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## Town licenses two additional recreational marijuana stores

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

At its meeting on April 6, the Pagosa Springs Town Council granted licenses for two new recreational marijuana stores, to be located up-town on Eagle Drive and downtown on Pagosa Street.

Council's actions came after extended debate on whether the applications should be denied for failure to comply fully with requirements of the 2014 town ordinance authorizing such establishments.

The ordinance mandates that 70 percent of any "flowered bud" product sold by a licensed store must have been grown in Archuleta County. In both cases considered at the meeting, the applicants acknowledged that if granted licenses, they would not have inventory for sale at the time of opening for business that would meet the locally grown flowered bud requirement.

### First applicant

In the case of the first applicant, a business to be known as Growhouse, with premises at 2149 Eagle Drive,

the lack of locally grown product will be due to a business plan described during the meeting as "unique." The plan calls for the sale of no flowered bud at all (the product most often sold commercially for smoking), but only of "infused" products prepared with ingredients extracted from marijuana plants, intended for oral consumption or topical application.

According to Town Manager Greg Schulte, the local grow requirement had not been applied to infused products when the ordinance was passed, because commercial sources for those manufactured products are not available locally. Schulte advised council that town staff believed the Growhouse license application was in compliance with terms of the ordinance as written.

The applicant, Craig Clark, who also operates stores under the same name in four other Colorado communities, told council that Growhouse would not sell flowered bud because it currently has no local source of supply. Clark acknowledged he does sell flowered bud in

■ See Marijuana A9

## Destination: Globals



Photo courtesy Carrie Steadman

The Destination Imagination Nerds take a break from wowing the judges at the state competition at Auraria Campus in Denver on April 9. The team is made up of Pagosa Springs High School students Brooke Bowdridge, Adeline Thompson, Miah Pitcher and Blake Irons. The Nerds' clever skit humorously portrayed a crime scene investigation with a '50's twist, which, combined with their strong acting talent, created sheer entertainment. The Nerds took first place in the Fine Arts Challenge and third in the overall competition. The team was also nominated to move on to compete in the upcoming Destination Imagination Global Competition, which will be held in Knoxville, Tenn., May 25-28. Irons and Bowdridge were both awarded Destination Imagination scholarships.

## Council OKs \$40,000 for 5th Street bridge studies

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

Questions about the necessity and value of a proposed new bridge over the San Juan River at 5th Street prompted the Pagosa Springs Town Council to approve payment of \$40,000 for expert traffic and economic impact studies to evaluate the proposal.

The approval came at town council's April 6 meeting.

But on the motion of councilor John Egan, council stipulated that the cost of the studies was to be shared equally with Springs Partners LLC.

Under a 2012 agreement with the town, the partnership holds vested rights to develop the 27 acres adjacent to the river where the south end of proposed bridge would be located.

The 2012 agreement further provides that the town has an option to build a bridge and connections from U.S. 160 over the river at 5th Street to Hot Springs Boulevard, at its own cost. The total cost of construction is currently estimated at up to \$7.6 million. The developer would grant easements for the land needed for the connecting road within its property.

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## A mother's quest for justice helps new law's passage

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

Last Thursday, April 7, a bill was signed into Colorado law by Gov. John Hickenlooper that several Colorado families, including an Archuleta County mother and her family, sought to see come to fruition.

That bill, now law, makes it explicitly illegal to tamper with a deceased body and differentiates human remains from other types of physical evidence.

"Watching the governor sign the bill was very emotional," stated an email to SUN staff from Jeanne Hanson, the mother of Jesse Hanson-Colburn, who was murdered in 2014. "My thoughts while watching the signing focused on all the people who listened and took action to support the bill. We all feel a great measure of relief that the bill is now a law that definitively deals with tampering with a human body and serves up penalties much more appropriate to the crime. This is a law that potentially impacts every person in our state."

Hanson was one of several citizens who pushed the bill and testified at the Capitol in support of it.

"What was most poignant for me was being with families of other murder victims who were especially instrumental in moving the bill along," Hanson wrote. "One of whom is Laura Saxton, whose daughter Kelsie Schelling was murdered three years ago and law enforcement has not been able to find her body. Another is Elaine Hatfield Hall, mother of Dylan Redwine, who went missing in 2012, his case, now considered a homicide, remains unsolved."

### The bill

According to the draft bill's summary, "The bill creates the crime of tampering with a deceased human body by making it a crime for a person to:

- "Tamper with human remains with the intent to impair or alter its appearance or availability for an official proceeding; or
- "Observe human remains with reason to believe

■ See Justice A8



Photo courtesy Office of Sen. Jerry Sonnenberg

Jeanne Hanson-Colburn, sixth from the left, watches Gov. John Hickenlooper sign a bill into law on April 7 that makes it explicitly illegal to tamper with a deceased body and differentiates human remains from other types of physical evidence. Hanson-Colburn was one of several family members of murder victims and missing persons on hand to witness the signing.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Gus Palma, right, speaks about the impact of Director Dale Johnson on the students and cast of "Legally Blonde: The Musical" following the play's final performance recently, while Hayley Mitchell and Jacqueline Hampton look on. The play was the final Johnson will direct for Pagosa Springs High School.

## Dale Johnson: A career measured in love

By Casey Crow  
Staff Writer

As the plush red curtains met center stage at the closing night of "Legally Blonde," so also closed one of the most treasured chapters in the history of Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) performing arts.

To anyone who witnessed the tearful tribute to retiring director Dale Johnson, it is obvious that Dale is one of the most influential educators and mentors to leave their mark on the lives of Pagosa Springs students past and present.

Dale is nothing short of a ray of light —

though she is, in fact, a big heart in a small package. Where she goes, she brings with her a gentle sincerity, vibrant optimism, youthful joy and a love so big it can't help but engulf all those who come in contact with her.

When speaking of Dale, one former student, Becca Postma, quoted one of Dale's favorite musicals: "There is a line from the musical 'Rent,' which I believe is one of Dale's favorites, that asks, 'How can you measure the life of a woman or a man?' The resounding answer comes, 'Measure your life in love.' And the thing is, Dale is truly immeasurable. Her

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### One person can change the world

He was one person with one very big idea — to save the Earth. Politician and activist Gaylord Nelson changed the world when he proposed a day for saving our environment.

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans observed Earth Day for the very first time.

Many advances have been made since then. We moved from leaded gas to unleaded and now we even have electric cars. Legislation has been passed to clean our water, clean the air and protect endangered species.

Yet, for some reason, we haven't figured out how to clean up our acts. It seems like everywhere you turn these days, there is litter and junk lining our roadways. This is no way to honor our one and only planet.

What began as a day to honor our Earth has expanded to a weeklong celebration focused on saving our planet. This year, Earth Week will be observed April 16-23, with Earth Day falling on Friday, April 22.

According to Earth Day Network, more than a billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, around the world.

Locally, the Southwest Organization for Sustainability compiled a list of area events taking place over the week focused on taking steps to reduce our carbon footprint.

In affirming their commitment to the environment, the county commissioners are offering free recycling during the week, with the exception of electronics.

The Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library will be highlighting the occasion with a display and Lifelong Learning Lecture on the environment.

Among other area events and activities will be craft lessons, a plant and garden expo, tours and demonstrations and a community-wide trash pickup. You can find more details in this week's PREVIEW section.

One thing is certain this Earth Day and Earth Week, we have plenty of cleaning up to do around Archuleta County.

Earth Day in itself has become a sustainable event, decades of a movement to protect our resources for generations to come.

It started with one person.

How will you take up Nelson's challenge and take care of our one and only Earth?

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## WHADDYA THINK?

Should the town hire in-house legal counsel?



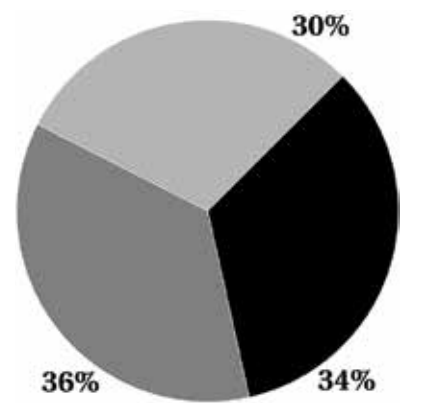
**April Rossetti**  
"I don't know; I'd have to read more about it."



**Shari Tamiso**  
"Yes, I would support that."



**Art Luckhaus**  
"It has to change."



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No. — 36 percent  
I do not care. — 30 percent

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## LOOKING BACK



From the Mar. 23, 1967, Pagosa Springs SUN. **THAT NEEDLE HURT — That needle hurt!** One of the youngsters at the measles inoculation clinic last week didn't care for the shot at all and his friend say, "She stuck him! I saw her." The children were being vaccinated as part of the program to give all children protection from measles. This program was participated in by local students with cooperation from the San Juan Basin Health Unit. Over sixty children were given the shots last week. These were students in the lower grades at the local school. This public health program is part of the effort being made to vaccinate as many children as possible in an effort to eliminate one form of measles.

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## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 16, 1926

The mail carrier states that the road from Dyke to Bayfield is in fine shape again.

It seems that the coming school election in the Dyke district is causing considerable comment, for it is scheduled to be held at the Stollsteimer school house. It appears that there should be one election at the Dyke school house in three years at least and we understand that a petition is being formed for the purpose of having said election at the Dyke school house instead of the Stollsteimer school, both of which are in the district.

County Commissioner John E. Walker came up from Arboles Monday and remained for the brief session of the board held Wednesday. All pending matters were tabled until the next meeting in May.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 18, 1941

The April 1st snow surveys over this drainage show the water in snow storage to be 200 per cent more than last year and nearly half greater than the past 6 years average. The outlook now appears to be the best in years.

On the Upper San Juan snow course, 1 mile west of the summit of Wolf Creek Pass, the snow depth on April 1, was approximately 11 feet and contained 3 1/2 feet of water. Nearly 11 inches of water fell on Wolf Creek Pass during the month of March.

Eldon Burster of Washington Flats, was over looking for hay Tuesday. That's one article that's just about as scarce as hen's teeth.

Ed Pargin moved his cows and calves from the river ranch to his ranch on Yellow Jacket Wednesday morning.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 14, 1966

Less than two weeks remain before the upcoming school bond election. This is a very important event for this entire community. It is not something to be ignored, or forgotten. What takes place at the school election could materially affect the future life of thousands of young people. When one says "thousands of young people" it seems an exaggeration. This is not so. There are presently approximately 700 young people in the school system. It doesn't take that figure many times to run into literally thousands. Certainly these young people deserve an opportunity at an education that is comparable with that received in other communities. There isn't any question about the students. They are here.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 18, 1991

A new sign — with "Red Ryder Roundup" appearing on top and "Archuleta County Fair" appearing below — will be installed at the entrance to the 40-acre site owned by Pagosa Springs Enterprises, Inc. on U.S. 84. The official designations written into a recently enacted 99-year lease between the county and promoters of the annual Fourth of July rodeo. Besides establishing Red Ryder Roundup as the name of the annual rodeo, the lease specifies that Archuleta County will obtain and pay for all utilities at the site, maintain existing and future building and improvements, provide insurance coverage for all activities other than the rodeo, maintain the appearance of the grounds, and provide the aforementioned entry sign.

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# Letters

## Anticipation

Dear Editor:  
There are many pros and cons about building the 5th Street bridge. I believe that when Pagosa Springs voted to accept home rule, it says that the cost of development would be the responsibility of the developer.

Also, I really can't see the need for another bridge when we have one on Apache Street which accesses the southern area of the anticipated development.

If traffic is so bad using the current bridge, then use Apache and you have 6th and 8th streets to use.

The three developers are good citizens, but they are also in the market to make money.

It is also the responsibility of the mayor and his council to look out for the best interests of the town. Tacit agreement by previous members does not hold water for this council.

I strongly recommend that this issue be put on the ballot and let the citizens decide if they want to expend over \$7 million based on anticipated development.

I can anticipate on making a couple of million dollars, but I doubt it that ever happens.

Franklin Anderson

## Gravel pit impact

Dear Editor:  
County commissioners, as elected officials you have been entrusted with the decision-making responsibility on behalf of the residents of Archuleta County. These decisions you make can impact the county and the neighborhoods within this county for many years to come. A positive decision can help with the growth and sustainability of the county, while a negative decision, of course, can do the exact opposite.

We, residents of Meadows subdivision feel you have one of these important decisions coming up in the near future. The gravel pit and its routes to and from this proposed pit on CR 500.

The proposed routes through our residential subdivision on Cascade, Buttress, Meadows and South Pagosa Boulevard can have a negative impact on the whole community, not just the residents living on these four roads. The increase in commercial trucks on these roads will impact everyone's lifestyle from health and safety to an enormous loss in home values.

These subdivisions were built and sold as quiet, comfortable, enjoyable places to live. Meadows is an area where people walk, bike, horseback ride and enjoy the wild-life. To now take these same roads and run hundreds of large commercial gravel trucks through these areas will dramatically impact the quality of life we now enjoy.

More importantly, it creates a health hazard with the dust and noise and a potential accident waiting to happen. There are many families living out in Meadows with children who use these roads to get to and from the school buses, as well as to visit their friends who live throughout the area.

Again, you were elected to make good decisions on our behalf. Please make the right decision in not allowing these commercial vehicles to come through Meadows. The damage to the roads, cars windshields, people biking and walking will be felt all the way from 160 south to the end of Cascade.

These routes are simply not a good decision for our community.

George Dougherty

## Road facts

Dear Editor:  
Mr. Hudson, in his lengthy article concerning the disadvantages of providing a bridge to the proposed development, also goes on to cite the fact that Mr. Sanders was required to provide a roadway that now provides primary access for the 140 properties located in the Alpha subdivision.

Mr. Hudson seems to conveniently forget that the Alpha subdivision had a metro road district in existence long before 2005 which provided two primary accesses to the highway.

He also neglects to mention the extent to which Mr. Sanders was forced to fund these improvements far beyond what might have been reasonably expected and that they provided a very convenient and "unanticipated" benefit to the fortuitous location of the ensuing Walmart development.

Ralph Goulds

## Old grouches

Dear Editor:  
I attended the University of Texas in Austin the first part of the 1960s. I must have liked it, I spent a lot of time there getting my undergraduate degree. I have fond memories of the years I was there as a sophomore.

I moved to Dallas in 1953 to be with my parents. When I traveled to Dallas and back, I passed by Italy, Texas, so named by its founder because, he said, the weather was just like "sunny Italy." I have been to Italy, the weather was nice, but I never drove through or stopped in Italy, Texas, so I cannot offer an opinion on the relative weather.

The population in the 1960s was about 1,200, now close to 2,000.

On the outskirts of town there was a sign that said Italy was the home of 1,200 friendly people and seven or eight old grouches. When I read the letters in the paper, I sometimes think we need a sign

like that for Pagosa Springs.

Bill Hubbard

## Raise your hand

Dear Editor:  
Raise your hand if you're sick of 1 percent of the population controlling 99 percent of the population.

Susan Jill Brady

## PAWSD trio

Dear Editor:  
I am writing in support of the reelection of Mike Church and Blake Brueckner to the PAWSD board, with the addition of Jim Smith, who I have known for many years.

Jim has served 31 years as a county extension agent, most recently as interim director for CSU Extension in Archuleta County. He also chaired the San Juan Resource and Conservation Development Council for four years. He spent eight years as range manager for a 30,000-acre ranch owned by the city of Fort Collins.

I know Jim to be a man "of the people," who will work to keep the focus of the board on customer service rather than special interests. In a recent negotiation with the board, I found Glenn Walsh (who is leaving the board) and Mike Church to be the board members with realistic solutions to my problems. That mindset should continue with the election of this slate of candidates.

Under the most recent board, water losses have been reduced and a systematic plan put in place to locate leaks. The annual payment on the controversial Dry Gulch was cut 50 percent and the property taken under full control by PAWSD.

I urge you to vote for these three candidates to keep PAWSD in the hands of dedicated and open-minded board members.

Mike McDonald

## Vote Brueckner

Dear Editor:  
Blake Brueckner is a young man whom I have had the privilege to know for over 10 years. Blake has grown up in Pagosa Springs for the majority of his life and has served this community in many capacities from youth pastor to business owner. He stands out as a man who lives his life with integrity, honesty, character and commitment.

He is presently running for the PAWSD board after serving already for one year. During his year of service on the PAWSD board, he has consistently voted for lowering debt and keeping prices down.

He promises to continue in this as well as supporting a water and sewer rate freeze extension for two more years and no new projects and no revenue bonds.

Mr. Brueckner is a family man with deep roots to our community which has caused him to run for a leadership role in our town. He is fully invested and equipped to make Pagosa Springs the best it can be in any way he can. I believe Blake Brueckner is a wonderful candidate and I whole heartedly support him for the PAWSD board.

LuAnn Ormonde

## LPEA: Garcia

Dear Editor:  
I am writing to express my strong support for the reelection of Mark Garcia to the board of the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA). Mark has effectively represented LPEA District 1 as a director for

three years now. Prior to that, he served on the LPEA Roundup Board, for a time as its president. He is a longtime resident of Pagosa Springs and worked for the town for 13 years, five as town manager. So, his capabilities and accomplishments are well known to residents.

As an engineer, Mark understands the complexities of today's power technology. He is looking toward the future of electric power, not stuck in the past.

Mark is a strong supporter of clean, renewable energy, which becomes cheaper and more available every day. As he points out, here in Archuleta County, we can look forward to a time when biomass, solar and geothermal generate a significant portion of our power, potentially making us less dependent upon the fragile grid, while providing local economic and environmental benefits.

He will push hard to keep LPEA at the forefront of this rapidly changing electric power paradigm.

Mark is "his own man," which has put him at odds with some of the other directors. His dedication to the interests of us as customers of LPEA is steadfast. For example, he has voted against rate increases. He felt that LPEA was financially sound, so rate increases were unwarranted and hurt members.

We need Mark's enlightened and progressive voice on the board to help guide the co-op's critical decisions about renewable energy policy, rate setting, the approach to climate change and the course for LPEA's future.

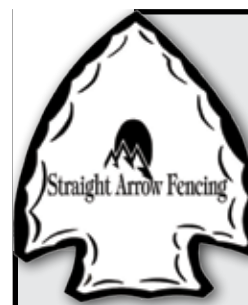
It is easy to make your voice heard in the choice of directors. LPEA is mailing ballots to all members. All you need to do is drop the ballot in the mail to be received by LPEA by May 6. Alternately, you can vote in person at the annual meeting in Ignacio on May 7. But, please do vote. And I urge you to keep Mark Garcia working for us on the board.

John Porco

## Pagosa history

Dear Editor:  
Thanks to you and your staff for recognizing the remarkable history in the Pagosa area. Very few are around that know how important our forefathers were in starting the plan for us all to live and work here. The first settlers had the Native Americans to deal with. They (the

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# Letters

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Indians) had used the springs healing water long before settlers came. Putting the "white men" in charge gave the settlers a choice.

The soldiers did the work of calming the situation, so the story goes. Then they went on to help set up the reservations for the "red men."

The settlers stayed, planted crops, took care of cattle and started the town and schools for the children.

Ranching, mining, lumbering, the coming of the railroad, most of these things were good. Conflicts arose as more people came and wanted to stay where the best spots were already taken. History repeats itself, time and time again. Some moved on and on.

Jean Taylor

## 'Special interests'

Dear Editor:

National unity — a divided nation is a weak nation. Over the past two decades, that is what we have endured, political party above country.

It is healthy to have folks of different backgrounds, different beliefs in our decision-making processes; however, only with respectful consideration of all views and outcomes can this nation once again enjoy the patriotism and unity that came out of WWII.

Do we have what it takes to work together for what is best for our people? Or, will political and racial hatred continue to get in the way? Can we the people take seriously our privilege to vote?

No more "special interests," just American interests.

Patty Tillerson

## Slow down

Dear Editor:

A request and a thank you.

Now that it is getting warm out and we are spending more time enjoying the outdoors, the residents who live on Meadows, South Pagosa Boulevard, Buttress and Cascade would like to ask the public, contractors, commercial and county vehicles that use these roads to access the dump to please

slow down.

The speed limit is 35 mph. We see vehicles on a daily basis going well above the speed limit, many as much as 45 to 55-plus mph. We have several families with small children and grandchildren who play in our neighborhood. We have many people who bike, walk their dogs and ride their horses on these roads. The speed is a big safety concern.

The homeowners who live on the gravel portion of Buttress and Cascade are asking that you please think of the dust and noise that is created. The difference in the noise and dust is huge when the vehicles go 35 mph or less versus those who go 35 mph or more. This again is a big health and safety issue, as well as the ability to enjoy being out in our neighborhood.

A big thank you goes out to all who already go slower on the gravel portion of the road. We have noticed several of the commercial vehicles going slower than in the past. The homeowners do notice those going slower and it is very, very much appreciated. A thank you to one of the disposal companies whose owner has already asked their drivers to go less than the posted 35 mph on the gravel portion of the roads. We notice and appreciate you and implore the other companies to ask their drivers to do the same.

We ask that as you drive these roads to think would you appreciate the vehicles going slower if this was your neighborhood?

This is on behalf of the 30-plus residents we have spoken with on South Pagosa Boulevard, Meadows, Buttress and Cascade who all ask that you please slow down.

Thank you.

Beth and Toby Tollefson

## Gravel pit

Dear Editor:

It has come to the attention of the residents living on Cascade, Buttress, Meadows Drive, South Pagosa, Timber Ridge and the city of Pagosa, that a proposal has been made to allow trucks leaving from and returning to the proposed gravel pit on Trujillo Road, the ability to utilize one of these routes as

their access to U.S. 160 and U.S. 84.

The absurdity of locating a gravel pit in the middle of nowhere, without access to a highway to transport their product, defies logic. However, as you read through their 156-page application, their plan for transporting their product to U.S. 160 and U.S. 84 becomes very clear. Their plan is to route their trucks through residential developments.

The following disturbing information is found in the application for the proposed gravel pit.

Trucks: "A variety of trucks will be used to haul materials from the Pit, including single dump trucks, semi-dump trucks, and trucks with pups. Most commonly used will be dump trucks with pups. Average haul for all vehicles will be 25 tons per vehicle."

Traffic counts and schedules: "Assuming an average hauled 70,000 tons per year, 25 tons/vehicle, and 120 hauling days per year, average truck traffic will be 23.33 trucks per day." (Of course 23.33 trucks per day only represents travel to the drop site, add another 23.33 trucks for their return to the gravel pit. This makes 46.66 trucks per day rumbling down our residential roads.)

Routes: "Based on anticipated markets during the life of the pit," (25-30 years) "traffic on public highways is assumed to be 90% northbound and 10% southbound on CR-500. CR-500 connects to various county roads and city streets before connecting to either SH-160 west of or in Pagosa Springs or SH-84 southeast of Pagosa Springs."

The significant information here is "CR-500 connects to various county roads and city streets." Exactly what does this mean? Could it mean Cascade, Buttress, Meadows Drive, South Pagosa, Timber Ridge and city of Pagosa streets? All the information indicated above is buried on pages 140-141 of the gravel pit application.

Those of us living on the proposed truck routes are adamantly opposed to this proposal. These are residential developments where residents moved to have a peaceful environment void of trucks rambling up and down their road,

causing noise pollution, road damage, safety issues for youngsters playing, riding bikes, etc., to say nothing of what this would do to property values.

We feel those who have proposed these routes show very little respect to the citizens of Pagosa, most specifically those living on these routes.

Therefore, we are calling on our fellow Pagosans to help us defeat this proposal by contacting our county commissioners and county planning manager and ask that their application for the gravel pit and the proposed routes be denied.

Clifford Lucero, clucero@archuleta-county.org, 264-8300; Steve Wadley, swadley@archuleta-county.org, 264-8300; Michael Whiting, mwhiting@archuleta-county.org, 264-8300; John Shepard, planning manager, jshepard@archuleta-county.org, 264-1390.

Gary Waples

## Grow up

Dear Editor:

Two weeks ago my letter entitled "Hate letters" was posted. I should have included its legal definition: "Speech that attacks a person or group on the basis of their attributes ..." In other words, it is a personal attack to disparage or dismiss. A blatant example would be, "You're too stupid to even have an opinion," or, "Sit down and shut up, Whitey."

At its heart, such speech attacks the messenger rather than the message, the person who has the opinion, not the opinion itself. It reminds me of an angry pitcher who throws at a batter he can't otherwise get "out."

For four of five weeks Mr. Blake personally attacked the following in his "letters": Evangelicals — "untrustworthy hypocrites;" all those Americans who choose to vote for Trump — "frothers at the mouth ... afraid of racial diversity;" all white "Boomers" — "stupid ... right-wing nuts." Obviously, if he had written in this vein about "blacks" his letters wouldn't even had been printed.

Sensing the need of some fair play as well as a fresh perspective, I challenged "his narrow view" which ignored the glaring faults on his political side, "As well" [emphasis added]. My perspective was that his opinions were not only personal and hateful but half-truths. I didn't even defend "my side," because politically, many things on both sides are indefensible. I interjected some snide wit for Hillary as to her dishonesty [a fact, not an opinion] but otherwise, did not make any personal attacks.

The following week a Ron Hardeman writes that I am a "hater" [see above definition] for challenging Mr. Blake.

In nearly a month of hate filled letters Hardeman didn't challenge Blake once but challenged me for challenging Blake.

Mr. Hardeman ends by asserting that my attitude is the template for our country's political polarization. Actually, the attitude that divides us is neither differences of opinion, the facts nor civil discourse but personal attacks which have become institutionalized by the PC culture. Therefore, if you differ as to legalizing illegal immigrants you're apt to be called a racist. If you bring up that the welfare system fosters a broken family structure and gang violence, again, you're a racist. Don't like the president's job performance ... racist. For the Second Amendment ... right wing extremist, etc.

Like schoolyard children, we gotta stop calling each other names if we're ever going to grow up and be problem solving, responsible adults ... politically or otherwise.

Charles Wenzel

## Youth football

Dear Editor:

The Pagosa Springs Youth Football Association (formerly under YAFL) is proud to announce we are now independent. We are holding a parent/community meeting April 14 at 6 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria with updates and information about our program. We are in the process of establishing the program and raising money to buy quality equipment.

We have compiled a board and become an official nonprofit entity separate from four corners YAFL in Farmington.

We will have a third/fourth-grade team and a fifth/sixth-grade team as well as cheerleaders.

Our league will benefit the community for athletics as well as become a productive feeder program for our middle school and high school teams.

We have joined the AYF league and we have done the groundwork for a positive atmosphere with great volunteer coaches to

teach fundamentals and parents to help get us going and support us throughout the season.

The cost of equipment is \$200 per athlete. We are expecting 60 boys to play this fall and we need equipment for each of them. We are looking for sponsors to help raise the \$10,000 needed this first year and thank the community for the support thus far.

In the future seasons, our registration fees and regular fundraising will cover maintenance of equipment and upgrades.

Please join us Thursday, April 14, to see how you can help or if you are interested in your child participating in our program.

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Tiffany Wilkin

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# Coloradans struggling to pay heating bills can still apply for LEAP benefits

By Michele Worthington  
Special to The SUN

Colorado residents behind on home heating bills still have time to apply for help. The Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) encourages Coloradans in need of financial assistance with home-heating costs to take advantage of the program and apply for LEAP benefits before the April 30 deadline.

LEAP is a program of the Colorado Department of Human Services that helps eligible Coloradans from November through April with cash assistance for their home-heating bills. The program pays the highest benefits to those with the highest heating bills and lowest incomes by family size.

Applicant income must not exceed 165 percent of the federal poverty index, which equals a maximum income of \$3,334 per month for a household of four people. The average LEAP benefit through

March has been \$389.

To date, LEAP has helped 70,736 Colorado households with their heating bills. However, there are still thousands of people who are eligible for the program but who have yet to apply.

"I know that many of us are focused on spring this time of year, but LEAP can still provide a huge help to people who have outstanding home-heating bills," LEAP Manager Aggie Berens said. "We will give full consideration to every application we receive before the April 30 deadline."

People interested in applying can call (866) HEAT-HELP [(866) 432-8435] to order a mailed application. Alternatively, applications are available at every county department of social or human services, most utility companies and many community agencies. Applications also can be downloaded from [www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap](http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap).

LEAP applicants must be Colo-

rado residents and U.S. citizens or legal aliens. They also need to provide a copy of a valid identification and a completed affidavit to comply with Colorado Revised Statutes regarding documentation of lawful presence.

Applicants must be responsible for paying heating costs, either directly to a utility company or to a landlord as part of rent.


People eligible for LEAP may also qualify for other benefits, like the Crisis Intervention Program, which helps repair or replace the home's primary heating system, or the Weatherization Assistance Program, which improves energy efficiency in homes. Colorado also offers a rebate of property tax, rent and heat expenses to low-income seniors and disabled persons.

Please visit the Colorado Department of Revenue's website at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/104PTC.pdf> for more information and the rebate application booklet.

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# Obituaries



## Jane Sinnott Entwistle

June 11, 1939-April 3, 2016.  
Jane S. Entwistle, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on April 3 in Colorado Springs after an 11-year battle with primary progressive aphasia. She was born in San Jose, Calif., on June 11, 1939, the daughter of John and Gladys Sinnott. Jane graduated from Lincoln High School in San Jose, Calif., in 1957. She entered UCLA as a member of the Gifted Women Class of 1961 study program and attended UCLA her freshman year, where she pledged Alpha Phi Sorority. She then transferred to Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill., from which she graduated in 1961 with a major in English and literature. It was at Wheaton, in her junior year registration line, that she met Larry Entwistle, her future husband. Following graduation, Jane continued her studies in education at San Jose State University and earned an MA at National-Lewis University. She then embarked on a 40-year teaching career spanning secondary schools in Pasadena, Calif.; District 11 in Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Wheaton, Ill., until retiring in 2004, when she was honored

as "Teacher of the Year" for District 200. Jane taught junior high U.S. history and senior high honors English; she truly loved teaching, and students both respected and loved her in return.

Jane and Larry were married on Aug. 4, 1961, in San Jose, Calif., and then lived in Pasadena and Sunnyvale, Calif.; Colorado Springs and Pagosa Springs, Colo.; and Wheaton, Ill., before retiring back to Colorado Springs, Colo., in 2004.

With a smile that lit up a room, Jane treasured relationships with family and friends. She loved history, especially U.S. history and her own family story of Swedish origin. A voracious reader who wrote prodigiously, her output of letters and cards was legendary. Jane also took a great interest in traveling and visited over 25 countries.

She was very active in Young Life and her church in each place in which she lived. Jane's 76 years epitomized the "Life Well Lived."

Jane is survived by her husband of 55 years, Larry, of Colorado Springs; two sons, Brooks, of Singapore, and Tyler, of New Canaan, Conn.; two wonderful daughters-in-law, Laura and Susan; along with four amazing grandchildren, Bryanna, Kayla, Ashley and Finn.

A memorial service will take place on Thursday, April 14, at 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 219 East Bijou St., Colorado Springs. Reception to follow.

The family would like to thank Sharon Gaines and her wonderful staff at A Caring Angel, and the exceptional teams at Pike's Peak Hospice and Morningstar Memory Care at Bear Creek for taking such great care of Jane.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made "In Honor Of Jane Entwistle" to Young Life, www.younglife.org; Room To Read, www.roomtoread.org; or the Northwestern University Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center, www.brain.northwestern.edu/about/giving.html.

## Michael Jaworskyj

My beloved husband, Michael Jaworskyj, left our world peacefully on March 30. He would have been 95 years old on April 10. Following Michael's wishes, there was no memorial service. He is survived by his wife, Diana Von der Muhll Jaworskyj, and by many members of his Ukrainian family.

Michael was born in Lviv, Ukraine, in 1921. As a young man during WWII, he was imprisoned by the Germans for more than a year. At that time, the Germans also abducted millions of people from Eastern Europe to do forced labor in Germany. He was taken to Munich with other Ukrainian people. Despite these difficult experiences, he had no bitterness.

After the war, he married a woman from Lviv, whom he met in Germany, and they came to the United States as displaced persons. Michael did many different jobs, worked as an upholsterer and had in mind to start his own business.

But then, in 1952, he began studying at the Johns Hopkins University, where he earned a B.A. and went on to earn a Ph.D. in political science in 1960. He started teaching at Hunter College in New York City in 1960, where he became a professor and taught for 31 years.

He went twice to see his mother in Ukraine, when she was very ill, before the breakup of the Soviet Union. From 1992, he was able to return freely to Ukraine to visit his family.

Michael moved to Santa Fe, N.M., in 1991, where he lived for four years, eventually settling in beautiful Pagosa Springs because he loved hiking, the mountains and the hot springs. He wrote four books, some about his life, which were published and well-received in Ukraine.

The United States was the country where he studied and pursued a career. He often expressed his gratitude for having been able to come and live in this country.

Written by his loving wife, Diana Von der Muhll Jaworskyj, and his best friend.

## Mildred D. 'Millie' Johnson

Mildred D. "Millie" Johnson passed away Tuesday, March 22, in Pagosa Springs. Service will be announced for a later date. Memorial contributions may be sent to Thrive Medical Testing and Education (www.thrivepagosa.org).

Millie was born May 18, 1924, in Bergen County, N.J., to William Patrick and Elizabeth (Sims) Durgin.

Millie was born and grew up in Westwood, N.J. Her early jobs included clerical and drafting work in New York City. After WWII, she took up downhill skiing with the Ski Club of New Jersey, where she met her future husband, ski troops veteran Arthur Johnson. Once married, they moved to Colorado, where they raised a family in Denver and later Steamboat Springs. They lived for several years in North Carolina before returning to Pagosa Springs.

Following the death of her husband, Millie lived with her beloved brother Robert in Holland, Mass. Dubbed "Team Holland," the octogenarian brother and sister thrived for five years until Robert passed away in 2011. Millie then lived with her son Jim and his wife in North Carolina until moving to Denver in

2013, staying there with Kathy and Jennifer until her return to Pagosa Springs with Kathy in 2015.

She is fondly remembered by those who knew and loved her for her wit, her grace, her sacrificial spirit, her love of grammar and poetry. Millie loved skiing, gardening, water aerobics and sewing. Millie had a resolute faith in Jesus Christ as her Savior. She held deep concern for the lives of her children and relatives. Her years were characterized by prayer for them.

She is survived by her children: James William (spouse Nancy) Johnson, of Greensboro, N.C., and Katherine Evelyn Johnson, of Pagosa Springs; grandchildren: Emily Dawn (spouse Jacob) Beach, Benjamin Paul Stymfal, Jennifer Rose (spouse Daniel Tafoya) Stymfal, Arthur Robert (spouse Crystal) Johnson, Amy Elizabeth (spouse Todd) Cox and Melinda Anne (fiance Josh Grimaldi) Johnson; 10 great-grandchildren: Ethan, Jared, Megan, Karah, Shawn, Katy, Myranda, Brynna, Christian and William; five nieces and one nephew.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Arthur William Johnson; a son, Steven Alan Johnson; her parents; and two siblings, William and Robert Durgin.

## Mel (Malaquias) Martinez

In memory of Mel (Malaquias) Martinez, born April 20, 1922, passed Feb. 18.

Mel served with distinction in the United States Army Infantry in World War II, where he and his brothers in arms were awarded the Unit Citation for Valor for their part in storming

Omaha Beach on D-Day. He was also involved in the liberation of Paris and the Battle of the Bulge.

He was a rancher for many years which he worked alongside his then wife, Lucy Martinez, and their two sons, David and Amos. Mel also loved to hunt and visit with friends and tell stories.

He was respected by many and will forever be missed.

## Marvin Vernon Nordyke Jr.

Marvin Vernon Nordyke Jr. passed away at Porter Hospital in Denver on April 2.

Marvin was born in Alva, Okla., on Sept. 16, 1953, and grew up in Wichita, Kan.

After graduating from Denver Baptist Bible College in 1981, Marvin decided to make Pagosa Springs his home.

Marvin loved nothing more than to be hiking in the mountains. He studied geology and was a passionate rock collector. Silver smithing and lapidary were life-time hobbies.

Marvin had many dear friends in Pagosa who assisted him throughout his illness.

He is survived by his brother, Russel Nordyke.

A memorial service will be held



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## LEGISLATURE

### Budget to biomass: Roberts reports on legislative matters

Last week, the Senate passed the 2016-2017 budget bill, also called the "long bill," since it's the most detailed and lengthy piece of legislation each year.

Despite dire predictions from the governor that Colorado couldn't find its way to an on-time, balanced budget without adopting more revenue maneuvers like the hospital provider fee changes, the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) instead presented a bipartisan budget bill to the full legislature, rejecting most of the cuts in the governor's November proposal.

Both Republican President Bill Cadman and Democratic Minority Leader Lucia Guzman commented at the end of the Senate chamber's budget debates that, while neither party got all of what each wanted in the budget process, it's a good and responsible budget bill. Nearly all of the senators agreed and voted to pass the budget bill, with only a few no votes from each party.

A special mention and tip of

the hat is very deserved to this year's six members of the JBC. They refused to go along with the governor's proposed cuts to Medicaid providers, to K-12 and higher education funding or to shift severance taxes away from energy development-impacted communities.

It's too bad the media doesn't report these kinds of successes, because they are indeed positive indicators of how Colorado legislators work hard to get the job of governing done, in a bipartisan manner.

I continue to seek ways to make progress on the biomass conversation. While my biomass energy production bill was killed in the House, I've since convened a meeting with



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a group of stakeholders so we could discuss what options might exist to encourage greater utilization of the unmarketable, dead timber and brush in many areas of Colorado.

Among the stakeholders who are participating in this effort are the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the Colorado State Forest Service, as well as those interested in greater development of markets for biochar and biomass products and energy generation. I'm also very pleased to have an environmental organization, The Nature Conservancy, participating in our conversations, as it "walks the walk" in its on-the-ground efforts in wildfire mitigation and watershed protection.

From my vantage point over a decade, the USFS has become much more engaged and proactive at the state level, which I appreciate. The level of engagement varies by region, but the type of relationship I've had with our local land managers is very beneficial when

discussing the challenges we face together, for public safety and for good stewardship of the public lands we live in and around.

It's likely that the biomass conversation will need to continue into the work of the interim committee on wildfire matters that I've been a member of for years. Hopefully, we will not have a devastatingly difficult wildfire season this year as we continue to sort through the challenges.

With the approach of an especially intense and divisive campaign season, even though I don't have an election this year, I want to encourage my constituents to critically evaluate what is put out there about my votes or me.

If you want to see what a bill actually does or costs the state, you can easily find that information on the legislature's website, [www.leg.state.co.us](http://www.leg.state.co.us). In the meantime, I'll keep working to represent my politically diverse and wonderful district to the best of my abilities.

### Working to reform veterans' access to health care

Colorado is fortunate to have a large and proud veteran community, and our state is committed to being the best place in the country for veterans to live and work.

More than 400,000 veterans live in Colorado. El Paso County boasts one of the largest concentrations of veterans in the country. Pueblo County is home to four Congressional Medal of Honor recipients and Buckley Air Force Base has one of the fastest-growing military populations of any base in the nation.

Our veterans and their families have bravely served and sacrificed for our nation, and now we have a sacred promise to support them upon their return. That includes timely access to quality health care.

A critical element of this goal — especially in Colorado's rural areas — is access to non-VA (Department of Veterans Affairs) care from community providers. The VA, the agency charged with serving our veterans, has attempted to implement a variety of programs to offer veterans access to non-VA health care. Congress also passed the Choice Act to give

veterans access to non-VA care if their waits were too long or they lived far away from a VA facility.

Yet, we continue to hear that these programs aren't working. Veterans in Durango have told us they are sometimes forced to travel hundreds of miles on mountain roads for doctor's appointments. In the San Luis Valley, home to more than 5,000 veterans, they once again have no primary physician at their local clinic and aren't able to easily access non-VA care. And in Colorado Springs, we met personally with the VA Health System director after a report documented that the Choice program was not being properly implemented.

Community medical providers partnering with the VA to provide



Sen. Bennet's Report

care also report major problems getting paid by the VA after treating veterans.

In response to the many complaints, we are working with Colorado veterans and community organizations to introduce a bill to reform the Choice program, consolidate the confusing and overlapping community care programs and eliminate bureaucratic hurdles that are delaying service. Our bill would create a single administrative system to reduce the burdens on private providers.

We have also been able to make some inroads with Choice program implementation. At our urging, the VA announced last month it would simplify the administrative requirements placed on non-VA providers to accelerate reimbursements.

And, we were able to fix a rule that only allowed veterans to access non-VA care if they lived more than 40 miles in a straight line from a VA clinic. Any Coloradoan can tell you that it can take an hour to travel to a destination that may techni-

cally be only 20 miles away if you're traveling over winding mountain roads. Under the new rule, veterans qualify based on their actual driving distance.

In addition, we're fighting to allow veterans who live within 40 miles from a VA facility, but require a specific service the facility doesn't offer, to receive non-VA care.

Finally, our work on the new VA medical center in Aurora will continue. Our veterans and taxpayers have zero tolerance for any more setbacks. We are committed to oversight of this project until the doors open.

No matter where they live, our veterans deserve access to high-quality health care and behavioral health care. It's our duty and obligation to ensure that the care is available in a timely manner and when they need it. We will continue to work with veterans, veterans advocates, community organizations and the Colorado congressional delegation to find innovative ways to improve access to care and benefits for veterans and their families.

### Brown takes a look at hospital provider fees

The issue of the hospital provider fee (HPF) is very confusing and technical. To me, this issue has good arguments on both sides and takes a lot of thought and reasoning to come to the right conclusion.

The HPF, associated with Obamacare, was passed by the legislature in 2009 as a way to get federal dollars to backfill the costs that hospitals incur from Medicaid patients and patients who cannot or do not pay.

I was originally under the impression that the HPF was a fee that each patient paid, mostly through their health insurance, for each night of stay in a hospital. One of my fellow legislators ran a bill in my Health, Insurance and Environment Committee that would have required hospitals to put this fee on a patient's bill. I thought it was a reasonable request, but the hospitals were strongly opposed to it. Finally, they helped me to understand that patients do not pay the fee.

Simply stated, this is how the HPF works: Each hospital sends

money, the amount depending on how many nights patients have spent in that hospital, to the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF). HCPF sends that money to the federal government, which, in turn, sends a check for twice the amount received back to HCPF. After doubling its money, HCPF then disperses the money to the hospitals in the state depending on how many Medicaid and non-paying customers they had. These transactions take place in a matter of minutes. The total amount received by the hospitals is about \$800 million per year.

When the HPF was first passed, several Republicans argued that it should be a separate "enterprise."



Rep. Brown's Report

However, it was finally decided to connect it with the general fund. The problem now is that, even though the HPF is not income from Colorado taxpayers, because it is not separate from the general fund, it artificially bumps up against the TABOR refund trigger.

To make the HPF an enterprise would free up about \$300 million.

The question before the legislature today is, do we make the HPF an enterprise, like originally some Republicans wanted, and, if we do so, is it constitutional?

Most Republican legislators believe that it would be unconstitutional to make the HPF an enterprise. However, Attorney General Cynthia Coffman and former Attorney General John Suthers, both Republicans, say that it would be constitutional. The Democrats in the legislature and Gov. John Hickenlooper want the money. Almost every business and social organization in the state believes that HPF should be an enterprise.

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## Director elections scheduled in three LPEA board districts

Election packets to be mailed by Friday, April 15; results announced May 7

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The SUN

Ballots for the election of three directors on the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) board are set to be mailed by Friday, April 15.

LPEA directors represent their geographic districts and help determine current and future policy at the electric cooperative.

Election results will be announced during the LPEA annual meeting, May 7.

"We encourage our members to be involved," said Mike Dreyspring, LPEA CEO. "We are facing challenges in the industry, and we need to be thoughtful and conscientious as we explore our options going forward. This election is very important. We encourage LPEA members to get to know the candidates in their district and vote."

In accordance with LPEA's by-laws, annually one seat in each of LPEA's four districts comes up for election. This year in District 3 (City of Durango), new candidate Doug Lyon is the only nominee; thus, the election in that district will be canceled and Lyon will assume the seat of retiring incumbent Michael Rendon.

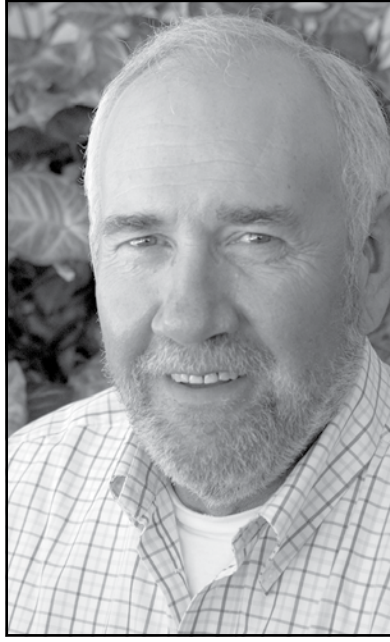
The approximately 8,000 LPEA members in Archuleta County — District 1 — will elect a representative to the board from a field of three: incumbent Mark Garcia and new candidates Mike Alley and Calum McNeil.

In District 2, south and west La Plata County, two new candidates will vie for the seat vacated by retiring incumbent Tom Compton: Dan Huntington and Lori Smith Schell, Ph.D. District 2 includes approximately 8,400 eligible voters.

District 4 members also have an option to vote for one of three: incumbent Jack D. Turner or new candidates John Beebe or Ron Bishop. More than 8,000 eligible voters are in District 4, which covers north and east La Plata County, including part of Bayfield.

Ballots must be received by 4 p.m., Friday, May 6, at the La Plata County Clerk's office (Bodo Park). The clerk's office is the independent, third-party retained by LPEA to tally the ballots utilizing La Plata County's official ballot-counting equipment.

Ballots may also be dropped off at LPEA's offices in Durango or Pagosa Springs, the La Plata County administration office in downtown Durango and Bayfield Town Hall, or



Mike Alley



Mark Garcia



Calum McNeil

mailed by May 4 to ensure timely delivery at the county clerk's office.

If not voting prior to the meeting, members can bring their ballots to the annual meeting at Sky Ute Casino and Resort in Ignacio on May 7. Registration for the annual meeting begins at 9 a.m., with the business meeting to commence at 10:30 a.m. Any member voting at the annual meeting must do so prior to 10:30 a.m.

### District 1, Archuleta County candidate statements

One representative to the board will be elected.

#### Mike Alley

Mike Alley, retired; community volunteer and 45-year veteran of the rural electric cooperative industry.

"LPEA is central to our community. I was privileged to be employed at the cooperative for 20 years, serving at my retirement as superintendent, overseeing operations in Archuleta County. I would now like to give back to all of you, representing our county on the LPEA Board of Directors.

"I foresee that we will soon have a greater demand for electricity in Archuleta County, with new housing and commercial development, and I want to ensure that we have reliable service here. New technology is coming on line that can enhance the reliability, and I believe I am in a unique position to understand how we can incorporate this technology with our current infrastructure for better service, while keeping rates to members in line.

"I have more than 45 years' experience in the electric utility industry, but in addition, I have taken on many volunteer leadership roles, including serving as councilman and mayor when I lived in Princeton, Mo. Plus I'm proud of working on our economic development efforts here, and I will continue to be involved.

"I'm also proud of the success we had when my wife Liz and I served as chairs for the United Way campaign in our county. At LPEA we also started some great legacies years back, and the LPEA Golf Tournament and Fill the Bucket Food Drive continue to make a difference every year. I believe in

community involvement and with your vote, will continue to support Archuleta County to the best of my ability."

#### Mark Garcia

Mark Garcia (Incumbent); consultant.

"Thank you for allowing me to serve as your director and represent you over the last three years. I have learned a lot about our co-op and sought to make sound decisions on important business matters that support your best interests and that of the co-op. In fact I have voted no on all rate increases because the rate increases were not necessary. Many of my votes have been in opposition to other directors who have different views or are content with the status quo in the next five years. LPEA is going to experience major changes, which are evolving throughout the electric industry and in our own communities, and we better be ready.

"The Board of Directors has been wrestling with tough issues that are critical and important to the future of our cooperative. These issues include addressing rates and policies imposed by Tri-State, rapid changes in the electric industry that are and will have a dramatic impact on the co-op model and a failed LPEA subsidiary (WESODI) which lost millions of member dollars. A lot of tough work is still needed to ensure LPEA is poised for the future and able to meet member demands.

"I would like to continue my service on the LPEA Board. If elected I will continue to represent you, your interests, and make sound business decisions. I welcome your questions, comments and concerns and would gladly meet with you to discuss the past, present and future LPEA."

#### Calum McNeil

Calum McNeil, business owner. McNeil was the eighth-grade chess champion in Goffstown, N.H. Upon finishing high school, he moved to Europe and worked as a stone mason in Parbitsva Castle in the Czech Republic. He went on to found Calum's Cookies in Hawaii, where he won the favor of the locals. He spent time studying business in Oregon and electrical installation back in New Hampshire. He volunteered with

community access television during the 2008 presidential election, and on several other local boards. He moved to the Rocky Mountains in 2009 for the snow. Now a proud landowner in Pagosa Springs, he works in construction and septic installation and wears a large mustache.

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My gratitude goes to the Hospice team, Dr. James Pruitt and Dr. Jason Wallace.

In my late husband's view and in mine, Diana Von der Muhll Jaworskyj, one feels best at home together with a loving person.

Dr. Wallace, who had treated my husband, Michael Jaworskyj, during the last months, suggested hospice care. For Michael and me this was the best solution. The fact that I could, when I had a question, phone hospice 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and the nurse on duty would call me back was crucial. Once I called at 2 a.m. to ask about a drug, Our nurse, Stacey, was on duty and called me back, explained everything to me in such a reassuring way. This helped me tremendously.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the unsparing support I experienced from Dr. Pruitt, Stacey and Heidi, as well as from the other members of the Hospice team and, during the months just before, from Dr. Wallace.

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# Johnson

## Continued from front

love, light and life have touched so many people so deeply throughout the years. From actors, to teachers, to just wonderful human beings, Dale has helped so many students decide the kind of people they want to be."

Dale has served the students of PSHS for 15 years and in that time it is hard to imagine exactly how far her influence has spread.

She has directed a total of 15 musicals and 12 one-act plays, in addition to pioneering the first drama club at PSHS.

Her experience in directing, choreography and working with students is extensive. She first remembers being on stage around the age of 5, although the memory is but a fuzzy image in her mind now. From that early encounter with the theater, an unspeakable love for the performing arts began to develop.

Dale grew up performing and organizing plays, as well as learning classic ballroom dances from her father, who taught ballroom professionally.

She found ways to integrate theater into a variety of activities, including facilitating theatrical workshops in the context of outdoor adventure education.

"I'm kind of a self-taught director and experiential choreographer," Dale told The SUN.

During her 20s and 30s, Dale worked as a director for dinner and repertoire theaters. Oftentimes, her

children were in shows with her, and theater became an important space for Dale and her family.

In the early 2000s, Dale was living in Santa Fe, N.M., and feeling ready for a change.

She and her son, Jesse, visited Pagosa Springs. The town had made it into the top three on their list of possible destinations. While driving around downtown, they happened to pass the high school and Dale noticed the large drums visible through a window. Jesse was a percussionist, and in that moment, Dale knew Pagosa was where she wanted to be.

"I drove by the high school and saw the timpani drums through the band room window. Jesse was a drummer, and I knew this was the place," Dale said.

Their relocation came at an opportune time in 2001, as Lisa Hartley was working to single-handedly put on a production of "Annie Get Your Gun." Jesse had landed a part in the show and mentioned to his mom that they needed help.

Dale showed up at the high school auditorium to meet Lisa and volunteer, a bit unsure of whether or not it was a good idea. In a wave of relief, Lisa gave Dale a big hug and urged her to help in any way she pleased.

Thus began the Dale's PSHS legacy of love, laughter and excellence in performing arts.

Choosing a favorite musical from Dale's list of 15 is like choosing a favorite child — it's impossible. One

of Dale's fondest memories comes from the opening of "Beauty and the Beast" — a show so popular it was oversold every single night.

"There were so many people that Lisa had to turn some away. It was filled to capacity, people were sitting on the floor and Lisa cried because she had to send people away," Dale recalled.

"West Side Story" was another standout experience for Dale and her students, largely because the content of the show forced the kids to examine important issues in a new way.

"West Side Story" was the first musical we did that had more substance and addressed more serious life issues of color and gangs and violence, and that one was really hard for us; it was hard for kids to perform what that meant," she explained.

For those who are unfamiliar, the musical is a Romeo and Juliet tale set in New York City in the 1960s and unfolds in the context of battling street gangs.

"Very foreign to Pagosa," Dale said, "it was a lot of sitting on the stage and talking about how it would feel to be in that situation. I remember lots of tears and angst to understand how that felt."

In this way, Dale has always worked to use theater as a tool to open her students' minds, with the goal of cultivating compassion, empathy and understanding of people and experiences that exist far beyond the realities of life in

Pagosa Springs.

While she is known best for her work on musicals, Dale's work on one-act plays has also been an admirable part of her directing career.

"I tried to really find provocative one-acts so that they [the students] got a different kind of experience and were in a different environment than the musicals; these were more the dig deep into yourself and bring this out," she explained.

Every year, the students performed their one-act shows in competition, and every year in 12 years they were awarded highest honors for their performances.

Dale is reluctant to mention such accomplishments, largely because, for her, performing arts is not about the final product, but about changing the lives of her students. Dale has truly created a home within the PSHS auditorium, and her students are in every sense a family to her.

She refers to her students as "my kids," and she is known in return as "Mama Dale." Many of the students have quite literally grown up on stage alongside her.

Local talent Johannah Laverty, who secured the lead in more PSHS and Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) musicals than one could count and currently performs as a musical theater student at Fort Lewis College, first graced the stage at the age of 6.

"Johannah's last show was really hard because I had been working with Johannah since she was 6. Dana brought her on stage and gave her my hand and said, 'she's yours now,'" she recalled with an emotional glint in her eyes. Dale then rattled off a long list of students who began their theater careers with her at the tender ages of 5 or 6, several of which shared their voices in the recent production of "Legally Blonde."

"They're not mine, but in many ways I feel like they're mine. I feel very much a part of their lives, but very proud when they go off... I feel like I have hundreds of kids all over, and I'm still able to come in and out of their lives. And that's very special," she shared.

Dale and her kids become a family quite effortlessly because she pushes them to create an environment of positivity and develop genuine relationships with one another.

"At our first meeting I always say, 'The show is the whipped cream; your performance will be what you put into it. But what I want us to experience is what kind of place we create, what kind of environment we create for each other.' That's always the most important thing. If they never do another show again, I don't care, but what they take with them, what they carry, what they remember — maybe that helps them make better decisions and make critical decisions and become stronger."

Mayor Don Volger responded, "If a traffic study has been done, we will find it."

Egan followed up on Volger's comment by asking Schulte if he had any knowledge of a previous study. Schulte did not. But Town Planning Director James Dickhoff said he had heard of a study that had been performed in the past, at the request of a private party, well before his tenure or Schulte's.

Hudson commented from the audience that it was his understanding that a study may have been made in 2007.

Dickhoff said the town did not have a copy of that study, but that efforts would be made to obtain one.

Councilor Clint Alley noted that he would like to see the prior traffic study if possible, but commented that council couldn't base its decision on the bridge on studies that were 10 years old.

"Nobody does business based on 10 years ago," he said.

Councilor Kathie Lattin agreed, commenting that access to both studies would afford council broader perspective.

Schanzenbaker confirmed his support, too, for having the traffic and economic impact studies proposed by Schulte performed, but raised again the subject of payment by suggesting to council that, "at a minimum we [should] share the cost of these studies with the developer."

He followed by asking if the developer would agree.

Matt Mees, one of the three partners in the development, responded that they would like an opportunity to discuss that suggestion among themselves, including with one member of their group who was out of town.

Egan then observed, "if we don't do this traffic study, 10 years down the road your kids are going to be sitting here saying, 'why the hell didn't you do that traffic study? You knew we needed it.'"

He continued, "I would like to make a motion," and then moved that council should direct that the studies be performed, but with the stipulation that the cost be shared equally with the developer. Schanzenbaker seconded.

The motion carried 5-1, with Lattin voting "nay."

According to Postma, "The theater has always been a place that collects lost souls. But Dale sent up the beacon for us. She told us that it was a safe space where creativity and self-expression were as natural yet as vital as breathing. Dale taught me the true meaning of theater and the power of an ensemble: a group of performers working together towards a single goal; a team that, together, equals much more than the sum of its parts; a family."

For many students, Dale's beacon has led them through times of darkness.

"A lot of times you are going through a musical and it all seems so wonderful, and it is, but then you'll see a kid who is distraught. And you're reminded that all these kids show up to rehearsals and some of them are going through really tough stuff in their home lives. I always ask, 'What do you expect from us?' and they always think it's good dancing or something, but my answer is to be kind," Dale said.

In this way, Dale has dedicated herself to nurturing her students and seeing them thrive, often through times of adversity. However, it is never a one-way street. In helping her students overcome their hardships, they have also helped Dale overcome her own.

She remembers going through an extremely difficult period of her life in 2007, right in the middle of the PSHS production of "Peter Pan." At first she told Lisa that she would be forced to step back from the show, but a few days later she realized the theater was arguably the best place to work through her pain.

When she returned and asked Lisa to take her back, she sat on the stage with her students and told them she was struggling.

"They didn't judge, they didn't ask questions, they were just like, 'What can we do?'"

Dale sees her time in the theater department as a circle of positive impact moving from her heart to her students, among the students, and from the students back to Dale, but in the midst of working through their individual and collective challenges, the kids keep Dale laughing.

"My sense of play and fun has never gone away, and it's because of them; they make me laugh all the time. They keep me in touch with what is going on in their generation that I might not know about. They helped me learn how to use my smartphone that I just got that I don't know how to use," she said with a laugh.

Most of all, they remind her to continue taking chances.

"They help me always remember to learn new things and take chances, they help me remember I need a new adventure, and I need

change, and some new things, but they remind me of that because they are always doing new things... which has led to me leaving."

As she said the word "leaving," a bittersweet sadness settled on her face.

"As much as I know this is the right decision, it's very hard. Sometimes the right decisions are the hardest decisions."

Dale doesn't know exactly what the future holds beyond finishing up work on CUP's summer production of "Fiddler on the Roof." Dreams of travel, graduate school, working as a first responder for refugees or working at a summer camp for children who have lost siblings are floating in the realm of possibilities.

One thing is certain: Dale's immeasurable impact will be appreciated for years to come and is bound to change the lives of the people lucky enough to know her in the future.

This was keenly felt during the closing of "Legally Blonde," when current and former students paid tribute to Dale's remarkable legacy of love. There was hardly a dry eye in the PSHS auditorium as a video flickered on the side of the stage and students spoke of Dale's tender heart, endless compassion and welcoming spirit.

They spoke of finding a home in the arts, discovering themselves and learning to be kind.

It ended with former students from across the country singing "For Good," from the musical "Wicked." As the video faded and Sally Neel stroked the piano keys, Dale's kids left their seats and filled the stage. Arm in arm, with wet cheeks catching the light, they sang: "It well may be, that we will never meet again in this lifetime. So let me say before we part, so much of me is made of what I learned from you. You'll be with me, like a handprint on my heart. And now whatever way our stories end, I know you have rewritten mine by being my friend. Like a ship blown from its mooring by a wind off the sea, like a seed dropped by a sky bird in a distant wood. Who can say if I've been changed for the better? But because I knew you, I have been changed for good."

Of all the songs that have been sung in that familiar room, it was the one sung with more truth, sincerity and gratitude than any other.

During the tribute, former student Clay Pruitt said it best: "When we had two left feet, you gave us your right. When we had lofty dreams, you told us to dream bigger. When our hearts were broken, you taught us how to mend them. I know this is the end of an era, but don't you worry, Mama Dale, your legacy is strong — just look around you."

# Bridge

## Continued from front

The developer has reported that if the new bridge is built, providing convenient access to U.S. 160, a new hotel at its south end will be a prominent feature of the development.

As reported by The SUN on March 31, expected revenues from the hotel, if constructed, are estimated at \$6 million annually. Additionally, the developer anticipates construction of a hotel and its occupancy by future guests will be likely to attract additional commercial tenants catering to tourism to the project.

Town Manager Greg Schulte introduced the proposal to obtain traffic and economic impact studies to council.

He explained that feedback from the public meeting regarding the proposed bridge on March 17, as well as some of council's earlier meetings this year, "was that there needed to be more information" obtained regarding the proposed bridge in two respects, "traffic analysis and ... the economic impact."

Schulte reported that studies to consider the economic impact on the town of the build out of the proposed 27-acre development, and of the effect on traffic circulation downtown of the build out with and without the new bridge, would cost an estimated \$40,000. The studies would likely take one to two months to complete, he said.

After Schulte's introduction, councilor David Schanzenbaker commented that he believed the studies were needed, but queried whether the cost should be borne by the developer, particularly for the economic impact study.

Town Planning Director James Dickhoff observed in response to a question from Schanzenbaker that there had been situations where the "town used to require [a developer to pay for that] as part of the large retail development application process, but not as a general rule."

Jack Searle of Springs Partners then spoke on behalf of the developer, focusing on the partners' longstanding commitment to Pagosa Springs.

Searle noted, "we love this town."

He also described a vision for the development to be a pedestrian-friendly area with attractive shops and restaurants and the background of surrounding mountains.

He said the hope is that visitors would "go back and tell their friends how cool Pagosa Springs is."

Numerous members of the public then commented regarding the proposed studies, but also more generally concerning the development and the ultimate decision of whether or not to build the bridge.

Mike Heraty noted that it has already been reported that potential amendment of the 2012 agreement was being discussed by the town and the developer. In these discussions, he suggested, consideration should be given to revising the terms of the agreement, which indicate presently that a com-

mitment by the town to build the bridge or not was needed by 2017.

Heraty said there was a "false sense of urgency," and the agreement should be amended to allow a bridge to be constructed by the town "if and when it's needed."

Heraty said he believed that a new bridge would likely be necessary for public convenience ultimately, but suggested that the key question is of when.

He commented that experience shows that full build-out of the 27-acre development would likely be a lengthy process.

"When is that likely" to happen, he asked, "How many years out?"

The real public need may be years away, he concluded, so the town shouldn't build the bridge prematurely and impair its current ability to achieve other priorities.

Lynn Dryburgh emphasized the importance of the principle contained in the Colorado Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) of the right to vote on substantial public financial commitments.

For the town to build a bridge without an opportunity for its voters to approve or reject the project, she said, would be "immoral."

Julie Church echoed the suggestion that the developer should pay for needed studies, noting that she had understood that was normally required, and the burden should be on the developer to show that the bridge would be beneficial.

Church continued by agreeing with Heraty that a need for a bridge may be years off. Therefore, she stressed that the traffic study should consider the predictable impact of the development south of the river in the near term, and not only when the development is completed in the distant future.

Finally, Church noted that a bridge at 5th Street could negatively impact access to the area on the north bank of the river behind and adjacent to the county courthouse. This issue, she suggested, was an actual cost that needed to be considered as part of any possible bridge, together with the cost of construction.

John Thompson noted that the approximate \$7 million expense for the bridge and connecting roads was small in comparison to the planned \$200 million value of the 27-acre development.

He suggested the cost of the bridge should be met by the developer. He commented, if the developer can't afford to pay for the relatively small cost of the bridge, it "damn sure can't afford \$200 million."

Bill Hudson commented that he believed Hot Springs Boulevard had the capacity to support a traffic volume of 20,000 vehicles a day, likely far in excess of any need that could be reasonably anticipated even with full development south of the river. He agreed that a traffic study should be performed; however, he questioned the need for an economic impact study, since development was ultimately inevitable in that area of town in any event.

JR Ford, too, agreed with Heraty

that the actual need for a bridge could be years off. He suggested that the town should seek amendment of the vested rights agreement with the developer to obtain a property easement necessary to accommodate construction of a bridge and connecting roads in the future, when needed, not only within the next year.

Since the developer was heavily committed to Pagosa Springs, he noted, it should be willing to allow such an easement.

Ford also commented that he had heard that a traffic study dealing with Hot Springs Boulevard and the potential impact of development on traffic circulation in the area had been performed in the past and questioned why it had not been disclosed to the public.

Mayor Don Volger responded, "If a traffic study has been done, we will find it."

Egan followed up on Volger's comment by asking Schulte if he had any knowledge of a previous study. Schulte did not. But Town Planning Director James Dickhoff said he had heard of a study that had been performed in the past, at the request of a private party, well before his tenure or Schulte's.

Hudson commented from the audience that it was his understanding that a study may have been made in 2007.

Dickhoff said the town did not have a copy of that study, but that efforts would be made to obtain one.

Councilor Clint Alley noted that he would like to see the prior traffic study if possible, but commented that council couldn't base its decision on the bridge on studies that were 10 years old.

"Nobody does business based on 10 years ago," he said.

Councilor Kathie Lattin agreed, commenting that access to both studies would afford council broader perspective.

Schanzenbaker confirmed his support, too, for having the traffic and economic impact studies proposed by Schulte performed, but raised again the subject of payment by suggesting to council that, "at a minimum we [should] share the cost of these studies with the developer."

He followed by asking if the developer would agree.

Matt Mees, one of the three partners in the development, responded that they would like an opportunity to discuss that suggestion among themselves, including with one member of their group who was out of town.

Egan then observed, "if we don't do this traffic study, 10 years down the road your kids are going to be sitting here saying, 'why the hell didn't you do that traffic study? You knew we needed it.'"

He continued, "I would like to make a motion," and then moved that council should direct that the studies be performed, but with the stipulation that the cost be shared equally with the developer. Schanzenbaker seconded.

The motion carried 5-1, with Lattin voting "nay."

# Justice

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that a crime has been committed and intentionally fail to notify law enforcement."

Too, the bill would increase the penalty and make it relative to the associated felony.

For instance, tampering with a deceased human body is now a class 3 felony if the remains related to a class 1 or class 2 felony, down to being a class 1 misdemeanor if the remains related to any class of misdemeanor.

Additional information on the bill can be found at <http://www.leg.state.co.us>.

Prior to the bill's passage and signing, all physical evidence was considered the same under the law, whether an everyday object or a human body.

The charge of tampering with physical evidence is a class 6 felony.

There are six felony classifications in Colorado, with class 6 being the lowest and carrying a presumed sentence of one year to 18 months in prison.

## On Capitol Hill

Prior to being signed into law by Hickenlooper on April 7, the bill received strong approvals in both the Colorado Senate and House of Representatives.

The bill was introduced into the Senate by Republican Sen. Jerry Sonnenberg on Jan. 13 and assigned to the Judiciary and Appropriations committees.

The bill made its way back to the Senate as a whole roughly a month later and, on Feb. 25, was approved, with 32 senators voting in favor, two voting against and one excused.

While Sonnenberg initially sponsored the bill, 11 other senators added their sponsorship to the bill, including Sen. Ellen Roberts, a democrat representing the local district.

The bill was also introduced into the House on Feb. 25.

On March 17, the bill passed in the House, with 64 representatives voting in favor, none voting against and one excused.

Similar to the Senate, while

Reps. Rhonda Fields (a Democrat) and Polly Lawrence (a Republican) initially co-sponsored the bill, a handful of other representatives added their sponsorship to the bill, including Rep. J. Paul Brown, a Republican representing the local district.

"I am extremely grateful to my family, especially my sisters Jessica and Vicki, and my many Trujillo friends and neighbors for their unwavering support and assistance," Hanson wrote, adding, "I'm amazed at the extent of compassion shown by the numerous legislators in our senate and house who helped move this bill through."

## A mother's quest

When Hanson reported her 34-year-old son, who was born and raised along Trujillo Road, missing in the evening hours of Aug. 12, 2014, she can't have imagined that not two years later she would be testifying at the Capitol in Denver in support of a bill to differentiate human remains from other

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# Marijuana

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his other stores, in compliance with the standards existing in those communities.

Clark said that he hopes to find a source for flowered bud in Archuleta County, because he believes sales of it will be necessary in the long run for profitable operations. However, he has no plans to develop his own local grow facility due to the expense, which he estimated at "in the range of half a million dollars."

Clark explained that he wanted to open immediately even without the ability to sell a full line of products because of the substantial investment he has already made to purchase his store location and prepare it for operation.

The fundamental concern raised in council's discussion of the Growhouse application was that its plans to operate without selling any locally grown product would conflict with the intent of the town ordinance to encourage investment and employment in the community. Several council members expressed reservations over the application, because the failure to sell any locally produced product would substantially diminish the local economic impact of granting the license.

The possibility that Growhouse's operations might change later if a local source could be found was not considered meaningful. As councilor Kathie Lattin observed, council needed to consider the existing merits, not the merits of what Growhouse "might become."

Schulte suggested that town attorney Bob Cole, who participated in the discussion by video conference, be asked for his view of the impact of the ordinance's local grow requirement on an application for a license by a retailer intending to sell infused products only, not flowered bud.

Cole responded by noting that the ordinance authorized issuance of licenses for sale of either "retail marijuana or retail marijuana products," but contained no linkage of the two alternatives. Therefore, he said, he could not "see where [Growhouse] would not be meeting your criteria" applicable only to sales of flowered bud by planning to sell just infused products without regard to local production. He concluded that the

limited nature of Growhouse's anticipated business was not grounds for denial of a license.

Cole continued, that if council wanted "to link [the sale of] infused products and flowered bud," so that retail sales of the former would not be permitted in the absence of sales also of the latter meeting the local grow requirement, it would need to amend the ordinance.

In response to a question by councilor David Schanzenbaker, Cole said that if an amendment to the ordinance were approved, it could be enforced at the time of a subsequent application for license renewal. License renewal is required yearly by the ordinance.

Cole opined that a license holder would not be entitled to be "grandfathered," that is, entitled to repeated application of standards existing at the time of original issuance, in the event of future renewal applications following an amendment.

Council approved the Growhouse application, but with a warning in the words of Mayor Don Volger to "expect change" in the terms of the ordinance by the time the license would become due for renewal.

## Second application

The second application before council was for a store to be operated under the name San Juan Strains Inc., with business premises to be located at 356 E. Pagosa St., downtown.

The applicants, Peter Hurley and James Diffey, explained to council that they intend to sell flowered bud in their business, but acknowledged the store will not have a local source of supply at first. To meet the local grow requirement, they plan to construct a greenhouse near Stevens Field (the Archuleta County airport), which they expect will be producing flowered bud for sale by the fall.

Hurley and Diffey represented specifically to council that with future grow from their own greenhouse, they will meet the ordinance's 70-percent requirement if calculated on the basis of a full year of flowered bud inventory, rather than only opening inventory. They pointed out the heavy incentive for them to sell their own product, as it will provide much greater profit than product

obtained from other sources. They explained that flowered bud from other sources will ultimately be sold through their store primarily to offer variety, for marketing purposes.

Schanzenbaker commented that the burden was on the applicants to show a valid reason that a retail license should be issued that would allow sales of flowered bud prior to access to a required local supply.

Hurley responded that they were seeking to open San Juan Strains for sales as early as possible because the revenue realized from sales would help meet the business' capital needs to complete the greenhouse. He also pointed out they believed that compliance with the local grow requirement over the course of a year would meet the terms of the ordinance.

Schulte observed that the application highlighted a question how to enforce the local grow requirement that had not been previously considered: whether it should be applied at a point in time, or over a span of time. The question was not previously considered, he said, because when the ordinance was approved the only business hoping to obtain a retail license from the town was expecting to have its own grow operation from the time of start-up.

Town Planning Director James Dickhoff added a comment that one relevant consideration in enforcing the ordinance was that a grower might experience crop failure, which may make the ability to meet the 70-percent requirement continuously problematic for any business depending on a sole Archuleta County source for the purpose.

In response to a question from Schanzenbaker, Schulte said that the town had not undertaken formally to verify the initial licensee's compliance with the 70-percent mandate on the first day of operation.

Cole told council that the wording of the ordinance itself contained no implication that the 70-percent local grow standard was anything less than continuously enforceable at all times. Therefore, he said, if it had been council's intention to create a requirement with such strict inflexibility, it had the discretion to deny the license to San Juan Strains to open for business immediately on

that ground.

But council was of divided opinion what the original intent had been. Volger said he thought personally the ordinance's 70 percent requirement was to be met continuously from the start of operation, but he agreed with Schulte that the question had not been specifically discussed by council.

Lattin also said she had expected the requirement would apply from the start, but councilor Clint Alley said he had never thought it was to be enforced on a daily basis.

The ultimate consensus was expressed by councilor John Egan, who observed that it appeared "we don't have our own rules clearly established."

He went on to comment that he didn't want "to penalize people who are trying to put together a legitimate business just because we don't know what the hell we're doing."

Council concurred in Egan's view. Thus, Alley stated, we "can't enforce something that's not in there."

And councilor CK Patel commented that although council needed to fix the ordinance, the applicant should be entitled to go forward. But, he said, the applicant should "know that as we amend ... and fix some of these issues that we may not have done right the first time, on their renewal they'll have to adhere to whatever the new rules are."

At the conclusion of the discussion, council approved a license for San Juan Strains, also. However, the collective sense of council was clear that both applications had raised issues that deserved further consideration.

Lattin suggested that council should impose a moratorium on consideration of further licenses until there has been an opportunity to evaluate potential amendments to the ordinance. That proposal may be included on the agenda for council's next meeting.

Schulte informed council that no additional license applications were currently "in the pipeline."

Lattin also suggested that council should consider ultimately imposing a ceiling on the number of retail marijuana licenses to be allowed in the town.

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# Justice

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evidence like a food wrapper, then attending the governor's signing the bill into law.

On that August 2014 evening, Hanson reported her son missing after he failed to return to his house after reportedly leaving a friend's house on the lower Blanco River with the intention of taking his canoe down the river to his house off of Trujillo Road.

After a day passed, a search operation ensued, including 35 to 40 individuals and a helicopter, with several other agencies notified and on call to help.

On the afternoon of Aug. 16, 2014, an individual not associated with the search reported finding a canoe and the body of an adult male along the river near Trujillo Road. That body was then identified as belonging to Hanson-Colburn.

Indicators on the body, as well as the position of the body and the location of the canoe, were inconsistent with washing down the river and led investigators to suspect foul play, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office personnel explained at the time.

Following that, on Aug. 17, 2014, an Archuleta County man was arrested on charges of second-degree murder, tampering with physical evidence and obstruction of government operations.

However, the murder charge was later dropped, as well as the obstruction charge.

Later that year, the man, Kevin Dale Maxwell, now 58, was sentenced to 15 months in the Colorado Department of Corrections for tampering with physical evidence. The sentence, which included credit for time served in jail, also included one year of mandatory parole, which DOC records show Maxwell is currently serving.

During his sentencing hearing, it was claimed by Maxwell and his attorneys that he acted in self defense in killing Hanson-Colburn, then acted poorly in the aftermath.

After that, Hanson and her family worked to help change the Colorado law Maxwell was convicted of and create a new law.

Hanson pointed out in February that the law (prior to the new

law created on April 7) failed to differentiate between types of evidence, be it a human body or a food wrapper.

"That hit myself and my family pretty hard," Hanson said in February. "We all thought the same thing ... 'We need to change that.'"

They decided they needed to make sure no other family experienced what they did, and wanted the penalties to be more severe in instances where a murder charge is not possible.

Hanson noted in February that Maxwell couldn't be charged with murder for a variety of reasons, including that a lot of evidence was lost following her son's killing, due to factors such as transportation of his body and the river.

That led her and her family to

believe that the penalty for tampering with a human body should be more severe than a class 6 felony.

In wanting to do something about changing the law, Hanson was given the name of and got in touch with a man who works with multiple organizations providing support to victims of crimes and their families.

That man, Joe Cannata, is the founder of Voices of Victims, an organization that provides post-sentencing support to victims, and works a lot with another organization, Colorado Victims for Justice.

After speaking with Hanson about the goal to make the law more severe and differentiate a human body from other evidence, Cannata worked with the two

organizations, contacted various people and engaged in research on similar cases in which there were no bodies found or destroyed evidence.

That work connected Hanson with the bill, which she and her sister Jessica Hanson then testified in favor of before the Senate.

Those testimonies included graphic details of her son's murder and the aftermath that compelled the family to seek the change in law.

The SUN has chosen to not print the graphic details of this case out of respect to the families and others involved.

But while the bill may now be law, Hanson is not done, stating she plans on becoming involved with Colorado Victims for Justice.

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## CHAMBER NEWS

## Earth Week for businesses April 18-22

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
SUN Columnist

As we celebrate 46 years of Earth Day awareness, there are many activities that we as business owners and employees can do to help our environment.

Start this week and know that every little bit of conservation, reuse and recycling helps our community and our planet.

While you are helping to conserve, you are also saving money for your business.

### Make it green Monday

Start off the week by advocating some changes in the workplace. Encourage employees to walk or bike to work with the weather getting nicer. Offer special bike parking, bike racks or an incentive if they use nonmotorized transportation. Encourage carpooling.

Minimize waste by "brown-bagging" your lunch to work with washable food containers, utensils and portable carry or grocery bags.

Who in your office might compost at home? A tip especially for restaurants is to save food scraps and give them to associates who compost at home for their gardens. Who knows—they may thank you by bringing in and sharing their tasty fruits and vegetables.

### Recycle toner Tuesday

There are a number of ways to dispose of toner cartridges besides just throwing them into the trash. If you order your toner online, many of the companies offer recycling, return or credit programs.

Here in Pagosa, our local copier business recycles toner cartridges.

### Water-wise Wednesday

Drip, drip, drip. What about those leaky faucets and toilets in the sink could waste 5-10 gallons of water a day. A leaking toilet could result in 7-200 gallons per day depending on the size of the leak.

Can your business afford to spend that extra money on water leaks, much less wasting our precious water? Quit putting off fixing that drip.

If you cannot see a leak but have a high water bill, turn off the water source to all water-consuming appliances and then see if the

problem is in the pipes or the appliances. Then test the appliances, typically starting with those toilets.

Oftentimes, a leaky faucet is because of an old washer. They are easy to replace and will save you thousands of gallons of water and unnecessary expense.

### Throw away thoughtfully Thursday

If you don't have a recycling area in your business—start one. It is simple; there are a number of ways to recycle and dispose of the refuse and it takes minimal space and effort.

Recycling can begin with a variety of trash cans, bins, boxes or bags. Set up a small area in your business for associates to recycle.

In Pagosa Springs, there are a number of options to recycling: Businesses can take their recycling to the transfer station or use private disposal businesses.

Restaurants—do you recycle your cooking oil? There are recycling businesses that will provide your restaurant with the appropriate containers and most times they pay you.

### Forget-me-not Friday

Here are some other tips not to forget and that can easily be implemented in your business: Can you go paperless both in invoicing and by paying your bills online?

If you have any available land, can you do even some small landscaping: plant flowers, use a space for an employee garden, plant a tree or two?

Think about having your business or joining up with another business to adopt a highway cleanup section. Contact the Colorado Department of Transportation for available roads.

Get rid of bottled water. Give refillable bottles to the employees and have a water pitcher or a central water dispenser that you can refill.

Are your light bulbs changed out to LED or CFLs? It's one of the easiest ways to save energy.

### Membership news

We welcome back long-standing member SelecPRO School Photography with Ken and Jan Harms.

## BoCC to waive recycling fees week of Earth Day, approve food services

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) will waive fees for the county recycling facility from April 16 through April 23 in recognition of Earth Day.

The request was made by the Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS) and was presented to the BoCC by County Administrator Bentley Henderson during the BoCC's April 5 meeting.

"SOS is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to a sustainable lifestyle for Southwestern Colorado residents. SOS has sponsored Earth Day in Pagosa since 2008," reads agenda documentation on the topic. "Our focus this year is recycling. Archuleta County continues to lead in sustainability and environmental awareness and has greatly improved its recycling processes with the addition of new equipment and new personnel."

The documentation goes on to state how SOS would like to keep residents informed of the recycling opportunities in Archuleta County.

By the BoCC waiving recycling fees for the week, "the BoCC pub-

licly endorses the recycling program and improvements, encourages all residents to recycle, promotes environmental awareness and invests in a new and potentially lucrative revenue stream," reads the documentation.

Commissioner Steve Wadley made a motion to approve waiving fees for the county recycling facilities the week of Earth Day, with Commissioner Clifford Lucero seconding the motion.

Lucero made the first commissioner comment, stating that, when he was first elected in 2009, recycling was a huge priority for him.

"This year, we have \$4,500 in scholarship money to give out, just from people donating aluminum cans," explained Lucero, adding that "Recycling in general is just going phenomenal."

Lucero also commended the late Gene Crabtree, saying he really helped get recycling going in the 1980s.

"We named the recycling center and transfer station after Gene Crabtree," said Lucero. "He was instrumental in helping us on recycling."

"I think this is a good way for us to partner with the Southwest Orga-

nization for Sustainability. They do a lot of good in the community," commented Wadley, adding, "We need to make the statement that (recycling) is important to this community, and I echo Clifford's remarks about Gene Crabtree. He was really a guy that recycling meant a lot to, and he really got us off the ground here."

The motion passed unanimously.

### Inmate meals

During the same meeting, the BoCC approved an agreement for food services for inmates from the Old Town Market and Deli for the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO).

Archuleta County Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton presented the agenda item to the BoCC.

"We've been in negotiations with Old Town Market and have come to some acceptable terms to feed our inmates," began Hamilton as she spoke to the BoCC. "Prior to the flood, it cost about \$19 a day for three meals a day for the inmates, and now we're at about \$24."

However, Hamilton was quick to explain that the quality of food is "by far much better than it used to be."

"I don't know if you've eaten at Old Town Market before, but the food is very good and very healthy," explained Hamilton before joking, "It may be a catch-22 thing because our inmates are liking the food so much."

Hamilton also pointed out that travel times are cut down, as well, as Old Town Market is much closer to the county's detentions center than the hospital, which is where the inmate meals were previously coming from.

"Its about a 10-minute round-trip, and they have the food ready and boxed for us when we get there," explained Hamilton, also noting that Old Town Market has complied with requests made by the ACSO.

"We've asked them not to serve chicken breast anymore, as the

bones can be made into shanks," she said.

The contract also requires that Old Town Market:

- Not prepare foods containing peanut products.

- Prepare kosher meals or meals requiring special dietary guidelines as close to the request as possible.

- Prepare meals based on the 2,000-2,400 caloric intake guidelines and serve from each of the basic food groups.

Hamilton added that she reached out to other businesses, as well, but Old Town Market was the only establishment that showed any interest in providing food for the inmates.

Lucero made the motion to approve the agreement, with Wadley seconding the motion.

"Partnering with Old Town Market? That's huge," said Lucero. "This is a win-win for Archuleta County and Old Town Market ... I talked to the sheriff and he said they provide a great product. He was really impressed by them."

Wadley put emphasis on the fact that even though the price of meals is increasing, the detention's facility is not holding the same amount of inmates it was previously, and that most of the county's inmates are being housed in the La Plata County Jail.

"When people are in our care and custody we do have to provide meals for them, and I think this is the most reasonable way to do it," said Wadley. "I think this is a very reasonable way to go."

"If we're going to set any example of how we spend taxpayer money for other people, it ought to be spent locally," said BoCC Chair Michael Whiting.

The motion passed unanimously. The next regular BoCC meeting will be held Tuesday, April 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the commissioner's meeting room located at 398 Lewis St. [marshall@pagosasun.com](mailto:marshall@pagosasun.com)

## 'Essentials for Thriving Nonprofits' seminar scheduled for April 29

By Paige Elliott  
Special to The SUN

"Essentials for Thriving Nonprofits," a professional development workshop for nonprofit leaders in southwest Colorado, is taking place at the Community Rec Center in Durango from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 29.

The workshop will begin with a sponsored breakfast from the Colorado Nonprofit Association. Illene Roggensack from Third Sector Innovations in Grand Junction will deliver the keynote speech, "Donor Loyalty: The Power of Gratitude, The Gift of Appreciation." Her presentation will discuss the process of philanthropic asking and giving as well as the resource development cycle.

Participants will then have the opportunity to attend three workshops from a selection of 11 different dynamic and professional speakers from the region. Presentations will cover a wide variety of topics, including financial management, board development, marketing and PR, and human resources. The workshops are suitable for both seasoned nonprofit professionals and those new to the field.

"We hope to build relationships and facilitate networking between nonprofit professionals by creating opportunities for peer discussion around real life issues that we all face," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado. "We hope to enhance relationships across county and geographic boundaries."

The day will wrap up with a Community Funding Panel. The individuals on the panel represent a wide variety of corporate philanthropists and community grant makers. They will share opportunities for nonprofit funding as well as discuss their process for determining how to prioritize numerous funding requests.

Registration for the event is \$55 and includes lunch. Visit <http://craamerica.org/rural-philanthropy-days/regional-websites/southwest/capacity-building-opportunities/> to view the speaker schedule or to register for the workshop.

In addition to the workshop, on

April 28, the Colorado Nonprofit Association will be offering one-on-one consultations covering principles and practices for nonprofit excellence. Participants will complete an online self-assessment and then meet for a personalized consultation. Meetings will be held in the conference room on the first floor of the Smiley building in Durango.

For more information or to reserve a meeting, please contact Gerry Rasel at [grasel@coloradononprofits.org](mailto:grasel@coloradononprofits.org).

## Job training program seeks to partner with employers, nonprofits and senior citizens

By Judy Campbell  
Special to The SUN

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is a federally funded job training program for unemployed seniors ages 55 and over.

SCSEP is seeking employers in Archuleta County to partner with us and host a participant in the SCSEP program. The employer receives free help in exchange for a commitment to help the senior participant gain job skills.

SCSEP is an organization that is committed to improving the quality of life for low-income, financially eligible seniors by assigning them to temporary subsidized paid training and assisting them in their search for unsubsidized jobs in their com-

munity.

SCSEP is the steward of federal funds, appropriated to recruit, train and place eligible seniors in subsidized employment. The participant will be paid to train through funding from the U.S. Department of Labor.

If you are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization or a city or government entity that would like to receive free help 25 hours per week, please call the regional SCSEP office at 385-3995 to see if your organization qualifies to host a participant from the SCSEP program. We are also seeking low-income seniors, 55 years or older, wanting to receive paid job training through the SCSEP program.

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## PAWSD to Hold Informational Seminar

On Tuesday, April 26th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) will host an informational seminar luncheon at its Administrative offices at 100 Lyn Avenue. The Purpose of the seminar is to educate property owners and property managers about steps that can be taken to minimize the risk of property damage and loss from sewer or water backups. Presenting will be Mark Carlson, President, T. Charles Wilson Insurance Services.

Cleaning up after a sewer or water backup can cost a homeowner tens of thousands of dollars, not to mention the inconvenience and disruption a backup can cause. This seminar will address preventative maintenance to reduce the risk of these types of problems as well as some questions to ask your insurance agent about obtaining coverage to reduce your exposure in the event that a backup does occur.

Seating is limited so please reserve a space by April 22nd by calling or emailing Christina Velarde at 731-7621 or [chris@pawsd.org](mailto:chris@pawsd.org). A light lunch will be provided.

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# Hospital board signs bond purchase agreement, begins expansion construction

By Leah Ballard  
Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) Board of Directors met on April 7 to approve a second amended and restated bond resolution for what it hopes to be the last meeting required to secure the bond agreement to fund the primary care clinic expansion.

This week's amendment involved some changes to the marketing structure of the bond. David Lucas, USJHSD's bond counsel, who joined the meeting via phone, explained to the board the advantage of splitting the total borrowing amount into two pieces to allow for a lower interest rate overall.

The total anticipated borrowing amount has not changed, but the structure, from a marketing standpoint, has changed, according to Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) chief administrative officer Ann Bruzzese. One bond for \$10 million will be tax exempt and bank qualified, and the remainder (up to \$2 million) will be a taxable, non-bank qualified bond.

Jason Simmons, USJHSD's financial advisor from First Southwest Bank, who was also on the phone, explained that the only downside of this bond restructuring is, "It could potentially limit the hospital's ability to enter into tax-exempt financing through the rest of 2016."

Reaching the \$10 million limit on tax-exempt borrowing for this year is not anticipated to be a problem for USJHSD, according to Simmons.

The positive aspect of this agreement, Simmons continued, is "a structure that broadens the investor universe, helps reduce the bor-

rowing cost for the district [USJHSD], and allows UMB to move forward with pricing of this transaction tomorrow."

PSMC executive coordinator Jodi Scarpa stated in an email to The SUN April 14, "As anticipated by our resolution, both UMB and PSMC signed a purchase agreement for the priced bonds the same day (April 7, 2016). Unless there is a catastrophic change in conditions, the closing on the purchase agreement for the bonds will be May 10, 2016."

At the April 7 meeting, board treasurer Karl Irons stated that the finance committee looked for alternatives with less risk or less cost than this agreement, but couldn't find anything better than this option.

Irons stated, "This isn't a bad thing to agree to, but it is more expensive than what we agreed to last month."

Irons stated that the alternative option, without the amendment of borrowing at a 6-percent interest rate, got zero interest from the finance committee.

With the amendment approved, USJHSD advisors indicated to board members that the interest rate should be about 5.5 percent.

The resolution passed unanimously and with some quiet celebration, illustrating what CEO Brad Cochennet spoke to at the opening of the meeting.

To a board ready to be done with numerous "tweaks," according to Richard Zak, to a long-awaited purchase agreement, Cochennet said, "I'd like you to understand [the] full background," to illustrate just how much work has gone into this bond agreement.

"We're about a year behind where we wanted to be last year with our financing, and we own that learning curve," Cochennet said. "It happened in a way that we feel like it's been better for us to have taken the time."

Cochennet mentioned over a million dollars in savings for the USJHSD due to the way the board went about securing funds, by fundraising donations and learning the best way to borrow this amount of money.

Three years ago, Cochennet explained, management at PSMC realized it was not going to have adequate space to serve the needs of this community and started moving forward on fundraising and borrowing agreements to build an expansion. (Contractors officially broke ground on April 11, according to PSMC marketing coordinator Jesse Hensel.)

Cochennet described the details of how funding for a project of this magnitude was acquired: "We didn't raise all the money we thought we were going to raise. I'm proud of what we raised, but it wasn't what we said we were going to do."

Management also learned, he continued, that traditional banks couldn't lend what they needed to complete the expansion, and at that point the complex discussion of bond agreements began.

"Although this feels late, this feels underfunded and difficult ... I feel like we're the luckiest district ever when I start adding up all those things that happened to get us to this point," stated Cochennet after enumerating the funding process of this bond agreement. In conclusion, he added, "Good, hard work produces luck."  
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## Revision planned for local history tourism brochure

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

A simmering controversy over the discussion of the role of Native Americans in a brief local history provided by a brochure distributed to tourists at the Pagosa Springs Visitors Center was resolved at a recent meeting of the Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board (HPB).

The disputed portion of the brochure contains discussions of various influences on the development of the area.

It begins with "Earliest Inhabitants," covering Native Americans as far back as pre-Columbian times, and carrying through a dispute, described as "local legend," over the Hot Springs between the Navajo and Ute tribes in the mid-19th century.

The brochure also covers later influences bearing on the area's rich history, including Spanish explorers, mountain men like Kit Carson, gold miners and the legend

of Treasure Mountain, the establishment of the original Fort Lewis by the Army on the banks of the San Juan River, ranching, lumbering and the arrival of the railroad, and storied local heroine Dr. Mary Winter Fisher.

Town Manager Greg Schulte met with the HPB to discuss the brochure at its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 23. Schulte noted that reservations about the accuracy of the historical summary had been "lingering for quite awhile," even longer than his year-and-a-half tenure with the town.

He attributed the difficulty in reaching a resolution to the lack of real expertise in history among town personnel.

He noted that while the HPB had suggested retaining an expert to revise the brochure, the town had not budgeted for that expense, and it would be hard to justify given the brochure's limited "audience ... of casual visitors."

Plus, Schulte observed, the reality is that, regardless of a writer's

credentials, "History is subject to ... everybody's different interpretation."

Schulte's concern over potential disagreements dealing with historical interpretation was underscored by observations of HPB members Andre Redstone and Lindsey Smith. While both recognized their inability to speak to the issue authoritatively, each noted a potential for liability or trouble for the town as a result of distributing information to the public, the accuracy of which might be questioned by third parties.

Board members generally agreed with Schulte's assessment that complete agreement over the content of a brief but accurate summary of local history of the sort that would be appropriate for a tourism brochure could be difficult to attain.

They also fully shared his suggestion that the matter was in need of a final resolution. Alternate member Brad Ash, a former board chairman, especially emphasized the substantiality of time and ef-

fort that had been devoted to the matter.

To attain finality, Ash suggested that "the this is your story approach" of the existing brochure should be dropped. He concurred the town lacks the historical competency to assure accuracy, and noted that a simplified brochure for use by tourists having a more modest objective might be sufficient.

Ash suggested that consideration should be given to substituting interesting historical photographs for the disputed text. He noted, "if there are topics in there that are going to be sensitive, then we just need to avoid the topic."

Ultimately, it was agreed to resolve the matter with a greatly simplified brochure that would provide historical pictures with captions in place of the text. Work will apparently start on the agreed revision promptly in order to have a new brochure ready for peak tourist season, but no specific timeline for completion was set.  
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## Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

### Thursday, April 14

**Pagosa Springs Town Council special meeting — Walmart lighting appeals hearing.** 6 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

### Tuesday, April 19

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

**Regional director for Sen. Cory Gardner will hold mobile office hours.** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

This listening session is meant for constituents to meet with Gardner's staff to seek help with a federal agency or express their views on federal issues currently in front of Congress.

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

### Wednesday, April 20

**Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session on space analysis and facility planning.** 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

### Thursday, April 21

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

### Tuesday, April 26

**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.** 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County adminis-

tration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.


*Public meeting information should be sent to [editor@pagosasun.com](mailto:editor@pagosasun.com) with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.*

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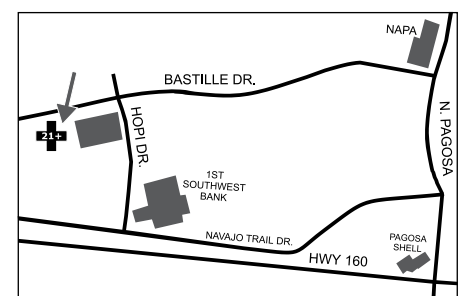
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# Outdoors



## Learn to make herbal remedies at home

By **Becky Herman**  
Special to The SUN

The Weminuche Audubon Society will hold its April meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall on the evening of April 20.

Setup will start at 6 p.m. and the meeting will begin a half hour later. This meeting marks a change in the location of regular monthly meetings for the membership. The Fellowship Hall is located at 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-15 in the Greenbriar Plaza.

The business meeting will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. Shortly after, the evening's program will be presented by Lake McCullough, a certified herbalist; she will talk about making herbal remedies at home. The discussion will include iden-

tification, harvesting and uses of several native medicinal plants, including osha (*Ligusticum porteri*), arnica (*Arnica cordifolia*), plantain (*Plantago major*), elder (*Sambucus nigra*) and hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), among many others.

McCullough will explore different methods of preserving and extracting the plants, with demonstrations of how to make decoctions, infused salves and tinctures. Samples and easy home recipes will be provided.

Everyone interested in joining the society or in local plants and their uses is welcome to attend. The society will provide refreshments.

Contact Becky Herman at [becky.herman98@gmail.com](mailto:becky.herman98@gmail.com) or call 264-2171 or 903-0788 for more information.



Photo courtesy Becky Herman  
Lake McCullough, certified herbalist, will talk about making herbal remedies at home at Weminuche Audubon Society's April meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall on the evening of April 20.

## 2016-17 Colorado Parks and Wildlife licenses, permits and registrations available

Special to The SUN

Colorado Parks and Wildlife licenses, permits and registrations for boating, fishing, hunting and off-highway vehicle (OHV) use are available for 2016-17 at license agents, CPW offices and online at <http://cpw.state.co.us/>.

### Fishing licenses

Anglers are reminded that they must purchase a 2016 fishing license, which are valid through March 31, 2017.

A resident annual fishing license costs \$26. Youth 15 and under are not required to purchase an annual license; however, if they plan to fish with a second line, they must buy a second-rod stamp for \$5. Resident senior annual licenses for those 64 or older cost just \$1. A resident combination fishing-small game license is available for \$41. A resident small-game license costs \$21 and \$1.75 for those under 18.

Anglers should pick up a 2016 fishing brochure to check regulations to see what's new. You must know the regulations for the waters you are fishing. Brochures are available at license agents, any CPW of-

ices and online at <http://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/RulesRegs/Brochure/fishing.pdf>.

### Mountain lion licenses

Mountain lion licenses for April 1-30 are available now to new 2016 hunters who meet hunter education requirements and also to prior season hunters who did not harvest during the Nov. 16, 2015-March 31, 2016 season. However, all interested hunters must purchase a new \$41 license for the April time period.

Licenses purchased in April are valid through March 31, 2017. Read the brochure at <http://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/RulesRegs/Brochure/MountainLion.pdf> and visit <http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/MountainLion.aspx> for more information.

### Spring turkey licenses

Spring turkey over-the-counter (OTC) licenses are unlimited in number and available over the counter for the season beginning April 9. A resident license is \$24 and residents under the age of 18 is \$14.

Licenses can be purchased online, via telephone by calling (800) 244-5613, license agents and CPW

offices. For more information, view the Spring OTC turkey map. Go to <http://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/RulesRegs/Brochure/turkey.pdf> for details. Resources for turkey hunting is available at <http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/Turkey.aspx>.

### Colorado Habitat Stamp

Hunting and angling license buyers between the ages of 18-64 also must buy a \$10 annual Colorado Habitat Stamp.

Money collected from stamp purchases is used to preserve and protect wildlife habitat throughout the state. Learn more at <http://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/HabitatStamp.aspx>.

### OHV registrations

OHV registrations are valid from April 1 through March 31 each year. The annual OHV registration fee is \$25.25.

Registrations may be renewed online at <https://ivrs.parks.state.co.us/>. Learn more at <http://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/RegistrationsOHV.aspx>.

### Boat registrations

Any boat with a motor or sail,

operated in Colorado on any public waters, must be registered with CPW. Boat registrations may be renewed online at <https://ivrs.parks.state.co.us/>.

New boats may be registered by completing the form available at <http://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/BoatingRegistrations.aspx>.

Fees vary based on boat length. Registrations are effective Jan. 1-Dec. 31 each year and cannot be prorated. Fill it out and return it to: Colorado Parks and Wildlife-Registration Unit, 13787 S. Highway 85, Littleton, CO 80125, or stop in at any CPW location.

Mandatory boat inspections and decontaminations occur at 52 locations around the state.

Information about the state's extensive boat inspection program can be found online at <http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/BoatInspection.aspx>. Resources for boaters can be viewed at <http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/boat.aspx>.

### State parks passes

A Colorado State Parks pass, good for entry at 42 state parks, costs \$70 and is valid for one year from the month of purchase.

Buy a pass at a Parks and Wildlife office or online at <https://parkstore.state.co.us/>. Daily passes are also available.

## San Juan National Forest accepting project proposals for Title II funding

By **Ann Bond**  
Special to The SUN

Project proposals are now being accepted for natural-resource projects that benefit lands and resources of the San Juan National Forest and the rural economies of those southwestern Colorado counties which have opted to take part in Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

The purposes of the act include making investments and creating employment opportunities through special projects that improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stew-

ardship objectives, or restore and improve land health and water quality.

Examples include projects that restore watersheds, decommission or maintain roads, manage noxious weeds or otherwise improve forest health on or adjacent to the national forest.

Project proposals that meet the intent of the legislation will be reviewed by the San Juan Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) later this spring. The RAC will provide recommendations to the Forest Service on which projects should be funded.

The RAC is made up of local citizens representing a wide range

of interests.

To be considered, project proposals must be posted online by close of business on Friday, May 6. Prior to online submittal, potential applicants should coordinate Title II project proposals with their local San Juan National Forest ranger district.

To access the San Juan Title II project application form, go to <http://cloudapps-usda-gov.force.com/FSSRS/CreateNewProjectPage?rac=001t0000002jcvFAAS>.

To learn more about the Secure Rural Schools Act, go to <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/pts>.

For more information, contact Ann Bond, San Juan RAC coordinator, at 385-1219.

## Forest Service roads open as weather improves

By **Brandon Caley**  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Ranger District will begin opening roads, as weather conditions have improved.

The following roads are now open for your use and enjoyment. Please keep in mind weather conditions before you head out to your destination.

- Burns Canyon No. 649 (to second gate).
- Devil Creek No. 627 to State Wildlife Area.
- Snow Ranch No. 628.
- Turkey Springs No. 629 — upper gate. The lower/middle gates are still closed.
- Williams Creek No. 640 (from gate to lake).

It is not always possible to post

road closures or openings on the day that they occur. Call 264-2268 to confirm road status before heading out to your destination. Expect changes almost on a daily basis.

Forest Service roads are seasonally closed to protect road surfaces as well as for public safety. Roads will remain closed until most of the road surface can withstand traffic without damage. Roads closed for surface protection are being monitored and gates will be opened as soon as road bases dry out. However, recent monitoring indicates that, while access roads may appear dry below closure gates, conditions become muddy as one continues traveling the road.

An open gate does not give permission to damage roads. Damage is

defined as ruts 1 inch deep or deeper on gravel roads or 4 inches deep or deeper on native-surface roads. Do not drive off roads, except to park adjacent to the road on dry ground. When parking, do not block the gates.

For additional information on travel management, road openings and to pick up a Motor Vehicle Use Map with specific information on forest access roads, contact the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268 or stop by Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 180 Pagosa St.

Current information on other seasonal Pagosa Ranger District road openings is available at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan>. Click on the "San Juan Road Info" link located on the right side of the page under the "Quick Links" box.

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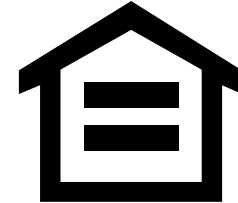
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# Colorado bears emerge from hibernation

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Special to The SUN

Colorado's bears have begun emerging from hibernation across the state.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife, charged with perpetuating the wildlife resources of the state, reminds outdoor recreationists, city dwellers and rural homeowners to be responsible and take steps to minimize contact with bears, for the health and safety of both humans and bears.

"About 60 percent of our collared bears have already emerged from their dens, which is pretty normal for this time of year," said Heather Johnson, a CPW mammal researcher who studies bears in Colorado. "Most of the bears that are still dened are the sows with newborn cubs. They should emerge within the next few weeks."

The black bear, Colorado's only bear species, lives primarily west of I-25. They prefer forested or tall, shrubland habitat, but may move through open landscapes as they disperse and enter adulthood.

Bears are omnivores and primarily eat vegetation such as grasses, forbs, berries, acorns and seeds. They also eat insects or scavenge on carcasses, but can occasionally prey on newborn calves and fawns, beaver, marmots, deer, elk and even domestic livestock or agricultural products.

When a localized natural food failure occurs, black bears from the affected area become increasingly mobile and persistent in search of human food sources like trash, fruit trees, pet food, bird feeders, livestock and agricultural products.

As bears emerge from hibernation, CPW reminds the public to take precautions to reduce potential for negative interactions with bears.

"Bears that seek out human food resources are at a higher risk of mortality due to lethal removals by landowners or wildlife managers, vehicle collisions, electrocutions and other factors. It's best for both bears and people if the bears continue to forage on natural foods, and avoid human development," Johnson said.

Other tools, employed by CPW when human safety and bear mortality concerns arise, include altering bear hunting licenses, implementing aversive conditioning techniques, increasing education and outreach activities, relocating nuisance bears and reducing the accessibility of human foods to bears.

The statewide bear population is difficult to estimate because it is costly to observe this solitary and elusive species. All inventory efforts in Colorado involve extrapolating information about known bear densities in small geographic areas and applying them to larger areas. But more recently scientific sampling methods and advances in genetic analysis from the late 1990s have enabled wildlife managers to use DNA from "hair snag" samples to estimate bear populations. As a result, the current, conservative, statewide estimate is 17,000 to 20,000 bears.

Bears have an extremely keen sense of smell and excellent memories. Once they have learned about a reliable source of food, they will

often return. Once this occurs, it requires significant diligence on the part of people to keep these food-conditioned bears from coming back and creating conflicts.

## Tips for outdoor recreationists

- Make noise while walking or hiking to prevent surprising a bear. Clap, sing or talk loudly.
- Travel in a group if possible.
- Pay attention to the surroundings and watch for bear signs, such as tracks or claw or bite marks on trees.
- Review CPW's recommendation in an brochure at <http://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Education/LivingWithWildlife/CampingHikingInBearCountry.pdf>.

## Tips to prevent human/bear conflicts for homeowners

- Keep garbage in a well-secured enclosure and only put out garbage on the morning of pickup.
- Take down all bird feeders — birds don't need to be fed during the summer. Bird feeders are a ma-

major source of bear/human conflicts.

- Don't leave pet food or stock feed outside — never provide food for any wildlife.
- Review CPW's fact sheet at <http://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Education/LivingWithWildlife/BearproofingYourHome.pdf>.
- Conduct a home audit to be sure you are not attracting bears to your property.

Bears are constantly on the move. Recreationists, residents and visitors are reminded to contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife or call (303) 866-3437 to file a report of injured or problem wildlife.

For more information about living with wildlife, visit <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingWithWildlifeBears1.aspx>.

Read CPW's Human-Bear Conflict Report at <http://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Education/LivingWithWildlife/CPW-Human-Bear-Conflict-Report.pdf>.

Learn more about CPW's mammal research at <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/ResearchMammalsPubs.aspx>.

## Good grazing management starts at the beginning and end of the growing season

By Shaan Bliss  
Special to The SUN

Spring has sprung and it seems like we are all getting the buzz to be outside. If you are fortunate to be a landowner with a few acres to manage for horses or livestock, this article may be of interest to you.

One of the key principles for good grazing management is to actively take control of how your property is used. We've all probably seen that pasture without a lick of vegetation except a few clumps of shrubs. Livestock have been given free reign on that piece of ground for an extended period of time. At that point, the landowner is forced to provide feed that the surrounding pasture can no longer provide.

So, how do you take back control and maintain a healthy pasture? Here are a few things to consider.

We recommend you wait in the spring until grasses have three to four leaves or are 6-10 inches tall before grazing a pasture. Grazing a pasture too early and severely will result in the vegetation being removed before the plants have had a chance to replenish root reserves after a long winter. Young grass plants that have just started to grow need time to grow new leaves.

If you only have a few acres of pasture, then expect to be buying feed year-round since your fields will probably not provide enough forage. Corral animals so they don't have continuous access to all of

your fields and plan to have some sacrifice areas on your property; areas where your animals are fed and bed down are obvious sacrifice areas. By limiting the amount of time animals are on a pasture, you effectively control when and where grazing will occur.

If you have multiple pastures to rotate your animals through, all the better. A rotational grazing plan and good pasture management have many benefits, including good soil cover and stabilization, plant diversity, control for surface runoff during heavy rains, improving nutrient cycling, providing wildlife habitat and improving aesthetic values. Rotating through multiple pastures allows you to provide adequate rest for pastures and control how plants are grazed versus a continuous grazing system that only gives you very little control of how animals graze your property.

We recommend at least a month of rest per pasture if it is irrigated and about 2 1/2 months if it is dry land before grazing again. This allows plants time to recover from grazing and maintain adequate energy reserves. When deciding when the right time to rotate your animals, a good rule of thumb is to move when you hit 4 inches of grass height on average. Leaving residue improves a plants ability to regrow versus a plant grazed to the ground. Heavily grazed plants will have to extend a lot of energy and

deplete roots reserves to set new leaves and stalks.

Another benefit to rotational grazing is the ability to manage for poisonous plants. If you have some poisonous plants like larkspur on your property, you can manage for the time when that plant is most dangerous and keep your animals out of pastures with an abundance of those types of plants.

Typical plant communities in Pagosa Springs will produce around 1,000 pounds of forage per acre in a single growing season given an average year of moisture. That translates into you needing about 2.3 acres to feed one mature horse for one month. NRCS assumes a stocking rate that never exceeds 50-percent use of the available forage. We come from a conservation-minded view, but science backs up having a limit to how much you graze a plant.

Grazing beyond 50 percent of a grass can cause the plant to have to extend large amount of energy to replenish the lost leaves and plant root growth stops. You will need to figure out how much grass your pasture can provide on average and how much your animals need. Look at the stubble height or the plant height remaining after the animals have been grazing in a pasture to monitor where things are at and where they could go. Even taking simple photo points of your property at the beginning and end of the growing season will

give you a perspective of how you did that year.

Keep in mind that on dryland pastures, the productivity of grasses are entirely dependent on moisture from seasonal snow and rainfall. If we hit a drought period, then these plants will not be as productive or proliferate like when times are good. You should have a drought management plan that allows you to plan for the lean times. This includes having a conservative stocking rate, knowing which animals you would cull if forage becomes limited, or have additional pasture or hay supplies that could be used.

The bottom line is that there is a specific level of grazing that an environment can sustain. Staying within that level will result in healthy pastures and healthy animals. Exceeding those levels will result in degraded pasture condition, reduced animal performance and a big bill to get your property back in shape.

Please give me a call or email if you would help developing a

grazing management plan for your property. There is no charge for these services and we may have financial assistance to help with applicable environmental improvements. We also have a grass display board in our office if you would like help identifying what grasses may be on your property or grasses you would like to plant.

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## Free storm spotter training

By Jim Pringle  
Special to The SUN

If you are interested in severe weather, come to the free storm spotter training provided by the National Weather Service on Wednesday, April 20, at the Archuleta County Emergency Operations Center, next to Nick's Hangar at Stevens Field Airport, 777 CR 600.

Training starts at 6 p.m. and includes the two-hour basic storm spotter class.

For more information about the National Weather Service storm spotter program, go to [www.weather.gov/gjt/spotter](http://www.weather.gov/gjt/spotter).

## Card of Thanks

Hughes

To the fire department, paramedics, police department, doctors, nurses, ER staff, his doctors who are trying to help after the fact in the primary care clinic and Durango, medical records staff, and the passersby who helped, called for help, and stayed with my son until help arrived: Thank you so much. There are no words to express my heartfelt gratitude for what all of you did which resulted in my son being alive and knowing he will be making a full recovery, although it may take some time.

You gave me back the best gift any mother could ever receive, you've sat with me and walked with me through some of the hardest moments of my son's life, and I will never be able to thank you enough.

And to the people of Pagosa Springs, teachers, coaches, etc., thank you for praying for my son and keeping him in your thoughts. Thank you for the kind words we've heard from those who heard about his accident. And please pray for his recovery, as well. I offer you my deepest gratitude, and I am very honored and humbled by the kindnesses, care and love that we have received. Many thanks from my heart and blessings.

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# Sports

## BASEBALL

### Pirates log first win at Sanford

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirates claimed their first win of the season Tuesday afternoon in Sanford, just in time to begin league play on April 23.

The Pirates defeated the 2A Sanford Indians 8-4, handing the Indians their second loss of the season to make that team's record 4-2.

"I think we're kind of gelling as a team right now," coach Robert Henderson said, adding that the athletes are playing more cohesively now than previously.

Too, the coach noted, "We got over there ... and they were ready to play."

That readiness played out partially in the top of the first inning, when Pagosa pushed three runs across the plate.

Henderson noted that the Pirates did a good job of reading the Sanford pitchers, watching the ball well and drawing a total of nine walks in the game, as well as recording six hits.

Sanford tied the game in the bottom of the third with three runs, but Pagosa was back on top the following inning, putting up a five-spot.

Sanford's one run in the bottom of the seventh was not enough, and the Pirates returned home with the victory.

Carson Laverty led the Pirates with two hits in the game, also scoring a run and garnering the attention of the coach for his work not only at the plate, but also in right field.

A handful of other Pirates recorded one hit in the affair: Briar Erskine (a double), Shane Miller, Jack Harker and Keaton Laverty (a triple).

Pagosa also logged six RBIs in the game, with two each from Shane Miller and Keaton Laverty and one each from Erskine and Harker.

Erskine scored two of Pagosa's runs in the game, as did Harker. Carson Laverty, Jeremy Monday, Jared Stilts and Keaton Laverty each crossed the plate once.

Also a key part of the Pirates' victory, Henderson indicated, was the complete-game pitching performance by Erskine.

"Briar pitched an amazing game," Henderson said. "He did a great job."

Erskine allowed 10 hits and four runs, only one of which was earned, in seven innings while walking three and striking out seven.

Henderson said Erskine averaged 10 pitches per inning in the game and later noted that he thinks the Pirates can win every game Erskine pitches.

Henderson admitted the Pirates had a pair of errors in the game, but indicated that the team has made great strides in the field and is communicating well and helping each other.

Too, he noted the Sanford has a dirt field, which allows for truer hops by the ball.

"They seem pretty upbeat about getting the win," Henderson said, adding, "Now we know we can hang with people."

With the various facets of the game seemingly coming together for the Pirates, a young team, the coach said, "We know we're heading in the right direction."

Due to a scheduling change, the games previously slated to be played against Alamosa on April 19 have been postponed until May 10.

With that change, Pagosa will have a brief hiatus until opening league play April 23 in Monte Vista against that town's iteration of the Pirates.

Those games are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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## SOCCER



Photo courtesy Joel Priest

Pagosa Springs' Addie Thompson boots the ball ahead in the attack, past Ignacio's Sharmaine Price during Tuesday's game against the Ignacio Bobcats in Ignacio. The Lady Pirates walked away with a 9-0 victory, with Thompson scoring the final goal in the 77th minute.

## TRACK

### Despite small team, Pirate track athletes place in Ignacio

By Leah Ballard  
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs High School was represented by a smaller-than-normal track team at the Abel Velasquez meet in Ignacio last Saturday, April 9.

Coach Connie O'Donnell stated, "We didn't have many kids go since it was over spring break, but we did have a few that placed."

Keena Murphy won the discus event at the meet with a throw of 111 feet. Dean Hudran threw 75-2 in the same event for the boys.

Murphy threw the shot put 31-2 1/2 for a second place finish at the meet. Hudran threw 30-7.

Cade Cowan was the Pirates' sole representative in the long

jump with a distance of 18-11, for a third-place finish. He also took third in the high jump and the 800-meter race with a height of 5-5, and a time of 2 minutes, 11.51 seconds, respectively.

Andie Miller placed second in the girls' high jump with a mark of 4-6.

Caleb Stene competed in the distance events, finishing the 1600 in 8:17.83 and the 2-mile in 19:47.57.

For the combined boys' and girls' team, the Pirates had the most competitors in the 100. McKayla Miller placed sixth at the meet with a time of 14.59 seconds. Justice Zartman ran the event in 13.48 and Paul Farrah finished in 14.37.

In the 200, Miller ran 30.04 and

Zartman finished in 27.51.

Zartman also ran the 400 in 62.45 seconds.

O'Donnell stated, "We didn't have anyone improve on their state rankings," at Friday's meet. "The next few meets are really going to be crucial for us and our ability to compete."

O'Donnell stated that she hoped the athletes kept up their training over spring break, adding, "If they did, we should be right on track," for Saturday's meet, where the weather is not expected to be great.

If spectators want to brave the weather, the Pine River Meet is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, at Bayfield High School.

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### Lady Pirates continue strong play, best Ignacio 9-0

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

Returning strongly from spring break, the Pagosa Springs High School girls' soccer team won its sixth straight match on Tuesday, April 12, at Ignacio.

Led by five goals from Alma Sigurdsson, the Lady Pirates dominated their neighboring foe for the second time this year, taking the match 9-0.

Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason commented, "the team is looking good. It's a lot of fun [coaching] them."

He noted although the team has several strong players, "It's a real team thing." They understand that play as a team, not individually, wins matches.

In addition to Sigurdsson, Lady Pirate goals were scored by Olivia Reinhardt, who tallied two, Addie Thompson and freshman Morgan Thompson, whom Kurt-Mason

credited with a strong, all-around game, noting that throughout the match she consistently kicked crosses from the wing "right on target," into scoring territory in front of the Ignacio goal.

Reinhardt and Thompson also had assists, as did Hayley Mitchell.

Kurt-Mason noted that Ignacio had a dangerous offensive player, who got off some dangerous shots on the Pagosa goal. But keeper Diana Scott had three good saves to preserve the shutout.

The coach also noted that Ignacio had a highly skilled keeper in its goal. The Lady Pirates peppered her with shots, and she was credited with a notable total of 19 saves for the game.

Kurt-Mason named Sigurdsson player of the game, observing "she crushed it. Everything she touched turned to gold."

The coach commented espe-

cially on Sigurdsson's ability to control the ball "right at her feet" while attacking, which led to numerous scoring opportunities.

The coach had praise also for Mitchell, who sat out the second half with a minor injury. He noted Mitchell is a strong presence on the field that helps make the team go.

"She wins all the balls in the middle," he said, "and distributes well."

Likewise, Kurt-Mason praised the work of Reinhardt, who, in addition to her scores, made several great corner kicks that gave teammates scoring opportunities, and Brooke Bowdridge, whom he noted communicates well and keeps the defenders in good position to support attacks, or parry opponents' thrusts toward the Pagosa goal.

The Lady Pirates next games are at Bishop Machebeuf in Denver at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, and at Center at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19.

## VETERAN'S CORNER

### Veterans with incomplete health care applications receive additional year to enroll

By Raymond Taylor  
SUN Columnist

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced recently it will extend the health care enrollment application period for one year to approximately 545,000 veterans that have pending incomplete enrollment applications.

"Fixing the veterans enrollment system is a top priority for VA. This is an important step forward to regain veterans' trust and improve access to care as we continue the MyVA transformation," said VA Deputy Secretary Sloan D. Gibson. "We've got a lot of work left to do, but this is a big step in the right direction to restore the data integrity of our enrollment system."

The National Enrollment Improvement team conducted a detailed analysis of the pending applications in VA's enrollment system and identified approximately 545,000 living veterans whose applications were incomplete and in a pending status.

The team also validated that approximately 288,000 pending enrollment system records were for deceased veterans. The VA has segregated deceased records from living veteran records and, as part of the Veteran Enrollment Rework Project (VERP), will review each incomplete application to determine if any should have been enrolled in VA health care.

The VA is required by law to provide notice to veterans of incomplete applications. The VERP team could not verify that the VA's

mailing system used to contact veterans about their incomplete applications was able to notify the 545,000 veterans identified above.

The VA will contact living veterans to confirm their continued interest in enrolling in VA health care and ask them for the necessary information to complete their application. Veterans will have one year from the notice to provide this information. After a year, the VA will close the record. A veteran may reapply for enrollment at any time.

As veterans choose to enroll, the VA offers an enhancement to their enrollment experience through "Welcome to VA" (W2VA). Veterans enrolled since July 1, 2015, have received a personal introduction to VA health care services, programs and resources to help them become more familiar with the VA's services.

In addition, the VA sends each new enrollee an introductory letter and personalized handbook in the mail. W2VA enhances communication by reaching out to newly enrolled veterans through personal phone calls upon enrollment, providing assistance with health care inquiries and assisting with their initial appointment at their preferred VA health care facility.

#### Debt-collection issues

Veterans can now work directly with the VA to resolve debt-collection issues resulting from inappropriate or delayed Choice Program billing.

In step with MyVA's efforts to modernize the VA's customer-focused, veteran-centered services

capabilities, a Community Care Call Center has been set up for veterans experiencing adverse credit reporting or debt collection resulting from inappropriately billed Choice Program claims.

Veterans experiencing these problems can call (877) 881-7618 for assistance.

"As a result of the Veterans Choice Program, community providers have seen thousands of Veterans. We continue to work to make the program more veteran-friendly," said David Shulkin, undersecretary for health. "There should be no bureaucratic burden that stands in the way of veterans getting care."

The new call center will work to resolve instances of improper veteran billing and assist community care medical providers with delayed payments. VA staff are also trained and ready to work with the medical providers to expunge adverse credit reporting on veterans resulting from delayed payments to providers.

The VA is urging veterans to continue working with their VA primary care team to obtain necessary health care services regardless of adverse credit reporting or debt collection activity.

The VA acknowledges that delayed payments and inappropriately billed claims are unacceptable and have caused stress for veterans and providers alike.

The new call center is the first step in addressing these issues. The VA presented The Plan to Consolidate Community Care in October of

2015 that outlines additional solutions to streamline processes and improve timely provider payment.

For more details about the Veterans Choice Program and the VA's progress, visit [www.va.gov/opa/choiceact](http://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact).

Veterans seeking to use the Veterans Choice Program can call (866) 606-8198 to find out more about the program, confirm their eligibility and schedule an appointment.

#### For more information

The office of Archuleta County veterans service officer provides assistance to qualified military veterans, and their families, or a veteran's survivors, in applying to and in obtaining VA program assistance, benefits and claims.

This assistance is provided within the guidelines, policies and procedures established by the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This is a mandated program of the state of Colorado.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office, located at the Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The best way to contact me is to set up an appointment, for either at your home or in the office, so I can schedule a specific time in order to answer and assist each veteran in Archuleta County.

The office number is 264-4013, fax number is 264-4014, cell number is 946-3590 and email is [raytaylor@archuletacounty.org](mailto:raytaylor@archuletacounty.org). The office is

open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bring a DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO office.

Always leave me a message and phone number to contact you.

#### Veterans' groups

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

- American Legion Post 108: second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.
- American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary: second Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.
- Veterans for Veterans: Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., Pagosa Lodge.
- Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: First and third Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Parish Hall, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Charlotte at 731-1025.

#### Important numbers

- 799-VETS, [www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org](http://www.Vets4VetsPSCO.org).
- Durango VA Outpatient Clinic: 247-2214.
- Farmington VA Center: (505) 326-4383.
- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M.: (800) 465-8262.
- VAMC Albuquerque, N.M., emergency notification: (800) 465-8262, ext. 5739.
- The Veterans Crisis Line offers free, confidential support to veterans in crisis, as well as their family and friends 24/7/365. Call (800) 273-8255, chat online or text 838255.



# Work hard, play hard!



# Larson named acting fire chief

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

Randy Larson has been named acting fire chief for the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PPFD).

As of Wednesday, April 13, Larson is filling both the role of acting fire chief and assistant fire chief.

Diane Bower, who was previously the PFPD fire chief, has gone on leave and will officially retire July 15.

The decision was announced by the PFPD board after reconvening following an executive session during its regular April 12 meeting.

"This board has decided to offer Chief Larson the position of acting chief with all the powers and responsibilities that go along with it," PFPD Board Chair LeRoy Lattin explained after reconvening the regular meeting. "He has accepted."

No motion was made or vote taken on the matter following the executive session.

While Colorado's Open Meetings Law, which is part of the state's Sunshine Laws, allows governmental bodies to call executive sessions for things such as personnel matters, it does not allow boards to adopt any proposed rule, regulation, policy or position, or make formal action, within that closed meeting. Instead, that formal action must be taken in a meeting open to the public.

Lattin added that the board would expedite, to the best of its ability, the hiring of a new fire chief, with the board hoping to complete the hiring in no more than three months.

"The board will be the interviewing committee," explained PFPD Director David Blake. "The board will have the ability to request advisors, whether that be retired battalion chiefs ... it will be done as expeditiously as possible. We've conveyed to Chief Larson that this, in no way, represents any question of his capability, his certification, his background, his training or his personal commitment to Pagosa."

At the very beginning of the meeting, Bower commended the PFPD board.

"I just wanted to address the board to tell them how much I appreciated working with them. I worked with Kenny (Rogers) and LeRoy a lot longer than the others, but I appreciate all of you," said Bower. "I think you've done a good job, and I feel that it's being left in good hands for the growth of the department. Thank you for the opportunity to work with you."

The audience and the board responded with applause.

## Election update

"We're on schedule. We've got four judges, two with significant experience, and one of those will be appointed executive judge and handle supplies," Bower explained to the board when asked about the status of the upcoming election on May 3. "I'm hoping that, during slow times, two of the judges will be able to come upstairs and

count ballots so that we're not here forever that night."

Bower later commented, "7 (a.m.) to 7 (p.m.), come vote, it will be in the bay."

"Just as a comment on that, at least in our communities in the Chromo area, we're doing our best to try and get a maximum turnout for people to be able to not only come hear the candidates but also to vote," said Blake.

Three candidates are running for two vacant seats this election cycle.

Ed Ainsworth, Linda Lattin and Don Peterson will be vying for the two seats opened up by LeRoy Lattin and Rogers.

LeRoy Lattin is termed out this election cycle, with Rogers choosing not to run again.

The election will be held on May 3 at PFPD Fire Station No. 1, located at 191 N. Pagosa Blvd. from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friends of the Pagosa Fire District are also hosting a "Meet the Candidates" night tonight, April 14, at 7 p.m.

The event will also be hosted at PFPD Fire Station No. 1.

Reads a press release from the Friends of the Pagosa Fire District, "Everyone is welcome and we encourage our community to attend."

## STRIVE Program

The PFPD also received a letter from the Colorado State Fire Fighters Association (CSFFA) explaining that one of its volunteers has been chosen for the State Tuition Reimbursement as Incentive for Volunteer Emergency Responders (STRIVE) Program.

Steve Voorhis was selected as a participant in the STRIVE program, which will provide up to \$5,000 for tuition reimbursement to himself or an immediate family member.

"I'd just like to ask the board to do a formal congratulations to Steve for this scholarship," said Larson. "Its awarded throughout the state, and its a really good deal that's out there for our volunteer firefighters ... Steve's one of the few in the region that received that, and I'm personally very proud that he received that scholarship."

"My daughter's in college, and a child of a firefighter can apply for this scholarship. Its a \$5,000 reimbursement for either a volunteer or a child of a volunteer," Voorhis explained to the board. "This'll reimburse her \$5,000 of the \$7,000 she had from last semester's tuition."

The board commended Steve, with Lattin saying, "Steve, congratulations to you and your daughter."

Joked Larson, "There is a clause in there that he has to remain a volunteer in good standing though, so we're going to keep a close eye on him."

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# Spring Events DUI enforcement underway

Special to The SUN

As winter fades and warm weather invites Coloradans outside, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and local law enforcement agencies are collaborating under The Heat Is On for the Spring Events DUI enforcement, aiming to curb impaired driving and save lives.

The increased DUI enforcement started April 9 and continues through May 15. Seventy law enforcement agencies statewide are participating in the crackdown. About one-third of vehicle fatalities are related to impaired driving each year in Colorado.

The enforcement coincides with annual spring celebrations and festivities—graduations, spring breaks, outdoor festivals and the start of baseball season—where alcohol and other impairing substances are often consumed. Last year's

campaign arrested 1,870 impaired drivers, the second consecutive year arrest numbers from the Spring Events enforcement increased.

"Coloradans have plenty to enjoy during the spring and many events offer attendees alcoholic beverages," said Darrell Lingk, director of the CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety. "So, if you choose to partake, only do so if you plan a sober ride home and never risk driving impaired."

The legal blood-alcohol content limit for a DUI in Colorado is .08 percent and .05 percent for driving while ability impaired (DWAI). Consequences could include jail time, fines and/or loss of a driver's license.

"With the warmer weather and longer days, we notice people tend to drive faster and for longer distances," said Col. Scott Hernandez, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "It's our continual goal to keep Colorado's roads safe and prevent

impaired driving crashes from occurring. The spring enforcement period highlights this goal and should remind motorists to always have a plan to arrive at their destination safely."

The CDOT Highway Safety Office provides funding to Colorado law enforcement for impaired driving enforcement, education and awareness campaigns.

The Heat Is On campaign runs throughout the year with 12 specific high visibility impaired driving enforcement periods centered on national holidays and large public events.

Enforcement periods can include sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and additional law enforcement on duty dedicated to impaired driving enforcement.

More details about the campaign, including impaired driving enforcement plans, arrest totals and safety tips, can be found at [HeatsOnColorado.com](http://HeatsOnColorado.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**  
April 4 — State warrant, San Juan Street.

April 5 — Violation of bail bond condition/misdemeanor, San Juan Street.

April 5 — Information only, North Pagosa Boulevard.

April 5 — Driving under restraint-alcohol/drug related offense, drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, improper registration-registration rescinded or canceled, Colorado license plate violation, failed to display valid registration, vehicle with defective or no stop lights, drove vehicle without insurance, Eagle Drive.

April 6 — First-degree criminal trespass/theft from vehicle, Doc Adams Road.

April 6 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, Great West Avenue.

April 6 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

April 7 — Information only, Hurt Drive.

April 7 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Hills Circle.

April 8 — Owner/custodian allowed animal to run at large, Swiss Village Drive.

April 8 — Unlawful ownership of dangerous dog-misdemeanor, Meadows Drive.

April 8 — Unlawful ownership of dangerous dog-misdemeanor, Whispering Wood Drive.

April 8 — Criminal mischief, second-degree criminal trespass, Pagosa Junction.

April 9 — Warrant arrest, North Pagosa Boulevard.

April 9 — Driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, North Pagosa Boulevard.

April 11 — Agency assist, Navajo Trail Drive.

April 11 — Domestic violence, third-degree assault/simple assault, Lakeside Drive.

**Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department**

April 5 — Criminal trespass, Aspen Village Drive.

April 6 — Criminal tampering, Pagosa Street.

April 6 — Traffic/license suspended, Aspen Village Drive.

April 6 — Agency assist/law enforcement, Great West Avenue.

April 6 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

April 7 — Agency assist/not law enforcement, Hot Springs Boulevard.

April 7 — Theft, U.S. 160.

April 8 — Theft, South 8th Street.

April 9 — Agency assist/law enforcement, U.S. 160.

April 10 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

April 10 — Violation of restraining order, North 5th Street.

April 10 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

**Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge William J. Anderson**  
No report.

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

March 10 — Ronald Fritz, fail obey traffic control device, fines and costs — \$202.50.

March 10 — Donald Eldridge, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

March 10 — Austin Rand, disorderly conduct/offensive gesture, 46 days jail, 24 hours community service probation, fines and costs — \$86.

March 10 — Austin Rand, Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, driving under the influence, 24 hours community service probation, 12 months probation, fines and costs — \$2,787.50.

March 11 — Shea Anderson, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$122.50.

March 16 — Janette Hamilton, failure to display proof of insurance, fines and costs — \$205.50.

March 16 — Georgia Ortega, failure to display proof of insurance, fines and costs — \$205.50.

March 16 — Joshua Newland, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail, 12 months probation, 24 hours community service probation, fines and costs — \$1,408.61.

March 16 — Christian Lloyd, driving under restraint/second offense, 10 days electronic surveillance, fines and costs — \$254.50.

March 17 — Jacob Lucero, speeding 5-9 over limit, fines and costs — \$122.50.

March 17 — Hollis Campbell, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

March 21 — Vladimir Kholostov, stop sign/fail to stop, fines and costs — \$107.50.

March 22 — Melody Giles, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$98.50.

March 24 — Ezekiel Breedlove, seat belt not used, fines and costs \$163.50.

March 24 — Sharon Brickell, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

March 24 — Shilo Crowell, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

March 24 — Alexander Denner, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$163.50.

March 24 — Carl Dennis, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$163.50.

March 24 — Camille Prieur, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$163.50.

March 24 — Immanuel Thomas, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$339.50.

March 29 — Justin Caler, seat belt not used, fines and costs — \$98.50.

March 29 — Boyd Yazzie, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

March 30 — Vicki Smith, pass on left/insufficient clearance, fines and costs — \$137.50.

March 31 — Eric Hernandez, driver's license/driving without, headlamps/failure to dim, fines and costs — \$139.50.

**6th Judicial District Court: Judge Greg Lyman**  
No report.

**Public Notices**

Notice to Bidders — Request for Proposals

The Archuleta School District 50 is accepting proposals for the Cleaning, Sealing and Repairing of several of the District's parking lots.

Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. MDT on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at the Archuleta School District 50 Administration Building, P.O. Box 1498, 309 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Copies of the RFP and specifications for this project can be found on the district's website: [www.mypagosa-schools.com](http://www.mypagosa-schools.com) in the "Community" section or by picking up the specifications in person at the District's Administration Office, Monday — Friday from 8-4. Alternatively, specifications can be obtained from Maintenance Director Chad Bayles at the MAT Building at 800 B South 8th Street, or by sending an e-mail to [cbayles@pagosa.k12.co.us](mailto:cbayles@pagosa.k12.co.us).

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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

**MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC**  
Plaintiff

vs.  
**BART MCNEIL, REGINA L. MCNEIL** and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,  
Defendants.

Attorney for Plaintiff(s):  
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle  
Address: 10 Town Plaza, #504  
Durango, CO 81301  
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424  
Email: [vanwinkledb@gmail.com](mailto:vanwinkledb@gmail.com)  
Atty. Reg. #: 41195  
Case Number: 15CV030243

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Plaintiff filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action to judicial foreclosure to: Unit Number 7317, Building Number 02, Unit Week Number 49, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase One as Reception No. 161539 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 29th day of February, 2016.

/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle  
D. Brett Van Winkle  
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
Court Address: PO Box 148, 449 San Juan St.  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

**MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC**  
Plaintiff

vs.  
**LOUIS ROQUE, ELFRIEDA M. ROQUE** and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,  
Defendants.

Attorney for Plaintiff(s):  
Name: D. Brett Van Winkle  
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Email: [vanwinkledb@gmail.com](mailto:vanwinkledb@gmail.com)  
Atty. Reg. #: 41195  
Case Number: 16CV030002

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Plaintiff filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action to judicial foreclosure to: Unit Number 7316, Building Number 002C, Unit Week Number 18, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase 1 as Reception No. 161539 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 29th day of February, 2016.

/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle  
D. Brett Van Winkle  
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**MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC**  
Plaintiff

vs.  
**LOUIS ROQUE, ELFRIEDA M. ROQUE** and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,  
Defendants.

Attorney for Plaintiff(s):  
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Durango, CO 81301  
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Atty. Reg. #: 41195  
Case Number: 16CV030002

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Plaintiff filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action to judicial foreclosure to: Unit Number 7316, Building Number 002C, Unit Week Number 18, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase 1 as Reception No. 161539 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 29th day of February, 2016.

/s/ D. Brett Van Winkle  
D. Brett Van Winkle  
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**MASTERS PLACE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, LLC**  
Plaintiff

vs.  
**LOUIS ROQUE, ELFRIEDA M. ROQUE** and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,  
Defendants.

Attorney for Plaintiff(s):  
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Atty. Reg. #: 41195  
Case Number: 16CV030002

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Plaintiff filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action to judicial foreclosure to: Unit Number 7316, Building Number 002C, Unit Week Number 18, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase 1 as Reception No. 161539 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 29th day of February, 2016.

/s/ John D. Alford  
John D. Alford  
Signed original of this document is on file at the office of John D. Alford, and will be made available for inspection by other parties or the court upon request.  
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado  
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Tel. 970.264.2400  
Peregine Property  
Owner's Association, Inc.  
Plaintiff

vs.  
**LOUIS ROQUE, ELFRIEDA M. ROQUE** and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,  
Defendants.

Attorney for Plaintiff(s):  
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Durango, CO 81301  
Phone Number: (970) 426-8424  
Email: [vanwinkledb@gmail.com](mailto:vanwinkledb@gmail.com)  
Atty. Reg. #: 41195  
Case Number: 16CV030002

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Plaintiff filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

This is an action to judicial foreclosure to: Unit Number 7316, Building Number 002C, Unit Week Number 18, in Masters Place Condominiums Phase 1 as Reception No. 161539 and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership, recorded under Reception Number 161911 amendments and supplements thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 29th day of February, 2016.

/s/ John D. Alford  
John D. Alford  
Signed original of this document is on file at the office of John D. Alford, and will be made available for inspection by other parties or the court upon request.  
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Peregine Property  
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Plaintiff

vs.  
**LOUIS ROQUE, ELFRIEDA M. ROQUE** and All Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Matter Of This Action,  
Defendants.

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**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Plaintiff filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court, an Answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

thereto in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Dated this 29th day of February, 2016.







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ing 39, Units 7877-78, Phase VIII, \$3558.87; Interval Fees Inventory LLC, Building 38, Units 7875-78, Phase VIII, \$2044 under Reception No. 111906, as amended by Affidavit of Consent recorded January 15, 1983 in Book 195 at Page 440.

In order to obtain a copy of the referenced Complaint, please contact the Plaintiff's Attorney, John D. Alford, at P.O. Box 11470, Fort Smith, AR 72917. Dated this 4th day of March, 2016.

*/s/John D. Alford*  
John D. Alford

In accordance with C.R.C.P. 121 Sec. 1-26(9), the signed original of this document is on file at the office of John D. Alford, and will be made available for inspection by other parties on the court upon request. Published March 24, 31, April 7, 14 and 21, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2016-001**

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On January 25, 2016, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records. Original Grantor(s) Wayne W Mc Connell and Betty Joan Mc Connell. Original Beneficiary(ies) Universal Lending Corporation Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company Date of Deed of Trust December 22, 2008 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust December 30, 2008 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20910504

On the 3rd day of August 2016, unless the same has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 21st day of March 2016

*/s/ Betty A. Diller*  
Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
Published March 31, April 7 and 14, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

**JOSEPH M PENTER**  
1905 JASMINE LANE  
PLANO, TX 75074

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 1st day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to **JOHN M RITCHEY REVOUC TRUST** the following described real estate situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

**Lot 47, WILDFLOWER SUBDIVISION AMENDED FINAL PLAT, according to the plat thereof recorded May 14, 1997 as reception No. 97003000.**  
Account Number: R000750  
Schedule Number: 558323304012  
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2011-024273

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to **JOHN M RITCHEY REVOUC TRUST** That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2011. That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of **JOSEPH M PENTER** for said year 2011. That said **JOHN M RITCHEY REVOUC TRUST** on the 1st day of March 2016, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate. That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to **JOHN M RITCHEY REVOUC TRUST** On the 3rd day of August 2016, unless the same has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 21st day of March 2016

*/s/ Betty A. Diller*  
Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado  
Published March 31, April 7 and 14, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**INVITATION TO BID**  
Separate sealed BIDS for the **Cloud Cap Avenue Resurfacing Project & Lake Forest Circle Reconstruction Project** will be received by **Archuleta County, Colorado** at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at 188 South 8th Street, P.O. Box 1208, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147, until 2:00 P.M. local time on **April 28, 2016**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Cloud Cap Avenue Resurfacing Project involves resurfacing of approximately 0.77 miles of roadway with reconstruction of 0.33 miles of roadway in Archuleta County. The project will generally maintain the existing horizontal and vertical alignment, primarily consisting of gravel supplementation, pulverization, reshaping, compacting, and asphalt paving.

The Lake Forest Circle Reconstruction Project involves reconstruction of approximately 0.54 miles of roadway in Archuleta County. The project will generally maintain the existing horizontal and vertical alignment, primarily consisting of roadway excavation, gravel placement, reshaping, compacting, and asphalt paving.

The Cloud Cap Avenue Resurfacing Project and Lake Forest Circle Reconstruction Project work includes, but is not limited to pulverization, excavation, embankment, gravel placement, asphalt paving, drainage structure replacement, erosion control, pavement marking, traffic sign placement, traffic control, seeding and mulching, topsoil, and other items typically associated with road construction. Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND PLANS may be obtained on or after **April 11, 2016**, at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at the address mentioned above, upon payment of \$150.00 for each set. No refund will be made for returned copies.

A **mandatory pre-bid conference** and inspection trip for prospective Bidders will be held at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. (phone number (970) 264-5055), located at the address mentioned above, at 2:00 P.M. local time on **April 19, 2016**.

Date: **April 7, 2016**  
Published April 7 and 14, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 7, COLORADO WATER RESURANCE**  
TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS IN SAID WATER DIVISION NO. 7

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302, you are notified that the following is the resume of all water right applications filed in the Office of the Water Clerk during the month of March, 2016, for Archuleta County.

**APPLICANTS IN ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO, APPLICATION TO MAKE A CONDITIONAL WATER RIGHT ABSOLUTE AND, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR A FINDING OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE, IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR WATER RIGHTS OF PAT PARELLI INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTER, INC. DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION NO. 7, STATE OF COLORADO, La Plata County Courthouse, 1060 2nd Avenue, PO Box 3340, Durango, CO 81392.** 1. Name, address and telephone number of applicant: Pat Parelli International Study Center, Inc. Attention: Mark Weiler, President, P.O. Box 3729, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970) 731-9475 Direct dial pleadings to: Michael F. Browning, Porzak Browning & Bushong LLP, 2120 13th Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302. 2. Name of Structure, Parelli Well. 3. Description of Conditional Water Right. A. Decree. Decreed by the O&W dated in and for Water Division No. 7 in Case No. 09CV3 in March 17, 2010. B. Location: IN THE NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 7, T. 34 N., R. 2 W., N.M.P.M., at a point South 202 feet from the North Section Line and 1682 feet from the West Section Line of said Section 7. The UTM coordinates are NAD83, Zone 13 North, Nothing 4120517, Easting 312707. C. Source: Groundwater from Mancos Shale, tributary to Stollsteimer Creek. The depth of the well is approximately 180 feet. D. Appropriation Date: June 11, 1996. E. Amount: 30 gpm, of which 15 gpm is currently absolute and 15 gpm is currently conditional. F. Uses: Domestic, irrigation of up to 12,000 square feet of landscaping, commercial, livestock watering, and fire protection. 4. Claim to Make Absolute. The Parelli Well has been pumped and the water therefrom put to the decreed beneficial uses at the rate of 30 gpm. Accordingly, Applicant seeks to make the 15 gpm currently conditionally decreed to the Well absolute. 5. Alternative Claim for Diligence/Detailed outline of work done to complete project and apply water to beneficial use. A. Applicant conducted an extensive inspection of its potable water system that is supplied by the Parelli Well with the State Water Quality Control Division and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. B. Applicant purchased a new pump that will be installed in the Parelli Well. C. Applicant made repairs to various pipes, valves, water lines, storage cistern and other facilities that are supplied water by the Parelli Well. D. Applicant replaced pressure tanks and related switches that are supplied water by the Parelli Well. E. Applicant continued to make improvements to the property that is served by the Parelli Well in an effort to continue to grow the business and resulting water demands. (4 pages)

**THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THE FOREGOING APPLICATION(S) MAY AFFECT IN PRIORITY ANY WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED OR HERETOFORE JUDICATED WITHIN THIS DIVISION AND OWNERS OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OBJECT AND PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY STATUTE, OR BE FOREVER BARRED.**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE UNTIL the last day of May, 2016, to file with the Water Clerk, a verified Statement of Opposition, setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions. A copy of such Statement of Opposition must also be served upon the applicant or the applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service shall be filed with the Water Clerk, as prescribed by Rule 5, C.R.C.P.**

(Filing fee: \$158.00; Forms are available through the Office of the Water Clerk or on the Judicial site at www.courts.state.co.us; Danene M. Etz, Water Court Specialist, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., Room 106, Durango, CO 81301-5157; 970-247-2304, Ext. 6181)

Original Published: before April 30, 2016  
Signature on file  
Danene M. Etz, Water Court Specialist  
Published April 14, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*

The Town has received an Application for "Demolition of

a Structure in Historic District" for a proposed development located at 434 Pagosa Street. The applicant proposes to remove a shed structure located behind the main building.

The Town Historic Preservation Board will consider making a recommendation to Town Council regarding the Application for "Demolition of a Structure in Historic District" for the shed on the subject property at a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 5:45pm in Town Hall.

The Town Council will consider the Application for "Demolition of a Structure in Historic District" and the recommendation from the Historic Preservation Board, at Town Hearings on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 5pm, in Town Hall.

Verbal Public comments will be accepted at each scheduled Public Hearing. Written Public comments should be received by the Town Planning Department, 8 days prior to each scheduled public hearing, to ensure written comments are included in the bound packets that are sent out 7 days prior to each scheduled public hearing.

Anyone interested in more information should contact the Town Planning Director at 970-264-4151 x225. Town Hall is located at 551 Hot Spings Blvd. Published April 14, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**ESTRAY** - One brown juno mule, no brand, no white, dark brown strip on shoulder, old. Livestock to be claimed by legal owner within 10 days or will be sold by Colorado Brand Board. For information call 970-264-5959 or 303-869-9160. Published April 14, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY CONSULTANT SERVICES**  
Archuleta County Colorado is accepting responses to our Request for Proposals for Consulting Services for a Classification and Compensation Study. RFP packet is available by calling the Human Resources Office at 970-264-8375 or email rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Published April 14, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE TO ENFORCE SELF-SERVICE FACILITY LEIN**  
Pursuant to C.R.S. 38-21-5-101 et seq. DATE OF NOTICE : First Week April 14, 2015  
Second Week April 21, 2015

Description of Property : That "personal property stored in Airport Self Storage, 201 County Road 600, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147"; Unit A14 (Pacheco, Jim, PO Box 5732, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147) household goods

Unit G41 (Landry, Justin, 76 East Log Hill Rd, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147) household goods  
Unit H53 (Vasquez, Amber, PO Box 5276, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147) household goods  
Unit B19 (Artis, Rick, 853 Majestic Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147) household goods

DATE OF SALE: Saturday, April 23, 2016  
TIME OF SALE: 9:00 am  
TERMS OF SALE: CASH, RESERVED  
PLACE OF SALE: Airport Self Storage, 201 County Road 600, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
NAME OF FORECLOSING PARTY: Airport Self Storage

ADDRESS OF FORECLOSING PARTY: 201 County Road 600, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
Timothy F. Blawie, Sheriff, 444 East Pikes Peak Avenue Suite 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 (719) 477-0225  
Attorney File #

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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Published April 14, 21, 28, May 5 and 12, 2016 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

**DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO CIVIL ACTION NO. 2013CV030072 DIVISION NO. COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEMPTION**  
Plaintiff, **Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association v.**

Defendants, Christine Hanson, et al  
Regarding: Lot 210, Pagosa Vista, According to the Plat Thereof Filed September 13, 1971, as Reception No. 74884, In the Office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.

Also known as: 60 Homestead Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice:

You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Civil Division of the Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 10:00 A.M., on the 8th day of June 2016, at 449 San Juan St., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8430. At which sale, the above described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.

Plaintiff certifies that the attached Declaration of Foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on October 4, 2006 at Reception No. 20609821, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, which Lien Being Foreclosed may NOT be a First Lien on the Subject Property and Improvements.

You may have an interest in the real property being affected, or have certain rights or suffer certain liabilities or loss of your interest in the subject property as a result of said foreclosure. You may have the right to redeem the real property or you may have the right to cure a default under the instrument being foreclosed. Any Notice of Intent to Cure must be filed no later than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date of the foreclosure sale.

A notice of intent to cure filed pursuant to section 38-38-103 shall be filed with the officer at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the first scheduled sale date or any date to which the sale is continued. A notice of intent to redeem filed pursuant to section 38-38-302 shall be filed with the officer no later than eight (8) business days after the sale. In this regard, you may desire and are advised to consult with your own private attorney.

Plaintiff certifies that the parties liable thereon, the owner of the property described above, or those with an interest in the subject property, may take appropriate and timely action under Colorado statutes, certain sections of which are attached hereto.

In order to be entitled to take advantage of any rights provided for under Colorado law, you must strictly comply and adhere to the provisions of the law. Further, you are advised that the attached Colorado statutes mentioned forth the applicable portions of Colorado statutory law relating to curative and redemption rights; therefore, you should read and review all the applicable statutes and laws in order to determine the requisite procedures and provisions which control your rights in the subject property.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 14th day of March, 2016.

Sheriff of Archuleta County, Colorado  
By: Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff  
Tanya Hamilton, Undersheriff  
ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF:

ORTEN CAVANAGH & HOLMES, LLC  
1445 Market Street, Suite 350  
Denver, CO 80202  
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**DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**  
Combined Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, PO Box 148, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147; Phone Number: (970) 264-8160  
Plaintiff(s): Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc., a Delaware Corporation

v. Defendant(s): Isaiah F. Casiquito, Ramona J. Perea, Hunter Welch, Elizabeth Welch, Justin K. Cathy, Charlotte A. Cathy, Kenneth Curley, Katherine C. Curley, Paul Duke, Elaine Duke, Sandra R. Ross, Bruce K. Blankenship, James Maness, Tiffany Maness, Jeffrey P. Jennings, Loriann M. Jennings, John M. Mack, Paula K. Mack, Elmer S. Onate, Nelda Onate, Timothy A. Sanchez, and Jennifer B. Sanchez

Submitting Attorney: Newbold Chapman & Geyer PC; Keith Newbold; 150 East 9th Street, Suite 400; P.O. Box 2970; Durango, CO 81302; Phone Number: (970) 247-3091; Fax Number: (970) 247-3100; E-Mail: knebold@newboldchapmanlaw.com; Atty. Reg. No: 010629  
Case Number: 2015-CV-30081  
Div. : Ctm.

**SHERIFF'S COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CURE AND RIGHT TO REDEEM**

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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in accordance with the Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 06/09/2016, at 449 San Juan St, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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**IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.**

**THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2. THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH, THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.**  
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Denver, Colorado 80203  
(800) 222-4444  
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Iowa City, Iowa 52244  
(855) 411-2379  
www.consumerfinance.gov

DATE: 02/11/2016  
Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado  
By: */s/ Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee*  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Timothy F. Blawie, Sheriff, 444 East Pikes Peak Avenue Suite 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 (719) 477-0225  
Attorney File #

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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**DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO CIVIL ACTION NO. 2013CV030072 DIVISION NO. COMBINED NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEMPTION**  
Plaintiff, **Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association v.**

Defendants, Christine Hanson, et al  
Regarding: Lot 210, Pagosa Vista, According to the Plat Thereof Filed September 13, 1971, as Reception No. 74884, In the Office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.

Also known as: 60 Homestead Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, Please take notice:

You and each of you are hereby notified that a Sheriff's Sale of the referenced property is to be conducted by the Civil Division of the Sheriff's Office of Archuleta County, Colorado at 10:00 A.M., on the 8th day of June 2016, at 449 San Juan St., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; phone number 970-264-8430. At which sale, the above described real property and improvements thereon will be sold to the highest bidder. Plaintiff makes no warranty relating to title, possession, or quiet enjoyment in and to said real property in connection with this sale.

Plaintiff certifies that the attached Declaration of Foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, the current holder of a lien recorded on October 4, 2006 at Reception No. 20609821, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado. The judicial foreclosure is based on a default under the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, which Lien Being Foreclosed may NOT be a First Lien on the Subject Property and Improvements.

You may have an interest in the real property being affected, or have certain rights or suffer certain liabilities or loss of your interest in the subject property as a result of said foreclosure. You may have the right to redeem the real property or you may have the right to cure a default under the instrument being foreclosed. Any Notice of Intent to Cure must be filed no later than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date of the foreclosure sale.

A notice of intent to cure filed pursuant to section 38-38-103 shall be filed with the officer at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the first scheduled sale date or any date to which the sale is continued. A notice of intent to redeem filed pursuant to section 38-38-302 shall be filed with the officer no later than eight (8) business days after the sale. In this regard, you may desire and are advised to consult with your own private attorney.

Plaintiff certifies that the parties liable thereon, the owner of the property described above, or those with an interest in the subject property, may take appropriate and timely action under Colorado statutes, certain sections of which are attached hereto.

In order to be entitled to take advantage of any rights provided for under Colorado law, you must strictly comply and adhere to the provisions of the law. Further, you are advised that the attached Colorado statutes mentioned forth the applicable portions of Colorado statutory law relating to curative and redemption rights; therefore, you should read and review all the applicable statutes and laws in order to determine the requisite procedures and provisions which control your rights in the subject property.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 14th day of March, 2016.

Sheriff of Archuleta County, Colorado  
By: Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff  
Tanya Hamilton, Undersheriff  
ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF:

ORTEN CAVANAGH & HOLMES, LLC  
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as located on the recorded Map thereof filed for record April 10, 1984 as Reception No. 122508, and in accordance with and as limited and defined by the Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership recorded July 29, 1983 in Book 200 at Page 834.

with the Mortgage being dated January 9, 2009, and recorded on April 10, 2009 at Reception 20902593. The outstanding balance due and owing on such judgment is:

Original Principal:	\$12,104.10	Unpaid Principal:	\$99,991.91
Interest at 15%:	\$529.31	Late Fees:	\$115.00
Costs:	\$492.55	Attorney Fees:	\$1,100.00
Judgment Total:	\$15,993.99		

2. As to Defendants Justin K. Cathy and Charlotte A. Cathy (Contract #171104748), the property is described as: A 554,000/17,743,000 undivided fee simple absolute interest in Units 7855-7856 in Building 28, as tenants in common with the other undivided interest owners of said building of PEREGRINE TOWNHOUSES PHASE VI, as depicted on the Plat recorded at Reception Number 99011974, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, Second Supplemental Declaration recorded July 8, 1999 as Reception No. 99006556 and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado, which undivided interest has been allocated 554,000 Fairshare Plus Points symbolic of said property interest.

with the Mortgage being dated July 16, 2011, and recorded on October 3, 2011 at Reception 21106581. The outstanding balance due and owing on such judgment is:

Original Principal:	\$56,940.43	Unpaid Principal:	\$56,472.63
Interest at 15%:	\$2,989.18	Late Fees:	\$140.00
Costs:	\$348.73	Attorney Fees:	\$1,100.00
Judgment Total:	\$61,948.81		

3. As to Defendants Kenneth Curley and Katherine C. Curley (Contract #1711008204), the property is described





## 'Legally Blonde'

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Pagosa Springs High School's auditorium was clad in significantly more pink than normal during the recent run of the school's spring musical, "Legally Blonde." For more photos from "Legally Blonde," see [www.photos.PagosaSUN.com](http://www.photos.PagosaSUN.com).



## County groups receive funding for National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day activities

Special to The SUN

National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is Saturday, May 7.

Recently, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) selected 125 communities, including Pagosa Springs, to receive \$500 project funding awards provided by State Farm.

These communities will be implementing fuels reduction projects and wildfire mitigation education

activities on May 7. In Archuleta County, FireWise and the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership will be hosting a barbecue and education event on Reservoir Hill to highlight recent mitigation activities there.

Colorado communities received 16 of those 125 awards and four of the Colorado awards were received in southwest Colorado: one each in Archuleta and Montezuma counties

and two in La Plata County.

There were a total of 271 communities that applied for funding awards this year from 40 different states. The NFPA and State Farm have been sponsoring this event for three years and each year State Farm has increased the number of project awards available.

FireWise of Southwest Colorado has been fortunate to receive an award(s) every year.



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

*District 1 (Archuleta County):*  
Mike Alley, Mark Garcia (incumbent), Calum McNeil

*District 2 (south and west La Plata County):*  
Dan Huntington, Lori Schell

*District 4 (north and east La Plata County):*  
John Beebe, Ron Bishop, Jack D. Turner (incumbent)

The election in representative District 3 [Durango] has been cancelled due to only one nominee in the district: Doug Lyon. Mr. Lyon will assume his seat following the Annual Meeting.

**Watch your mail!  
Every vote counts!**

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**Plan to attend YOUR Annual Meeting!**  
Saturday, May 7, 2016  
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Complimentary lunch follows the Business Meeting



# preview

## ARTS & LIFE

# Celebrate Earth Week





# Southwest Organization for Sustainability Earth Week event schedule

By **Pauline Benetti**  
Special to The PREVIEW

This is year three that the Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS) has promoted celebration of Earth Day by encouraging individuals, organizations and businesses in our community to sponsor an appropriate activity during the week that includes Earth Day. This year, the week stretches from Saturday, April 16, to Saturday, April 23.

Each year, the schedule of activities has grown, not hugely, but some. We are encouraged and are happy to fulfill our part of the bargain — promotion of those activities. Here are the activities that we know about as of press time. Quite possibly, others will spring up.

The best place to keep up with activities is at the Earth Week headquarters, located on Rosita Street, the frontage road across U.S. 160 from the Ruby Sisson Library. Several of the activities listed below will take place at the headquarters.

Archuleta County is providing free recycling (excluding electronics) during the week at the Transfer Station on Trujillo Road. Sisson Library is providing a display of Earth Day information and a schedule of events.

## Sunday, April 17

- 10:30 a.m. — Earth Day Program: “The Moral

Demands of Climate Change” by Denise Rue-Pastin, Pagosa UU Fellowship Service, Greenbriar Plaza, Park Avenue and North Pagosa Boulevard, Unit 15.

## Monday, April 18

- 9 a.m. — Trash pickup. Everyone welcome. Meet at the old Pagosa Brewing parking lot. Sponsored by Pagosa UU Fellowship.

- 1-5 p.m. — Silk Screening Extravaganza. Print the Earth Day logo, “Take Steps To Reduce Your Carbon Footprint,” on our/your T-shirts, bags, etc. This is free fun and kids are welcome. Earth Week headquarters. Sponsored by SOS.

## Tuesday, April 19

- 1-5 p.m. — Free mini lessons: learn to make rag rugs, wagon wheel and hooked styles, with Nyla. Earth Week headquarters. Sponsored by the Pagosa Springs History Museum and SOS.

## Wednesday, April 20

- 10 a.m.-noon — Mountain High Gardeners annual Plant and Garden Expo. Time to dig in. CSU Extension building.

- 1-5 p.m. — Silk Screening Extravaganza. Print the Earth Day logo, “Take Steps To Reduce Your Carbon Footprint,” on our/your T-shirts, bags, etc. This is free

■ See Schedule on next page

## Live Performers

### Friday

Riff Raff Brewing Co.: Ben Gibson Duo, 6 p.m.

### Saturday

Riff Raff Brewing Co.: Brooks I and Guest, 6 p.m.

### Tuesday

Pagosa Brewing Company: Indoor Open Mic, 6 p.m.

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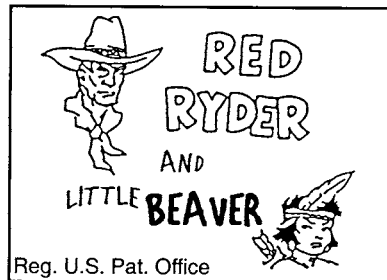
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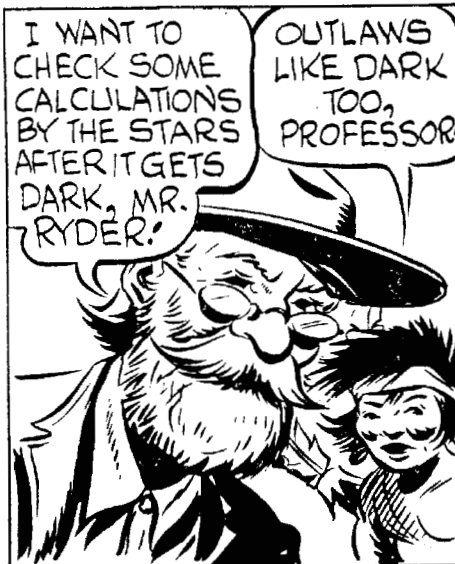
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By Fred Harman





# St. Patrick's Book Nook to hold book sale April 23

By Sally Neel  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Book Nook at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is overflowing with gently used books and wants to invite the public to come in on Saturday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to noon and peruse the shelves for some great summer reading.

The Book Nook is located in the church's parish building and contains books of fiction and nonfiction, as well as children's books, books on religion, cooking, self-help and more.

Books are sold at almost give-away prices, with paperbacks

offered for only a quarter and hardbacks for only a dollar. All proceeds go towards church outreach programs.

The Book Nook was the brainchild of Bonnie Brooks, a parishioner at St. Patrick's who is also an avid reader. Figuring that many of us have books we have read but do not wish to keep, she devised a way to recycle them and provide an inexpensive way for others to enjoy reading. At the same time, the proceeds provide income for the church's outreach programs.

"It's amazing how those quarters and dollars add up," said Doug

Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "People generously bring their books in for resale and then purchase a stack of almost-new books for their future reading enjoyment. Through their recycling efforts, the Book Nook provides funding for important outreach programs in our community. It is definitely a win-win opportunity."

St. Patrick's is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The parish building is located next door to the church building. Mark your calendars and plan to come to St. Patrick's on Saturday, April 23, beginning at 8 a.m. to get some great deals on books.

## Schedule

■ continued from previous page  
fun and kids are welcome. Earth Week headquarters. Sponsored by SOS.

### Thursday, April 21

• 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. — Loaves and Fishes. Share a community meal, Parish Hall, Lewis Street. Meet members of the Southwest Organization for Sustainability, Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) and Earth Community Pagosa (ECP). Information on how to recycle everything, almost. Sponsored by SOS.

• 1-5 p.m. — Free mini lessons: learn to make rag rugs, wagon wheel and hooked styles, with Nyla. Earth Week headquarters. Sponsored by the Pagosa Springs History Museum and SOS.

4:30 p.m. — Meet Mother Nature's Birds and Scavenger Hunt. Kids welcome. Meet at new playground in Town Park. Bring binoculars and bird book. Sponsored by the Weminuche Audubon Society.

### Friday, April 22: Earth Day

• 11 a.m.-3 p.m. — Pagosa Composting. All gardens begin with

good soil — learn how to make it. CSU Extension building.

1-3 p.m. — GGP Sweet 100's Giveaway. Progress report on project. GGP site, Centennial Park.

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### Saturday, April 23

• 8 a.m. — Recycle, Reuse Rummage Sale. Come set up for free and enjoy a free hot dog. Earth Week headquarters.

• 3:30 p.m. — "The Future of Energy." New environmental film at the Liberty Theatre. Free. Sponsored by SOS and ECP.

• All day — PLPOA Earth Day Celebration, Vista Clubhouse. Drop off recycling, including electronics (small fee) and food drive

• 10 a.m. — Art and poetry

contests for high school students based on an Earth Day prompt, with prizes

• Evening — Brooks-i band with dancing.

There's will be something for everyone. Have fun and, remember, it's Earth Day you are celebrating.

For more information, contact Nyla at 731-3931 or nyjeaa@gmail.com, or Pauline Benetti at 264-5232 or paulineb@centurytel.net.

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# Americana Project to welcome Joseph Wooten on April 26

By Bob Hemenger  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Americana Project class at Pagosa Springs High School is proud to be hosting a very special guest artist for its spring concert series: the three-time Grammy nominated Joseph Wooten.

The concert will be held in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium at 7 p.m. on April 26, at 7 p.m.

Wooten is an amazing keyboardist, singer and songwriter of deep and meaningful songs.

We are excited that he will be joining us for a master class with the Americana Project students, performing for the entire high school body and sharing his talents with the community in an evening concert.

When he isn't touring with The Steve Miller Band, Wooten can be found speaking to students at the college, high school and middle school level about character development, self-esteem, self-respect and personal growth using his own life experiences as examples.

Wooten just returned from performing with The Steve Miller Band at The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction. We are looking forward to him sharing some stories of that historic event.



Photo courtesy Bob Hemenger

The three-time Grammy-nominated Joseph Wooten is this spring's guest artist for the Americana Project class at Pagosa Springs High School. Wooten will perform, with students opening for him and performing with him, on April 26.

Students from the Americana Project will be opening the concert and joining Wooten for the closing

song. Please mark your calendars for April 26. We hope you can come

out and support these wonderful and talented youth of Pagosa Springs.

# Wild West Squares beginning square dance class

By Carla Roberts  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Wild West Squares of Pagosa Springs offers a free eight-week introduction to square dance, with classes continuing to accept new students on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m.

The next class is on April 27 at the PLPOA Clubhouse.

In this introduction to square dance, Carla Roberts will teach at the basic level, so new dancers can quickly master enough calls (or dance steps) to experience the exhilaration of dancing in a group setting. The class focus is for everyone to have an enjoyable dance session while learning the building blocks of square dance.

This is a fun, easygoing and free

class open to families, couples and singles. Suggested age for children is at least 8 years old. Call Roberts to enroll at 903-6478.

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The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir, alongside the newly formed Women's Chorus in Pagosa Springs, will present its spring concert, "Sing and Dance," on May 3 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

## Pagosa Springs Girls Choir spring concert date set

By Linda Parker  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) will complete another exceptional year of singing with the presentation of its spring concert on May 3 at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

This year's theme, "Sing and

Dance," will feature a variety of music styles, from classical to multicultural to patriotic.

In addition, the choir will host the debut performance of the newly formed Women's Chorus in Pagosa Springs, the "Sisters in Song," who will not only perform their own selections, but will also sing a combined number with the

PSGC.

"Having the Sisters in Song perform with the girls exemplifies the phrase that music is a lifelong skill," said PSGC Director Linda Parker. "Most of these ladies are not professional musicians, yet they continue to enjoy music and performing. It is such a great opportunity for the

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After teaching at the Pagosa Bluegrass Camp for Kids in the days leading up to the 11th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival, Melody Walker and Jacob Groopman will open the day of music on June 4 with an 11:30 a.m. set on the main stage.

## Melody Walker and Jacob Groopman, The Railsplitters to play Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass

By Crista Munro  
Special to The PREVIEW

This year's 11th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival will take place June 3, 4 and 5 on Reservoir

Hill right here in Pagosa Springs. The festival continues to grow a bit each year and is expected to attract hundreds of people from around Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and beyond to hear

some of today's most talented acoustic, roots-based musicians on the planet.

The 2016 lineup includes Eileen Ivers, Aoife O'Donovan, Caravan of Thieves, Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley, the Jon Stickle Trio, Steep Ravine, The Lonely Heartstring Band,

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## Concert

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girls to see this as a reality so that they, too, may continue to sing and perform throughout their life. Also, by singing a combined song with the Sisters, the girls will learn to blend their voices and to interact with other musicians. With the women's chorus sharing the stage, the girls will gain another perspective on the importance of music in a person's life.

"We hope that Pagosa will come out and join us for this wonderful musical mix of impressive talent

from our own community. We are so grateful for the support from these gifted musicians as well as the support and love for the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir from the Pagosa Springs community itself."

Admission to the PSGC spring concert is free. Donations that support the choir's educational and music programs are, as always, gratefully accepted.

For additional information about the concert, call Parker at 264-1434 or email [singpagosa@gmail.com](mailto:singpagosa@gmail.com).

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The Railsplitters are set to take the main stage of the 11th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival at 11 a.m. on June 5 and as part of the late-night shows on June 4.



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## Festival

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The Lil' Smokies, Finnders and Youngberg, Tallgrass, The Robin Davis Duo and this week's featured artists, Melody Walker and Jacob Groopman, and The Railsplitters.

### Melody Walker and Jacob Groopman

Newly-married bluegrass power couple Walker and Groopman are best known as members of the Telluride- and Rockygrass-winning indie-grass band Front Country, a band that played Pagosa Folk n' Bluegrass in both 2013 and 2015. Before transitioning to a full-time schedule with Front Country, Walker and Groopman toured extensively as a duo and recorded two critically acclaimed albums together.

With rootsy, heartfelt songs, dynamic picking and powerful harmonies, Walker and Groopman somehow sound like more than just two voices and two instruments.

Tim O'Brien says of the duo: "Melody and Jacob can sing and play any kind of music, which is why their Americana sounds so fresh. Like a ripe, just-picked, heirloom tomato, it's classic and new at the same time."

After teaching at the Pagosa Bluegrass Camp for Kids in the days leading up to the festival, Walker and Groopman will open Saturday's day of music with an 11:30 a.m. set on the festival main stage.

### The Railsplitters

Fresh off the success of their first album and taking first place in Rockygrass' Best New Band Competition, Colorado natives The Railsplitters have been busy touring the U.S., meeting wider audiences and, of course, spending hours in the tour van.

The musical array pouring out of the van onto the open highway is wildly eclectic, crossing over

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# Curtains Up Pagosa auditions for ‘Fiddler On The Roof’ tomorrow

By Sally Neel  
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa, a non-profit organization that produces community-based musical theater, is auditioning for roles in its upcoming production of “Fiddler on the Roof.”

Auditions will be held Friday, April 15, in the band room at Pagosa Springs High School from 2 to 8 p.m.

Those planning to audition should prepare to sing one song of approximately 16-18 measures. Please bring music for the accompanist. Be prepared to learn a short dance to be performed with a group. You also will be asked to do a cold reading of various selected parts.

“Fiddler on the Roof,” one of the longest running musicals on Broadway and now enjoying a popular revival, is a story of a

Jewish father struggling with his daughters, who are challenging the long-held traditions of the faith, insisting on choosing their own husbands and going their own way. The community also struggles against political unrest that threatens their homes.

Parts are available for grade-school children up through senior adults. Everyone is encouraged to audition regardless of stage experience or formal training. The audition panel makes every effort to put you at ease and create a fun and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Curtains Up Pagosa is completing its 26th year of musical productions in Pagosa Springs. Its mission is, “Strengthening Pagosa’s youth through the arts and adult volunteer mentoring.” The organization returns all of its profits back to our local schools and community through a give-back philosophy that includes scholarships, instru-

ments, supplies and equipment for performing arts programs.

CUP’s primary ongoing financial support and responsibility is to its scholarship program, which supports selected college students majoring in one of the areas of the performing arts. Scholarship support is also provided to students seeking financial assistance with private lessons in voice and dance, attending camps, festivals and other music and performing arts related venues.

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If you have questions, call Production Director Dale Johnson at 731-3370.

## Festival

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genre and time. From boundary-breaking trip hop and electronica groups like Gorillaz and Thievery Corporation, to more direct influences like The Infamous Stringdusters and Lake Street Dive, The Railsplitters’ musical inspirations are incredibly diverse.

With their new album, “The Faster It Goes,” they’re using these new sounds to break the bonds of bluegrass and unleash tradition. Lauren Stovall and the rest of the ‘Splitters suggest that using your roots to evolve is really at the heart of the genre, not unlike Bill Monroe, who himself was an innovator.

With their finger on the pulse, The Railsplitters are pushing the genre forward with an adventurous spirit, carrying in the tradition of breaking boundaries with their innovative sound.

The Railsplitters’ secret weapon is two-fold: first, the innovative imagination of banjo player Dusty Rider’s songwriting, who writes with the full band in mind, imagining an entire song in his head before it’s even heard it out loud. Second, the powerfully distinct vocals of Lauren Stovall, whose

voice is as clean as Emmylou Harris, as cutting as Allison Krauss and carrying some of the attitude of Dolly Parton herself. Stovall’s vocal lines fill The Railsplitters’ sound with something distinct and undeniable.

In addition, part of The Railsplitters’ new color is brought on by the band’s newest member, Christine King, whose superb fiddling adds a driving force to the band’s sound.

With masterfully executed mandolin and banjo by Peter Sharpe and Dusty Rider, and well supported by upright bassist Leslie Ziegler’s innovative style, “The Faster It Goes” testifies to The Railsplitters’ multipolar and collaborative songwriting, giving voice to the impressive talents of its members and a cohesive character to the sound.

Though they operate with the instrumentation of a bluegrass band, The Railsplitters are making music totally unlimited by tradition. This is music for the open road, the open dance floor and open ears — music of the American west, made for all.

You can check out their sound

on the festival main stage on June 5 at 11 a.m. and as part of the late-night shows on June 4.

Pagosa Folk ‘N Bluegrass is supported in part by a matching grant from Colorado Creative Industries. Additional information about the festival, including schedule, ticketing and more, can be found at [www.folkwest.com](http://www.folkwest.com).

Bio content courtesy of Melody Walker/Jacob Groopman and Mindie Lind, Hearth Music.

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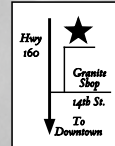
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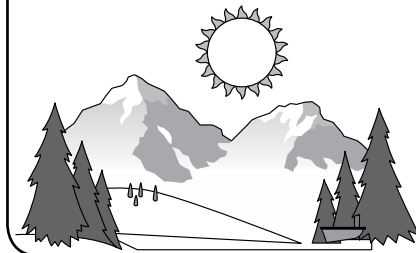
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# A stay at the Hospital Marriott

Our son-in-law dropped by for lunch. As the three of us chatted, my Sweet Al said, "My leg feels hot."

I looked at Al's leg and gasped. His ankle, black and blue, was the size of a large coffee can and a deep red and black scrape down the front of his leg made me feel sick.

Last week, Al fell out of the trailer and an iron bench landed on top of his leg. He said, "Whiskey saw it when it happened." I guess Whiskey tried to tell me, but I don't speak dog, as you all know.

Before this ghastly injury happened, I asked my Sweet Al, "Please move all the outside furniture into the yard, but don't try to move it by yourself. Get the boys to help you or I'll come out and help you when we have a warm day." He couldn't wait.

When I saw his leg, I said, "We've got to get you to the doctor."

"No, I'll be fine."

"No, you won't."

Then our son-in-law tried to talk some sense into him. "Remember the man who had blood poisoning? It went into diabetes and they cut off his leg. If you don't do something, it will happen to you. Just get yourself to the emergency room."

I chimed in. "Yes, if this happens to you, then your 2-inch-shorter leg will be a foot shorter. Then we'll roll your pant leg up to your thigh and put a clothespin on it. How will that look?"

Meanwhile, the day before, I fell in the front yard when I was walking over the dirt clods. I landed on my little finger and it jutted out at a 90-degree angle. I snapped it back in place and figured it was fine. I noticed my finger wouldn't match up with my hand and was swollen.

"I can't go through life with my little finger pointing into the air," I said to Al. "When we take you to the doctor I'll have my finger X-rayed, too. We'll get you a grape slush at happy hour." I was talking his currency.

The doctor looked at Al's leg and ankle and checked him into the hospital immediately. Al had an arm splint to keep the IV intact. They took an X-ray and put a splint on my finger and wrapped it up to my elbow. The nurse said, "You two look like you've been in a domestic fight and she won."

When my daughter stopped by, she chuckled and shook her head in disbelief. "It looks like you two have been scuffling on the playground and you're now in the principal's office getting reprimanded. Let me take a picture. No one will believe me."

I said to her, "Your dad looked well when he came in, but with that hospital gown on, he looks sick. That gown doesn't do anything

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



for him."

Our children came by and everything became funnier. I know we embarrassed them with all of our nonsense. I'm sure they were thinking, "Who are these people? We're going to have to take care of them for the rest of their lives. It's going to go down hill from here. Hold on. Here we go."

Oh, to fall into the hands of your children. I don't think we've got a choice and I know they think they don't have a choice, either.

Al turned every question the nurse asked into a long explanation and a trip down memory lane. One thing she asked was if he was on any medication. He looked at me and said, "My brain pills. Honey, what are they called?"

Neither of us could remember and our other daughter said, "Maybe we should double up the dose for both of them."

I said to Al, "The nurse just asked you if you had a cane. Just answer, 'yes.' She doesn't care if it belonged to your Uncle Leo and you use it once in a while. She just asked about your primary doctor. She doesn't need to know your brother's doctor is a television doctor and now his Dr. Ramo is your primary doctor. She doesn't care about your dad running over you when you were 2 years old and you have a short leg. When she asked about a living will, you didn't have to explain to her about your mother and how you went into depression because you had to tell them to turn off the machine. They are busy. They don't have time for all that."

Apparently, they did care and they listened with the patience of Job. They rolled my Sweet Al into a private room and he's now laid up at the Hospital Marriott. He's having the time of his life and acts like he's on vacation. The doctor, nurses and food dietitian have waited on him hand and foot. He's got the remote in his hand and his own television.

I went by to see him and he told me of all his visitors, phone calls and what he had for breakfast. He acted like he didn't get anything to eat at home. He told me how they brought him two strips of bacon, two poached eggs, pancakes, fresh berries and a freshly baked cinnamon roll. He could've had two if he wanted it. It was better than the Marriott's continental breakfast. A sweet lady made a fresh pot of coffee at 5 a.m., thought of him and

brought him a cup.

Well, all I can say, he better enjoy it; it's not going to happen at home.

He stayed another night and loved all the attention they gave him. He got to know them by their first names. Jackie came by with the evening menu. He acted like it was going to be his last supper. I told him, they don't want to fatten you up, just sustain you during your hospital stay. Charlie, a super nice young man, treated him with so much respect. Al was amazed how Charlie could find a vein the first time. He is a treasure for our little hospital.

I told Al, "I'll pick you up tomorrow morning."

He said, "Wait until after lunch, that cute little girl said she'd bring me something light to eat and even bring me another freshly baked cinnamon roll. They don't want me to go home hungry."

"Next you'll tell me they put a chocolate mint on your pillow."

I waited to pick him up until after he had his lunch. Next time if I have to convince him to go to the hospital, I'll tell him, "Remember the menu."

Final brushstroke: I can't brag enough on the hospital and staff. The nurses, doctors and everyone were gentle, kind and attentive. They listened to Al's story and waited on him at his every beck and call. They took care of his injury and kept him an extra night to make sure his leg would be OK. We are blessed to live in this beautiful place with such beautiful people and this great hospital.

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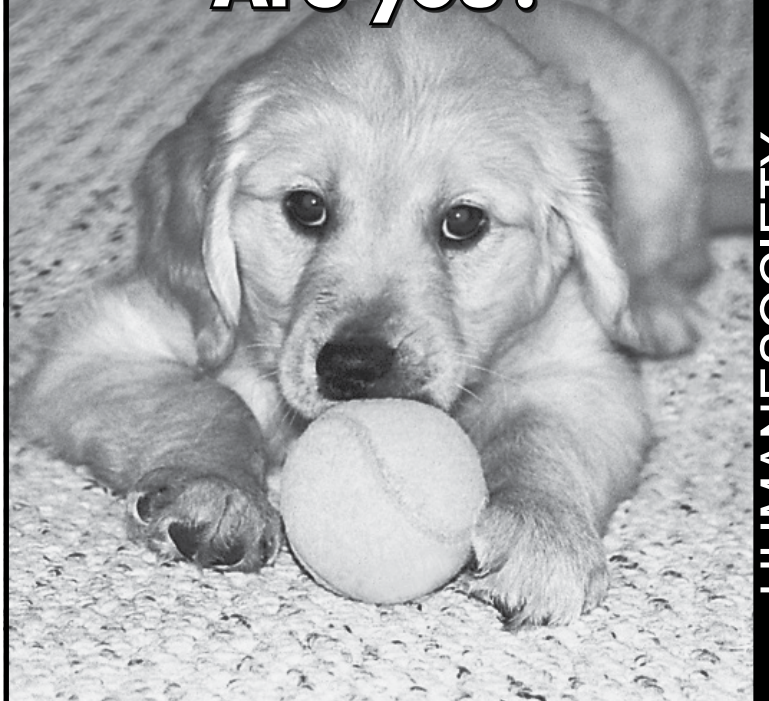
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# Location and other changes ahead for New Thought group

By **Carla Ryan**  
Special to The PREVIEW

During April and May, the New Thought spiritual group, currently meeting as GLOBAL Interfaith Community, will meet in two different locations for its Sunday services at 10:30 a.m.

Please note the following facility/location schedule for the next few weeks:

- The May 8 gathering (second Sunday) will be held in the north room of the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. This is Mother's Day and also "Hat Day" — wear your favorite bonnet or fedora to church.

- Services for April 24 and May 22 (fourth Sundays) will meet at the Talisman Clubhouse located at 431 Talisman Drive (just off Park Avenue and slightly east of the Recreation Center). Folding chairs are welcome; bring them if you can.

In addition to the above location changes, members of this New Thought community are sharing ideas for a new group name as they formalize its organizational structure. And, in a recent unanimous vote, they decided to begin meeting on a weekly basis starting in early June, and to follow a new

Sunday format.

The June date will be announced shortly. See other details below.

On the second, fourth and fifth Sundays, guests will hear a New Thought message in a sermon/lecture presentation style, including music, readings and meditation.

The Rev. Carla Ryan, an ordained minister of religious science, has been presenting such services for the past few months and continues to do so. Other New Thought ministers or speakers will be invited periodically, too.

On the first and third Sundays, attendees will gather for a facilitated, curriculum-based, discussion/study group. Materials will be made available for all who wish to attend. Individuals also may purchase the curriculum for private study and personal use. Ryan and a team of trained facilitators and ministers will alternate in offering these study group discussions.

The implementation of these ideas is a direct result of intentions set by the group's core members to expand the presence of New Thought philosophy in the Pagosa Springs and surrounding communities. Everyone is welcome to share in the growth of this spiritual com-

munity and its journey of expansion.

For information about the group, Science of Mind classes or New Thought in general, contact us via email at GLOBAL.Interfaith1@gmail.com, visit the Facebook/GlobalInterfaith page, by phone at (970) 400-1442 or attend a Sunday service.

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# 'The Moral Demands of Climate Change' at UU Fellowship Sunday

By **Denise Rue-Pastin**  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a presentation titled "The Moral Demands of Climate Change," with Denise Rue-Pastin, Ph.D., this Sunday, April 17, for its regular service.

Rachel Carson set the stage for Earth Day when she published her bestselling book, "Silent Spring," in 1962. It represented a watershed moment that began to raise awareness and concern for the environment and launched the modern environmental movement.

This Sunday, in honor of Earth Day, celebrated annually on April 22, Rue-Pastin will deliver the Rev. Dr. Marilyn Sewell's Earth Day sermon on climate justice.

Her sermon, "The Moral Demands of Climate Change," is a clarion call to action. Sewell is minister emerita from the First Unitarian Church of Portland, Ore.

Rue-Pastin earned her Ph.D. in public policy and adminis-

tration, with an environmental emphasis. She has been CEO of an environmental consulting firm since 2002. Current work includes managing the Water Information Program for the Dolores/San Juan River Basin for 10 years. Previous work included 12 years of consulting for the U.S. Department of Energy.

This program reflects the Unitarian Universalist principle of "Respect for the independent web of all existence of which we are a part."

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship welcomes people of all spiritual belief systems, ethnicity and sexual orientation and invites you to 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. For further information, call 731-7900.

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# The church that didn't know when to quit

By Jeff Smith  
Special to The PREVIEW

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18.

I was part of the "white flight." I finished college and my new job required that I move out of Oakland, but I wanted to leave. With the drug scene, Oakland was a tough town to raise a family in.

This year, we went back there to our church's 50th anniversary because the church stayed put. Same lousy part of town. They just refused to leave. Gutsy that way; and the area looked better. Church block parties were held. Graffiti got painted over, garbage picked up and neighbors were met. They

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prayed for peace. Pushers moved on. The church grew. Nice shops now stood open on the main drag and the area looked cleaner. It saddened me that they couldn't keep their home grown Bible College open. It trained folks and Christian leaders in the area for years.

The city council came to the service and gave the church an award for being multi-ethnic. While the 1,500 or so faces in the first service

were mostly black, the church made it a point to draw from all the kinds of people that lived nearby. The white preacher was stepping down, but the new man was Latin. A black "apostle" preached that day and oversaw the transfer. All in all, it seemed like a black church, but it didn't feel racial.

But, Lordy, did we have church. We raised our hands as one, adoring Him who commands us to reach out, to bloom and grow, even in hard places. Gotta remember that a service in my mostly white church has a clear quitting time.

These folks don't know when to quit.

As we left to find lunch, we hugged necks and shook hands. I was still their brother in Christ. I felt their welcome. It is what good churches do.

### Readers' comments

We invite Faith Writers to send your articles for publication (500 to 800 words).

You are also invited to be a part of the Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network. Email betty@bettyslade.com for details about time and place.

# National Paper Clover Campaign continues support of Archuleta County 4-H youth

By Roberta Tolan  
Special to The PREVIEW

The National 4-H Council has announced the launch of the spring 2016 4-H Paper Clover Campaign in partnership with The Tractor Supply Company (TSC).

This event marks the sixth year of collaboration between the organizations on the national in-store fundraiser, benefiting state and local 4-H programming in each of the communities where a TSC or Del's Farm and Feed Supply store is located.

"Last year, our county received over \$600 from donations at our local Tractor Supply," said Becky Jacobson, 4-H coordinator. "We were able to send 4-H members to State Conference at half price because of your donations."

The spring 2016 4-H Paper Clover Campaign will take place April 13-24. Shoppers at the Pagosa Springs Tractor Supply store will have the opportunity to support 4-H in Archuleta County by choosing to purchase paper clovers for \$1 or more at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H and will support 4-H youth development program activities in Archuleta County. Local club members will also be at the store during various hours April 13-24 to answer any questions you have about 4-H and promote their projects.

"For many years, the Paper Clover fundraiser has allowed us to provide thousands of 4-H youth across the country greater access to 4-H programs," said Jennifer Sirangelo, president and CEO of the Na-

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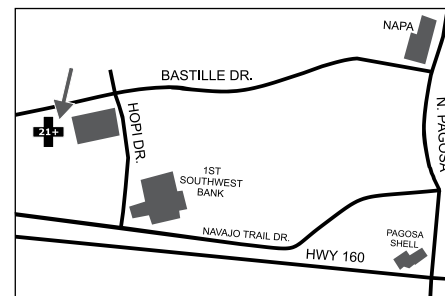
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# Registration now open for K.I.D.S. Day Camp

By Traci Bishop  
SUN Columnist

Registration is now open for the K.I.D.S. (Kickin' It During Summer) Day Camp.

The camp is open to children ages 5-12.

Each week, participants will experience a day of science/history, a day of exploring, water days and arts/crafts days.

K.I.D.S. Day Camp will run from June 6 through Aug. 19. It will be offered Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Activities scheduled for each day will start at 9 a.m. and will end at 4 p.m.

Program fees are: \$85 per child per week, \$25 per child per drop in and there is a onetime registration fee of \$15 per child registering.

For more information about our K.I.D.S. Day Camp, please call the Ross Aragon Community Center at 264-4152 or "like" our Facebook page — Ross Aragon Community Center Parks and Recreation Department.

## Wednesday tai chi class

Please note that the Wednesday tai chi time has changed to 1 to 2

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p.m.

For more information, please call the Community Center at 264-4152.

## Dance to The High Rollers April 29

Come on out for a night of fun and dancing with The High Rollers on April 29.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with a cash bar and concession; the band will start at 7 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now for \$10 per person, \$5 for children 6-12, and 5 and under get in for free.

Tickets can be purchased at the Community Center. For more information about this event, please call us at 264-4152.

## CPR/AED/first aid certification class

Registration for the CPR/AED/

first aid class for April 25 is now open.

Instructors Nicole Lagioia-Lewis and Darren Lewis from Pagosa EMS will be teaching CPR/AED from 8:30 a.m. to noon and first aid from 1 to 4 p.m.

This class will certify you for two years and costs \$80 per student for either sessions or \$50 for the morning or afternoon session. Space is limited, so hurry into the Community Center to sign up. For more information, please call us.

## Jewels of the San Juan: Introduction to Jewelry-Making

Learn the basic tools, techniques and designs for making earrings, necklaces and bracelets. Create beautiful jewelry for yourself and others or even to sell with basic understanding of techniques used and materials required. This is a "make-it-and-take-it" class; you will leave with a completed set of jewelry. All tools and supplies are provided.

Instructor Pattie Copenhaver is new to Pagosa Springs and is looking forward to sharing her creative skills with the community. She is a professional graphic designer who explores all types of creative arts whenever she has the opportunity.

Registration for this class is \$45 per student. Class will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on April 21. Space is limited, so hurry into the Community Center to sign up with your family and/or friends.

For more information, please give us a call at 264-4152.

## Free programs

The Community Center offers many free programs throughout the week. Check The PREVIEW calendar and the website <http://townofpagosasprings.com> for a current calendar of programs, and "like" us on Facebook: Ross Aragon

during the national campaign will be tracked online and recorded by state and by store. Visit [www.tractorsupply.com/4-H](http://www.tractorsupply.com/4-H) for more information on the spring 2016 4-H Paper Clover Campaign and to view the donation tracker.

## About 4-H

4-H, the nation's largest youth development organization, grows confident young people who are empowered for life today and prepared for career tomorrow. 4-H programs empower nearly 6 million young people across the U.S. through experiences that develop critical life skills.

4-H is the youth development program of our nation's Cooperative Extension System and USDA, and serves every county and parish in the U.S. through a network of 110 public universities and more than 3000 local Extension offices.

Globally, 4-H collaborates with independent programs to empower 1 million youth in 50 countries. The research-backed 4-H experience grows young people who are four times more likely to contribute to their communities, two times more likely to make healthier choices, two times more likely to be civically active and two times more likely to participate in STEM programs.

Learn more about 4-H at [www.4-H.org](http://www.4-H.org), find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/4-H](http://www.facebook.com/4-H) and on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/4H>.

# 4-H

■ continued from previous page tional 4-H Council. "We are thrilled about our continued partnership with Tractor Supply Company as it drives the excitement of local community participation and support for 4-H programs, and therefore the success of the 4-H Paper Clover Campaign."

Last year, across 49 states, the TSC 4-H Paper Clover Campaign provided more than \$1.8 million to 4-H across the country. All proceeds raised directly benefit 4-H, with 70 percent of funds being returned to state and local 4-H programs. The effort has provided direct support for local camps, after-school programs and other activities, and has granted scholarships to these events where youth can explore their interests in everything from animal science to robotics.

"The Paper Clover fundraiser is a significant part of Tractor Supply Company's support of 4-H programs throughout the 1,300 communities we serve," said Christi Korzekwa, TSC's vice president of marketing. "We are proud to be able to provide essential funding to more than 1,000 county 4-H programs. These programs make a positive impact on young people that last a lifetime. The continued success of the Tractor Supply Paper Clover fundraisers demonstrate the importance of our 4-H partnership with our customers, team members and communities."

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Community Center Parks and Recreation Department.

## Center information

The Community Center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed for lunch daily from noon to 1 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday by appointment only.

The Community Center is located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Phone is 264-4152, email is [communitycenter@pagosasprings.co.gov](mailto:communitycenter@pagosasprings.co.gov).

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# ‘The Hunting Ground’: what everyone is, or is not, talking about

By Cheryl Bowdridge  
Special to The PREVIEW

Lady Gaga began the conversation with her song, “Till It Happens To you,” and the film creator of “The Hunting Ground” opened our nation’s eyes with the documentary that colleges are desperately trying to cover up. It is the elephant in the room, the one subject that nobody wants to talk about — sexual assault — and where it occurs most — on college campuses.

Sexual assault will happen to one in five women this year on college campuses across the nation unless we and our young people take a stand against it.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program (ACVAP) is bringing to you the featured film that everyone is talking about, “The Hunting Ground.”

This documentary is making worldwide impact, from showings at the White House to winning multiple awards for best documentary.

Join us at Pagosa Springs High School at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, for food and refreshments, visit our information tables and

take the White Ribbon Pledge. At 6 p.m., we will show the featured film, “The Hunting Ground,” and have a question-and-discussion session after the film is over.

While one in five women and one in seven men are being sexually assaulted in their lifetimes, most people don’t realize that sexual assault occurs every day.

Sexual assault most often occurs between two people in an intimate partner relationship. It is not the stranger in the dark alley that we need to warn our kids about. It is the friend that offers to take them home after a party or the cute senior who invites them to the back-to-school party.

It is the “hunting ground” that we need to warn them about. We need to educate our children and make sure they know how to protect themselves.

We need to teach our young adults how to ask for consent and how to give consent. Most young adults do not realize that you cannot give or obtain consent for any sexual conduct when one or the other person is impaired by drugs or alcohol.

The laws are changing around

sexual assault. It is no longer just the fact that somebody says they don’t want sex. It is a matter of did they say they did want it, and were they in the right frame of mind to make that decision? Just because they said “yes” two weeks ago doesn’t constitute a “yes” for this moment and it is this moment that we need to make our kids aware of.

Last year, ACVAP served 26 victims/survivors of sexual assault. We understand that this is not a subject that people like to talk about; however, educating people about sexual assault is the best way to prevent it from happening to you, your kids, your friends, and your loved ones.

Don’t miss this invaluable opportunity to witness insights of survivors and a growing network of activists working to end sexual assault in their communities. Together, we can make Pagosa a safe place, and the only hunting going on is the legal kind.

For information and/or help, call ACVAP at 264-9075 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All calls are confidential.

## Why attend 9Health Fair?

By Dee McPeck  
Special to The PREVIEW

A question sometimes asked about 9Health Fair is, “Why should I attend if I am healthy?”

Understanding your body allows you to take control of your own health. You could discover an unknown health issue showing no symptoms. Early detection can add years to your life and save you thousands of dollars.

According to 9Health Fair statistics, 61,346 people participated in 9Health Fairs across Colorado in 2015. Of those, 1,842 received personal critical or alert follow-up calls from medical professionals

about results from the participant’s blood test.

Some years ago, a volunteer with the Pagosa 9Health Fair learned her daughter, Sara, and son-in-law, Bill, were coming to visit the weekend of the fair. She suggested they both participate in the fair and, after her volunteer duties were finished, they could all go to breakfast.

Bill thought it was a bit foolish for him to attend. As a busy family man, he knew he needed to lose a few pounds, but generally felt fine and had not needed to see a doctor for several years. Not wanting to rock the family boat, however, he

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# Honoring our volunteers during National Library and Volunteer weeks

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Author Sherry Anderson once said that, “Volunteers are not paid — not because they are worthless but because they are priceless.”

We agree. Volunteers are everyday heroes who make a lasting impact on local nonprofits and communities.

As Archuleta County organizations join nonprofits around the U.S. in honoring our nation's volunteers during National Volunteer Week April 10-16, we remember the words of Minnesota spiritual director Elizabeth Andrew: “Volunteers do not necessarily have more time; they just have more heart.”

That is certainly true of our volunteers, who are very busy people but still make time for unpaid service to your library. Because this is also National Library Week, we are doubly delighted to honor them. In 2015, our volunteers contributed 1,079 hours, a little more than one-half of a full-time position.

We also are hugely grateful to the Friends of the Library. Ever since this organization formed in 1963, these caring, energetic and talented people have been tireless in raising money for the library. Their most significant annual event is the book sale in the summer. And we greatly appreciate the wisdom and expertise of our board of trustees. All these volunteers make important contributions to our small, rural library with a limited budget.

Volunteers are vital to the operation of your library. They help with shelving and making sure all the books and materials are in their proper place. They help with special events. They help on the circulation desk. They help keep everything clean and spiffy year-round. And they handle myriad other assignments that need doing to help us serve you well.

“Please know how much we

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appreciate your time, energy and enthusiasm,” Director Jackie Welch said of the volunteers. “We could not operate the library without you.”

Do you have a special interest or skill that could benefit the library and our patrons? If so, we would love to have you join our volunteer team. Please stop by the library to talk with Welch or phone her at 264-2208. You will be warmly welcomed.

And there will be health benefits to you. Research continues to show that people who volunteer — especially seniors — have a dramatically increased ability to maintain cognitive function. The findings invariably show that interacting with others through work, social events or volunteerism keeps seniors engaged — emotionally and neurologically — and also helps you live longer.

### Lifelong Learning tonight

This evening, Thursday, April 14, marks the start of the library's free six-week spring Lifelong Learning Lecture series, with a wide variety of interesting topics to enrich your life and keep your mind agile.

Join us for “Songs of Spring” by Becky Gillette of the Audubon Society, who will talk about birds — their colors, songs and other tips that will turn you into a lifelong birder as you enjoy our year-round residents and other birds just passing through.

All lectures take place on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Pick up a brochure at the library for the full schedule and watch for information on future talks in this column. The lectures are free and

no registration is necessary.

### Free books available for 4-year-olds

Libraries across Colorado are giving a free copy of “Giraffes Can't Dance,” a board book by Giles Andreae, in either English or Spanish, to every 4-year-old from April 11 to 25 as part of a special family literacy project. The goal is to encourage families to read together every day and add new books to home libraries.

Come by your library or attend any program and pick up this free book for your 4-year-old. We also have arranged for special distribution at our community's three preschools — Head Start, Seeds of

Learning and Our Savior Lutheran School.

### Local author donates book

A book with the clever title “Kids Supernaturally Natural: Mentoring Caterpillars into Butterflies” has been donated to your library by Tammy Searle, who moved to Pagosa with her husband from Boulder 20 years ago.

Searle contributed the introduction and two chapters to the book, and worked closely with co-author and close friend Virginia Humphreys on the others.

The book is a guide to bringing God into the lives of children in a fun and spiritual way. The authors

provide anecdotes, lessons learned and checklists from their ministering and missionary experiences to make this a useful template for parents and others.

### Update on automatic checkout station

Our new automatic self-checkout station is here. Now we have to hook it up and load it with DVDs. It will probably take a week or two to make it operational. We will keep you posted.

### Creative destruction for teens today

Teens are invited to join us for Blackout Poetry and Book Art from  
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## TARA MANDALA

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Sunday, April 17th



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agreed to go.

After filling out his paperwork, he waited patiently in line, visiting with Pagosans and looking forward to breakfast. At the blood pressure station, the volunteer became alarmed at his high blood pressure. It was recommended he should not have his blood drawn, but should see his physician as soon as possible.

After returning home, he was found to have a serious, but treatable, heart issue. With his condition diagnosed before it caused a full blown heart attack, Bill credits 9Health Fair for the early detection that may have saved his life.

Other Pagosa 9Health Fair par-

ticipants have identified diabetes and other serious illnesses resulting in successful treatments for conditions that would have been much more serious if undetected until symptoms occurred. When asked, many will tell you they had no idea before the fair that their health was at risk.

Attend Pagosa's own 9Health Fair from 7 to 11 a.m. on April 30 at Pagosa Springs High School. Online preregistration is available at [www.9healthfair.org/FindAFair](http://www.9healthfair.org/FindAFair).

If you have any questions, contact Caroline Brown at 731-4248 or [pagosa9healthfair@gmail.com](mailto:pagosa9healthfair@gmail.com).

Don't miss this opportunity to take charge of your own health.



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4 to 5 p.m. today, Thursday, April 14, when we will turn old books into something new in a creative destruction session for teens in the seventh through 12th grades.

## All-ages karaoke tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, April 15, there will be all-ages karaoke from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Sing your favorite songs with your friends and family.

## Science Fun for kids

This month's theme for the free science and technology club for kids in fourth through sixth grades is rubber bands.

Join this free, fun group Saturday, April 16, from 1 to 2 p.m. Registration is required so that we have enough supplies for everyone.

## DIY crafts for adults

Next Wednesday, April 20, is the latest DIY session at 1 p.m., when we'll learn how to make your own shampoo, including variations for oily and color-treated hair. No registration is required.

## Internet safety for parents

Next Thursday, April 21, from noon to 1 p.m., Cheryl from the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program and our Meg Wempe will present on this important topic. No registration is required.

## Pajama Time storytime

Pajama Time storytime will take place next Tuesday, April 19, from 6 to 6:30 p.m. for children ages 7 and under and their families.

Little ones can come dressed in their PJs and bring their favorite snuggly toy. We will sing, dance and read our way to bed. This program takes place on the third Tuesday of every month.

## Nonfiction

"The First Nazi" by Will Brownell and Denise Drace-Brown Nell is a biography of Erich Ludendorff, a German general who made Hitler's career possible. "Eco Living Japan" by Deanna MacDonald offers sustainable ideas for living green.

## DVDs

We now have three more 2016 Academy Award films: "Brooklyn," "The Big Short" and "Trumbo."

## Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

"Darkness" by Karen Robards begins with a plane crash in Alaska. "Journey to Munich" by Jacqueline Winspear features British agent Maisie Dobbs on assignment in Nazi Germany. "Cold Barrel Zero" by Matthew Quirk is a special ops thriller. "The Infidel Stain" by M.J. Carter is a murder mystery set in Victorian England. "The Widow" by Fiona Barton features a perfect

wife who begins talking.

## Other novels

"The Summer" by Helen Simonson tells of an attractive and free-thinking Latin teacher who goes to a small English town. "The Story of Kullervo" by J.R.R. Tolkien focuses on perhaps the darkest and most tragic of Tolkien's fantasy characters.

## Large print

"Flintlock: Kill or Die" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a mystery. "Slatter's Way" by Charles G. West is a western. "No Safe Secret" by Fern Michaels unveils the secrets of the heroine. "Fool Me Once" by Harlan Coben is a special ops story. "Treachery at Lancaster Gate" by Anne Perry is a Charlotte and Thomas Pitt mystery.

## Story CDs

"The High Mountains of Portugal" by Yann Martel is an allegorical novel by the author of "Life of Pi." "Crazy Blood" by T. Jefferson Parker follows a brothers' rivalry in the world of Olympic skiing. "Death of a Nurse" by M.C. Beaton is a Hamish Macbeth mystery. "Cometh the Hour" by Jeffrey Archer is the second to last book in the Clifton Chronicles epic. "Private Paris" by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan is the latest in the Private thriller series. "A Few of the Girls" by Maeve Binchy is a collection of short stories. "A Girl's Guide to Moving On" by Debbie Macomber tells of a woman and her daughter-in-law as they recover from divorces.

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## Thursday, April 14

**Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie on Video.** 9:30-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Just bring your love of movement. For information, call Renee at 731-0303.

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 11 a.m., Centerpoint Church library. This meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call Leslie at 799-0775.

**Mountain View Homemakers.** 11:30 a.m., CSU Extension Building. Covered-dish lunch prepared by members. Tying quilts and sewing colorful bags for the community. Call 731-3360 with questions.

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

**Earth Community.** 2:30 p.m., Visitor Center. Discussion on "The Omnivore's Dilemma" by Michael Pollan.

**Tech Time.** 3-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop-in technology help with Meg. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Blackout Poetry and Book Art.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Participate in some creative destruction. Turn old books into something new. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**ESL Class.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lyn-nrose323bc@gmail.com.

**Lifelong Learning Lecture.** 5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. "Songs of Spring," with Becky Gillette from the Audubon Society. Spring is the best time to learn about birds. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Alternative Health DVD Series.** 6:30 p.m., Pagosah Unitarian

Universal Fellowship, Suite 15-B, 70 Greenbriar Drive. "The Truth About Cancer: A Global Quest" by Ty Bollinger, episode 4: "Excitotoxins that Fuel Cancer, Nature's Pharmacy and Healing Cancer with Sound & Light." For more information, call Tonia at 422-2488 or Deni at 903-0958.

## Friday, April 15

**Pickleball.** 8-10 a.m., 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.

**Free Screenings.** 10:30 a.m., Senior Center. San Juan Basin Health Department, screenings on total cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure checks, referrals and translations for Spanish speakers.

**Tai Chi.** 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Wear flat-soled shoes.

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

**Pagosa's Women's Networking Group.** 2-3 p.m., First Southwest Bank. This month's topic is legal documents presented by Dena. Call Alice at 946-5887 with any questions.

**Karaoke for All Ages.** 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Sing your favorite songs. Open to all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Curtains Up Pagosa Auditions for "Fiddler On The Roof."** 2-8 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Those planning to audition should prepare to sing one song of approximately 16-18 measures and be prepared to learn a short dance to be performed with a group. You will also be asked to do a cold reading of various selected parts. If you have questions, call Production Director Dale Johnson at

731-3370.

## Saturday, April 16

**Christian Education Fair.** 9 a.m.-noon, Pagosa Bible Church. Hear presentations from Pagosa Valor Academy, Pagosa Home-school Connection and Classical Conversations of Pagosa. Door prizes will be given out every 30 minutes. Used cur-

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riculum will also be available. For more information, contact Steve Porter at 264-2782.

**Open Gym.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Come start your morning out with basketball.

**Baby Storytime.** 9:05-9:25 a.m., Sisson Library. For babies 0-12 months. Twenty minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills into everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Toddler Storytime.** 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For toddlers 12-36 months. A half hour of stories, songs and fingerplays for you and your little one. Learn easy tips on how to include literacy skills into everyday family life. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Pagosa Piecemakers Quilting Guild.** 10 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. Sign up for some exciting classes being offered through the spring and summer. As always, there will be fun, friends old and new, food,

plus our usual show 'n' tell and "Q" tips.

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. GriefShare is a national nondenominational program. The purpose of the sessions is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member or of a special friend. Free child care provided. A onetime donation of \$10 or \$15 is suggested. For more information, call 264-5508 or go to [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

**Zumba.** 10:15-11:15 a.m., Community Center. Come enjoy this one-of-a-kind cardio class open to all ages.

**Science Madness.** 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. This month, we will have fun making creations out of rubber bands. Who can build the biggest, tallest and strongest creation out of rubber bands and other recycled materials? Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Sunday, April 17**

**EMF Information and Support.** 2 p.m., 143 Pebble Circle, Hatcher Lake. You may be sensitive to electromagnetic energies

in your home and the environment. Simple changes can greatly improve health. Sally Yates, 731-3300.

**Uke Jam.** 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. All levels welcome.

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

**Monday, April 18**

**Pickleball.** 8-10 a.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

**Trash Pickup.** 9 a.m., Pagosa Brewing parking lot. An Earth Week event. Everyone welcome.

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

**Line Dancing.** 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners are welcome at 9:15 a.m., no experience needed. Advanced group will be at 10 a.m. Call Beverly for

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**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. Help maintain and improve your health, strength and balance.

**Pagosa Bridge for Fun.** 12:30-4 p.m., Community Center.

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

**Silk Screening Extravaganza.** 1-5 p.m., Earth Week headquarters, frontage road across from Sisson Library. Print the Earth Day logo, "Take Steps to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint," on our/your T-shirts, bags, etc.

**Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS).** 3:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. Call Phyl Daleske at 731-4589 for more information.

**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Come enjoy this one-of-a-kind cardio class open to all ages.

**San Juan Back Country Horsemen.** 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Presentation by Ken Beck, "What you should know about horse auctions." Non-members are always welcome. Come check us out and join us for our social time and potluck at 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 19**

**Hoopsters.** 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Come on down and play some basketball.

**Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie on Video.** 9:30-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Just bring your love of movement. For information, call Renee at 731-0303.

**Veterans for Veterans.** 10 a.m., Pagosa Lodge.

**Tech Time.** 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop-in technology help with Meg. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Yoga.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat or a towel.

**Adult Coloring.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Mah Jongg.** 1-3 p.m., Community Center.

**Learn to Make Rag Rugs.** 1-5 p.m., Earth Week headquarters, frontage road across from Sisson Library. Learn to make rag rugs, wagon wheel and hooked styles, by Nyla.

**ACVAP: Springs Giving Day.** 3:30-6:30 p.m., Springs Resort. Join the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program for a soak/pool

party. All proceeds from ticket sales go to ACVAP.

**Teen Gaming.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**ESL Class.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynrose323bc@gmail.com.

**Duplicate Bridge.** 5-10 p.m., Community Center. Call Stan at 731-2217 to sign up.

**Pajama Time Storytime.** 6-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Recommended for children 7 and under and their families. Little ones can come dressed in their pajamas and bring their favorite snuggly toy. We will sing, dance and read our way to bed. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Terrific Tuesdays.** 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Learn to dance salsa. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa>.

**Wednesday, April 20**

**Preschool Storytime.** 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For 3- to 5-year-olds. Preschoolers and their families are invited to join us for an hour of stories, music and a craft. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Flow Yoga.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Bring a mat or a towel.

**Mountain High Garden Club annual Plant and Garden Expo.** 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., CSU Extension building. If you are a seasoned gardener or new to high-altitude gardening, this is an event you won't want to miss.

**Blood Pressure Checks.** 10:30 a.m., Senior Center.

**Republican Central Committee.** Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. The agenda will include topics from the higher assemblies, including the state convention.

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

**DIY: Make Your Own Shampoo.** 1 p.m., Sisson Library. We'll look at variations for oily and color-treated hair, too. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

**Tai Chi.** 1-2 p.m., Community Center. Wear flat-soled shoes.

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

- 1 Fight site
- 5 Jack, for one
- 9 Metric measure
- 14 It comes to mind
- 15 Cousin of a bassoon
- 16 Farewell, in France
- 17 It's breaking, at times
- 18 Stroke of luck
- 19 Repeating series
- 20 Two cents worth
- 21 Not at all suspicious
- 23 Babar, e.g.
- 25 Spouse's family
- 29 "\_\_\_ we there yet?"
- 30 Mississippi \_\_\_
- 32 \_\_\_ constrictor
- 33 Like this clue
- 36 Scoundrel
- 37 Grooming tool
- 38 Minority opinion
- 40 Point
- 42 Counter current
- 43 Lord's Prayer start
- 45 Gorge
- 46 Kind of patch
- 47 Sub finder
- 49 Break a commandment
- 50 Audition
- 52 Precedent setter
- 56 PBS series "\_\_\_ Wild"
- 58 Half a score
- 59 Grace word
- 62 When repeated, Cult Jam singer
- 63 May be a corncob one
- 64 Like "The X-Files"
- 65 Briefly unknown?
- 66 Be itinerant
- 67 Kind of room

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

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**Silk Screening Extravaganza.** 1-5 p.m., Earth Week headquarters, frontage road across from Sisson Library. Print the Earth Day logo, "Take Steps to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint," on our/your T-shirts, bags, etc.

**Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club.** 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

**ESL Conversation Class.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or e-mail lynnrose323bc@gmail.com.

**Zumba.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Come enjoy this one-of-a-kind cardio class open to all ages.

**The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group.** 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

**ACVAP: 'The Hunting Ground.'** 5:30-8:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. A documentary film making an impact worldwide. Free to the public. Food and drinks will be available.

**Course in Miracles Study Group.** 6 p.m., Yoga Clarity Studio. Call 264-0111 for more information.

**National Weather Service Storm Spotter Training.** 6 p.m., Archuleta County EOC Building, 777 County Road 600. For more information, go to [www.weather.gov/gjt/spotter](http://www.weather.gov/gjt/spotter).

**Weminuche Audubon Society.** 6:30 p.m., Greenbriar Plaza, Unit 15. Lake McCullough will present a program on local wild plants and their uses. She will demonstrate how to harvest and preserve medicinal plants, as well as recipes for decoctions, salves, etc. For more information, call Becky at 264-2171 or 903-0788.

**Wild West Square Dance Class.** 7-8 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Basic level, open to families, couples and singles. Suggested age for children is at least 8 years old. Call Carla Roberts to enroll at 903-6478.

**Thursday, April 21**

**Hoopsters.** 8-9 a.m., Community Center. Come on down and play some basketball.

**Dancin' and Movin' with Debbie on Video.** 9:30-10:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Just bring your love of movement. For information, call Renee at 731-0303.

**Yoga.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat or a towel.

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 11 a.m., Centerpoint Church library. This meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call Leslie at 799-0775.

**Internet Safety For Parents.** Noon-1 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn about how to protect your children when they use the Internet. Cheryl from Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program and Meg will present on this important topic. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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**Tech Time.** 3-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop-in technology help with Meg. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Teen Advisory Board.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**ESL Class.** 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Classes for adults. Free child care; all course materials provided. Registration is ongoing. For more information, call Lynn Rose at 507-1259 or email lynnrose323bc@gmail.com.

**Lifelong Learning Lecture.** 5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. "Environmental Activism in Archuleta County: In Celebration of Earth Week." Speakers will be from the Southwest Organization for Sustainability, the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership and the Earth Community Pagosa. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Meditation Class.** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Learn and explore various methods.

**Friday, April 22**

**Pickleball.** 8-10 a.m., 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. Wear flat-soled shoes.

**Pagosa Composting.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m., CSU Extension Building. All gardens begin with good soil; learn how to make it.

**Learn to Make Rag Rugs.** 1-5 p.m., Earth Week headquarters, frontage road across from Sisson Library. Learn to make rag rugs, wagon wheel and hooked styles, by Nyla.

**Earth Day Celebration.** 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. All ages. Join us to decorate flower pots, plant seeds and try dirt dessert in celebration of Earth Day. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Update.** 1-3 p.m., Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site, Centennial Park. Sweet 100's Giveaway, progress report on project.

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logo, "Take Steps to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint," on our/your T-shirts, bags, etc.

**Mother Nature's Birds and Scavenger Hunt.** 4:30 p.m., Town Park. Kids welcome. Bring your binoculars and bird book.

**Saturday, April 23**

**Recycle, Reuse Rummage Sale.** 8 a.m. Earth Week headquarters, frontage road across from Sisson Library.

**St. Patrick's Book Nook Book Sale.** 8 a.m.-noon, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Gently used books for sale. Paperbacks for a quarter and hardcovers for one dollar. All proceeds go towards church outreach programs.

**Playtime.** 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. 3-36 month. A half hour of free play for you and your little one. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**GriefShare.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. GriefShare is a national non-denominational program. The

purpose of the sessions is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member or of a special friend. Free child care provided. A onetime donation of \$10 or \$15 is suggested. For more information, call 264-5508 or go to [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

**'The Future of Energy'.** 3:30 p.m., Liberty Theatre. New environmental film. Sponsored by the Southwest Organization for Sustainability and Earth Community Pagosa.

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Submit your calendar items to [editor@pagosasun.com](mailto: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.



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The Great Pagosa Hot Spring, shown in this 1880s photo, has always been the center of attention in this community.

## Man's association with the hot springs

The center of attraction for Pagosa Country has always been the hot springs. With today's column, I'm beginning a series of columns talking about what we know about the history of man's association with the Pagosa hot springs.

These bubbling geothermal fountains captured the awe and wonder of the native occupants of Pagosa Country long before the first European intruders arrived.

The primary native occupants of Pagosa Country in historic times were the Ute Indians, although Navajo and Jicarilla Apache and before them the Ancestral Puebloans are known to have lived here. Ute Indians believed the hot springs to be a benevolent gift of the Great Spirit. They believed the waters had healing powers and should be available to all people for all time.

A different kind of hope was expressed by the invading whites. They discovered the springs at a time when health seekers traveled in Europe and across the American continent, bathing in highly touted mineral waters hoping for relief from rheumatism, arthritis, gout and any number of physical afflictions. They spent good money in their quest for relief from what ailed them.

Surely these health seekers, if they could afford to travel to Carlsbad, Germany, could afford to come to the Great Pagosa, advertised as the largest and hottest spring in the world. And so the first settlers in Pagosa Country believed a large health resort would develop, attracting people from across the world. A large resort would mean prosperity for the growing community.



### Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

*Perhaps, when the prospector lost his shirt, it was an omen of the future of the hot springs as a resort.*

A trail-worn prospector, bound for Baker's Park near today's Silverton, camped near the Great Pagosa Hot Spring in 1861. He thought that nice hot water hole was an ideal place to launder his shirt. When the shirt, made of wool, was removed from the water it simply fell to pieces, a considerable loss at that time.

Perhaps, when the prospector lost his shirt, it was an omen of the future of the hot springs as a resort.

Even though thousands of people bathed in the waters of the Great Pagosa Hot Spring and claimed miraculous cures, the resort never developed on the grand scale envisioned by the early settlers. Why? We can only guess.

Until the train came to town in 1900, the only way to reach Pagosa was via a jolting 40-mile stage ride from the narrow gauge railroad running through Amargo

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# Do you know someone who is 100 years old?

By Cheryl Wilkinson  
PREVIEW Columnist

The Colorado Commission on Aging is proud to sponsor the upcoming Centenarian Celebration for all Colorado seniors who will turn 100 years or older in 2016.

The Centenarian Celebration project is an annual event of the Colorado Commission on Aging to celebrate the lives of centenarians across the state, recognize their individual century of achievement, and focus the attention of all Coloradans on the political and social issues of the aging.

The project recognizes seniors who have achieved the age of 100 or older by awarding Centenarian Certificates, prepared by the commission and signed by the governor.

This year's event will be held May 20 in Durango at the Durango-La Plata County Senior Center, located at 2424 Main Ave.

For more information about this event, please contact Tara Franck at tara.franck@state.co.us or call (303) 866-5288.

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## Medicare Mondays

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## Senior News

Enrollment Period. COBRA and retiree health plans are not considered coverage based on current employment.

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## Memberships

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# Johnny Clegg Band to return to the Community Concert Hall Tuesday

By Indiana Reed  
Special to The PREVIEW

One of South Africa's most celebrated singer/songwriters, Johnny Clegg, will return to the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College with his band on Tuesday, April 19.

Clegg's son, alternative rocker Jesse Clegg, will open the show at 7:30 p.m. The dance floor will be open.

Internationally renowned Clegg offers a vibrant blend of Western pop and African Zulu rhythms. He last performed at the Community Concert Hall in 2011.

Long before Paul Simon introduced Ladysmith Black Mambazo to the world, Clegg had formed his multicultural band performing African jazz-pop music and Zulu chants with multilayered vocal harmonies — songs that feature English lyrics alongside South African musical structures.

A native of Lancashire, England, Clegg moved with his family to Africa as a child, eventually settling in South Africa. Starting on guitar at the age of 14, Clegg was introduced to South African music when he heard a street musician, Mntonganazo Mzila. Enchanted by the sound, Clegg apprenticed himself to Mzila for two years, learning the basics of Zulu music and Inhlanguwini dancing.

Together with Sipho Mchunu, a Zulu musician who came to Johannesburg in search of work, Clegg formed South Africa's first multiracial band, Juluka. In the seven years that they were initially together, the band recorded two platinum

and five gold albums and achieved international success.

Following the group's disbanding in 1986, Clegg continued to blend African music with European pop influences with the band Savuka.

Reunited with Mchunu in the mid-'90s, Clegg re-formed Juluka and toured throughout the world as opening act for King Sunny Ade. Today, Clegg continues on the world stage as a solo performer and with the Johnny Clegg Band, receiving numerous awards and accolades.

"Human," Clegg's most recent studio album, was released in 2010, although on tour he continues to perform his greatest hits of the past 30 years, as well as new unplugged songs from his live album released in 2014.

Notably, Clegg's live shows also include stories and tributes to the late former South African president, Nelson Mandela (1918-2013). Clegg performed at all four of Mandela's 46664 Aids Awareness Concerts in South Africa and in Norway. Mandela even once joined him on stage during the performance of "Asimbonanga," a song written by Clegg about Mandela's period of incarceration.

Noted the Cincinnati Beat, "... Even when Clegg is addressing very specific African dilemmas, there is a universality that accompanies the message and, of course, the music that propels the message transcends any attempt to fit it into a particular pigeonhole."

Opening the show is Clegg's son, Jesse, a South African alternative rock artist whose 2008 debut

album, "When I Wake Up," and his 2011 follow up, "Life On Mars," have made Clegg a platinum-selling success in his home country. He has released four Top 10 singles, toured extensively throughout South Africa, playing the biggest festivals in the country, and has performed abroad in both North America and Europe.

As an official ambassador for the Nelson Mandela 46664 foundation, Jesse Clegg was invited to

play at Radio City Music Hall in New York alongside Stevie Wonder, The Black Eyed Peas, Alicia Keys and many others. He has been nominated for three South African Music Awards over the course of his career.

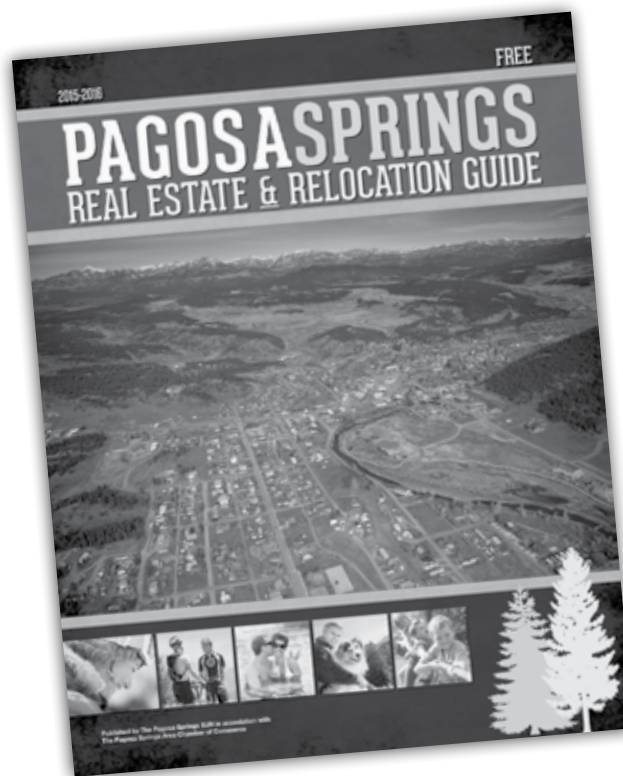
Tickets for Johnny Clegg Band with special guest Jesse Clegg — \$34-\$45 — are available by calling 247-7657, on the Web at [www.durangconcerts.com](http://www.durangconcerts.com) or by visiting the ticket office inside the Welcome

Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue in downtown Durango.

Ticket office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On show days, the box office at the Concert Hall will be open one hour prior to curtain. All sales are final.

The Community Concert Hall is a not-for-profit, multi-use performance venue located on the campus of Fort Lewis College.

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**THRIVE INDOOR GARDENS** is looking for a shop manager. Must have knowledge of indoor garden products, bulk contracting goods, plant stock and have a sales background. Please have a resume prepared. Give us a call at (970)403-5219 or email us at info@thriveindoors.com.

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**PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER** is looking for a part-time **Nutritional Service Worker** to prepare and cook food for hospital patients, staff and visitors. Applications may be picked up at the hospital front registration desk, the human resources office or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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**SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER:** Archuleta School District is accepting applications for a Middle School 5th Grade Social Studies Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. Job description and salary information as well as the application may be viewed/ completed online through www.mypagosaschools.com.

**WANTED: FOOD VENDORS FOR RODEO.** Established vendor or nonprofit group to provide food concessions at the Red Ryder Rodeo. July 2 and 3 from 5-9p.m. and July 4 from 1-5p.m. Must do all 3 days. Vendor fee: \$750 for all 3 days. Basic concessions fine. Contact Lisa, 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

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## HELP WANTED

**PAGOSA ROOTER IS LOOKING** for a full-time employee to work on various water and sewer projects. Please apply in person at 208 N. 14th St. Pay depends on qualifications.

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**SAN JUAN BASIN HEALTH** Department is hiring a Care Coordinator. The Care Coordinator works with area Medicaid/ Medicare clients to assess complex health needs and assist with accessing health care, by eliminating barriers to care. The Care Coordinator provides case management services, as well as resource assistance. This position requires strong computer skills and the ability to learn and understand the health and human resources within the community that it serves, which is Archuleta County. This full-time position is located at San Juan Basin Health in Pagosa Springs. A bachelor's degree is required, preferably in the human behavioral science fields. The position pays \$18.37-\$26.64/ hour plus full benefits. Although the full salary range for this position is provided, appointments are typically made at or near the range minimum. Position is scheduled to close 5/2/2016 or until an adequate pool is reached. To apply, go to www.sjbhd.org.

**OVERLOOK HOT SPRINGS** is seeking part-time help. Customer service experience preferred. Seeking friendly and personable candidates to help maintain our 4.5 Trip Advisor rating! Must be available some evenings and weekends. Apply in person at Overlook Hot Springs.

**THE TILE & CARPET STORE** seeks applicants for a multifunctional, full-time warehouse/ sales position. Candidates must be friendly, with good customer service, multitasking and organizational skills. Must have basic computer knowledge and the ability to lift 50+ lbs. Email resumes to thetilestorepagosa@hotmail.com.

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**SEEKING MOTIVATED SALES ASSOCIATES.** New, local outdoor lifestyle retail store is in search of motivated full- and part-time sales associates. Retail experience preferred. Please email sjilfello@gmail.com with resume.

**HIRING EXPERIENCED LINE COOK** and wait-staff/ barista for mornings at Two Chicks and a Hippie. Come in between 11a.m.-2p.m. to apply.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPATCHER Part Time.** Archuleta County is currently accepting applications for a part-time Emergency Services Dispatcher. This is a part-time position starting wage \$14.29/ hour. Applications available from the Archuleta County Human Resources Office, 398 Lewis St., Pagosa Springs or on the Archuleta County website (www.archuletacounty.org). Position will close on April 22, 2016. Application can be faxed to (970)264-8306 or email to fgoheen@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

**HIRING EXPERIENCED AND LICENSED PLUMBERS.** (970)946-7096, leave message.

**FENCE LABORERS NEEDED. TOOL** bags required. Pay depending on experience. Call Jonathan (970)946-8723.



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**PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASEWORKER II.** The Archuleta County Human Services department is currently seeking qualified applicants for a Protective Services Caseworker II. Starting pay \$19.02/ hourly DOQ. Complete job description, along with application is available at [www.archuletacounty.org](http://www.archuletacounty.org). Submit application and resume to Human Resources, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs CO 81147, fax (970)264-8306 or email to [fgoheen@archuletacounty.org](mailto:fgoheen@archuletacounty.org). Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

**ATTENTION PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO.** Mastercorp is now hiring housekeepers and a house person. Earn excellent wages, paid weekly, paid training. Please call today to set up an interview: (970)731-4294. Mastercorp, the leader in the resort housekeeping industry. Must work Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**ESTABLISHED COMPANY LOOKING** for career minded individual for entry level position. Knowledge of real estate title insurance or closings a plus. Must have good customer and computer skills. Apply in person at Colorado Title & Closing Services, 456 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs or send resume to [cts@coloradotitle-services.com](mailto:cts@coloradotitle-services.com).

**LOOKING FOR CARPENTER.** Laborers and carpenters. You need your tools and transportation. Call Rick, 946-1737.

**MARKETING REPRESENTATIVE-** The Pagosa Springs SUN is seeking a creative person to join our award-winning newspaper team. This position provides you the opportunity to work with area business owners and managers to assist them in advertising and work as a team with your clients to produce creative advertising layouts. We are looking for a self-motivated person to join our team selling weekly paper, website and special issues. Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop and marketing experience a plus. Base pay plus commission allows you to increase your income as you grow your client base. Please pick up an application at The Pagosa Springs SUN front office or email your resume to [helpwanted@pagosasun.com](mailto:helpwanted@pagosasun.com). Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.

**PONDEROSA LUMBER IS HIRING** a seasonal truck driver/ yard associate. It is possible this position will develop into a full-time position. Wage based on experience. Duties include deliveries, loading/ unloading trucks, helping customers and providing inventory support. Lumberyard experience a plus. Please apply in person at Ponderosa Lumber, 2435 Eagle Dr. or call 731-4111.

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**BOULDER COFFEE CAFE IS** gearing up for a great summer. Food prep and Barista positions are now open. Apply today and become a part of an energetic and joyful team that enjoys each opportunity to meet, greet and serve Pagosa Springs. (970)585-1019.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AL-ANON** meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Saturday, 10:30a.m., 234 N. 2nd Street (CR200/ Snowball Road). [www.al-anon-co.org](http://www.al-anon-co.org).

**SMOKING BEARS FAMOUS BBQ** now at Turkey Springs Trading Post. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, noon till 5p.m.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** meets Saturdays at 9a.m. at 234 N. 2nd St., aka CR 200 or Snowball Road. Open meeting, various structure. Call Lyn, 903-0655, or Carl, 903-2346, to confirm we are meeting or for information.

**NEW OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** meeting starting December 3, 11a.m., at Centerpoint Church, 270 Cornerstone Dr. Leslie, (970)799-0775.

**A.A. PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES GROUP** meets at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Tuesday 7p.m. Big Book Study (closed); Thursday 7p.m. Discussion (open); Questions (970)245-9649, [www.aa-westerncolorado.org](http://www.aa-westerncolorado.org) or [www.aadistrict18.org](http://www.aadistrict18.org); Ken or Charlotte 731-1025.

**A.A. PAGOSA SPRINGS GROUP.** 234 N. 2nd St./ CR 200- Snowball Rd. Sunday 10a.m. (AM); 5:30p.m. open discussion; Monday 12p.m. (D), 5:30p.m. (BB); Tuesday 12p.m. (D), 5:30p.m. (M); Wednesday 12p.m. (D), 5:30p.m. (W); Thursday 12p.m. (D), 5:30p.m. (BG); Friday 12p.m. (D), 7p.m. (D); Saturday 7:30a.m. (AM), 5:30p.m. (D). (Last Friday of the month, 6p.m. potluck, 7p.m. birthday speaker meeting.) Questions, contact (970)245-9649, [www.aa-westerncolorado.org](http://www.aa-westerncolorado.org) or [www.aadistrict18.org](http://www.aadistrict18.org), or call: Ed K. 946-2606; Val V. 264-2685; Ben B. 264-0217.

**HUMANE SOCIETY OF PAGOSA** Springs and Durango Dog College are teaming up to enrich the lives of our Archuleta County dogs! On Friday, April 15th, from 1-2:30p.m., join us for our free Summer Training Orientation at your Pagosa Springs Dog Park, located at 465 Cloman Blvd. Come meet the trainers and learn about basic manners, therapy dogs, conflict resolution, focus work and other fun activities to do with your dog. Get all the information and sign up for classes! Please NO DOGS at this time.

## YARD SALES

**YARD SALE SUNDAY 4/17,** 8a.m. 653 Oakwood Circle. Gas range, Bowflex treadmill, oak table and lots more. 946-3797.

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**SALE SATURDAY 4/16 9A.M.-1P.M.** Snowblower \$400, antique iron bed, miscellaneous household, decor. 650 Monument.

## YARD SALES

**BE SURE TO** check for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

**GARAGE SALE- MOVING.** April 16, 8a.m.-2p.m. Many household items including tools, clothing, camping gear, luggage, pictures, leather recliner \$145. 146 Driftwood Dr. 731-2302.

**FUNDRAISER SALE. ANTIQUE OAK ENGLISH** pub table/ 4 chairs. Howard Miller 3 chime mantle clock, tools, hardware, DVDs, mint Calvin/ Hobbes, small appliances and more. 1479 Hills Circle, blue 2 story. Saturday, April 16, 9a.m.-?

**MOVING SALE 9A.M.-6P.M. DAILY** now until April 29. Everything must go. 10 miles south on 84. Tools, antiques, furniture, trailer, Bobcat, too much to list. Call 264-4888 for directions.

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**FOUND ON EATON DRIVE:** CD carrier with CDs. Call to describe, 946-4705.

**IF ANYONE** has lost their pet, please call the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, 731-4771. [www.humanesociety.biz](http://www.humanesociety.biz).

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## PETS

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## FOR SALE

**END OF SEASON SALE!** The dump truck special on firewood is now \$300 for 2+ cords! Only while supplies last. \$100 pickup loads still available. Contact FIRE&ICE, ask for Dan. (970)582-0006.

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**FOR SALE- MAGIC CHEF** 18 cu. ft. refrigerator, Kenmore heavy duty stackable washer/ dryer, Kenmore small 5.1 cu. ft. chest freezer. Phone (970)903-0417.

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## FOR SALE

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# Preventing vole damage to lawns; CPR, first aid classes offered

By **Roberta Tolan**  
PREVIEW Columnist

Now that the snow has receded and our lawns and landscapes are being revealed, the winter work of a small mouse-like animal is creating quite a stir.

Damage to landscapes occurred this winter under the cover of heavy snow as the critters created pathways through the snow running from one burrow opening to another, packing the runways with grass clippings.

The furry culprit in this destruction? The vole.

Voles are a small rodent that measures 4 to 8 inches long and varies in color from brown to gray. They are pudgy, with blunt faces and small eyes, small ears, short legs and a short and scantily haired tail. Voles are active day and night throughout the year. They usually live two to 16 months and create many surface runways and underground tunnels with many burrow entrances.

Voles are extremely prolific, having three to six young per litter and three to 12 litters per year. Females may become pregnant at three weeks of age and voles breed almost year-round. Large population fluctuations ranging from 14 to 500 voles per acre are common in some parts of the state.

Most vole damage occurs in the winter, when voles move through their grass runways under protection of snow or where there are thick, tall grasses and weeds. Heaviest vole damage seems to coincide with years of heavy snowfall.

## Damage and control

Vole damage to trees and shrubs is characterized by girdling and patches of irregular gnaw marks about one-sixteenth to one-eighth inch wide. Gnawed stems have a pointed tip, but do not confuse vole damage with damage by rabbits, which include stems clipped at a smooth, 45-degree angle and wider gnaw marks. Stems browsed by deer usually have a rough, jagged edge. Voles also girdle the roots of trees and shrubs, which will show dieback the following spring.

Other signs of voles being present include: 1) 1- to 2-inch-wide runways through matted grass and burrows; 2) visual sightings; 3) hawks circling overhead and diving into fields; and 4) spongy soil from burrowing activity. Trees that appear to be suffering from disease or insect infestation may be suffering from unseen vole damage.

Methods to prevent and control vole damage are habitat management, exclusion, repellents and trapping.

## Habitat management

Elimination of ground cover including weeds and tall grasses by frequent, close mowing; tilling; or

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herbicide application is the most successful and longest-lasting method to reduce vole damage.

Other methods include:

- Plant short grasses that do not mat or lodge such as blue grama. These will provide little protective cover and may reduce vole numbers.

- Summer removal of vegetation around fruit trees provides some protection because voles avoid exposed areas.

- Remove tall, grassy cover near plantings voles may damage.

- Plant crown vetch (a legume unpalatable to voles) in areas bordering orchards and field boundaries to limit vole populations.

- Important predators of voles include short-tailed shrews, badgers, coyotes, foxes, bobcats, barn owls, great horned owls, long-eared owls, barred owls, screech owls and some snakes. Predators can significantly reduce vole populations. Landowners should protect and encourage predators if they do not constitute a pest problem.

## Exclusion

To protect trees and shrubs from vole damage, encircle them with one-quarter-inch mesh hardware cloth or 3-inch diameter (young trees) plastic mesh cylinders. This barrier should protect 18 inches above the ground and 3 to 6 inches below the surface.

## Repellents

Little data are available on effectiveness of repellents to deter vole damage. There are a variety of commercial repellents labeled for protecting tree seedlings, shrubs, ornamental plantings, nursery stock and fruit trees from voles.

Capsaicin (hot sauce animal repellent) is labeled to protect various woody plantings from voles.

The following homemade repellent has also proven to be quite effective in keeping most animals away from given areas and plants. It must be reapplied after three to five days.

- One chopped yellow onion.
- One chopped jalapeno pepper.
- One tablespoon cayenne pepper.

Boil ingredients for 20 minutes in 2 quarts of water. Let the solution cool and then strain through cheesecloth. You can apply this with a tank-type sprayer or a spray bottle.

Predator odors such as the urine from red foxes and coyotes also may be effective vole repellents. These odors are not

commercially manufactured, but fox and coyote urines can be purchased from some trapper supply houses. Repellents are relatively expensive and provide short-term protection. They may wash off during rain and must be reapplied periodically.

This information was taken from the Colorado State University Fact Sheet #6.507, "Managing Voles in Colorado," and can be found in

its entirety on the CSU website at [www.ext.colostate.edu](http://www.ext.colostate.edu)

## CPR and first aid

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