18 and, new this year, we have added a STRIDER category. Racers will accumulate points in their categories for participation and finishing place at each race for the chance to win some sweet prizes at the end of the series.

July 1: Urban Single Track Phase 1, 10 a.m.

July 19: Cloman Park Mountain Bike Race, 6 p.m.

July 29: Bush's Pumptrack, 6 p.m.  
Aug. 10: Shaeffer's Track, 6 p.m.  
Aug. 17: Shaeffer's Track, 6 p.m.  
Aug. 19: Sewell's Pursuit, 6 p.m.  
Sept. 17: Sonlight Camp, 2 p.m.

This year, registration is \$10 for adults and \$5 for racers 18 and under; all proceeds to benefit DUST2 and the completion of Phase 2 of the urban single-track trail. Any donations beyond our \$3,000 goal will be used for future phases of our urban single-track trail.

Visit [www.dustx2.com](http://www.dustx2.com) to regis-

ter, see the race routes, start times and learn more about what DUST2 is doing.

DUST2 is Pagosa Springs' first nonprofit dedicated to the construction of an urban single-track trail system and the creation of a youth cycling team in Pagosa Springs. We are a group of people who live and work in Pagosa Springs who are passionate about cycling, promoting active life styles and seeing Pagosa's youth thrive by providing opportunities to embrace an active life style.

## Chimney Rock National Monument kicking off the 2017 season

By Nadia Werby  
Special to The SUN

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

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

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) will present the first special program of the season on Friday, May 19.

The Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies Program is timed for when the moon is absent from the sky. This program enables visitors to enjoy the night sky in a truly dark-sky environment and see fainter objects that the moon's light would normally obscure.

Your evening begins with a presentation titled "An Invisible Universe" by special guest speaker Professor Erica Ellingson. Ellingson is a prominent astronomer in the

Department of Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

In her research, she uses a variety of telescopes around the world and in space to study the formation and evolution of galaxies and galaxy clusters, dark matter and cosmology. She also teaches about astronomical observing and archaeoastronomy.

Her Night Sky presentation on May 19 will explore intriguing new ideas about the universe: "The Universe is made mostly of an invisible form of matter that is still a mystery. The evolution of the cosmos since the Big Bang is shaped by a force that defies the conventional laws of physics. These astrophysical results may seem like an alarming failure in our understanding, or an extraordinary opportunity for exploration and new discoveries. Come and hear the story of how studies of stars and galaxies have led to a new vision of our universe."

After the presentation, visitors drive to the High Mesa parking lot, where volunteer astronomers await with telescopes to provide a closer

look at the wonders of the night sky. While waiting for your eyesight to adjust to the growing darkness, a short talk will explain how telescopes help us to better view night sky objects and how the different types of telescopes work.

The telescopes will focus on different features and the volunteers will change that focus periodically during the viewing time.

### Dances of the Ancients

On May 27, CRIA is proud to announce the first annual Dances of the Ancients event.

Two Pueblo dance groups, the Acoma Rain Dancers from Acoma Pueblo and the Oak Canyon Dancers from Jemez Pueblo, are both all-children dance groups and will be performing at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. There can be no better way to connect with Chimney Rock than through the descendants of the Ancient Puebloan people performing celebratory dances in traditional dress.

Tickets for this event are \$15/adult and \$5/child (ages 5-12.) Guests should plan to stand for the performance or bring their own camp chairs or blankets. Each performance will include both dance groups.

The regular 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. two-hour walking tours will not be offered on this date. An Early Tour Dances of the Ancients Package is available if you would like an early tour of the Pueblo Trail only at 8:30 or 11:30 a.m.

This combination package begins at the upper parking lot with a one-hour guided tour of the Pueblo Trail. You'll see several unexcavated sites along the way to the Great House Pueblo, with awe-inspiring views of the San Juan Mountains and the two pinnacles. This moderately-

challenging unimproved trail has a 200-foot elevation gain and exposure to heights and steep drop-offs.

Parents are asked to closely supervise their children for the safety of all attendees. Following the tour, visitors will then attend the Dances of the Ancients event. Tickets for this package are \$20 plus a booking fee (\$7.50 for children 5-12) and are nonrefundable. Guests who attend the Early Tour Dances of the Ancients Package must arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. for the 8:30 a.m. tour and between 11:30 and 11:45 a.m. for the 11:30 a.m. tour.

In the event of cancellation due to inclement weather, rain checks will be available. For details, please call the Visitor Cabin at 883-5359 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations are strongly recommended as there is limited space for this event. Walk-ins are accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit this Ancient Puebloan cultural site located 17 miles west of Pagosa Springs and 3 miles south on Colo. 151.

The site is also accessible for guided walking tours at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Audio-guided Kiva Trail tours are available between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. The cost of the tour is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and under 5 are admitted free.

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

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## Help build a trail for National Trails Day

By Annie Sewell  
Special to The SUN

Save the date: June 3 is National Trails Day.

Retro Metro Kids-Safe Routes to School will be hosting this event with the DUST2 coaches. The event will take place from 8:30 to 11 a.m. beginning at Yamaguchi Park.

Participants will ride to the Urban Single Track trail-building site behind the high school to meet professional trail builder Tony Boone and his crew. We will help with basic trail building and be the first to flow test the new trail.

Bring your bicycle, helmet, water, sunscreen and a smile.

# Memorial Day Advertising Deadlines

## for the issue of May 25

The last issue before the Memorial Day weekend will be May 25. The deadline for display advertising in that issue is noon on Monday, May 22.

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## Early Deadlines

### for the issue of June 1

**Display Advertising:** Noon, Friday, May 26  
**PREVIEW Articles:** Noon, Thursday, May 25  
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# Chimney Rock: Students learn a lesson in anthropology

By Ann Bond  
Special to The SUN

Chimney Rock National Monument opened to the general public for guided tours on Monday, May 15, but Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) third-graders had the place all to themselves for their annual field trip last week.

"When the monument was designated in 2012, we realized we needed to up our game to offer more educational activities," said Susan Yalom, education committee chairperson for the nonprofit Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA). "We've been receiving more and more requests from schools, so we expanded this year to offer pre-season field trips before the monument opens to the public."

CRIA operates the interpretive program at Chimney Rock, with the help of over 80 volunteers, in partnership with the San Juan National Forest. In addition to hosting guided tours for the public, CRIA hosts field trips for public, private, charter and home-school groups. Educational programs can be tailored for kindergarten through high school students.

PSES relies on annual field trips to Chimney Rock to teach anthropology as part of its Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Program.

"This is a tradition for all of our third-grade classes," said Matthew Wolford, PSES third-grade teacher. "It allows the kids to piece together the puzzle of the past by using their creativity rather than solely relying on the Internet to answer all their questions."

"I liked learning about how the Puebloans lived, what they did and ate, where they slept," said Madi-

son Shamburg, who is in Mary Kay Mayo's third-grade class.

Parents who accompanied their children on the field trip found the experience just as rewarding.

"I didn't know any of what I learned today with the kids," said Erica Shamburg, of Pagosa Springs. "Now I want to bring the rest of the family up here on a guided tour."

Gloria Bissmeyer, a CRIA volunteer for 12 years who is part Mescalero Apache, led the children on a tour of the Ancestral Puebloan sites, weaving lessons of ancient culture into the lesson. Students then headed down the hill to try their hands at creating rock-art designs on paper, molding pottery from play dough and grinding corn the old-fashioned way. They also investigated native plants, grains and natural fibers that would have been used for food and clothing.

Yalom led interpretive tours along the nature trail and CRIA volunteer Lynne Stinchfield helped every boy and girl learn to throw an atlatl, an ancient hunting tool. The kids also got up close and personal with wildlife pelts with the help of Pagosa Ranger District Wildlife Biologist Brandy Richardson, who explained about the wild animals that may have been the subjects of those hunts.

The national monument covers 7 square miles and preserves hundreds of ancient homes and ceremonial buildings of the Ancestral Puebloans. Chimney Rock is the highest in elevation of all the Chacoan sites of the Four Corners, at about 7,000 feet above sea level. To learn more, go to: <http://www.chimneyrockco.org/>.

Ann Bond is the public affairs specialist for the San Juan National Forest.



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# Sports

## TRACK

### Five track athletes competing at state

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track team participated in the Monte Vista Last Chance Meet over the weekend, with several athletes qualifying for the state meet that begins today.

Ethan Brown, Jacob Hughes, Cade Cowan, Noah Haarmann and Keena Murphy have all qualified for state in at least one event.

Murphy will compete in discus and shot put.

"Keena actually threw her best disc on Saturday, so she beat her record again," explained coach Connie O'Donnell. "She did really well."

This is the third time this season that Murphy has broken a school record, and the second time she's topped her own record.

The school record, and Mur-

phy's new best, now rests at 130 feet, 9 inches.

O'Donnell explained that while no other athletes were able to beat their best times, they were still able to hold on to their rankings and qualify for state.

Hughes, Brown, Cowan and Haarmann will participate in the 4x800-meter relay.

"We've had so many times in the years past where we'll drop ridiculous amounts of time in the state track meet, because you're running in the state track meet, and there's a lot of adrenaline, it's so intense, and the competition's great," said O'Donnell. "We're just hoping that we can really taper that time, and really drop it down, and of course, we're just really hoping that they place."

Cowan will also compete in the long jump, and Hughes will also participate in the 3200-meter.

O'Donnell added that there were a few athletes who came very close to qualifying, but didn't quite make it.

"A lot of our sprint relay girls came really close. I was really hoping that we could get them qualified," said O'Donnell. "We're kind of bummed out. This is probably the fewest people we've taken to state in a really long time."

She added that Haarmann, Brown and Hughes are all seniors, and that it was nice for them to end their track and field season on such a high note.

The state meet will be held in Lakewood at the Jeffco stadium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

O'Donnell explained that the 4x800 relay and the long jump would be held today, the 3200-meter and shot put would be held Friday, and that discus would be held Saturday.

Rain and snow are forecast for the area during the championship.

Despite weather concerns for the meet, the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) issued a press release that states the meet will have to be held this week, regardless of weather.

"The plan is for the meet to operate as scheduled, and then delay if necessary on the day of the event," the release reads, and adds that events may be pushed to Sunday if delays are required.

"The kids are always fun. I always look back at track seasons, even though it's been tough because I feel like we've had injuries and sicknesses and weird stuff at the wrong times, they've been really fun," said O'Donnell. "They entertain me on a daily basis. They make me laugh, and I always feel like it's worthwhile."  
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## SOCCER

### Lady Pirates ousted from state playoffs after advancing to second round

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School girls' soccer team traveled to suburban Denver for the first two rounds of the state playoffs last weekend.

The team played a strong match in the first round on Friday, besting the Sterling High School Tigers 3-1. But then The Academy Wildcats, the host team, turned the tables on the Lady Pirates on Saturday, winning 9-1.

But, according to coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason, the advance to the second round of the playoffs equaled the best result the Lady Pirates have ever had in the playoffs.

The home side can be proud of a fine season, during which they chalked up a 13-4 record under the leadership of seniors Hannah Marnocha, Hayley Mitchell and Addie Thompson, with the strong support of junior Alyssa Lewis and sophomore keeper Diana Scott.

But after the games, Kurt-Mason praised the whole team.

It was "a good season," the coach said. "The girls really did a phenomenal job, [which is] a tribute to their work and pure grit."

"Together we will," was the team motto," the coach said. "That was how it worked," he added, observing that the Lady Pirates' teamwork, typified by excellent passing and wonderful combination play, was their hallmark.

In Friday's win against Sterling, Kurt-Mason said, striker Marnocha "was on fire," turning in a hat trick by scoring all three of Pagosa's goals.

Sterling opened the scoring, he said, tallying the first goal early in the contest on a fast break. Scott came out of the goal to cut off the attack, but the Sterling player was able to chip the ball over her head for the lead.

But the Lady Pirates "knew they were the better team," and didn't

get anxious, the coach said.

The Pagosan's first score came shortly afterward, when Marnocha ran a shot along the ground inside the right post, off a pass from Kim Armendariz.

The striker's second goal for the Lady Pirates came shortly before halftime on a pass from Mitchell attacking in combination with Lewis. The final tally was added in the middle of the second half, off a throw-in from Morgan Thompson.

Scott turned in seven saves for the match and was "on top of her game," the coach said.

And he added, Marnocha, Mitchell, Isabelle Pajak, Addie Thompson and Armendariz all turned in outstanding play.

The next day against The Acad-

emy, Kurt-Mason said the Lady Pirates played pretty well in the first half, and the game was "back and forth" at first.

But then Lewis, a key part with Marnocha and Mitchell of the Lady Pirates passing attack and ball control, went down with an injury. Lewis had to leave the game.

The Wildcats quickly capitalized with two quick goals, and the half ended 2-0.

In the second half, however, the Lady Pirates seemed to run out of steam, while their opponents caught fire, tallying seven more goals and forcing Scott to make 21 saves.

The Pagosa side could only score once in response. But, the Pagosan's goal was "beautiful," Kurt-Mason

said.


Marnocha put an excellent corner kick in front of the Wildcats' goal, and Mitchell rushed in at a full sprint and caught the ball cleanly with a sharp header, shooting it past the keeper and into the back of the net like a rocket.

The coach recounted that the Lady Pirates were emotionally spent when the game was over, some upset, and some angry.

But, the team "had left it all on the field," he said. "So many stepped up their game," he added.


The Lady Pirates opponents on Saturday were a very good team, Kurt-Mason said: "talented, a lot of speed, a lot of phenomenal players."

He added, however, that the Lady Pirates will have a wealth of young players returning next year, who earned a lot of great experience this season on a team playing at a high level.  
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### Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

Zoe Strohecker



Track

**Year in school:** Junior  
**Favorite subject:** Math  
**Comments from coach Connie O'Donnell:** "Zoe's attitude at practice and at meets is always positive. I appreciate her work ethic and her smile every day. She is a role model to our younger athletes by being at practice every day, being optimistic, and encouraging others. The past two meets, Zoe has filled in for some of our sprint relays. Not only did she perform well, she helped the relay teams to place and improve their times. Zoe is very coachable and does everything the coaches ask of her; she is a joy to have at practice and makes us smile every day."



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# High-schoolers to present concert in the park May 23

By Bob Hemenger  
Special to The PREVIEW

Students from the Americana Project and Intro to Guitar class will be performing songs in Town Park from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23.

This is the Americana Project's "final exam" concert and each member of the class will be responsible for leading one original or cover song for their classroom grade.

The show is free. In the case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved into the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

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By Fred Harman



# Jessica Peterson and Anita Briggs to offer benefit concert for Curtains Up Pagosa

By Sally Neel and Anita Briggs  
Special to The PREVIEW

If you attended last week's Sunday Night Unplugged service at St. Patrick's, you got an idea of the marvelous music in store this Sunday evening, May 21, at 5 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Flutist Jessica Peterson and her mother, pianist Anita Briggs, will bring their musical talents to an evening filled to the brim with beautiful music of a wide variety of styles and colors. Guest artist Robert Neel will join them to sing several familiar romantic tunes that are sure to please.

The concert will benefit Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP), a local nonprofit arts group that strengthens Pagosa's youth through the performing arts and adult mentorship. CUP offers young aspiring artists the opportunity to perform on stage in musicals from the Broadway stage. They also provide support to arts programs in local schools and scholarships to college students majoring in the performing arts. Young artists also can apply for financial assistance from CUP to receive private lessons in voice, dance and instrument training.

Peterson grew up in Pagosa Springs and was active in the school music programs. She continued her music training at the University of North Texas and in New York City. She returned to Pagosa Springs, married Pete Peterson, and continues to enjoy the outdoor adventures offered in our beautiful surroundings.

She is a member of NightSong Trio and regularly enjoys making music with fellow musicians Sally Neel and Heidi Tanner. She is frequently featured as a guest artist at the monthly Sunday Night Unplugged meditation services.

Her mother, Anita Briggs, studied with legendary harpist Carlos Salzedo. She has served as principal harpist with the New Haven, Amarillo, Macon, Columbus and San Angelo symphonies, the Boston Ballet and the Hartford Opera. She worked under Nadia Boulanger and Paul Hindemith, and recorded with the Atlanta Choral Guild.

Due to shoulder injuries, she currently is not able to play her harp, but fortunately is still able to capably play piano. Regardless of the instrument she is playing, Briggs brings her superb musicianship and sensitivity to every piece of music she touches.

She and her daughter have that musical connection that flows through their blood. Their program will provide a wonderful range of classical and contemporary selec-

tions that are sure to please.

They will perform three movements, "Polonaise, Minuet and Badinerie" from the lively J.S. Bach "Suite No. 2 in B Minor." A badinerie is a playful exchange of teasing remarks.

"Voyage" is a mesmerizing work by John Corigliano, inspired by the poem "Invitation to the Voyage" from Baudelaire's "Les Fleurs du Mal." It offers the beloved one a world of mystical beauty expressed in the repeated phrase, "There, all is beauty, calm and pleasure."

In Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Elegie in E Flat Minor," the composer takes us through a sweep of human emotions, ranging from sorrow to triumph. This was one of his first published pieces, yet it displays the marvelous gifts of his later works. Originally a piano piece, it has been transcribed in many forms, from full orchestra to cello.

"I arranged this version for flute and piano because I wanted to play it with my daughter Jessica," Briggs said.

"Carmena," by H. Lane Wilson, was first published in 1898. It was once the most published sheet music in America. Countless 19th and early 20th century musicales and salons featured this song, a vivacious Spanish-influenced work.

The song tells the story of a sweet girl who awaits her love while "dance and song make glad the night." She worries that he will not find her as fair as the other young women, but the story ends joyously: She hears him calling her name as he comes through the orange grove.

Joaquin Rodrigo's "Concierto de Aranjuez" was composed as a concerto for guitar and orchestra. The gorgeous melody, made familiar by the song version "En Aranjuez Con Tu Amor," has become so well-known that many assume it is a folk song. Blind from early childhood, Rodrigo nonetheless had a full and gratifying life: a beloved wife and family, and a great career as composer and performer.

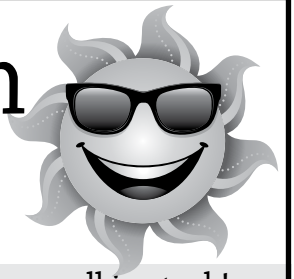
Also included is "Ah, Moon of my Delight," from Liza Lehmann's 1896 song cycle "In a Persian Garden." It is a song of great passion and tenderness based on the "Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam."

A trilogy of songs arranged by the legendary Bill Evans and sung by Robert Neel, "My Romance," "My Foolish Heart" and "What Are You Doing the Rest of Your Life" exemplify the superb quality of popular songs of the past.

Robert Neel, a graduate of Pagosa Springs High School and the Santa Fe University of Art and Design, is a CUP scholar and continues to wow audiences with his **See Concert on next page**



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# Pagosa Springs Girls Choir auditions set

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

Auditions for the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) will be held Monday, May 22, in the Pagosa Springs Middle School choir room, located at 309 Lewis St., from 4 to 5 p.m.

The auditions are open to young ladies who will be in the fifth through eighth grades during the 2017-2018 school year, whether they are enrolled in public school, are home-schooled, or are enrolled in online educational programs.

When asked what the choir means to her, Ashlie Elliott, a third-year choir member, said, "It's so much fun to perform. We work hard learning our music, and it's great to have audiences enjoy our singing."

PSGC Director Linda Parker stated, "I hope the girls in Pagosa will take advantage of this group and come audition this Monday. We look forward to and are excited about welcoming into the choir girls who love to sing and want to further their music education. Current choir members will be on hand to sing along with girls auditioning to make the process less threatening. We want this to be a fun experience for our new girls."



Photo courtesy Linda Parker

**Members of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir share a "secret" at their recent spring concert. Auditions for the 2017-2018 choir will be held Monday, May 22, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the middle school choir room.**

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

In the summer of 2014, the choir traveled to Santa Fe, N.M., to learn about opera, improvisation, and the artwork and style of Georgia O'Keeffe. The following

year, the choir traveled to the Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, area to see professional stage productions of "Annie" and "Cinderella," to learn about professional musical theater and to visit a variety of museums to learn about the history and art of the region. Last July, the girls visited Vail, Colo., where they attended a performance of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, and this summer will take them to Salt Lake City, Utah.

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

Parker encourages all interested

■ See Auditions on next page

## Concert

■ continued from previous page acting skills and his beautiful voice.

To conclude the program is an audience sing-along. A song every child (and some adults) should know is "Swinging on a Star." It points out what we don't want to be and shows us the options in a funny and delightful way. We hope everyone, guided by Robert Neel and his mother, Sally Neel, will join in the singing and go home hum-

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# Beginning western square dance lessons to start in June

By Steve Keil  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs square dance club, the High Country Squares, will be starting a beginners class for anyone wishing to learn the art of modern western square dance.

The class will start on June 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the PLPOA Clubhouse, located at 230 Port Ave.

If you haven't seen modern square dancing, you probably think of a few farm folks in an old barn doing some crazy dance to an old time band playing "Turkey in the Straw." Well, things have changed and so has square dancing. It's not what you learned in junior high: It's dancing, it's thinking, it's teamwork, and it's fun.

Are you looking for something different to do? Would you like to meet new, friendly people? Could you use some physical exercise? Learn to square dance.

Square dancing is easy to learn. You simply walk to music. You don't need rhythm or dance experience. Square dancing is great exercise and a opportunity of meet new

friends. The only requirements are to bring your two feet, your enthusiasm and your sense of humor.

Square dancing is movement to music. It is done in couples, with teams of four couples called a "square." It's not a spectator sport. It is for the active at heart and mind. The music varies including country western, rock 'n' roll and current pop. When you travel, there are dance clubs on every continent, country and state. Square dancing is a great way for active, contemporary people to meet and build a circle of friends.

If you have always wondered what it would be like to square dance, this is an opportunity to learn from one of the best callers in the western United States. Jim Park has been calling square dances and teaching new beginners for over 30 years. Since Park and his wife, Fae, retired and moved to Pagosa in 2007, our High Country Squares have benefited enormously from having such an experienced and professional caller.

Couples and singles are welcome to come and give this exhilarating form of dance a try while our

club's experienced dancers, called "angels," lend a hand in helping you learn how to perform the maneuvers. All ages are welcome and if you do have some experience in square dancing, Park's calling will give you an excellent opportunity to brush up on your skills.

We invite anyone in the community to attend the introduction to modern western square dance. Come on down and try a few calls, have some fun, get some exercise and meet a friendly group of other people in Pagosa Springs.

The classes will run the second, third and fourth Thursdays of the month through September at the PLPOA Clubhouse.

For further information, please contact either John Thomas at 731-8730 or Park at 731-9910.

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## Community invited to Hospice of Mercy Memorial Planting

By David Bruzese  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs community is invited to the annual Hospice of Mercy Memorial Planting on June 1 from 11 a.m. to noon.

The event, held at the Hospice of Mercy Memorial Garden located next to the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce at 105 Hot

Springs Blvd., will be a time for reflecting and sharing.

Attendees may plant flowers in memory of former Hospice of Mercy patients and hear words of comfort offered by hospice chaplains. Attendees may come for a few moments or stay for the whole hour.

For more information, contact Hospice of Mercy at 731-9190.

## Auditions

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girls who meet the criteria mentioned above to take advantage of this unique opportunity to audition for the PSGC. Audition packets and additional information about the auditions can be obtained by calling Parker at 264-1434, emailing her at singpagosa@gmail.com or by visiting the PSGC website at www.singpagosa.org.

Audition forms and a \$10 au-

dition fee will be collected at the time of the audition. If a participant is selected to be in the choir, the audition fee will be applied to the required \$200 annual tuition, Parker added. A scholarship application is also included in the audition packet, and no girl is ever turned away because of financial need.

Come join this exciting group. We'll see you on Monday.



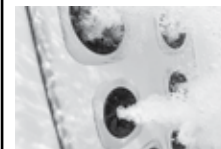
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# Ten Strings and a Goat Skin, The Dustbowl Revival to play Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass

By Crista Munro  
Special to The PREVIEW

The 12th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival is just around the corner now, taking place June 9-11 on Reservoir Hill in downtown Pagosa Springs.

Another terrific musical lineup is in store for 2017, with Grammy-winning headliners The O'Connor Band (2017 — Best Bluegrass Album) and Loudon Wainwright III (2010 — Best Traditional Folk Album) plus a highly talented array of supporting bands including The Lil' Smokies, Molly Tuttle, Western Centuries, Phoebe Hunt and the Gatherers, The Barefoot Movement, the Luke Bulla Trio, The Last Revel, The Stash! Band, The Heartstring Hunters, Moors and McCumber and this week's featured bands: Ten Strings and a Goat Skin and The Dustbowl Revival.

## Ten Strings and a Goat Skin

Age-old entertainments like sitting around the fire and telling tales can take on ever-new faces. The young acoustic power trio Ten Strings and a Goat Skin, from Canada's Prince Edward Isle (PEI), knows this and transforms these traditions with vigor, curiosity and sparks of goofy humor.

They're inviting a new circle of listeners auprès du poêle ("around the woodstove") for sometimes moody, sometimes high-energy set of original and traditional songs. Expanding on the Scottish and Acadian roots of PEI's traditional music, Ten Strings and a Goat Skin weave old-school Franco-Canadian, Breton, Irish, and Scottish tunes with wickedly current grooves and clever quirks, flirting with indie's best moments.

"We're less anchored in traditional structures, the way many players assemble dance sets," remarked Rowen Gallant, one of the trio's string players. "We've left them by the wayside. We retain the melodic elements, but we're not opposed to messing with things."

Working closely with producer Leonard Podolak of Grammy- and Juno-winning eclectic roots favorites The Duhks, Ten Strings and a Goat Skin pushes their music into new territory, adding B3 and crazed pump organ, clever effects and taut vocal harmonies for a rich sound with a direct, funky edge. It promises to gather listeners outside of folk circles, where they are already darlings, around the warm glow of fast-burning tradition.

"Leonard really urged us to create themes and then keep coming back and hinting at them. We never do a movement the same way twice," added Caleb Gallant, whose main role in the group is traditional



Photo courtesy FolkWest

Ten Strings and a Goat Skin will take the stage of the 12th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival at 3 p.m. on June 11.

percussion. "We're always refreshing the feel of the tune, as the idea changes ever so slightly."

"It's been a wild ride. It happened to us early," explained Rowen, considering the trio's rapid rise to prominence on the folk circuit. Already embraced by the Canadian folk scene, they recently made the Kansas City Star's list of top traditional acts at the 2016 Folk Alliance gathering.

"We were fortunate to start touring and engaging more professionally in our teens," Rowen mused. "There have been great resources to help us along in that change. But really, it's only been in the last year or so that we reached a point where we're doing most of the songwriting and all the arrangements. The project has embraced more and more of who we are, with tradition acting as our anchor point."

It's been a lifelong anchor for the Gallants, who remember traveling with their mother to Irish and Scottish music sessions around the Canadian Maritimes.

They started a band with schoolmate and guitarist Jesse Périard, sticking to traditional repertoire at first. Soon, however, inspired by musician friends from PEI's lively avant-pop and rock scene, they began exploring new approaches to arranging and began crafting their own songs and instrumentals. Their work with Podolak, a trailblazer in making folk fresh, urged them in dynamic, engaging directions.

"We love trad music and we have a long list of bands we listen to all the time," noted Périard. "But we get lots of other ideas from other music. There's lots of amazing music from PEI that's less trad, more pop, and that's shaped us."

"Coal not Dole" and "Maudit Anglais" (featuring the gorgeous voices of Montreal's alt-folk favorites Les Poules à Colin) highlight this cross pollination.


Yet the trio never forgets its powerful ties to the many musics of PEI, the island's rich mix of Celtic and Francophone elements that ramble from mouth music to foot percussion. Originals take their cues sonically from this wealth and lyrically from a deeply felt connection to the history of Eastern Canada.

Ten Strings and a Goat Skin play at 3 p.m. on June 11.

## The Dustbowl Revival

After two years away from the studio playing festivals and shows around the world, The Dustbowl Revival is sharing its first two tracks from its forthcoming new record, "Busted."

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The Dustbowl Revival will play the 12th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival at 4:30 p.m. on June 11.

## Festival

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Produced by Grammy award-winner and Flogging Molly co-founder Ted Hutt (Old Crow Medicine Show, Gaslight Anthem, Dropkick Murphys), the new sounds signal a striking departure from their fun-loving, raucous old-time past and has the band mixing their unique eight-piece instrumentation into realms of hard soul, funk and the emotional, introspective folk reminiscent of Fleetwood Mac, Paul Simon and Aretha Franklin's harmony-drenched '70s output.

The album flexes the band's more modern instrumental evolution, using traditional folk instruments like mandolin, upright bass and fiddle and putting them through wah-peddles and gorgeous reverb while letting the brass section set the heat to boil. The mandolin is almost reminiscent of a hip-hop inspired piano beat, the fiddle darkly slashes its way through the open spaces, while Liz Beebe's emotive and searing vocals reveal the snake who did her wrong — and just what she is plans to do about it.

Over the last few years, Dustbowl has become known for its free-flowing and joyous live shows, combining their funk rhythm and

brass section with a fast-picking string band section. They've opened for bands as diverse as Lake Street Dive, Trombone Shorty and The Preservation Hall Jazz Band, touring China as a guest of the state department and headlining festivals like Delfest, Floydfest, Hardly Strictly Bluegrass and, recently, Bergenfest (Norway) and Tonderfest (Denmark).

While bluegrass, gospel, New Orleans swing and blues were what brought the gang together, after touring over 200 dates a year for the last four years, the band realized as it began to collaborate more on the road, that it was never content to be a throwback band recreating lost eras.

When they recorded "Busted" it was like a door opening. As they charge into 2017, Dustbowl is ready to bring their new sound — more emotional, experimental and bolder than ever — to a bigger audience.

The Dustbowl Revival will play at 4:30 p.m. on June 11.

### Volunteer opportunities

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Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass is supported in part with funding from Colorado Creative Industries. Tickets and information about the festival can be found online at [www.folkwest.com](http://www.folkwest.com) or by calling (877) 472-4672.

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Cynthia Minor, executive director of THRIVE, was presented with baby items donated by members of Archuleta County Republican Women (ACRW) at their May 9 meeting. Pictured left to right are: Eileen Anderson, ACRW secretary; Cynthia Minor; Carol Mellberg, ACRW president; Mary Ann Smith, district director; and, in front, Marilyn Harris, Colorado Federation of Republican Women president.

## Pagosa Springs History Museum to reopen May 26

By Kay Beatty  
Special to The PREVIEW

On May 26, the San Juan Historical Society will open the doors of the Pagosa Springs History Museum for the 2017 season.

Located on U.S. 160 at 1st Street, next to the river, the museum will be open all summer 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday and there is no admission charge.

This year, a highlight is a display of beautiful quilts made and owned by members of the Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild who have generously loaned 15 quilts to be hung for the season.

Several of the quilts date back to the 1930s, several are more recent, locally made prize-winners, and all have stories to tell. When you go, you will be provided with a tour booklet describing each of the quilts, facts about them and explanations of the patterns and motifs used in the making. You don't have to be a quilter to appreciate the love, imagination and skill that goes into this craft.

The permanent historical displays in the building are the main attraction, depicting pioneer life in the area, wildlife and nature, geological and anthropological displays and more.

You'll see a reconstructed school room, household artifacts, tools, clothing and many historical photographs of Pagosa's early days. Old Chromo post office fixtures are there, a pay cage from a bank, and a reconstruction of a dentist's office.

The building that houses the museum is of particular interest, as it formerly was the old waterworks building and was erected by the WPA in 1938 during Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidency.

It feels as though you have stepped back in time as you observe lifestyles of long ago.

A contemporary feature of the museum is its gift shop, offering items handmade locally and donated to help support the operating costs of the museum. A visitor can find a special souvenir of a trip to Pagosa Springs — a useful handbag or totebag, wall hang-

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## House brawls and house concerts with Thingamajig Theatre Company

By Audrey Crocker  
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company continues its presentation of the Tony Award-winning play “God of Carnage” tonight through this weekend at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Featuring Melissa Firlit, Christina Norris, Dan Morrison and Artistic Director Tim Moore, Michael Thomas Walker directs this outrageous comedy about parenting and the lengths we go to protect our kids (and ourselves) while asking the question, “Can we ever live together and remain civilized?”

Performances begin at 7 p.m.; 2

p.m. on Sunday. The show is rated R for adult language and situations.

At 6 p.m. on n May 27, Thingamajig Theatre Company is hosting its final House Concert starring tenor Luke Hefner and soprano Jameelah Leandra.

Returning vocal superstar and all around “hunk” Luke Hefner will join forces with New York newcomer Jameelah Leandra, who stars as the title character in this summer’s “Aida,” to help raise funding for the construction of Thingamajig’s beautiful new Artist House.

They will be accompanied by returning musician Dale Scrivener, performing a wide range of musical numbers that are sure to amaze

and delight. In addition, you’ll be getting a sneak-peak at what is coming this summer season.

Doors open at 6 p.m., at the newly constructed Artist House at 165 Aspenglow Blvd. Food and beverages will be served, as well as a tour of this incredible home to the extremely small number of ticketed guests while enjoying a private vocal performance.

Get your tickets now to this exclusive event and help support your local, professional theater continue to thrive in Pagosa Springs.

Tickets for “God of Carnage” and the House Concert are available by visiting [pagosacenter.org](http://pagosacenter.org) or calling 731-SHOW (7469).

## Get ready for hands-on fun at Hands-On Arts Camp

By Tessie Garcia  
Special to The PREVIEW

It is time again for summer registration at Hands-On Arts Camp for students entering the first through sixth grades.

The camp will run Monday through Thursday beginning in June. Student drop-off is 8:45 a.m.; classes begin at 9 a.m. and go until 1 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School art room.

Each week is based on an art theme:

- June 12-15 will be Teacher Faves — Miss Tessie’s and Miss Lisa’s favorite art projects throughout the years.

- June 19-22 will be African-themed art such as batiks and Egyptian mummiforms.

- June 26-29 will be Native American art such as pottery.

For more information, visit <http://www.hands-on-artscamp.com/>.

The cost of classes for one week is \$120 a week or \$35 for a daily drop-off. There are many ways to save with tuition based on your needs. Preregister by June 1 and save \$10 off each week. There is also a family dis-

count of \$10 off for each additional child per week. Or, sign up for two weeks and get the third week half off. Limited partial scholarships are available upon request. PayPal and checks are accepted.

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# That creative bent has its own beat

An artist might think herself a diva and insist that the world fall at her feet. The dictionary says a diva is a self-important person, typically a woman, who is temperamental and difficult to please.

I'm not one of those. I don't see myself as a diva. No one is falling at my feet. My family tells me that I am all of the above. They remind me, "Mother, it's not always about you."

That creative bent has its own beat and moves to its own drum. I live among artists in this family who all walk to their own beat, yet they think they are singing my song and beating my drum.

Have you noticed in every family there seems to be a certain advantage, a similar thread that moves through the members? It could be they are high thinkers, really smart with degrees and doctorates. They are professional students, consumed to gain more and more knowledge.

Some families are all about sports. Their members are built to run a marathon or play basketball or football. They live in the high school gym and volunteer to work in the concession stand. Their whole motivation is to support the Booster Club and be with those of like-mind. They follow sports like the Wylie family, an extended branch of the Slade family.

Some families know how to make money. They have that Midas touch, like Al's brother and his son. They will gamble their last penny. Lose it all and come back and make millions again. They are risk takers.

Our side of the family has none of the above attributes. We have a creative bent, which runs through the personalities of almost everyone in our family. Even though they haven't followed their creative bent in their careers, our children and grandchildren think like artists and act like artists. They are artists.

I lack many creative skills which my children and grandchildren possess. These skills are necessary for me to complete my projects, such as book covers, marketing and certain computer software skills. I need my children's creative help. But, of course, they march to their own drums.

Our middle daughter grew up reading the funnies in the newspaper. I ask her to read my "Artist's Lane" articles before they go to print. She will help me add a twist to the end, or put in the humor. She is willing to read them to make sure she preserves our family secrets, just in case I get carried away. She is very busy, but she makes time for her mother.

Our oldest daughter excels in editing and writing. I want her to read my final draft. She will find those missing commas or typos. When her family comes every summer, she sits at my computer and asks me what she needs to do for me. I always have a long list for her to do. She has the patience of Job and walks through

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



my projects with a loving and giving heart. No backtalk, no fits, just a serving heart. That's the kind of child you want, but not all my children are like that.

Our son, the artist, moves when he is inspired, not when his mother beckons. I want it done now, but he will get it done when inspiration comes. He excels in graphic design and he has all those things I need for my brochures, posters and marketing.

I wanted a certain feel to my book, so I asked him to design my book cover. He said yes. I told him what I wanted. He shut down. What I wanted and what he envisioned were miles apart. If I wanted him to do it, he had to do it his way.

After I let go of what I thought, and let him do his design on my book cover, I sent it to my publisher. She said she liked it and she would use it. She wouldn't have the software to do the other three books in the series. I'd have to have my son follow through with the whole project if I was going to use his idea on my cover.

His design is what I knew I wanted for the cover. I just didn't know how to get there. It has a southwest feeling with an artist's influence, it's classy and it shows the theme of a romantic suspense without overkill. It's very subtle and absolutely beautiful. Thank God, he didn't listen to me.

I told him what the publisher said and I asked him if he would design the other three books in the series to match his original design.

He said, "Whatever, Mother." Whoa! No, no, no. I explained how I wanted it done. He lost his patience with me after a minute. I wanted mockups for the other three books. I hadn't written the books yet. I didn't have a theme or a title for the other three. I just needed a little something to show the publisher that I had good intent. He made the background designs with different colors, but then he had nowhere else to go. I wasn't ready for him and he wasn't ready for me.

I pushed him for more. Slight problem — creative people only work a certain way and that's the way it has to be. Our son is all about "less is more" and he is not going to use some cutesy image on a book cover. He doesn't do anything half way. He spent days designing the first cover. It had to be perfect. It was and the other three must be perfect if he is going to do it.

When you tell a true artist what you want, you have to take your hands off the project. Even if the project sits on the desktop until the

artist is ready and inspired, you have to let them do it their way.

Our son is busy helping his dad. My Sweet Al needs help, but I need help, too. Stephen is still in Pagosa and I want him to jump on my project before he leaves. I promised my publisher something that I can't produce without him.

Our grandson has come home from college. He has been hanging around, taking art lessons on Fridays. I told him how to do it and offered to show him by painting on his art. He said, "No, Grandma, the last time you touched my work, you ruined it. You're not going to touch this one." He finished it his way and actually finished with a great painting.

He has been going to my writer's group. He started writing a book and I couldn't believe what a good writer he is. He is listening, but he has his own ideas. I'm pleased he wants to hang around and spend time with me. I have the creative juices flowing, but he has his vision and knows how he wants to do it and woe to me if I touch his work.

Raising creative children will take you into their world of imagination, not your world. They color outside your lines and refuse to be put into your box. They only work when they are inspired, not in your time frame. They have to have it perfect. They will not settle for less. They discourage easily. If it doesn't go their way, they tear it up and throw it away. There are a bunch of divas in this family, and I don't think that I am one of them. My family begs to differ.

I love the saying by Erma Bom-  
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# Remaining in His grip

By Richard Gammill  
Special to The PREVIEW

When I leave my Pagosa Springs home in the mornings, the scene is predictably beautiful and peaceful. Daisy is pulling on her leash, eager to get moving. Many mornings, I follow her around two blocks without seeing another person. Other mornings, I might encounter one or two neighbors also out walking their dogs.

The scene remains the same, no matter the time of day. A few cars drive by, perhaps a few people are outside their homes. This time of year, some of my neighbors live other places. Even in summertime when all the houses are occupied, not many people are outside. That's why we are here, to escape the noise and crush of city living.

The life known by urban dwellers around the world is in total contrast to our quiet, picturesque setting. At this moment, as I write, I am half a world away, in Hyderabad, a city in South India with a population of 10 million. My ears vibrate with the muffled roar of buses, the shrill honking of auto rickshaws, the sharp acceleration of motorcycles, the soft movement of thousands of late-model cars.

When I step outside my door from my son's fifth-floor apartment I look out on four crowded lanes of traffic. Lining the street on both sides are the carts, stalls and stores of vendors and retailers, catering

## A Matter of Faith

to the crowds flowing past. From directly below me come the odors of a tea stall, next to a hot grill dispensing idlies and dosas. Further along are more vendors, some with four-wheel carts, others with bright-colored pyramids of fruits and vegetables piled on rugs. One tiny stall is crowded with packaged snacks of all kinds. A vendor across the street is nearly hidden behind racks of footwear. Nearby is a pile of coconuts, next to a sugar cane grinder.

Looking further up the street, I see a man on the sidewalk carving a headboard for a bed, a mechanic working on a motorcycle, more tea stalls, interrupted by a small, garish Hindu shrine. Set back from the sidewalk are the larger retail stores, sweet shops, pharmacies, medical offices, banks and ATM machines, tire shops — the variety is endless and seems to have no order.

I'm not sure how Daisy would handle this lively, vibrant scene. There are far too many vehicles to chase after any of them. That one-legged man, how would Daisy greet him? Would she run up to the clusters of school children that walk

past twice daily? Would my little dog be agitated and disoriented by all the motorized and pedestrian activity? Would she hear and obey my voice in the midst of this noisy confusion? My grip on her leash would be life-saving.

Whether it is a quiet neighborhood in a picturesque American town in the mountains or a crowded street in a south Asian city teeming with a population of millions, the Lord of all is Lord for all. He will hear the prayer voiced in a meadow or in a crowded bus. Our part is not to slip out of the leash.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" — I Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV).

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## St. Patrick's will host used book sale Saturday

By Sandy Artzberger  
Special to The PREVIEW

Free new and gently used summer clothing for infants, teenagers and adults will be available at the 10th annual St. Patrick's Episcopal Church used book sale Saturday, May 20, from 8 a.m. to noon in the parish hall.

Quantities are limited; this is not the extensive clothing giveaway that occurs in October every year.

Used books for sale, collected from parishioners and friends over

the year, will be in the parish library on the many tables and overflowing on bookshelves.

All softcover books, children's books, children's games and puzzles will be 25 cents. Hardcover books will be a dollar.

Fr. Doug Neel has been heard saying he "wants to see the shelves empty."

All monies collected go to the food pantry and prayer quilt ministry. St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is located next to the Pagosa Springs Medical Center on South Pagosa Boulevard.

## Lane

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beck: "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, I used everything you gave me." I wonder if she meant using her children, too?

Final brushstroke: My family thinks it's all about me. It's all about

my projects and how they have to do this stuff for me, whether they want to or not. They tell me they have their own lives outside of my wants. Imagine that.

### Readers' comments

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# UU topic: ‘Religion As Spiritual Language: What Dialect Do Unitarian Universalists Speak?’

By Dean Cerny  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a service titled “Religion as Spiritual Language: What Dialect Do Unitarian Universalists Speak?” with visiting pastor Dean Cerny this Sunday, May 21.

This message will be the first of a trio of topics designed to investigate the use of religious language as a means of discovering our theological diversity at the Fellowship and the Unitarian Universalist (UU) denomination at large. How do UUs maintain their unparalleled and unique spiritual diversity within fellowships and congregations? More important, how do they do so without misunderstanding or alienating one another?

According to the Unitarian Universalist Association, UUs can and do in fact struggle at times to effectively articulate their diverse theology within the denomination's fellowships, congregations and national governing body. How does this relate to the Pagosa Fellowship's mission that desires to grow a diverse community with differing beliefs and shared values as well as seek personal spiritual growth?

Whether you are a curious newcomer to the UU spiritual tradition or a seasoned advocate, please join us as together we attempt to formulate answers to these distinctive UU questions.

Cerny was raised in the Pres-

byterian faith in rural Wisconsin. He graduated from Arizona State in religious studies and obtained his master's degree in religion and theology with honors in historical theology from the United Theological Seminary in Minnesota. While in seminary, he attended the UU Fellowship of Northfield, Minn. He served as pastor of a rural community church in Southern Utah for almost three and a half years. Cerny lives with his partner of 37 years, John, and their four dogs in an off-grid home in rural Kanab, Utah.

Following a congregational vote, Cerny will soon become a part-time resident of Pagosa Springs, leading services at the Fellowship twice each month. This is a collaborative effort between Cerny and the Fellowship as they both explore the potential possibilities of a “settled” form of spiritual leadership for the UU presence in Pagosa.

This program reflects the Unitarian Universalist principles of “Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations” and “A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.”

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 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.

Enjoy refreshments and conversation after services, which are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

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# New Thought to discuss creative thought

By Lisa Burnson  
Special to The PREVIEW

Creative thought — the greatest discovery. This Sunday at Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT), we will discuss the power of creative thought and how it can be used for the benefit of self and others.

We welcome everyone to learn this basic principle of New Thought philosophy, and encourage participants to share their experiences using creative thought. The presentation will be lead by the Rev. Janet Wyrick.

Those who have a Science of Mind Study Guide are encouraged to bring it on Sunday. There will be additional copies for use available at PCNT.

Ernest Holmes wrote: If we “use our thought for life-giving purpose, with the desire to bless everything we touch, nothing but good can

come to us.”

PCNT honors all lifestyles, belief systems, religious paths and people for who they are: children of the Divine. New Thought is a trans-denominational philosophy, and draws from all the world's major religions to teach universal principles and spiritual concepts for a positive, joyful life. We welcome all to be part of this spiritual adventure.

Weekly Sunday gatherings are held at 10 a.m. at the PCNT center at 2800 Cornerstone Drive, across from Sears.

For information about the church, attend a Sunday service, email PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 749-9020, or mail to P.O. Box 1052 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052. You can also find us on Facebook or at our website, www.PagosaNewThought.org.

# Memorial Day Advertising Deadlines

## for the issue of May 25

The last issue before the Memorial Day weekend will be May 25. The deadline for display advertising in that issue is noon on Monday, May 22.

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# Early Deadlines

## for the issue of June 1

**Display Advertising:** Noon, Friday, May 26  
**PREVIEW Articles:** Noon, Thursday, May 25  
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# Springtime at your library: Borrowing backpacks and creating bouquets

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Thanks to a partnership between Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Colorado State Library, for the second year we have two backpacks for free checkout. They contain a state park pass, binoculars, a wildlife guide, a trees and wildlife guide, a book about the 42 state parks and more.

The backpacks can be checked out for a full week and renewed for an additional week. They cannot be placed on hold. Consider it a “Lucky Day” pickup item, meaning that if you come in and it’s available, you can check it out.

We think this is a very appropriate service for our patrons, as we all work hard to stay healthy and active.

Still focusing on springtime, please join us today, Thursday, May 18, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for the last spring Lifelong Learning lecture featuring Stephanie Morrow helping you to create a bouquet to bring home and nurture your creative self. No registration is required. Morrow is a floral design expert and life coach.

## Two new full-time staff

As loyal readers and patrons know, your library has been actively working to fill the two vacant librarian positions and we have very good news.

Brad Glover, our new adult services librarian, is on the job this week and then will return to Montana to pick up his wife, two young children and their possessions for the move to Pagosa Springs. He starts full time on May 30, and we’ll tell you more about him in next week’s “Library News.”

Then Paige Shook will become our new early literacy librarian in early June. As soon as Glover and Shook get their feet on the ground, our regular programming will resume — with some new creative and fun ideas they will bring to your library.

## All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, May 19, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for a PG movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to identify the film titles in the media, but you can find them listed on the activities calendars.

## Teen book club tomorrow

Friday, May 19, from 2 to 3 p.m. seventh- through 12th-graders will discuss “Court of Fives” by Kate Elliott and enjoy free snacks.

## Adult learning

Our new free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) program



takes place on Monday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and continues every Monday thereafter at the same time, plus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Stop by and let Mark help you with high school equivalency, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

## Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens every Tuesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the seventh through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

## Tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions for free help on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Please note there is no Tech Time on Tuesdays in May.

## DIY for adults

At this month’s free DIY event on Wednesday, May 24, at 1 p.m., we’ll create a set of coasters with a book or map theme. No registration is required.

## Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh through 12th grades takes place next Thursday, May 25, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

## Kids storytime becomes playtime

The free Wednesday storytime is canceled temporarily until our new early literacy librarian is on the job in June. Instead, we will host open playtimes for parents and children to play, interact and learn while enjoying games and puzzles with each other.

## Baby storytime

Every Saturday from 9:05 to 9:25 a.m., join us for a free short session of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little ones. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life.

## Toddler storytime

Every Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m., join us for 30 minutes of free stories, songs and fingerplays with open play afterwards. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life.

## 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.

## CDs

“If Not For You” by Debbie Macomber looks at all the “If Nots” in a woman’s life. “Against All Odds” by Danielle Steel follows a mother and her four grown children. “The Girl Who Knew Too Much” by Amanda Quick explores the hidden dangers of Hollywood. “Earthly Remains” by Donna Leon is a Commissario Guido Brunetti mystery. “No Easy Target” by Iris Johansen features a woman who can communicate with animals. “The Burial Hour” by Jeffery Deaver is a Lincoln Rhyme mystery. “The Lost Order” by Steve Berry tracks a lost treasure with connections to the Smithsonian.

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“Song of the Lion” by Anne

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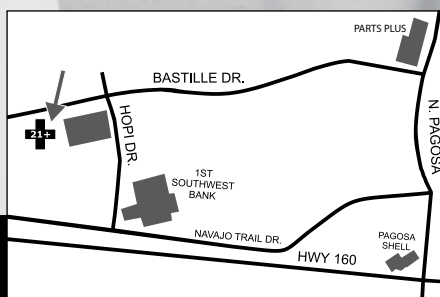
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**Other novels**

“Days Without End” by Sebastian Barry is set during the American Indian and Civil Wars. “The Deep End” by Kristen Ashley is book one in The Honey series. “A Conjuring of Light” by V.E. Schwab is a fantasy set in London. “Gather Her Round” by Alex Bledsoe is a Tufa fantasy. “Anything is Possible” by Elizabeth Strout follows a cast of small town characters coping with love and loss.

**Short stories**

“The Refugees” by Pulitzer Prize winner Viet Thanh Nguyen is a collection of stories set in both Vietnam and America. The characters in the 13 stories in “The Dark and Other Love Stories” by Deborah Willis exist on the edge of danger.

**How-to and self-help**

“Drop the Ball” by leadership expert Tiffany Dufu is a memoir showing women how to re-evaluate expectations and shrink to-do lists. “The Mystery of Sleep” by Dr. Meir Kryger is a guide to the mysteries and advantages of proper sleep. “Lonely Planet China” helps you plan and enjoy your trip.

**Other nonfiction**

“Phenomena” by Annie Jacobson describes the U.S. government’s investigations into extrasensory perception and psychokinesis. “Dodge City” by Tom Clavin reveals how Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson established frontier justice and the rule of law in the west. “A Rabble of Dead Money” by Charles R. Morris explores the great crash of 1929 and the uncanny echoes for the present. “Perfect Strangers” by Jennifer Jordan tells of the bravery and caring after the Boston Marathon bombings. “A Really Big Lunch” by Jim Harrison is a collection of essays by the Roving Gourmand on food and life. “The Not-Quite States of America” by Doug Mack takes you on a tour of the American territories. “Icefall” by John All documents the author’s adventures and travels to the extremes of our planet.

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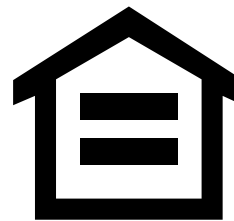
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# Effective treatments for post-traumatic stress disorder

By Kevin J. Kelly  
Special to The PREVIEW

People with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) often want to avoid talking about their memories and experiences, yet this is the very thing that will help them get better.

What is important is to talk with someone who has been trained in what are called “evidence-based” treatments. Evidence-based means that there have been scientific studies which show that certain treatments work better than others.

According to the National Center for PTSD, the most effective treatment for PTSD is cognitive behavioral therapy, or CBT. There are two types of CBT that have been shown to be most effective: One is called cognitive processing therapy (CPT) and the other is prolonged exposure (PE) therapy. There is a similar kind of therapy called eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR). Medications have also been shown to be effective and work best in combination with one of the evidence-based therapies.

In cognitive therapy, a form of CBT, your therapist helps you to understand and change how you think about your trauma and its aftermath. The goal is to understand the meaning that you give to your experience and explore alternative, more accurate, less damaging beliefs. This in turn changes how you feel.

It is common for people to feel guilty and responsible for the traumatic event and you may find that you can be liberated from the guilt

by developing a more complete and realistic explanation of what happened. Fifty-three out of every 100 people who receive CBT will no longer have PTSD.

People with PTSD understandably avoid thinking about their trauma, which can create tension and prevent them from healing. Prolonged exposure (PE) therapy helps people to have less fear about their memories by gradually exposing themselves to thoughts or situations that have made them uncomfortable. This technique harnesses our ability to adapt to many situations over time. One example of this is the adaptation you made to being in a wartime environment that you couldn't have imagined previously. PE therapy helps you to feel safe again. Fifty-three out of every 100 people who receive PE will no longer have PTSD.

EMDR helps people to react differently to memories of trauma. There is disagreement about whether eye movements are a necessary part of the treatment. In this treatment, you focus on an external motion or sound. Fifty-three out of every 100 people who receive EMDR will no longer have PTSD.

Medication can help restore the balance of naturally occurring chemicals in your brain. Forty-two out of every 100 people who receive medication will no longer have PTSD.

Group treatment is another form of treatment used for PTSD. This treatment can help people to see the similarities between their experiences and those of other people with PTSD. A sense of camaraderie similar to that which they experienced in the military

can help them to feel a sense of belonging and social support that might otherwise be missing in their life. They learn to be more effective in their present life rather than focusing on a past that they can't change.

CBT treatment for PTSD can last between three and six months and other treatment can last longer. If you have other mental health problems, treatment can last for several years or longer.

What is important to remember is that you are not alone, and professional treatment with evidence-based therapies can and does help many people to heal and go on to live productive and happy lives.

If you'd like to learn more about PTSD, its symptoms, treatment options and resources, go to [ptsd.va.gov](http://ptsd.va.gov).

If you are a combat veteran, wonder if you might have PTSD symptoms and live in southwest Colorado, call Vets 4 Vets at 799-8387.



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“When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to

the rest of the world.” — John Muir (1838-1914), American naturalist, author, environmentalist and early advocate for preserving wilderness areas in America.

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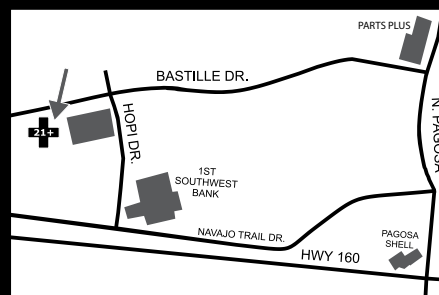
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All events listed in The PREVIEW Calendar are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

## Thursday, May 18

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

**Mexican Train.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

**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.

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

**Lifelong Learning Lecture.** 5:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. This talk is titled "Color Me Eclectic with Spring Bouquets" and will focus on floral arranging. Leave with your own creation. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Yoga.** 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center.

**Thingamajig Theater Company Presents 'God of Carnage.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This shrewd and vicious comedy gleefully flouts the perception of human civility. Two upper-middle-class Brooklyn couples meet to discuss an incident of playground violence between their sons. Though the evening begins with polite pleasantries, it quickly descends into primal madness as tempers flare, loyalties shift and the parents devolve into children. For tickets and information, visit [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW.

## Friday, May 19

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

**Pagosa Stitching Group.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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

**Zumba.** Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**Free Screenings.** 10-11 a.m., Senior Center. San Juan Basin

Public Health screenings on total cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure checks; referrals and translations for Spanish speakers.

**Mexican Train.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Teen Book Club.** 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. We will discuss "Court of Fives" by Kate Elliott and enjoy snacks. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Movie for All Ages.** 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for this classic 1984 movie. When NYC comes under attack from supernatural demons, who you gonna call? Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Personal Growth and Empowerment Life Coaching Class.** 5-6 p.m., Community Center. Geared toward providing individuals with tools to find the inner power to make changes within — healing and understanding the core reason for our actions, thoughts and desires. This class is open to everyone.

**Chimney Rock National Monument Night Sky — Stars and Galaxies Program.** 6:15-9:45 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Your evening begins with a presentation titled "An Invisible Universe" by special guest Professor Erica Ellingson. After the presentation, visitors drive to the high mesa parking lot, where volunteer astronomers await with telescopes to provide a closer look of the night sky. For more information and cost, go to [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.

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## Saturday, May 20

**St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Book Sale.** 8 a.m.-noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Everyone in the community is invited to come and sort through and buy books, including mysteries, history, cooking, travel, fiction, nonfiction, religion, spirituality and

more. Paperbacks are 25 cents, hardcover books are a dollar and children's books are 25 cents. New this year is the opportunity to bring a can of "hearty soup" and get a hardcover book for free. Also new this year will be a limited clothing giveaway, such as new T-shirts for adults and children.

**Dogster's Vaccination Clinic.** 8:30-11 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse. Low-cost rabies, heartworm testing, microchip permanent ID, canine and feline vaccinations available. Dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in carriers. No appointments necessary. Accepting cash, check or credit card.

**Rosa Cemetery Cleanup.** 9 a.m.-noon, Rosa Cemetery. We encourage anyone with family or friends buried at Rosa Cemetery to join us. Morning coffee and lunch will be provided. If you can help, please come with rakes, shovels, Weedwhackers, gloves and hats. For more infor-

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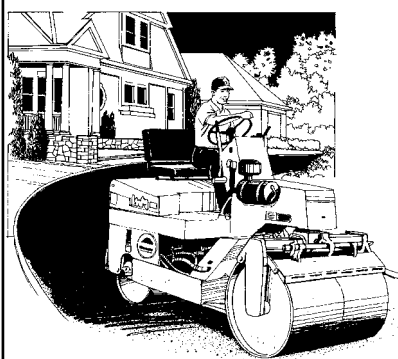
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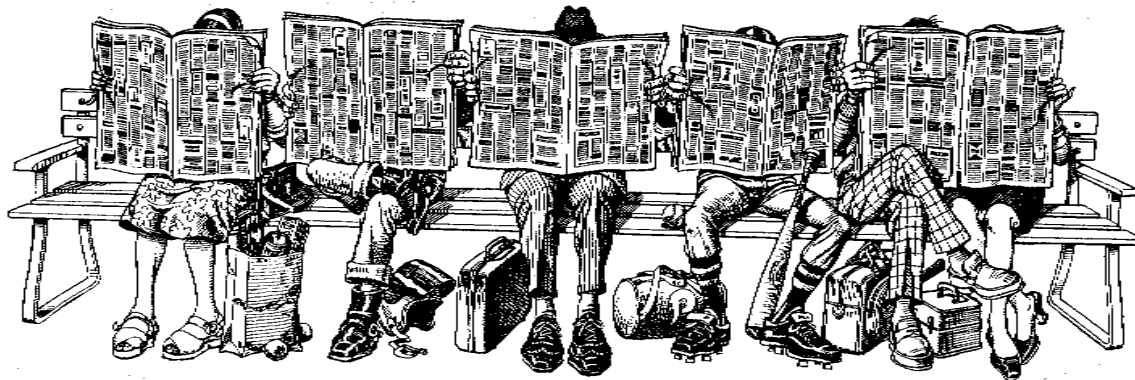
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**Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network Children's Book Workshop.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave. Led by Kathleen Butler, of Dolores, Colo. The cost will be \$15. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and snacks will be provided. To attend the workshop, contact [betty@bettyslade.com](mailto:betty@bettyslade.com); for more information, go to <http://www.wolfcreekwriters.com/>.

**Baby Storytime.** 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. Twenty minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Toddler Storytime.** 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. A half hour of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run/Walk.** 9:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. 5K run and 3K walk. Races end in Town Park. Food, drinks, Dunk-a-Cop booth, fire truck pull. \$30 for adults, includes T-shirt. \$20 for students 14 or younger, includes T-shirt. SOCO athletes free. Register online at <http://SOCO.kintera.org/ArchuletaTorchRun2017>.

**Zumba.** 10-11 a.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**Yoga: Laugh and Let Go.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. This class explores the ancient technique of chi self-massage followed by a lighter yoga asana practice. Call 264-4152 for more information.

**Beautification Campaign Barbecue and Clean-Up Event.** Noon, Centennial Park. A barbecue and live music at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site. Volunteers will then be organized for various clean-up and planting efforts. Winners of the bike planter lottery will also be announced during the event.

**Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation San Juan Chapter's Annual Banquet and Fundraiser.** 5 p.m., Community Center. This year's banquet will include games, raffles and silent and live auctions. Prizes include firearms, trips and adventures, limited-edition art, gifts, gear and much more. For more information and for tickets, contact Kerry Denison at 264-3800 or [Kerry@pagosabrokers.com](mailto:Kerry@pagosabrokers.com).

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## Sunday, May 21

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**Curtains Up Pagosa Benefit Concert.** 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Flutist Jessica Peterson and her mother, pianist Anita Briggs, will bring their musical talents to an evening filled to the brim with beautiful music of a wide variety of styles. Guest artist Robert Neel will join them to sing several romantic tunes that are sure to please. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person, though any donation is appreciated.

**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.

**Terrific Tuesdays.** 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn West Coast swing. There is a schedule revision this month due to clubhouse repairs. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa>.

## Monday, May 22

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.  
**Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network.** 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad

Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email [richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com](mailto:richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com) or call 731-2040.

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

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

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

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

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

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**Pagosa Springs Girls Choir Auditions.** 4-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School choir room. Auditions are open to any girl who will enter 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade next fall, whether in public school, in a home-school program or who is enrolled in online classes. For additional information about auditions and membership, call 264-1434 or email [singpagosa@gmail.com](mailto:singpagosa@gmail.com).

**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.  
**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

## Tuesday, May 23

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

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

**WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs).** 11:30 a.m., The Boulder Coffee Company. Please call 946-1895 for your lunch reservation by Monday, May 22, so we can count you in to join us. Everyone is welcome.

**Zumba.** Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

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

**Mexican Train.** 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.

**Adult Education.** 4:30-7:30 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.

**Concert in Town Park.** 6-8:30 p.m., Town Park. The Intro to Guitar and Americana Project classes will be performing songs for their final exam. Each member of the class will be responsible to lead one original or cover song for their classroom grade. Please come out and support these fine young musicians. Bring your own chairs, blankets and refreshments.

**Night Yoga: YoGain.** 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center. YoGain is a fast-paced blend of yoga asana and body weight exercises designed to raise your heart rate and increase strength and flexibility. Open to all levels and abilities. Call 264-4152 for more information.

## Wednesday, May 24

**Pickleball.** 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are

available if you don't have one.

**Open Play.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Play, interact and learn while enjoying games and puzzles with each other. For babies through preschoolers. 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.

**HELP (Healthy Eating Lifestyle Plan).** Noon-1 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Weigh-in, support and more. Everyone welcome. Call Nancy Strait at 731-3427 for more information.

**DIY: Creating Coasters.** 1 p.m., Sisson Library. We'll create a set of coasters with a book or map theme. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Movie.** 1 p.m., Senior Center. Popcorn and beverages provided.

**Mexican Train.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Coed Volleyball.** 1-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Friendly, non-competitive games open to all ages.

**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.  
**Smart Growth Workshop.** 5-7 p.m., Community Center. Smart Growth strategies help towns and cities across the country grow stronger economically by using land strategically, making the most of existing resources and using public funds to catalyze private development. This workshop will include a half-day tour of Pagosa Springs followed by an evening presentation that is open to the public. For more information, visit [www.smartgrowthamerica.org](http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org).

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

**Wild West Squares Introduction to Square Dance Class.** 6-7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. This is a fun, easygoing class open to families, couples and singles. The suggested age for children is at least 8 years old. Call Carla Roberts to enroll at 903-6478.

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

## Thursday, May 25

**Smart Growth Workshop.** 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Community Center. Smart Growth strategies help towns and cities across the country grow stronger economically by using land strategically, making the most of existing resources and using public funds to catalyze private development. A guided planning discussion which will ultimately result in a "Next Steps Memo" outlining smart growth strategies that can be implemented locally. For more information, visit [www.smartgrowthamerica.org](http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org).

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

**Mexican Train.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

**Role-Playing Game.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. 7th-12th grade. Call 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.

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

**Yoga.** 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center.

**San Juan Stargazers.** 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. Annual tele-

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The answers provided are not intended to be and are not legal advice. They are solely intended to provide general information about estate planning and may not apply to a particular situation. No attorney-client relationship is created by these questions and answers.



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**Terrific Tuesdays.** 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn West Coast swing. There is a schedule revision this month due to clubhouse repairs. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa>.

**Friday, May 26**

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

**Pagosa Springs History Museum Opening Day.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs History Museum. The museum will be open Wednesdays through Sundays. Permanent historical displays depict pioneer life in the area, wildlife and nature, geological and anthropological displays, and more.

**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.

**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.

**Zumba.** Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**Personal Growth and Empowerment Life Coaching Class.** 5-6 p.m., Community Center. Geared toward providing individuals with tools to find the inner power to make changes within — healing and understanding the core reason for our actions, thoughts and desires. This class is open to everyone.

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**Saturday, May 27**

**Piedra Stock Driveway Project.** 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Camino Real parking lot. We will work on the middle section of the stock driveway. For more information and to RSVP, contact Stacy Boone at [info@stepoutdoorscolorado.com](mailto:info@stepoutdoorscolorado.com).

**Baby Storytime.** 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. Twenty minutes

of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Toddler Storytime.** 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. A half hour of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills in everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Dances of the Ancients.** 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Two Pueblo dance groups will gather to dance in the Great Kiva. The Acoma Rain Dancers from Acoma Pueblo and the Oak Canyon Dancers from Jemez Pueblo are both all-children dance groups and will be performing. For more information and ticket prices, go to [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org).

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

**Zumba.** 10-11 a.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

**Yoga: Laugh and Let Go.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. This class explores the ancient technique of chi self-massage followed by a lighter yoga asana practice. Call 264-4152 for more information.

**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

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## Mayor invites the community to the Beautification Kickoff Celebration

By Jennifer Green  
Special to The PREVIEW

In an effort to add some "shine" to Pagosa Springs this summer, Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger is spearheading a new beautification initiative.

To help kick off the beautification campaign, the public is invited to attend a celebration and clean up event on Saturday, May 20, at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park.

The event will begin with a free barbecue and live music by Jack Ellis at noon. Volunteers will then be organized for various cleanup and planting efforts, followed by a party to celebrate our success at 3 p.m., with live music provided by The San Juan Mountain Boys.

Locations of the bike planters will also be announced during the event. Everyone is encouraged join us on May 20 to be part of this great new community initiative to beautify Pagosa Springs.



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**Sunday, May 28**

**Thingamajig Theater Company Presents 'God of Carnage.'** 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. This shrewd and vicious comedy gleefully flouts the perception of human civility. Two upper-middle-class Brooklyn couples meet to discuss an incident of playground violence between their sons. Though the evening begins with polite pleasantries, it quickly descends into primal madness as tempers flare, loyalties shift and the parents devolve into children. For tickets and information, visit [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org) or call 731-SHOW.

**Bingo.** 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m.

Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

**Monday, May 29**

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

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

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

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

**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.

**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages. For more information, call 259-0122.

**Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center. *Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.*

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

- 1 Great deal
- 5 Stage presence
- 10 Chip in
- 14 Mythical monster
- 15 Garlic section
- 16 Reprimand, with "out"
- 17 Elated
- 18 Oboe's kin
- 20 Bank deposit?
- 22 California county
- 23 Musical exercise
- 24 Smack hard
- 25 Mineral also called heavy spar
- 27 Natalie Portman film, "V for \_\_\_\_\_"

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**DOWN**

- 31 Happening
- 32 Home on the range
- 33 Minister: Abbr.
- 34 It may be proper
- 35 Kind of fork
- 36 All together
- 37 Project
- 38 Kind of rug
- 39 Really enjoy
- 40 Ornamental shrub
- 42 Like some auctions
- 43 Ball handler?
- 44 Target of October ads
- 45 Concert souvenir
- 48 Guiding light
- 51 WWII assassination operation
- 53 1/500 of the Indianapolis 500
- 54 Ponzi scheme, e.g.
- 55 Bridal path
- 56 Lock opener
- 57 Medical fluids
- 58 Steer away
- 59 Broadway brightener

**DOWN**

- 1 Records
- 2 Look at flirtatiously
- 3 Silk Road, e.g.
- 4 Rabble-rousing
- 5 Go along
- 6 Copy
- 7 Suit material?
- 8 Some germ cells
- 9 Famous
- 10 Remove by cutting
- 11 Indian flat bread
- 12 Bit of kindling
- 13 "So what \_\_\_\_\_ is new?"
- 19 Mark
- 21 Benji was one
- 24 Flower part
- 25 Bluegrass instrument
- 26 In conflict with, with "of"
- 27 Soft-palate sound
- 28 Common flooring stone
- 29 Carpentry joint
- 30 Forestall

- 32 Nonlethal weapon
- 35 Detour route, often
- 36 Word in an Arthur Miller title
- 38 Scornful smile
- 39 Surfer's stop
- 41 Bronchial woe
- 42 Welding alloy
- 44 Semi-sheer material

- 45 Bridge call
- 46 Fairy tale opener
- 47 Luminous sphere
- 48 Soldier's assignment
- 49 Choral voice
- 50 Bridle attachment
- 52 Bakery item

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

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**Display advertising:** Noon, Monday

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**Obituaries:** Noon, Tuesday  
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**Articles:** Noon, Monday  
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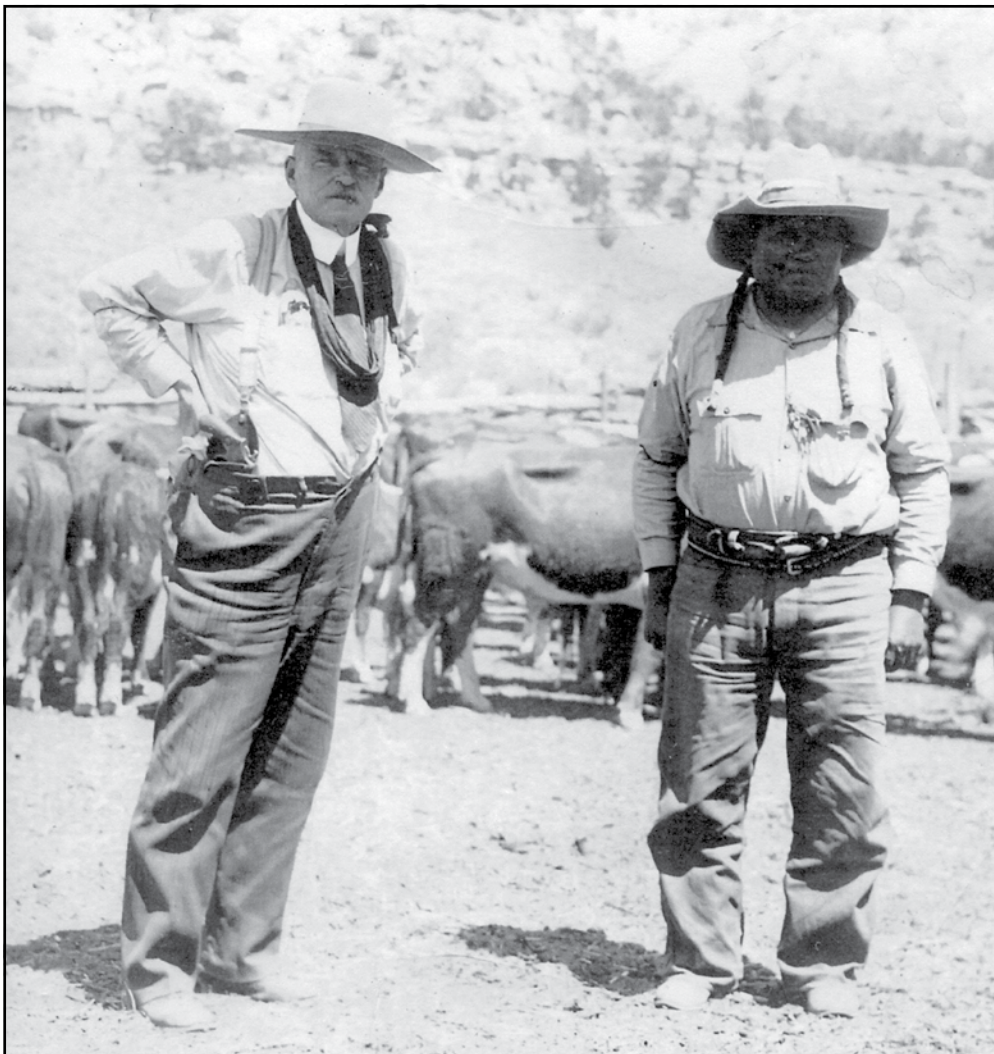


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**Emmet Wirt** served for years as post trader on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation at Dulce. Here he is working alongside Grover Vigil. Wirt had a special pistol holster made that he almost always wore attached to his right suspender as shone in this picture. In addition to running the trading post, Wirt helped the Apaches buy and sell live-stock and ran a ranch of his own.

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Back in the late 1870s and early 1880s when the town was newly sprouting, there was no reservoir, and hence no Reservoir Hill. The hill was called Roubideaux Hill in those days. Roubideaux was trapper of French descent who had a trading post north of the San Juans and south of Grand Junction. For several decades preceding settlement, fur trappers and other wilderness adventurers passed through Pagosa Country on their journeys between Taos and northern fur trapping centers.

The same visitor to Pagosa Springs would not have been allowed to cross the bridge to the west of the river because Fort Lewis, with 10 log barracks for enlisted men and four officer's quarters, occupied what we recognize today as “old Pagosa Springs.”

Five or six bars, a couple of hotels, and the first county courthouse — built in 1886, the county was formed from Conejos County in 1885 — lined San Juan Street. As far as I know, only two of those early buildings remain on San Juan Street. A small building constructed of rocks remains about midway



### Pagosa's Past

**John M. Motter**

down the south side of the street. Much of this building was burned during a confrontation between Anglos and Hispanics for control of the county during those formative years. This is not the subject of today's story.

Across the alley from the Spa Motel on the south side of the street is a two-story frame house built by Billy Kern in 1891. The Kerns opened the doors for a house-warming party when the house was completed. That house warming got hotter than the Kerns expected and that is the subject of today's story.

The Pagosa News reported, “The pleasure of the dance in the new Kern building last Saturday evening was marred by the very ungentlemanly behavior of four cowboys named Bob Kelly, Emmet Wourt (Wirt), Bill Davenport, and Jack Gerart, belonging to Carlisle's outfit. The boys were treated with due respect by those present, yet they were determined to have a row and expose their brutish natures. About the close of festivities during a dispute with Mr. Kern, one of them demolished the lamp with his gun. This seemed to be the signal for each one to begin the perforation

of the new building with bullets, and the four guns were emptied twice. The manner in which they flourishing their guns in the face of the proprietor of the building was not very pleasant for him. Warrants were sworn out for their arrest Sunday morning, but the sheriff and his deputies, after a futile chase in the direction of New Mexico, returned without their men.”

Several stories could be created about the participants in this story. A book could be written about the lives of Kern or of Emmet Wirt. As a young man, Wirt moved to northern New Mexico from Missouri, worked a time in lumber mill, became a cowboy, then the post trader for the Jicarilla Apaches, acquired wealth and was well-known through the southwest.

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# Next health and wellness event May 31

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Pagosa Springs Senior Center is running a pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors.

The program includes wellness, blood pressure monitoring or allowing 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 wellness event will be May 31.

## Medicare Mondays

Are you turning 65? Do you need some help with Medicare? The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging has openings every Monday at the Senior Center to help you with your Medicare enrollment questions.

Here are some quick tips: If you are collecting Social Security, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare parts A and B. We can help you pick a Part D Prescription Drug Plan. If you don't enroll in a Part D plan, you could face penalties. If you are new to Medicare, you have an eight-month Special Enrollment Period to sign up for

## Senior News

parts A, B and D around your 65th birthday. Medicare starts after your employment ends or the group health insurance plan based on your current employment ends, whichever happens first. You do not pay late penalties if you enroll within the eight-month Special Enrollment Period. COBRA and retiree health plans are not considered coverage based on current employment.

Important dates: General enrollment runs from Jan. 1 through March 31 each year and coverage starts July 1. Oct. 15 through Dec. 7 is open (or annual) enrollment for switching plans for Part D and a Medicare Cost Plan; coverage starts Jan. 1.

If you would like to talk to a Medicare counselor, please contact the Area Agency on Aging to make an appointment. Please call 264-0501, ext. 2. We will put you in touch with one of our talented and experienced Medicare counselors.

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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 18 — Pepperoni with veggie pizza, sugar snap pea medley, spinach/Mandarin orange salad and salad bar.

Friday, May 19 — Turkey potpie, herbed green beans, salad bar and

carrot cake.

Monday, May 22 — Chicken piccata, Italian spinach with mushrooms, roasted cauliflower with red peppers and salad bar.

Tuesday, May 23 — Spaghetti with marinara sauce and Italian meatballs, sugar snap pea medley, focaccia bread and salad bar.

Wednesday, May 24 — Chicken King Ranch casserole, Mexican

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Thursday, May 25 — Pork zuppa Toscana, seasoned asparagus and salad bar.

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