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# Laser technology finds undiscovered Chacoan structures at Chimney Rock

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

A team of seven University of Colorado Boulder researchers, led by Assistant Professor Gerardo Gutierrez, married high tech to anthropology at Chimney Rock National Monument for two weeks in May this spring. The pairing produced an offspring of discovery.

Using advanced, high-resolution laser scanning technology to map the monument's rugged and forested terrain from May 9 to 23, the team found previously unknown sites of

big houses, pit houses and kivas. The structures were built a millennium ago by Native Americans of the Chacoan culture, but since obscured by the sands of time.

The high resolution technology, according to Gutierrez, originally developed for military surveillance and space exploration, is known as LiDAR, an acronym for light detection and ranging.

A U.S. Geological Survey website reports that LiDAR works by emitting a dense stream of laser pulses, up to

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# Emergencies, fires keep responders busy

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

Emergency management entities across Archuleta County had a busy weekend, responding to several different types of calls.

On Thursday, May 26, emergency management services got a call about a kayak that had been pinned upside down in the East Fork of the San Juan River.

According to Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Wildland Coordinator Karn Macht, Archuleta County Emergency Management Director Thad McKain requested that

the PFPD respond to the scene for the possibility of a swift water rescue.

Around 12:39 p.m., a maintenance truck and a rescue 1 truck were dispatched to the scene with six personnel on board, with three of them being volunteers, Macht explained.

As the PFPD made a plan to get down to the river to recover the kayak, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch informed rescue teams that it had contacted several local raft companies and had learned that the kayak had been ditched by an

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Photo courtesy Sally Capistrant

Top: The 77 members of the Pagosa Springs High School class of 2016 pose in their cap and gowns recently — a school tradition that anticipates the coming commencement ceremony. Right: Members of the senior class participate in a new tradition of walking throughout Pagosa Springs Elementary School while being greeted by the school district's youngest students.

# 77 set to graduate from Pagosa Springs High School

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

"It's a giant leap for all mankind but for us it's just a simple step." — Yelowolf. The 77 members of the Pagosa Springs High School class of 2016 are set to participate in the annual rite of passage that is graduation Saturday, June 4.

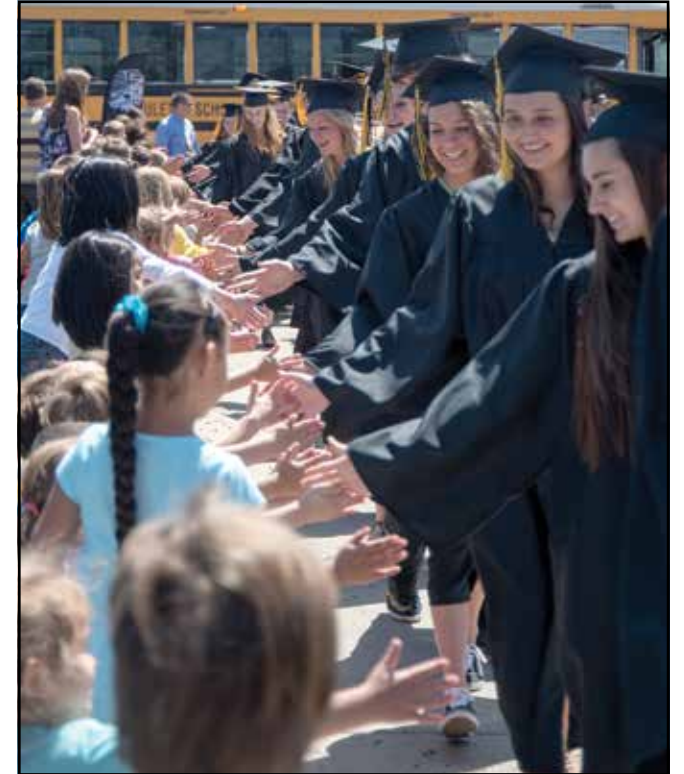
This year's valedictorian is Brooke Bowdrige, and Miah Pitcher is the salutatorian.

Senior class officers are as follows: Andrew Cersonsky, president; Gus Palma, vice president; Regan Richardson, secretary/treasurer.

The senior class motto is the above quote from Yelowolf, while the class chose black and gold for its colors, forget-me-nots for the class flower and "Sounds of Change" by Dirty Heads for the class song.

The commencement ceremony is set to begin at 10 a.m. at the school.

For more on the graduation, see next week's issue of The SUN.  
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Members of the American Legion Mullins-Nickerson Post 108 fire their rifles during Monday's Memorial Day service held at Hilltop Cemetery. The service was one of two the post held to honor the U.S. soldiers who have died while serving their country.

# School board considers sale of property

By Terri Lynn House  
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education held a work session on May 17 to hear a presentation from Warren and MaryAnn Sackman pertaining to "a proposed development that will serve the disabled adults in Pagosa Springs."

While in the conceptual stage, the 35-acre plan for Continuing Life Community (CLC) is proposed to include housing for disabled adults, a recreation center and rehabilitation center referred to as a community center, a preschool/day care, affordable housing for the elderly along with trails and more. The mechanics of the plan are still a work in progress.

The CLC would be a nonprofit, and there would be no for-profit entities located on the property.

The Sackmans have made an undisclosed verbal offer to ASD to purchase a 36.76-acre piece of school district property referred to as the "Vista Property" for the proposed development.

According to Archuleta County Assessor Natalie Woodruff, the school district's property is bordered by Park Avenue and Vista Boulevard across from the new Veterans Memorial Park.

Woodruff said the property was deeded by Fairfield Eaton Inc. to Archuleta County in August of 1985 with deed restrictions in place limiting usage of the

■ See School A8



Illustration courtesy Reynolds Ash + Associates

Still in the conceptual stage, the proposed 35-acre plan for Continuing Life Community includes housing for disabled adults, a community center, a preschool/day care, affordable housing for the elderly along with trails and more. The Archuleta School District is considering an offer to sell a piece of deed-restricted property for the proposed development.

# Gravel pit hearing to be held Wednesday

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, June 8, the Archuleta County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding a gravel pit on County Road 500 (Trujillo Road).

The gravel pit would be called ■ See Pit A8

the "Two Rivers Pit" and would be located at 12500 County Road 500.

Originally, the hearing was held in February, but had been continued to June 8 after the applicants, C&J Gravel, of Durango, asked the planning commission for a continuance

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Can we afford the gravel pit risk?

If the editor's email inbox is any indication, there should be no shortage of public comment at next week's hearing for the proposed gravel pit known as the Two Rivers Pit.

We thought nothing could top the outrage over the proposed 5th Street bridge, but we believe this issue has done just that.

Hours past the deadline on Tuesday, letters kept pouring in for publication. Unfortunately, we couldn't print them all.

Over the past two months, residents who are opposed to the gravel pit have raised legitimate concerns about the following:

- Quality of life.
- Unhealthy air quality.
- Preservation of "the outstanding scenic and natural qualities of our county."
- Heavy truck traffic emitting loud sounds.
- Decreased property values.
- Safety of people walking, biking and horseback riding along the gravel truck route.
- Wildlife safety.
- Increased damage to roads that are already in deplorable condition.
- Damage to vehicles.
- Negative impact to taxpayers throughout the entire county.

The county can't afford to pay the ultimate price for this gravel pit — the loss of someone's life along a road that isn't suitable for the current traffic it receives, much less additional heavy truck traffic.

The Archuleta County Planning Commission will hear public comment on the proposed gravel pit at a special meeting on Wednesday, June 8, at 6 p.m. at Centerpoint Church, which is located at 2750 Cornerstone Drive.

This project will be reviewed according to the conditional use permit procedures in the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations.

"This is a very serious issue facing residents of Archuleta County and the town of Pagosa Springs," wrote resident Gary Waples. "Should the gravel pit application be approved, we'll be dealing with the negative effects for the projected life of the gravel pit ... 25-30 years."

You can't blame our neighbors for their outrage, anxiety and concern over the proposed pit. Their concerns are warranted.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

## WHADDYA THINK?

What advice do you have for the high school class of 2016?



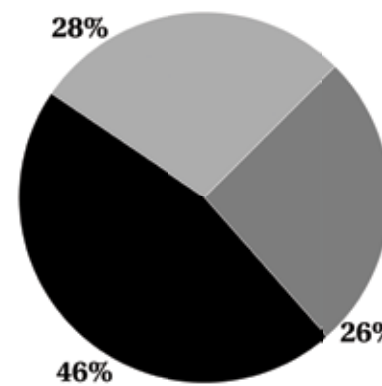
**Deanna Ward**  
"Go to college and make something of yourself."



**Penny Nichols**  
"Make sure the career you choose is something that you want to do when you wake up everyday."



**Ben Alexander**  
"Believe in Jesus and trust that He has a plan for your life."



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## LOOKING BACK



From the May 18, 1967, Pagosa Springs SUN.

**A SURE SIGN OF SPRING** — New calves playing about and being very inquisitive about anything and everything are a sure sign that spring is here. This calf had a very inquisitive look for the SUN camera.

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## LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

### 90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 4, 1926

With the arrival this week from Oklahoma of nine members of the rotary drilling crew, four rig builders, one tank builder and one pumpman, work at Sullenberger Well No. 1 on the Sunetha structure, about five miles southwest of Pagosa, was thrown into second gear. Some of the men were accompanied by their families and will remain until the well is finished; others are specialists in their lines, and upon completion of their respective work, will move on to the next job.

An effort will be made by Pagosa people tomorrow to open the Wolf Creek Pass highway to the top, when a crew of men will go up and join the A.A. Miller forces. It is said that a day's work will accomplish their object, so it looks favorable to have the pass entirely opened in a few days.

### 75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 6, 1941

**Worthe Crouse** is busy this week getting things ready for the opening of his new auto repair blacksmith and welding shop next Monday. The new building which is located a mile west of town on Highway 160 is nearing completion.

**Dr. J.G. McKinley** arrived home from Detroit last Friday where he went to accept delivery on a new Chrysler sedan and purchase X-Ray equipment for his office here. The new X-Ray is expected to arrive this week and a factory technician will arrive next week to install the new modern equipment. Dr. McKinley is to be congratulated for installing modern equipment here and Pagosa Springs is fortunate in the fact that it will no longer have to drive hundreds of miles when X-Ray work is necessary.

### 50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 2, 1966

**The Community Youth Boosters Club** has engaged Demetrio Martinez as director for the summer recreation program. This program is scheduled to start June 8 with enrollment at the high school gym. Mr. Martinez is a local man and a student at Adams State College in Alamosa. The program, sponsored by the Community Youth Boosters, will run through the summer months with further announcement being made of schedules. The program is open to every school age youngster in the community. There is no charge for participating. There will be various activities including, but not limited to, baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, ping-pong, and other such sports. There will be a complete program of other forms of recreation for both boys and girls.

### 25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of June 6, 1991

A five-member Archuleta County Airport Authority was formed Tuesday to "administer, manage and oversee" the operation of the county airport at Stevens Field. The county commissioners established the body with the stated objective of having the airport operate in a profitable manner that will generate enough money to pay for the maintenance and operating expenses of the airport and to develop a capital reserve capable of covering the county's cost of future expenditures. Provided for by the Colorado Public Airport Authority Act, an airport authority has the power to enter into contracts and leases, set fees, establish a budget, determine the use of public revenues generated through the airport operation, oversee maintenance, submit grant applications and establish policy.

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# Letters

## Perception

Dear Editor:  
 With the Supreme Court having ruled in favor of homosexual marriage, the landslide of legal maneuvering and Hollywood propaganda to normalize the abnormal has begun a full court press on the American psyche. Anyone who stands in the way of this societal tsunami is to be marginalized and dismissed as "homophobes," and "bigots." No doubt but that if the U.S. follows the example of Canada, anyone voicing a public opinion contrary to the prevailing social perception is likely to be arrested for "hate" speech.  
 This matter has come home to Pagosa Springs. President Barack Obama's executive memo ordering

all public schools to permit anyone who perceives themselves to be a member of the opposite sex to use the bathroom that he/she happens to identify with on that particular day in a reality in Pagosa public schools. There is to be no doctor's certification or parental note. If a boy "feels" like a girl, then he is welcome to use the girl's bathroom, locker room or shower room. If Washington can now dictate who uses what bathroom in our own community's schools, then is there anything that Washington will not regulate?

What has occurred in our confused culture is a concept that perception creates reality and if your perception is not in line with your genitals, then your perception is correct instead of the biological reality between your legs. Someone who perceives himself to be female, then begins to take chemical treatments to suppress his biological reality and enhance his false perception. Result: You have a chemically altered male. Then, if his perception is still at odds with reality, he obtains surgery so that there is no longer any visible evidence that contradicts the false perception. Result: You have a chemically and surgically altered male. Then this man insists that everyone else fall in line with the false perception of himself and call him Caitlyn.

Perception does not create reality. Yet Hollywood is intent on telling us that perception does create reality by intentional desensitizing us with show after show and commercial after commercial depicting same sex couples engaged in everything from day-to-day activities to graphic homosexual "love" scenes. What is the goal? To help us buy into the lie that perception creates reality and that physical evidence to the contrary can simply be ignored.

You may recall the young woman in Spokane, Wash., a while back who was the chairman of the NAACP chapter that convinced herself that she was actually black when, in fact, she was white. I remember her saying that she "... always thought of herself as black." It is another example of perception

creating reality in the minds of folks. The same argument is now employed for the LGBTQ community and there is no telling where this denial of reality will eventually take us.

One can only hope that there is sufficient common sense out there to realize that the abnormal really isn't the same thing as normal.

Richard A. Bolland

## Cascade issues

Dear Editor:  
 In 2005, when my husband and I moved here to Meadows, we were thrilled to be in Pagosa away from the big city. When our first mud season arrived we were astounded by the drainage that rolled onto our property carrying the road gravel. We could not believe that a culvert had been put in perpendicular to our lot. All the drainage from Buttress north of us emptied onto our lot.

Road and Bridge (R&B) told us the "historical" flow of water could not be changed. Our neighbors soon introduced us to the facts regarding Cascade. Several neighbors shared that they repeatedly called R&B to address the rub-board effect from traffic and the dust that was produced. My husband then charged me with dealing with R&B, hopefully with better success.

We soon realized the stop sign on Cascade was not being observed because of its location. It was placed on a small hill by the fire hydrant and bushes on that corner. Cars and trucks plowed through the sign and across Buttress onto our property. R&B came out to discuss this dangerous situation. So began my involvement with various employees with R&B over the next 10 years. Each time R&B came, the sign was always measured to be legal.

I called R&B a couple of times a year and saw employees come and go. Each time I had a meeting at the end of my driveway it was always friendly, I liked each one of them but I finally realized these men were the messengers not the "powers that be." We never had a come-to-Jesus meeting. But nothing changed the potential danger of vehicles running across Buttress

and slamming into vehicles coming the opposite direction.

Throughout all these years, no speed signs were placed on Cascade. Finally, in 2015 a neighbor saw a car that had rolled onto our property and she estimated the car was totaled. Amazingly, the two passengers were standing beside the car. By the grace of God, this catastrophe was no worse than it was.

I then met with one of the "powers that be" and he came up with a solution to address the safety and drainage issues. Months later, a few loads of dirt moved the corner 10 feet and the sign was moved. Cars can now see the sign easily and can anticipate the turn. Two mileage signs have also been placed on Cascade as well as a new culvert. We are very grateful.

Very slowly over time, Cascade has mysteriously lost two "no through trucks" signs and been labeled a collection road. Traffic, dust, safety for pedestrians, animals and noise pollution have all been magnified tremendously.

Why have I shared my story with you? It is to demonstrate a serious potential problem. If monies and employees cannot erect speed signs within a 10-year period, how can Pagosans feel confident our roads will be safely maintained if the "powers that be" force the new gravel pit upon us?

Karen Bynum

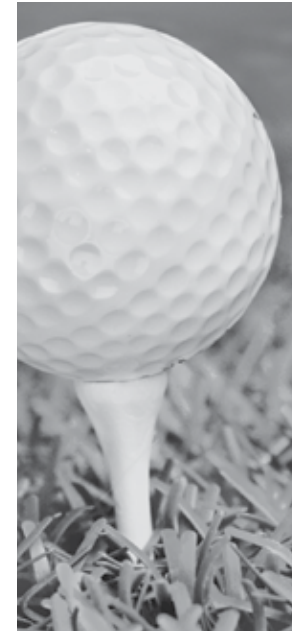
## Save our history

Dear Editor:  
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# Letters

■ Continued from A3  
 read the article in the April 7 issue of The SUN regarding the (possible) closing of the Historical Museum. In the following week's issue, our publisher/editor made her plea for the community to come together and save this amazing treasure — and treasure it is. My husband and I have visited on a few occasions while in Pagosa. I am also disappointed that not one resident of the town has submitted a letter to the editor to encourage Pagosa to "step up" and work together to save the museum. Obviously, the museum board of trustees have tried many solutions to remedy the financial shortfall and lack of volunteers.

One of the things that amazes me about Pagosa Springs is how the people and the merchants and business owners always come together for a cause — there are always fundraisers going on for cancer research, animal rescue, building a skate park and even saving the theater. These events always do well as the generosity of the people of this town is outstanding.

With that said, what can we do to keep the doors open for season 41?

I would like to propose a "challenge" to raise more funding. I have already mailed in my donation to help the financial issues and my challenge is for others to do the same by making a donation, no matter what size, then ask five friends to make a donation, then they ask five of their friends and so on.

Perhaps the Pagosa Piecemakers could donate a nice quilt to hang in the museum this summer to be given away. At the end of the summer one lucky winner will take home the lovely quilt. All proceeds would go to the museum.

I have to say that in school I did not like history — what did it matter that on a certain date something happened? I hated having to memorize dates. Well, in 1976 I took a cross-country road trip and stopped at many historical sites in America — history came alive. What a difference that made in my life — I have learned so much about history and now I love it.

I ask if the local high school has a community service requirement for graduation — if so, here is your chance, juniors and seniors, to volunteer for a good cause — and

you might learn something you didn't know about the lovely place you call home.

How about an Eagle Scout project to help with maintenance issues (or to raise money or find volunteers)?

Or, a collaborative effort between other nonprofits to come together and help save this little gem?

They could use a volunteer who is familiar with grant writing to find available money.

If you live in Pagosa and have not been to the Historical Museum I would ask that you take the time and visit — you will not be disappointed. If you have out-of-town guests, take them with you. This could be your last opportunity.

How will you teach your children about how Pagosa has evolved if there is nothing to show them? Come on Pagosa — let's make this happen — together.

Debbie May  
 Arroyo Grande, Calif.

## Pit mitigation

Dear Editor:

Reasons not to use residential roads for commercial:

Safety: Residents in south Meadows tend to drive within the 35 mph speed limit. Commercial vehicle operators do not. They don't care, they are on the clock and they get paid by volume delivered. Many of these garbage trucks and dirt haulers have been clocked at 50-60 mph with total disregard for safety of residential traffic, walkers, bikers and horseback riders. We pay taxes and the county owes us our safety.

Health risk: A recent article in the Pagosa Lakes Newsletter warned: Road dust does present health problems for those exposed regularly. Six 25-ton trucks per hour running on gravel roads creates a health risk to residents living along Buttress Road (extension of South Pagosa Boulevard), Cascade Road and Trujillo Roads.

Noise pollution: The continuous roar of diesel engines, the rattling and banging of empty hauler buckets on rough roads (the roads are already in horrible condition for autos and barely rideable with a motorcycle, unless your name is Wallenda), and heavy truck tire noise is not why I moved to Pagosa Springs to hear or endure.

Road deterioration: The residents who live south of the Meadows and Buttress road junction,

where pavement ends and dirt starts, already suffer enough vehicle damage per year on roads that are in washboard/pothole condition just from automobile traffic. These are residential roads and are unfit for commercial traffic. New shocks and replacement engine mounts are costly repairs that would be accelerated by road damage from trucks. Will we be able to submit our car repair costs to C&J Gravel, as part of the partnering with the community?

In summary, this residential community will be getting "dumped on" and ending up with an undue burden and suffering that none of us purchased property with these penalties in mind. We pay the same taxes in this county but get the short stick on paved roads, snow plowing and endure the additional costs of auto repair from poor roads, car washing from mud and treacherous driving on muddy roads.

We moved here to South Meadows (not South Mining Pit) for quietness, clean air and to be closer to nature, none of which will be a result of this ill thought out proposal with C&J. Get real.

Jim and Cindy Quigley

## Protect river land

Dear Editor:

Yes, so much progress in our little town, all of it good. Over the past 30 years, medical care has grown from a small clinic and volunteer ambulance service to a well-staffed clinic, hospital and professional paramedic ambulance service.

Thirty years ago, the library was a small room adjoining the police department, served by volunteer Lenore Bright — from that beginning, with the help of the Women's Civic Club, we now have an outstanding library offering opportunities to grow through reading, research, genealogy, etc., and special events for both adults and children.

Twenty years ago, there was no assistance for victims of domestic violence until Carmen Hubbs called attention to that need and under her leadership, services today include support groups for all ages and sexes, educational groups for kids and teenagers, all promoting respect and friendship.

All of these things were done on "Pagosa Time," of course. With thoughtful patience, truly good things can be accomplished.

Walking along the river in town, observing so many young families with their children enjoying the river, the park, climbing around on rocks to see what kind of critters they can find, etc. — those children are so fortunate — opportunities for young minds to explore, to be creative through play. So nice to observe that with all the changes, our families continue to enjoy the simple things that made this place so special.

Let's be careful how we make use of lands that border the river — it is a priceless jewel. We need to protect its beauty and solitude

for future generations and of special importance, assure that it will continue to be free and open to all.

Patty Tillerson

## Deny pit request

Dear Editor:

"Archuleta County Road and Bridge Design Standards and Construction Specifications" are required to have an asphalt layer of 4 inches. Meadows residential roads are nowhere near that base and are already in poor repair with potholes, cracks, and crumbling pavement; Cascade and Trujillo are only dirt and gravel.

By their own testing, C&J Trucking has admitted they will contribute a minimum of 45 percent-63 percent additional damage, but will credit Archuleta County for the gravel we, the taxpayers, will be forced to buy from them for upkeep, repairs and soon, a complete re-paving at an estimated \$1 million per mile (3.5 miles).

Traffic engineering studies have shown that the impact of one 25 ton three-axle truck is equivalent to 1,429 cars. So one wonders if the proposed savings to the county by having a local gravel pit will indeed be realized because the county will need to spend considerably more to maintain the roads along the haul route. In other words, we tear up your roads and then you get a credit to purchase our gravel. That sounds like a pretty good deal for C&J, but pretty bad for residents of Archuleta County.

Our county has also established noise restrictions for businesses and traffic which would consistently be violated by the proposed mining operation and the proposed heavy truck traffic. Downshifting of truck engines going up the hill, and brakes going down the hill, also break the county's allowable noise decibel levels.

In addition, Meadows roads also have dangerous curves, hills that obstruct vision, and hidden driveways. This is a recipe for disaster. Not only for the pedestrians, bikers, runners, horseback riders, nature lovers, children getting on and off the school buses, and area residents; but also for the wonderful wildlife we so enjoy.

Let's not be naive. This is not a good deal for we the residents and taxpayers of Archuleta County. The disadvantages far outweigh the few benefits. It will make a few people prosperous at our expense. I am asking the BoCC to please deny the request to use Meadows residential roads as a commercial trucking thoroughfare.

Please consider writing John Shephard, planning commission manager, at jshephard@archuletacounty.org and attending the public meeting at 6 p.m., June 8 at the Centerpoint Church.

Kristin Vorhies

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### Vets for Vets

The Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County would like to thank everyone who not only participated, but supported and sponsored this year's third annual Veterans for Veterans Golf Tournament held Saturday, May 28. The camaraderie of the players, veterans and volunteers was wonderful and a real pleasure to witness.

supporters and sponsors who made this event one to be remembered as a great day in Pagosa Country. This includes the many volunteers from our local Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County organization. The two organizers for this event were Chuck Jordan and Kenny Rogers. They would like to express their thanks and appreciation to everyone for making this golf tournament a wonderful and satisfying experience.

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# Obituaries



## Lois S. (Scottie) Gibson

Scottie Gibson died peacefully at age 78 on May 24, surrounded by close family, at Pine Ridge Nursing Home in Pagosa Springs, after a very short illness. Cause of death was complications from a stroke and lung cancer. Scottie was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother; highly respected teacher and community volunteer; and a wonderful friend.

She was born in Chicago on Oct.

4, 1938, to David and Helen Elizabeth Stewart. She graduated with a bachelor of science majoring in math and education from Western Illinois University and later earned a master's degree in education there. On Sept. 5, 1958, Scottie married her husband, Ralph, and they celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2008 at a fun party with family and friends in Pagosa Springs.

Scottie and Ralph lived most of their adult life in Algonquin, Ill., where they raised their son, Gary, and both taught high school math, Scottie mainly at Barrington High School. With both parents being teachers with long summer breaks, the family enjoyed many summertime adventures including hiking, river rafting and camping. Scottie and Ralph retired to Pagosa Springs in 1993.

Scottie was a member of Mensa International, the largest and oldest high IQ society in the world. Throughout her life, she enjoyed travel and the outdoors. When she retired to Colorado, she took up skiing and became an active member of the Gray Wolf Ski Club. Later, she was a world traveler, taking trips to Europe and Russia with her cherished grandson, Parker.

Scottie loved opera, classical music and theater. She founded a Ladies Night at the Opera group

and also enjoyed playing mahjong and bridge with her lady friends. As an active member of the Pagosa Springs Women's Civic Club, she served as president, treasurer and holiday bazaar chair. She also served on the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library board of trustees for nine years, was a driver for the Road to Assistance to help cancer patients, a member of the Pagosa Investment Club and a volunteer tutor at the Pagosa Springs Education Center.

Her family remembers Scottie with three words that they say sum up her life — teacher, adventurer and accomplice. Ever interested and involved, she was well-known by her friends for being smart, fun and a joy to be with — truly a friend to admire.

In addition to her husband Ralph, Scottie is survived by her son, Gary, and grandson Parker, of Austin, Texas; her sisters, Linda Stewart White, of Phoenix, and Janet Stewart Hryce, of Denver; nieces and nephews Laura Hryce as well as Dianne, Michael and Jimmy Toomey; and hundreds of wonderful friends in Illinois and Colorado. She was predeceased by her parents and sister Judy Stewart Toomey.

No formal service is planned, but the family thanks all of Scottie's friends for their support and love during her short illness and knows

they are sharing both tears and laughter as they remember Scottie. In her honor, contributions can be made to the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library, P.O. Box 849, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.



## Cynthia Rozell

Cynthia Rozell passed away Monday, May 23, at home, surrounded by her loving family.

Cynthia was born Jan. 16, 1963.

She is survived by her loving partner and husband, Jeff Bayze (Feffe), and many extended family and friends.

A celebration of her life will be held Sunday, June 5, at 11 a.m., at the ponds behind the Silver Dollar Liquor Store. The celebration will continue at the Pagosa Bar at 1 p.m. for a potluck and cold frosties.

Donations at the services will be accepted to help offset memorial costs.

## Churches combine to offer Vacation Bible School/Sports/Art Camp

By Jon Duncan  
Special to The SUN

Centerpoint and Pagosa Bible churches are combining our resources to offer a Vacation Bible School (VBS) and Sports/Art Camp program that will provide instruction and fun for everyone beginning June 13.

There will be a VBS track for ages 3 through first grade with singing, crafts, Bible story and snacks; the second through sixth grades will choose between a soccer, basketball or art/drama track that will include instruction, skills practice and scrimmage opportunities.

The art/drama track will feature watercolor instruction, an artistic

craft project and skit/drama instruction, rehearsal and performance opportunities. Both tracks will also include a break time that will give everyone a chance to rest, cool down and hear a relevant story from God's word to encourage and challenge each young person.

We will meet on the elementary school practice fields at 8:30 a.m. to serve breakfast (no charge) and will continue with our opening exercises under the tent at 9 a.m. with singing, Bible memory, crazy skits and games, and instructions for the rest of the day. We will finish each day at noon and you can find your children using the regular elementary school after-school pickup system (follow

the signs).

There is no cost for this VBS/Sports/Art Camp and we would love the privilege to enjoy your children while we learn more about Jesus, so make plans to join us Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and kickoff to a great week.

You can register early by going to the link, <https://goo.gl/XX9eG6>, or you can register when you arrive on Monday morning. Bring your water bottle, sunscreen, sports shoes and a jacket if the mornings are chilly, and don't forget there will be a free concert in Town Park Thursday evening at 6 p.m. featuring Manafest.

Hope to see you on June 13 for the best VBS ever.

## Homemakers' summer potluck picnic June 9

By Tozi Rubin  
Special to The SUN

Mountain View Homemakers will host its annual summer potluck picnic on Thursday, June 9. Please arrive between 11 and 11:30 a.m.

Mary Webb is hosting the picnic at her home at 458 Handicap Ave. There is no need for concern if it is raining because she has ample indoor space. You do not need to bring a chair.

Members are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Plates, silver-

ware, napkins, paper cups, water and iced tea will be provided. Guests do not need to bring anything.

This is a day for picnicking and visiting with each other. We will not have a speaker.

Please carpool as parking is very limited. About six cars can fit in her driveway. Cars can park on the street, although it is a secondary street where parking is not encouraged. Call Webb at 731-1288 for directions or questions about the picnic.

Mountain View Homemakers is a 50-year-old women's service or-

ganization. All area women who are interested in bettering their lives, the lives of their families and the community as a whole are welcome. The monthly meetings include lunch and a speaker or activity.

There are no dues or membership requirements to join this friendly, interesting and diverse group of women. The group meets every second Thursday of every month. Homemaking skills are not required.

Our July 14 meeting will be our annual auction fundraiser and it is fun.

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## LEGISLATURE

# Gavel falls, back to the sheep ranch

When the gavel fell at around 11:30 p.m. on May 11, and the second session of the 70th General Assembly of the Colorado Legislature was adjourned, I was very grateful for a very successful session.

But there were no parties for me; I am a sheep rancher and we make our living in 17 days in May. That 17 days, from May 5 through May 22, is when we have the majority of our baby lambs. It is a grueling time when my family works around the clock to make sure that those babies live and get a good start. My family needed my help, so I was packed and ready and by noon on May 12; I was working in the lambing pens at Ignacio.

Colorado has a citizen's legislature where folks with real jobs, not professional politicians, serve the people. I like that and am proud to be part of it.

I had a very successful session in the 120 days from Jan. 13 through May 11. The most important piece of legislation that I carried was the South Platte River Water Storage bill, HB 1256. This bill initiates a study of how much water is wasting out of the state to Nebraska in the last 20 years. The study will also evaluate storage sites, both on the South Platte and on tributaries, as well as look at the possibility of underground aquifer storage and the dredging and expansion of existing reservoirs. In the House and the Senate, in committees and on second and third readings, the vote was unanimous. The governor will



Rep. Brown's Report

sign the bill on June 9 in Denver. I was also successful working with co-prime sponsor Democrat Lois Court in passing off-highway vehicle legislation, HB 1030. This legislation had been worked on for around eight years and had failed. I initiated an interim committee to come up with a bill. The committee met in Denver three times during the interim and came up with a bill that was doomed to fail because the state patrol, children's hospital and several counties opposed the bill. During the session, I came up with an amendment that satisfied everyone and we finally passed the legislation. The bill allows counties to require liability insurance and allows towns to designate crossings of state highways. A huge contingency of counties and cities enthusiastically attended the bill signing by the governor. I still believe that we must work to improve the law by

allowing for voluntary registration and licensing of these vehicles.

I also passed HB 1083, which allowed Western State Colorado University to amend its admission standards from moderately selective to selective and to allow for a broader category of professional degree programs.

I worked hard on other issues, including funding for K-12 education and full funding for Colorado highways. I will talk about other successes in future columns. It has been an honor to serve the 59th House district.

## DA candidate forum in Durango June 9

By Kathleen Adams  
Special to The SUN

The League of Women Voters La Plata District Attorney Candidate Forum will be held on June 9, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Durango City Hall Council Chambers, 949 E. 2nd Ave.

DA candidates for the 6th Judicial District are Christian Champagne and Ben Lammons. They will respond to the public's questions in preparation for the Democratic primary election of June 28. There is no cost for the forum.

The forum will be televised — refer to [www.lwvaplata.org](http://www.lwvaplata.org) for channel information. There is no Republican candidate for this office. Go to [www.lwvaplata.org](http://www.lwvaplata.org) or call 382-8248.

## Notice to voters for June 28 primary

By June Madrid  
Special to The SUN

If you are a registered as an unaffiliated voter in Archuleta County, you recently received a letter and a form explaining to you that should you wish to vote in the upcoming primary election, you must be registered as one of the major parties, Democratic or Republican, to receive a ballot.

Colorado holds all elections now as mail-ballot elections. That means all of the ballots are mailed

out, according to statute, to active voters. Should you wish to receive a ballot for the June 28 primary, please fill out the form you received and return it to our office.

You may affiliate up to and including the day of election. This ability to affiliate only applies to unaffiliated voters. Voters wishing to change parties would have had to do so by May 27.

Because the ballots are mailed, we want to make sure that we have your current mailing address. Ballots will not be forwarded.

To make changes to your voter record, you may go online to [govotecolorado.com](http://govotecolorado.com). You will need your driver's license number and birthday. You need to put your name in exactly as you are registered to vote. You may also stop by the office at 449 San Juan St. We are located in the basement of the courthouse and we are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is easier to access the office if you drive around the back of the courthouse. The phone number is 264-8331.

# Ballots for June 28 party primaries going out to eligible Archuleta County voters

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

The Democrat and Republican primary elections to select nominees for Archuleta County, Colorado and federal offices are set for June 28 this year. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in the county for each party between Monday, June 6, and June 10.

Voters will receive only the ballot for the party in which they are eligible to vote by registration.

### Federal offices

Federal offices on the ballot include one U.S. senator for Colorado and the representative to the U.S. Congress for Colorado District 3.

The Democrat Senate candidate for nomination is incumbent Sen. Michael Bennet. The Republican candidates are Darryl Glenn, Ryan L. Frazier, Robert Blaha, Jack Graham and Jon Keyser.

The Democrat candidate for representative for District 3 is Gail Schwartz. The Republican candidates are incumbent Rep. Scott R. Tipton and Alexander Beinstein.

### Colorado offices

State of Colorado offices on the ballot include one member of the State Board of Education (representing Congressional District 3), one regent of the University of Colorado, at large, one representative for Colorado District 59 and the district attorney for the 6th Judicial District.

The Democrat candidate for State Board of Education is Christine Pacheco-Koveleski. The Republican candidates are incumbent board member Joyce Rankin and Anita M. Stapleton.

Running for the nomination as at-large regent of the University of Colorado on the Democrat ballot is Alice Madden. On the Republican ballot, the candidate is Heidi Ganahl.

The Democrat candidate for nomination as state representative for District 59 is Barbara Hall McLachlan. Incumbent Rep. J. Paul Brown is the candidate seeking nomination for the seat on the Republican ballot.

Democrat candidates for district attorney for the 6th Judicial District (Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan counties) are Christian Champagne and Benjamin Lee Lammons. There are no candidates for the office on the Republican ballot.

### County offices

Nominations for two Archuleta

County commissioner seats will appear on ballots, one each for Districts 1 and 2. Voters will receive ballots based on party affiliation and district of residence.

The Democrat candidate for commissioner for District 1 is Rodney B. Proffitt. The Republican candidate is incumbent Steve Wadley.

For commissioner from District 2, the Democrat candidate is Raymond P. Finney. The Republican candidate is Ronnie Maez.

### Voter information

All ballots must be returned by 7 p.m. Election Day, June 28, to be counted.

Completed ballots may be returned by mail or dropped off in person at the Archuleta County Election's Office, Voter Service and Polling Center.

The office will be open beginning June 20 until Election Day, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. However, on Election Day, June 28, hours will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The center will

also be open on June 25 from 8 a.m. until noon.

Ballots returned by mail should be sent in time to be received by Election Day.

The Election's Office, Voter Service and Polling Center is located in the downstairs level of the Archuleta County courthouse, 449 San Juan St., and is easily accessible from the rear of the building. Persons with questions may call 264-8331.

In addition to receiving completed ballots, the center will be able to supply replacement ballots and complete voter registration. Voters who do not receive a ballot by mail should contact the center.

Ballots may also be dropped off in the courthouse at the county clerk's motor vehicle office. The motor vehicle office will accept completed ballots during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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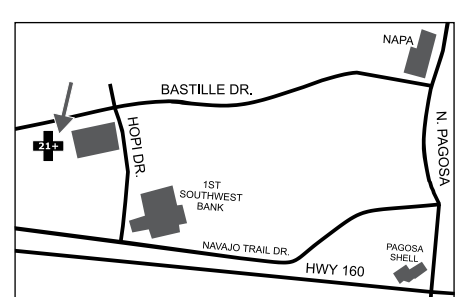
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# Business



## County's unemployment rate falls to 3.6 percent

By Marshall Dunham  
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County fell to 3.6 percent in April, with 6,300 people in the labor force and 226 of those claiming unemployment.

In March, there were 6,354 people in the county's labor force with 249, or 3.5 percent, claiming unemployment. The total workforce lost 54 people over the month, while the number of unemployed people decreased by 23, causing the .3 percent decrease in unemployment.

Over the year, however, the employment situation has improved considerably. In April 2015, there were 5,947 workers in the county, of which 247, or 4.3 percent, were unemployed. April of this year's rate is down .7 percent by comparison.

Looking at this April's employment situation for the rest of the state, Huerfano County had the highest unemployment rate for the month with 6.6 percent, while Baca County had the lowest rate at 1.9 percent.

According to the survey of households, the

unemployment rate for the state stayed the same in April, resting at 3.5 percent.

Over the year, the unemployment rate for Colorado has dropped .5 percent, decreasing from 4.0 percent in April 2015 to 3.5 percent in 2016.

The number of people in the state actively participating in the labor force increased 66,017 to 2,880,042 and total employment increased 77,002 to 2,778,062, causing the number of unemployed to decline 10,985.

In comparison, the national unemployment rate declined from 5.4 percent in April 2015 to 5.0 percent in April this year.

The unemployment rate, labor force, labor force participation, total employment and the number of unemployed are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from this survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

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

The business establishment survey covers

about seven times the number of households surveyed and is therefore considered a more reliable indicator of economic conditions. Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by worksite and the other measuring persons employed and unemployed by household, estimates based on these surveys may provide seemingly conflicting results.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 67,700 with an increase of 57,900 in the private sector and an increase of 9,800 in government.

The largest private sector job gains were in leisure and hospitality, education and health services and construction. Mining and logging declined over the year.

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

Over the year, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.6 to 33.2 hours, with average hourly earnings increasing from \$26.85 to \$27.44.

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### CHAMBER NEWS

## Start your engines for the Car Show at Pagosa

By Mary Jo Coulehan  
Special to The SUN

Start your engines, break out the polishing rags, and wax and get your car ready for the eighth annual Car Show at Pagosa.

On June 10 and 11, cars from all over the region will be rolling down U.S. 160, with the owners popping the hoods at Town Park and opening up their doors on Lewis Street to display their pride and joy.

With good weather anticipated for this new date for the car show, a large number of vehicles are expected. Registrations are steadily pouring in, which should delight car enthusiasts with the range and types of cars.

The car show begins on June 10. Line up for registration begins at 4 p.m. on Hermosa Street, where the Party in the Park will take place in the athletic field of Town Park.

At that time, car show participants and enthusiasts will be able to take their first look at the cars entered for 2016. There will be live music, delicious food and beverages — both adult and nonalcoholic. Of course, there will also be the cars, which is the main draw. Perhaps you're in the market to pick up a new classic vehicle or sell

your collectible. Bring the family and enjoy an evening of fun as you "ooh" and "aah" over these modes of transportation.

On June 11, the car show will move to Lewis Street, where, beginning at 9 a.m., the participants will vie for prizes and once again display their motorized collectibles.

The public is encouraged to attend as there will be a People's Choice award issue at the end of the day. The awards, including Best of Show, People's Choice and the best in each category, will be awarded on Lewis Street at approximately 3 p.m.

Also at the "Show and Shine" will be vendor booths and delicious food, a beer tent, live music and great cars.

The surrounding businesses and restaurants are also geared up to welcome you into their store or eating establishment as you spend the day gawking at the cars. The registrants, of course, are more than happy to show off their spotless vehicles, which they have spent endless hours restoring and protecting. Pick your favorite: a Corvette, a Nova, a rat rod, a Ford Falcon or Mustang, a souped up 4x4 or perhaps a restored truck of some sort. Whatever your fancy —

you can probably find it at the Car Show at Pagosa.

If you have not registered for the show, preregistration is encouraged as collectible car show T-shirts are still available for the registrants. Wait too long and the free shirt with registration may be gone. If you decide at the last minute to register, you may at either the Friday or Saturday shows.

For more information, visit the Chamber website at [www.pagosachamber.com](http://www.pagosachamber.com). Go to the Activities and Events page and click on Featured Chamber Events and Festivals. You can then click on the Car Show and find out more about the activities or download a registration form.

You can also stop by the Chamber located at 105 Hot Springs Blvd., still in the Visitor Center, and register in person. We are looking forward to a few days of gorgeous weather and cars.

### ADA and Business Compliance

Reminding businesses that on Tuesday, June 7, the Chamber will be hosting an important Business Bites learning forum. From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center, businesses

will be able to engage with Mark Douglas as he explains ways where businesses can identify ADA issues in their building, ways they can go about addressing these issues and general ADA concerns.

This session will be informative and engaging. Businesses will learn more about funding available through the Town of Pagosa Springs to assist them in making improvements to their facility to become more ADA compliant.

While registration is not required, an RSVP is requested as a light lunch will be provided and we would like to make sure that enough food is ordered. Walk-ins are certainly welcome.

### Membership news

We welcome back as Chamber members Buckskin Towing and Repair and Tari Woods.

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## Refinance program helps small businesses grow, create jobs

By Christopher Chavez  
Special to The SUN

Eligible small business owners now have more options to refinance eligible fixed assets and business expenses through the Small Business Administration (SBA) 504 Refinance Program.

SBA Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet made the program permanent through an Interim Final Rule in The Federal Register released May 26. This change will help small business owners ease their financial burdens and create incentives for potential expansion and further job creation.

In making the announcement, Contreras-Sweet said, "As both a former small business owner and a banker, I know firsthand that access to capital is the single most important factor in the survival and growth of a small business. The 504 loan program with its long-term fixed-rate can help refinance debt from adjustable rate loans with significant savings to borrowers."

The SBA will begin accepting applications from small business owners effective June 24. Also, concurrent with the announcement, a public comment period will begin for the public to make recommendations that SBA will review for further program enhancements in the future. The public comment period will end July 25.

"For some time now, we've been making the case for the 504 Refinance Program with lawmakers and now small businesses will have access to \$7.5 billion under this program. Congress heard the combined voices of small business, lenders and SBA, and made the 504

Refinance Program permanent — a measure that I'm sure will prove essential in helping small business expand and strengthen the nation's economy," Contreras-Sweet said.

On Dec. 18, 2015, Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, which made the 504 Debt Refinancing Program a permanent part of the 504 Loan Program. The 504 Refinance Program was originally a temporary measure under the Small Business Jobs Act of

2010. This temporary debt refinance program expired on Sept. 27, 2012.

The SBA is authorized to approve up to \$7.5 billion for the regular 504 Loan Program and \$7.5 billion in lending authority under the 504 Debt Refinancing Program, which brings the total 504 lending combined authorization to \$15 billion.

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# School

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property to that of an elementary or junior high school. In October 1986, the property was deeded from Archuleta County to ASD with the restrictions remaining in place.

## The need

During the school board work session, MaryAnn Sackman explained that their son was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. She described the challenges they faced when he “aged-out” of services that had been available to him through a school program prior to age 21.

As they age out, there a fewer services available to those with disabilities. Where do they go to live as they get older? Do they just sit and watch TV all day? They still need

services, she said.

In a follow-up interview, she explained that her family would have moved to Pagosa Springs years ago, but the lack of medical facilities at that time kept them in New York longer. She shared that her son loves the life here and the hot springs are important for his healing.

“The quality of life is so much nicer here for him,” she said.

The Sackmans decided they were going to build, “not just one home, but we are going to build a community.”

The proposed CLC would provide classroom settings, a therapy room, physical therapy, pool, basketball, etc. They envision socials such as Friday being community pizza and movie night. There would be group

meals and time to socialize with people similar to themselves, along with the ability to come and go as they please.

The Sackmans are not looking to do this for their son only, but for so many people who need something like this and, she added, “We have the means to make this happen.”

MaryAnn Sackman stated they had already identified 100 adults with special needs to reside at CLC and stated, “If you build it, they will come.”

“This will give them a home,” she said. She explained that, without a community such as CLC, the only local alternative is a nursing home.

“I want this community to be very safe, have high security so no abuse is going on ... to make sure they are

being taken care of properly so I can rest peacefully knowing he is taken care of the rest of his life,” she added.

She cited that the CLC would bring higher quality jobs to Pagosa Springs and bring in more professionals and emphasized that it would be good for the town financially in the long run.

## Support for the plan

Jerry Jackson spoke in support of the project, expressing the desire for his own adult son to reside in the community. He stressed the importance of the location being very close to town and the hospital.

Board member Brooks Lindner asked if they were considering any other properties, with Warren Sackman responding that they were looking at other options and with MaryAnn Sackman stressing that the school district’s property was the best property for the best use being close to the hospital, off the highway with proximity to jobs, town, transportation and other amenities.

Acknowledging that the property is currently deed restricted with the usage limited to that of an elementary or junior high school, ASD Board President Greg Schick asked if the county would have any problem working with them on the deed restrictions.

Archuleta County Commissioner Clifford Lucero responded that he had already talked to all of the commissioners and that they would have no problem in working with the district.

When asked about the commissioners’ support of the project on Friday, May 27, Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners Chair Michael Whiting stated, “The fact is we have not discussed it ever. ... We have no position on anything related to the school district and this matter.”

Any zoning changes for the property would go through the commissioners.

During the school board work

session, Schick asked if the city was on board with the project. Jackson said he spoke to two council members who were on board and he felt he “could get a letter from the town.”

Jackson also said he met with Chip Munday with the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA), stating, “Chip was very much on board with this project.”

Munday relocated at the end of April to Hilton Head Island, S.C., where he is now the general manager of Indigo Run.

Still acting as general manager of PLPOA until his replacement is chosen, Munday responded via email this week, “I only heard about this idea in my closing days at Pagosa Lakes, and never offered any opinion of support by PLPOA specifically. It was more a casual conversation related to our discussions on establishing a strategic plan. We identified addressing needs of those ‘aging in place’ as a key concern. It is in that light that we support the discussion of addressing those needs, but nothing on any specific proposal. This concept was also discussed in relation to the already planned assisted living facility on the corner [of] N. Pagosa Blvd. and Lake Forest Circle. These are similar situations in that neither location is part of the PLPOA — they are what we call ‘in-fill’ parcels which are parcels of land within the so-called boundaries of Pagosa Lakes, just not part of the Association.

“Any development of the school district parcel on Vista Blvd. would need to be scrutinized for impacts to the immediate neighborhood. Traffic is certainly one, but size and scope will also need to be addressed. I think the community would welcome the discussion on the best ways to address what will be a growing need in Pagosa Springs.”

Funding for CLC would be through grants and fundraising once the property is acquired and it was stressed that most of that fundraising would be done outside of the

community.

The Sackmans explained that fundraising cannot begin until the desired property is acquired.

The plan would be to build a couple of homes first and the rehab/ community center. They said they hope to start building within 18 months of the property purchase.

Warren Sackman also stated that “for transparency purposes, the cost of the property MaryAnn and I were going to donate to the charity.”

## Additional discussion

Audience member Matt Ford asked whether the price of the property had been discussed and if the school district had been requested to sell the property at a reduced price or if it would be sold for market price.

“Do we have a fiduciary responsibility to at least open it up to other people who might want to put in offers?” asked Ford.

In an email to SUN staff last week, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed wrote, “School districts are not under any specific obligations with respect to marketing, and generally have the same options as any private seller would have. We are mindful of our duty to use and dispose of public resources wisely, which dictates that all our transactions be handled in a commercially reasonable manner.”

Schick stated at the work session that an appraisal had been done on the property, but when Ford asked for the appraisal, his request was denied.

In a follow-up phone interview with MaryAnn Sackman, she confirmed that they had made a verbal offer for the property and were informed that offer came close to the appraised value received by the school district.

The matter is listed as a discussion item on the agenda for the next school board meeting, which is scheduled for 6 p.m. on June 7 in the Pagosa Springs Middle School library.

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Photo courtesy University of Colorado Boulder

A University of Colorado Boulder anthropology team member operates LiDAR high-resolution laser scanning equipment in May at Chimney Rock National Monument.

# Chimney Rock

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400,000 per second. When the pulses reflect off an object and return to the transmitter, as with radar, precise measurement of the time elapsed allows exact computation of the object’s size. Full, three-dimensional imaging is achieved through computerized combination of multiple readings of pulses emitted at different, precisely recorded positions.

Gutierrez told The SUN on May 31 that “the instrument is so accurate it can even capture [images of] insects” and “can see every branch of every tree within 600 meters of the scan site.”

Gutierrez said that his team scanned a full 360 degrees of Chimney Rock terrain at 88 locations within the monument.

Researchers can find vestiges of past human habitation, Gutierrez explained, by using the precision provided by LiDAR to find modifications in the natural terrain.

Modifications may have lost readily identifiable shape due to collapse and may have become further obscured over time by factors such as erosion and growth of vegetation, he said.

As an example of the technology’s capability, Gutierrez said it can filter out a forest canopy, leaving visible only the natural surface and man-made objects over an area sufficiently broad to provide perspective for recognition of shapes.

According to Gutierrez, although Chimney Rock has been partially

restored, perhaps 90 percent of its area still remains unexplored by anthropologists.

Thus, he said, the scan yielded new findings of big houses and kivas within the monument.

Gutierrez told The SUN that the mapping of Chimney Rock is a by-product of a University of Colorado outreach initiative in the state, under the name of Project Map, which he anticipates will ultimately include mapping of other Colorado Native American historic sites.

He explained that Chimney Rock is one of the most significant outliers of Chacoan culture, which extended broadly through the southwestern U.S. in the 10th and 11th centuries.

Gutierrez noted that there are 160 sites in what are the present states of New Mexico, Arizona and Utah, as well as Colorado, that exhibit the characteristics of what anthropologists refer to as the Chacoan system. Gutierrez told The SUN that a feature of Chimney Rock significant to the Chacoan system was its vantage point for following the movement of the moon and sun, heavenly bodies sacred to Chacoans, that were observed at various times of the year in juxtaposition to the rock formations.

Increased understanding of Chimney Rock, he said, “adds to interpretation of the past and helps understand” Chacoan culture.

The university team will be returning to Chimney Rock in September to do additional high-resolution scanning. In addition to aiding expanded understanding of Chacoan

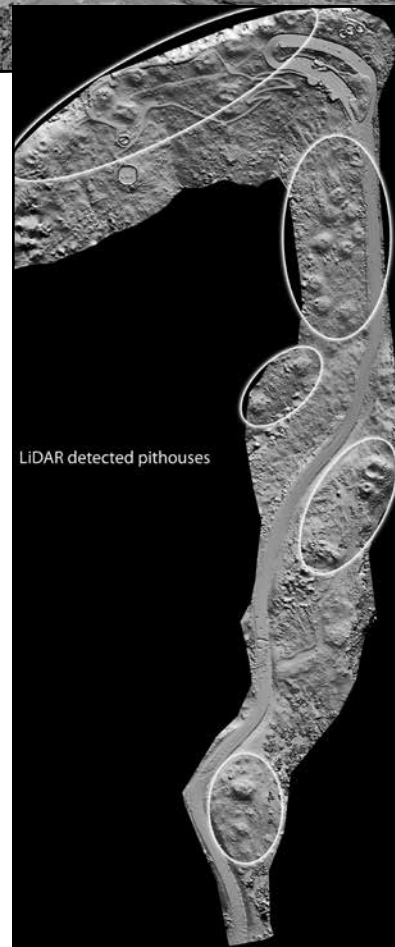


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An image produced by LiDAR equipment, with notations revealing ancient pit houses constructed at Chimney Rock by long-ago residents, when the present monument was an outlier of the Chacoan culture.

life, the mapping project will eventually allow virtual visitation to the Chimney Rock site — like a video game, Gutierrez said, but real. It will also provide a repository of precise data regarding the inventory of Chimney Rock assets that may be invaluable in the event of damage to the monument from a natural disaster.

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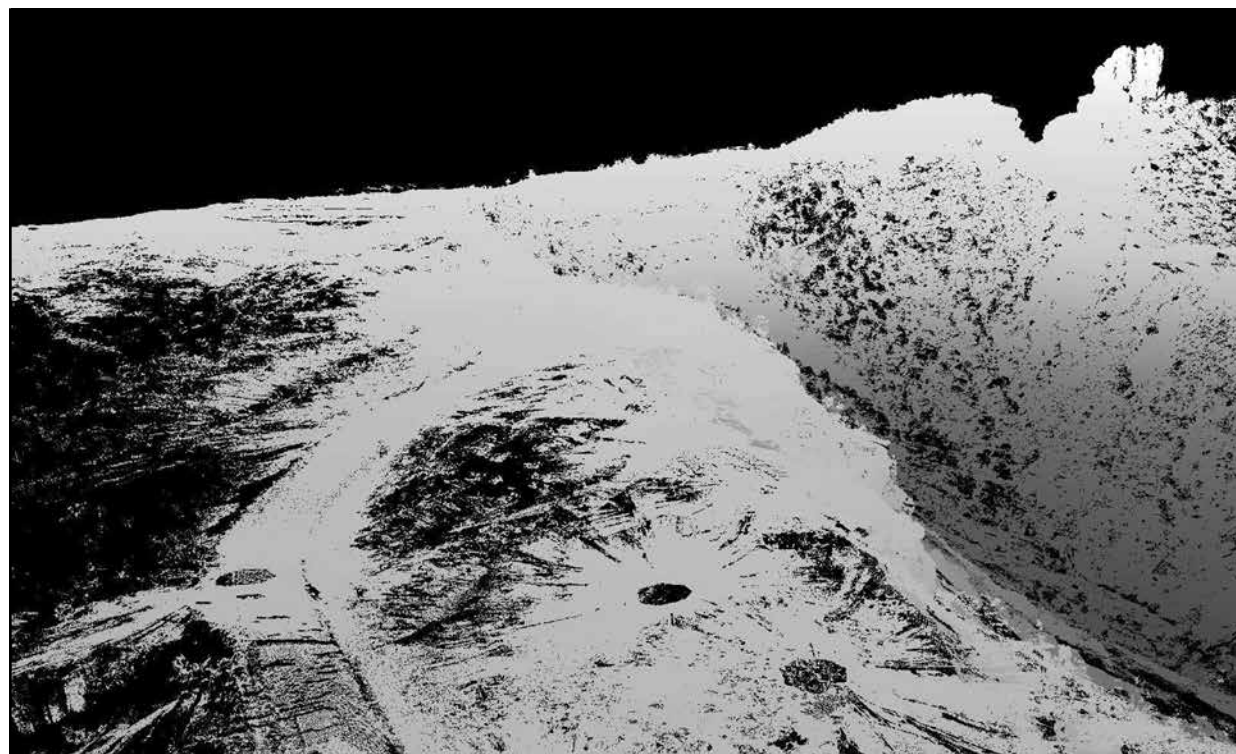


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A LiDAR image shows Chimney Rock terrain with vegetation filtered out. The advanced scanning equipment helps archaeologists locate ancient structures hidden over time by collapse, erosion and vegetation, through techniques such as filtering to allow man-made terrain modifications to be seen.

# Emergencies

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individual the day before, reported Macht.

Macht explained that, in many cases, the PFPD might turn the abandoned kayak into a mock rescue exercise, but due to the steepness of the terrain going down to the river and the speed that the river was flowing, it was decided not to recover the kayak.

The ACSO has asked that if you are forced to abandon your raft, tube or kayak in the river to please notify them to prevent further incidents such as this one from happening.

## Fires

Archuleta County’s Wildland Fire Team responded to a fire on Friday night near mile marker 9 of Trujillo Road (County Road 500).

According to McKain, the fire began due to a lightning strike hitting a tree.

By Saturday night, the fire had spread to three-fourths of an acre due to the tree falling, explained McKain.

McKain went on to report that helicopters dropped water on the

fire, mainly due to the harshness of the terrain.

Agencies that assisted in the fire include the San Juan Hotshots, the Mesa Verde Helitack team and the Pagosa Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service.

McKain explained that as of Tuesday, May 31, the fire had not officially been called out.

The wildland crew and the PFPD also responded to a fire that occurred at the beginning of Trujillo Road on Saturday.

McKain explained that he had been calling it the Bass Ranch fire, and that it occurred due to a lightning strike south of Pagosa Springs High School.

McKain reported that the fire grew to cover about one-fourth of an acre before being contained and controlled, adding that the fire was called out Saturday evening.

## ATV accident

An ATV accident also occurred on the southern end of the county, on a private ranch on County Road 359, near Archuleta Mesa.

A juvenile was transported by

helicopter to Mercy Regional Medical Center in Durango, though more details and a condition report could not be obtained by press time Wednesday.

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# Pit

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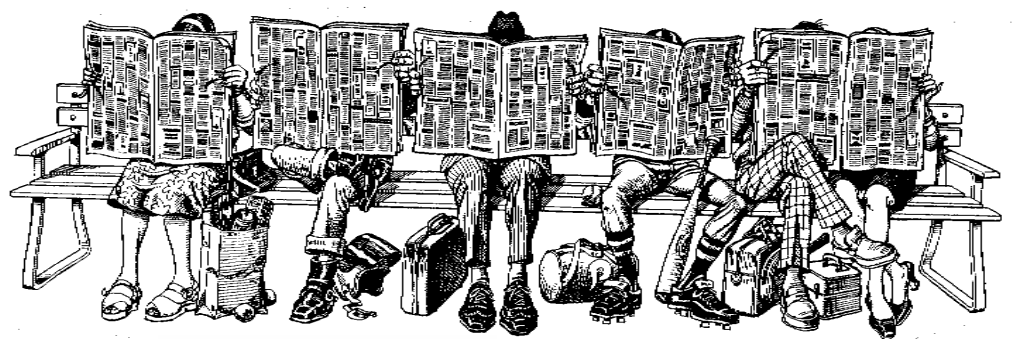
Archuleta County Planning Manager John Shepard explained to SUN staff that while he had received calls supporting the gravel pit, he felt it was safe to say the majority of feedback received was against the gravel pit.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 8, at 6 p.m. at Centerpoint Church, located at 2750 Cornerstone Drive.

If you would like to provide feedback in favor or against the gravel pit, email the planning department at [planning@archuletacounty.org](mailto:planning@archuletacounty.org) or call 264-1390.

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# Opponents accuse Forest Service of attempt to limit Wolf Creek Village review

By Jim Garrett  
Staff Writer

Continuing litigation in U.S. District Court in Denver over the 2015 approval by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) of a proposed exchange of public land included in the Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) for private land owned near Wolf Creek Pass by Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture (LMJV), has heated up again in recent weeks.

The proposed land swap with LMJV, if allowed to proceed, would facilitate construction by the developer of its proposed 8,000-person Village at Wolf Creek.

Approval of the swap was challenged in a suit filed last year as contrary to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by plaintiffs including environmental groups Rocky Mountain Wild, the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council, the San Juan Citizen's Alliance and Wilderness Workshop.

Under NEPA, preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) was a mandatory part of the process of evaluating the proposed land swap. But the USFS is contending that court review of information compiled in preparing the EIS relating to the proposal is limited, because it delegated the job to contractors.

Although the contractors were its agents, the USFS says that records regarding information considered by them in preparing the EIS, but not passed on to it, may not be considered by the court.

Opponents contend that this would improperly limit the court's legitimate review of the approval, and prevent it from evaluating fully the process leading up to the disputed action.

According to attorney Travis Stills of the Durango public interest firm Energy and Conservation Law, representing the plaintiffs, the practice of seeking to impose limits on the court review of USFS actions by invoking limitations based on the use of contractors is a "notorious problem."

Stills told The SUN on May 25 that the practice allows "issues to get swept under the rug."

U.S. Department of Justice attorney Barclay Samford, representing the USFS, declined to comment to The SUN. Samford explained that it is contrary to Justice Department policy to comment on pending litigation.

## The missing link

LMJV wants to build the village on the eastern flank of Wolf Creek Ski Area, where it owns land completely surrounded by RGNF. The land that would be removed from the RGNF and granted to the developer in the swap would provide the "missing link" for development: a direct connection, and year-round access, from the proposed site of the village to U.S. 160. In exchange, the USFS would receive a tract of land owned by LMJV further from the roadway.

A previous decision by the USFS which would have facilitated construction of the proposed village, by granting LMJV an easement to construct an all-season road through the RGNF to U.S. 160, was stopped by an injunction granted by the district court in a suit brought by the same parties under NEPA in 2007. Following failure of the easement, in 2010, LMJV

proposed the land swap instead as a means to implement its plan.

Like the earlier failed easement, the land swap was required to be assessed under NEPA. To overturn its subsequent approval by the USFS, the plaintiffs would need to show in the pending suit that the agency did not comply with the statute but abused its discretion by acting arbitrarily and capriciously.

Abuse of discretion can be based on reasons such as failing fully to consider necessary factors, allowing judgment to be influenced by irrelevant factors, or disregarding required procedures.

## Abuse of discretion

Among other factors, the suit argues the USFS abused its discretion because it failed to comply with the legal mandate to consider all environmental impacts caused by granting LMJV its missing link to development, including not only those resulting directly from, but also those connected to, the proposed land swap.

Thus, the suit contends that the impact of establishing an 8,000-person community, with corresponding businesses and necessary infrastructure, in a pristine area at an altitude between 10,300 and 11,900 feet was not sufficiently considered because the USFS improperly restricted its consideration to only the direct impact of the land swap itself.

The complaint alleges that instead of properly considering the ultimate impact of the proposed village, the USFS predetermined the result in favor of the land swap, by incorrectly adopting the proposition that the developer was legally entitled to the desired all-season road access to its privately owned property. The suit notes that similar "in-holdings" in various national forests are limited to "over the snow" access in winter, and contends that justification is lacking for treating the LMJV in-holding differently.

## Traffic on the pass

Substantial adverse results from improper consideration by USFS of the land swap are also alleged by the complaint.

Among other things, it argues that the impact of increased traffic on U.S. 160 over Wolf Creek Pass that would result from the development of the proposed village was not adequately considered in compliance with NEPA.

The complaint illustrates the magnitude of the adverse impact of traffic likely to be caused by the village by noting that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has concluded that increased traffic on the highway after full build-out of the project would reach a volume necessitating the construction of a "grade separated" interchange, with bridge or tunnel connections for turning vehicles, in order for traffic to flow safely into and out of the proposed village.

The suit criticizes the USFS for improperly failing to invite CDOT to participate as a cooperating agency in the decision of whether or not to approve the land swap.

## Communities nearby

The suit further contends that in approving the swap, the USFS improperly ignored likely negative impacts from development of the village on nearby communities, in-

cluding Pagosa Springs and South Fork. It contends that tourism related to skiing at Wolf Creek Ski Area and other recreational activities that are critical to economies of those communities could be siphoned off or damaged by the proposed village.

## Alternatives ignored

The complaint also contends that the USFS did not adequately consider alternatives to the swap, nor correctly assess the scope of reasonable use of the developer's property.

The suit cites an appraisal of the parcel involved in the land swap, which concluded that the "highest and best use" for the land was subdivision into five 35-acre home sites rather than construction of the proposed village. And the suit notes that the USFS improperly gave up restrictions on the developer's use of its land contained in a scenic easement dating to the creation of the private parcel in 1987.

## Risk to lynx

The suit further claims that USFS action on the land swap was flawed for failure to adequately consider the impact of the proposed village on lynx habitat.

The lynx is legally considered a "threatened" species in Colorado. The designation means it is likely the lynx will become an endangered species in part of its range in the foreseeable future.

The complaint notes that the relevant land lies in a corridor used by lynx that is important to the potential reestablishment of a stable, natural population of the species in the state. It argues that in its approval of the land swap, the USFS ignored its own plan for the RGNF, which incorporates requirements to protect lynx habitat.

## Court review

The current dispute in the pending litigation over the information considered by the contractors, who prepared the EIS relating to the proposed land swap, arises in the context of procedures established under the federal Administrative Procedures Act (APA). The act governs court review of the administrative actions of government agencies. Review of the USFS' approval of the land swap is an action of the type subject to APA procedures.

Court review of an administrative action under the APA is considered an appeal, so courts are normally expected to base the review on the agency's records relating to the action. It is the agency's responsibility to assemble and provide the record to be reviewed by the court, which is referred to as the administrative record (AR). Parties seeking review are normally allowed input on the scope of the AR only to the extent they can demonstrate omission from it of records that the agency actually considered.

Plaintiffs challenging the land swap in the pending suit argue that the AR provided to the court by the USFS ignores a major part of the actual record leading up to its approval — the part relating to work by the contractors. The responsibility delegated to contractors for the preparation of the EIS required them to compile relevant information and evaluate the competing concerns. The USFS did not make an independent evaluation, but only received the final EIS in the

form of a written report.

The USFS contends the court should limit its review of approval of the land swap and consideration of its environmental impacts only to what the contractors actually submitted to it, and which it subsequently considered in its approval of the land swap.

But the plaintiffs argue that by excluding complete records of information considered by contractors, the AR omits substantial material regarding the environmental evaluation.

In addition, the plaintiffs note that information relating to payment of the USFS contractors for their work should be evaluated for potential inclusion in the AR. They point out that although the contractors were engaged by USFS, they were actually paid for their evaluation of the environmental impacts by LMJV, the developer. Federal regulations allegedly permit USFS contractors to be paid for their work by private parties, even in matters that directly affect their interests.

## Limits sought by USFS

The plaintiffs' allegation that the USFS excluded information considered by the contractors who prepared the EIS in compiling the AR, unless it was also specifically considered by the agency "decision-maker," would allow a substantial limitation to be imposed on court review under the APA.

According to Stills, such a practice would allow the USFS effectively to suppress from the record to be considered by the court possible doubt, dispute or dissent in the course of the deliberative process delegated to a contractor.

Here, that result would occur in connection with the analysis of environmental impact of the proposed land swap, and would inherently homogenize the record in favor of the outcome, granting the developer its missing link.

The plaintiffs argue in their brief filed on May 11 that "the Forest Service deliberately shielded [its] review and analysis from public, agency, and judicial review by delegating its authority to the third party contractors to choose what documents to assemble for review by the Parties and the Court, and which records remain hidden pursuant to the private contractor's exercise of government discretion."

The limitation of the record submitted to the court by the USFS has importance, according to Stills, because the suit focuses on allegations that significant issues were inadequately considered in approving the land swap.

The USFS contends that the plaintiffs can argue that issues were inadequately considered, based on omissions from the record it has provided to the court.

But court review of administrative actions under the APA is

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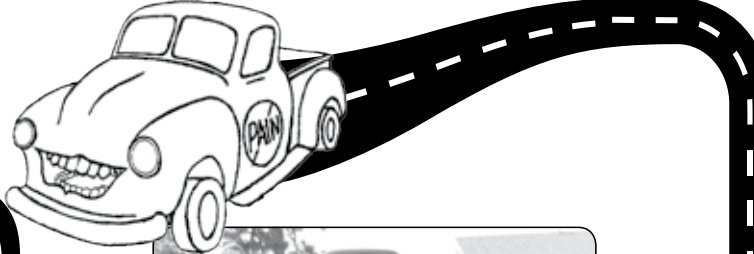

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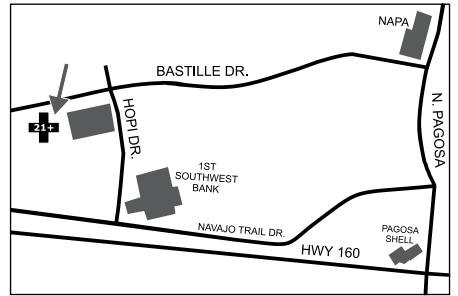
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# School board hears about grant, proposed budget

By Randi Pierce  
Staff Writer

After receiving word that Archuleta School District's (ASD) BEST grant application for just over \$109,000 to replace the roof of the fifth- and sixth-grade building at Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) has been recommended for funding, the Board of Education again heard about the district's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year at a May 26 work session.

The BEST grant is a state-funded grant for school construction and renovation.

ASD's application asked for \$109,119.29, to be matched with \$185,797.71 of district funding for a total of \$294,917.

In an email to The SUN, ASD superintendent Linda Reed stated that the PSMS roof project was ranked No. 7 for recommended funding, but that the Colorado Board of Education will not give final grant approval until the second week in June.

Following the announcement, the board heard for the second time about the proposed budget for 2016-17, having previously had the budget presented at a May 10 work session.

As ASD Finance Director Mike

Hodgson informed the board, the budget is expected to change up until the point it is adopted by the board.

The budget is anticipated to be adopted by the board at its 6 p.m. meeting on June 7, following a 5 p.m. work session on the budget.

The district is required to adopt the budget by the end of June.

## Anticipated revenue

According to draft budget information presented on May 26, the ASD general fund is anticipated to have a beginning fund balance \$7,108,105 for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Expected to be added to that beginning fund balance is an estimated \$11,003,586 in revenues from a variety of local, state and federal sources.

That amount is an increase of almost \$669,000 over the current fiscal year's budget (2015-16).

Included in that is an estimated \$5,752,602 from property taxes and \$4,284,067 from the Colorado Department of Education, among many other sources of funding.

One of those other sources of funding, the Pagosa Family School, is expected to generate \$144,000, according to a document handed out by Hodgson at the May 26

meeting.

The same document notes that the district could potentially receive additional funding from the state based on the district's enrollment, as well.

"The state's enrollment estimates are less than our current student count," Hodgson's document states. "If we used our current student count to estimate our revenues we would receive an additional \$220,000."

Too, Hodgson explained, funding from the BEST grant will affect the district's cash on hand to start the year, though that was not factored into the budget as presented on May 26.

The budget also includes \$300,000 for Secure Rural Schools funding, though that funding has not been approved at the federal level yet.

## Anticipated expenditures

The draft budget shows proposed general fund expenditures totaling \$11,778,805 — meaning expenditures are currently slated to exceed revenues by about \$775,000.

Of that, however, is a \$400,000 one-time expenditure for the district's curriculum reset, Hodgson reminded the board, meaning the district's operating deficit is about \$375,000.

Hodgson called that deficit the "worst-case scenario," outlining two factors that could result in the district having a surplus operating budget.

First, Hodgson explained that the budget is based on the state's enrollment estimates (as noted above), though, if the district's enrollment next October were equal to this year, that would mean an additional \$220,000 for the district.

ASD board member Bruce Dryburgh questioned using the state's estimate, with Hodgson explaining that he took the state's number as a conservative number.

Hodgson noted that the district is required to complete a revised budget next January and at that time can budget using actual enrollment numbers for the year.

Next, Hodgson indicated that the district's insurance carrier switchover was not finished and could result in savings for the district.

Hodgson explained that, in the budget, he assumed that 29 of 31 people who currently have the district's Hospital Reimbursement Plan insurance coverage (that the district is doing away with under the new coverage) will choose one of the new insurance plans rather than using their own insurance.

Should all 29 choose to use other insurance, the district would save over \$200,000.

"If all of that happens, we have a surplus budget," Hodgson said.

The budget also includes other items Hodgson specifically pointed out as budget assumptions to the board on May 26:

- Both a step increase and a \$227 raise-to-base for all district

employees.

- Two new elementary teaching positions for class-size reduction — something that was discussed at multiple previous school board meetings.

- At the middle school, the budget includes an additional half-time position, as well as changing a half-time position to three-quarters of a full-time position.

- The budget includes three additional assistant coaching positions at the high school.

- Also involving coaching, the budget includes proposed changes in coaching salaries, though those amounts are still being discussed and may change.

- At the elementary school, a new family support liaison has been added, and a conversion from a fitness aide to a teaching position is included. Those are anticipated to be funded by not replacing a departing English as a second language (ESL) teacher and by a reduction of one special education aide that is no longer needed.

Reed noted the district's desire to support families, stating that the earlier they can intervene with families and support them as they work through situations, the better.

Reed stated her support of the position and noted that the budget includes starting with a half-time position.

In response to board questioning, Reed also noted that, with new assessments and teaching methods, several students no longer need the direct educational support required by the departing ESL teacher, and noted that another part-time ESL teacher will be made full time to meet the district's needs.

## Capital projects

Also presented to the board was a three-year capital projects summary.

As the board was looking through the plan, Reed instructed the board to keep in mind that, in dealing with budget restrictions in recent years, certain capital improvements were deferred, such as parking lot maintenance and boilers.

Included in the plan for 2016-17 are \$572,256 worth of improvements.

That includes \$25,000 for a facilities study, \$217,500 in building improvements, \$5,000 for a sports facility, \$216,700 for equipment purchases and \$108,056 for technology purchases.

Those figures are then broken down by school.

Also included in the capital projects summary is a bus replacement plan, with Hodgson explaining that the plan includes replacing two buses a year for the next nine years.

For the 2016-17 fiscal year, \$105,000 is budgeted to replace a bus, \$65,000 is budgeted for a special education bus with lift and \$45,000 is budgeted for a Suburban.

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# Changes in county clerk's office hours due to training

By June Madrid  
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder's Office will be opening at 9 a.m. through the month of June.

The office will go back to opening at 8 a.m. in July. There have been several employee changes and the staff is working to get everyone trained to offer the service

the public deserves.

The staff asks your patience if you are visiting the office for the next few months. You will be helped by an employee in training and it may take a little longer.

The motor vehicle department will be closed on June 2 for the entire day due to training, with the elections and recording offices remaining open.

# San Juan Basin Health Dept. awarded grant to reduce chronic disease in La Plata and Archuleta counties

By Claire Ninde  
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Basin Health Department's (SJBHD) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program was recently awarded funding to implement a program to reduce chronic disease, with a specific focus on obesity prevention and increased access to healthy food and nutrition education.

WIC provides federal grants to states for supplemental foods, health care referrals and nutrition education for low-income pregnant and postpartum women, and children up to the age of 5.

SJBHD's WIC was among 15 approved nationally by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to work cooperatively with the National WIC Association to prevent and control chronic diseases through population-based strategies.

"With this funding, we will collaborate with local health care providers and community organizations to increase referrals to WIC and implement initiatives to increase access to, and education about, healthy nutritious foods," said Executive Director Liane Jollon. "We anticipate that this work will make it easier for community members to eat healthfully, which in turn will have long-term effects of reducing prevalence of obesity and other chronic diseases."

Specific grant efforts are yet to be determined, as SJBHD is currently in the planning phase. This planning includes collection of new and existing local data pertaining to obesity, food security and healthy food access, as well as consultation with strategic partners to ensure the design and implementation of needed, feasible and locally driven strategies.

This funding is made possible through a grant provided to the National WIC Association as part of National Implementation and Dissemination for Chronic Disease Prevention as part of a three-year cooperative agreement between the participating partners. This award enables grantees to build capacity for implementing a program to address the greatest predictors of chronic disease and achieve sustainable improvements that will continue after funding ends.

To learn more about or enroll in WIC, visit <http://sjbhd.org/programs-services/prevention-wellness/wic>, or call 335-2018.

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# The Haas brothers: A family of artists

By Casey Crow  
Staff Writer

These days, it is a rarity to find a successful professional artist in a small town like Pagosa Springs. Even more rare is finding an entire family of successful artists. Jeff, Chris and Blue Haas have been a part of the Pagosa community since the early 1990s, and all three brothers are extraordinary artists who work across multiple mediums.

The Haas brothers grew up in a trailer park in Hays, Kan. Their father was a second-generation immigrant from Russia who worked construction and their mother came from several generations of Kansas farmers. Their mother encouraged the brothers to cultivate their artistry from the time they were young. Music was an early influence for all three brothers, who used to set up their mother's record player on the couch and put on concerts. Jeff, the oldest brother, loved rock and roll and early metal, a love he passed down to his younger brothers.

Music is just one of the many ways the Haas brothers express themselves. They are musicians, photographers, illustrators, painters and sculptors. Their artistic inspiration comes from many different places.

According to Jeff, "It all comes down to expression, what you're going through emotionally, how you reflect on your own personal life, but also your stories, unmet wounds. You become part of it, it embraces you and finds you as much as you find it."

While the Haas brothers' mom claims the most creative things she ever created are her three artist sons, their grandmother was an artist. Growing up, art was always an immediate part of their lives.

"Growing up, art was in the house at all times, and we were very encouraged by our mom. We all just happened to be into art and to be weird, creative people," Chris said with a smile.

It was clear early on that the brothers were naturally inclined to the artistic, despite that they had no money for art supplies.

"We grew up in a mobile home park as young kids and it was next to a junk yard. We were poor and so for art supplies we would use whatever we could find, and that's a big reason why I sculpt from broken electronics," Blue explained. Blue, the youngest brother, calls his sculptures "techsidermy."



Photo courtesy Haas family

Brothers Jeff, Chris and Blue Haas, along with their families, have a desire to share their art and inspire others.

Using parts of unwanted electronics like video game systems, cameras, coffee makers and toy guitars, Blue brings to life innovative, recycled works of art. At the age of 12, Blue began working professionally as a muralist, commissioned to paint murals of mother goose in the public library. He continued as a muralist for many years, eventually creating the largest one-man finger painting. The mural was 14 feet tall. He later became interested in tattooing. Years after the Haas brothers performed rock concerts in their mobile home, Blue would tattoo some of the rock and roll legends

his oldest brother loved.

Chris, the middle brother, is best known for his macabre sculptures. He covers an animal skull in epoxy clay and carves out ornate embellishments. He then paints them by hand and adds glass eyes. The finished product is striking and mystical. The sculptures are fascinating in their sense of contradiction, exhibiting qualities of life and death in a single work of art.

Chris describes his inspiration as being a combination of old Baroque and Victorian styles, and the world of tattoos and monsters. An unexpected combination, perhaps, but his work has gained impressive notoriety throughout the United States and around the world. Chris' work is currently showing in two galleries in New York, two in Los Angeles, one in Philadelphia and one in Australia, but he has shown previously in countless other places. He also has more than 30,000 followers on Instagram.

If you had told him 10 years ago that he would be as successful as he is, Chris would never have believed you.

"Ten years ago I was a really heavy drinker, I was a mess, and I was singing in a band and constantly doing stuff more musically and not so much with the visual art, but I would have never known — the artists I show with are my heroes, and I can't tell you how humbled I am to put my art with these people that I've looked up to my whole adult life," he explained.

Chris' partner, Ursala Hudson, is also an artist. She works with printmaking, oil paint, photogra-

phy and graphic design. Ursala's parents played an important role in her life as an artist, and in Chris' life, showing them that working as a professional artist is a feasible goal. Her father, Bill Hudson, is a screen printer, illustrator and painter. Her mother, Clarissa Rizal, has worked as a professional artist since Ursala was a child. Clarissa is Tlingit, an Alaska native, who creates ceremonial blankets, weavings and button blankets.

"She is still inspiring the Haas brothers, because she doesn't do anything else, she hasn't since I was born, she only made art," Ursala said.

Ursala's family also inspired Adrienne Young, Blue's partner, to cultivate her incredible talent for fashion design.

Adrienne attended one of the best fashion design schools in the



Photo courtesy Haas family

Members of the Haas family are extraordinary artists who work across multiple mediums.

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# Outdoors

## Forest Service plants 600 trees around Williams Creek Campground

By Brandon Caley  
Special to The SUN

In celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day, the Pagosa Ranger District planted 600 ponderosa pine saplings around the northern loop of Williams Creek Campground.

The campground is a popular recreation destination located near Williams Creek and Reservoir, approximately 23 miles northwest of Pagosa Springs.

Archaeological evidence in the

Williams Creek area and campground itself suggests that people have occupied and utilized resources here for millennia. This makes the campground an exceptionally special place for people in both the past and present, and a site to protect and manage for future generations.

In the fall of 2011, it was determined that the spread of armillaria (root disease) had become so extensive, it rendered the campground unsafe for camping until all at-risk trees could be removed. The dead

and dying trees around the campground were cut down and removed to protect campground visitors and infrastructure. The landscape was then allowed to heal from the impacts of the tree removal.

This spring, Jesse Jones, lead forestry technician for the district and project manager, organized the planting efforts in collaboration with various resource specialists in fire, recreation, range, timber and archaeology.

These district employees plant-

ed saplings within approximately 10 acres of the campground. Trees were planted near existing spruce stumps and in other appropriate areas around camp sites.

Following the success of the project, Jones plans to monitor and study the condition of the trees and overall regeneration of forest vegetation within the campground. Long-term studies will help future foresters plan and manage healthy forest growth and sustainability within recreation sites.



Photo courtesy Dan de la Vega, Kathleen Galloway

Afternoon strolls aren't just for humans. This bear was spotted along Navajo River Road on May 21. The bear is one of several spotted recently, with another reportedly making its way onto the second-story deck of a home in Holiday Acres. Folks living in bear country are reminded that if you take away the food, you will take away the bear. Reduce bear attractants by taking down your bird feeders and putting away all pet food.

## Enjoy national forests, grasslands safely and responsibly

By Lawrence Lujan  
Special to The SUN

Memorial Day weekend marks the official start of the summer outdoor recreation season. The

## Outdoor Club meets tonight

By Susan Fischer  
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Outdoor Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 2, at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

The program will be Lindsey Smith from the U.S. Forest Service speaking about the archaeology of Chimney Rock.

There will be light refreshments at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome.

U.S. Forest Service is reminding the public to enjoy their national forests and grasslands safely and responsibly.

The Rocky Mountain Region (Region) manages 17 national forests and grasslands in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. The region manages a broad range of world-renowned recreation resources and services including: 19,000 miles of trails; 1,295 campgrounds, picnic areas, boat ramps and other developed recreation sites; and 47 designated wilderness areas.

Before heading out to enjoy the outdoors, please keep the following in mind:

- Know before you go. Call the ranger district you plan to visit to check local conditions.
- Due to high runoff, late-season snow and wet conditions, some recreation areas or roads are still inaccessible.
- Dead trees can fall at any time. Don't camp or park near dead, discolored trees and keep away during strong winds.

• Wildfires can start at any time. A careless cigarette or unattended campfire can start a devastating wildfire. Be fire safe. As conditions change, some areas may be under fire restrictions. Check [rmacc.info](http://rmacc.info) for the latest fire restriction information.

• Heavy snowpack along the Continental Divide in Colorado has extended winter recreation but increased avalanche danger. Check snow conditions before venturing into the backcountry.

• Saturated soils also have the potential to cause landslides and road slumping. Be prepared to turn around when slides have crossed roads or roads have eroded away.

• Flash floods can occur at any time, even if you don't see any rain. Check the forecast before you head out and be extra cautious when camping near stream beds or low-lying areas.

For more outdoor safety tips, visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/safety/safety.shtml>. For recreation information, visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

## Landowners can receive assistance to protect forestlands

By Ryan Lockwood  
Special to The SUN

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) is now accepting Forest Legacy Program proposals from Colorado landowners. The program authorizes the CSFS or USDA Forest Service to purchase permanent conservation easements on private forestlands to prevent those lands from being converted to non-forest uses.

The purpose of the Colorado Forest Legacy Program is to protect environmentally important private forest areas that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The program provides an opportunity for private landowners to retain ownership and management of their land, while receiving compensation for unrealized development rights.

Forestlands that contain important scenic, cultural, recreation and water resources, including fish and wildlife habitat and other ecological values, and that support traditional forest uses, will receive priority. Landowners who elect to participate in the program are required to follow a land management plan approved by the CSFS. Activities consistent with the management plan, including timber harvesting, grazing and recreation activities, are permitted.

The Colorado State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee will evaluate proposals and recommend to the state forester those proposals that have sufficient merit to forward to the USDA Forest Service. Forwarded proposals will then compete at a regional level; those selected at the regional level will compete nationally for funding.

The application deadline is 4 p.m. on July 29, for federal fiscal year 2018 funding. Proposals must be submitted by standard mail.

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## Memorial Day Observances

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In annual tradition, members of American Legion Mullins-Nickerson Post 108 held a pair of Memorial Day services Monday to honor those U.S. soldiers who died while serving in the military. The first of the services was held at the American Legion building on Hermosa Street, while a second service followed at Hilltop Cemetery, where the graves of veterans had previously been adorned with American flags for the occasion.



Brooke Bowdrige



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Olivia Reinhardt

## Rotary announces scholarship recipients

By John Richardson  
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is proud to announce the students receiving the 2016 Rotary Scholarships totaling \$20,000. They are as follows:

Brooke Bowdrige will attend the University of San Diego and study biology on a pre-medicine track.

Andrew Cersonky will attend the University of Denver and study patient management.

Hannah Hemenger will attend the University of Colorado-Boulder, and study integrative physiology (pre-med).

Blake Irons will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and study engineering.

Bryan Medrano will attend San Juan College and study nursing.

Olivia Reinhardt will attend Western State Colorado University and study communication arts.

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## ARTS & LIFE

# Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival

June 3-5 • Reservoir Hill Park



Photo courtesy Michael Pierce

June 2, 2016

# 11th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass June 3-5

By **Crista Munro**  
Special to The PREVIEW

Music lovers of all ages are already in town for the 11th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival, taking place June 3-5 on beautiful Reservoir Hill Park in downtown Pagosa Springs.

Nearly 200 vehicles full of excited music lovers are lined up across from Reservoir Hill and waiting to enter the festival campground when it opens up on Friday morning at 11 a.m.

The music officially kicks off on Friday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. and will go all weekend on two stages — including performances on the late night stage on Friday and Saturday nights.

This year's stellar lineup of 14 of the nation's finest folk, bluegrass, Celtic and Americana performers includes Eileen Ivers, Aoife O'Donovan, Caravan of Thieves, Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley, Tony Furtado, the Jon Stickley Trio, the Lonely Heartstring Band, Steep Ravine, The Railsplitters, Finnders and Youngberg, Melody Walker and Jacob Groopman, The Lil' Smokies, Tallgrass and The Robin Davis Duo.

This incredibly fun and family-friendly outdoor music festival is known on the national festival scene for its scenic on-site camping on Reservoir Hill, plus ubiquitous music pickin' circles, music workshops

and a wonderful selection of microbrew beer, food and crafts vendors.

Festival admission is free for children 12 and under who are accompanied by an adult, and there are plenty of activities to keep the young ones entertained. This year's children's performers include Mysto the Magi, Ruby Balloon, Andy the Juggler and Eric Richard Stone, who will be entertaining the younger set with magic and juggling shows, balloon creations and musical performances in the Kids' Tent all weekend.

Festival volunteers will be supervising arts and crafts and painting faces on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and local sponsors have kicked in to provide free festival T-shirts to the first 160 kids aged 12 and under in the kids area at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 4. The festival provides markers and fabric paints for kids to create a wearable piece of memorabilia.

Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass is supported in part by a matching grant from Colorado Creative Industries.

For additional information about schedules, to learn more about the performers or to purchase tickets, visit [www.folkwest.com](http://www.folkwest.com). Tickets can also be purchased by calling (877) 472-4672.

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“A Few Good Men” plays one final weekend, June 2-5, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

# Unit, core, God, country: Final weekend for ‘A Few Good Men’

By Dale Scrivener  
Special to The PREVIEW

It's the Marine mantra that pulses throughout Thingamajig Theatre Company's final production of the 2015-2016 season, “A Few Good Men.” After playing for three weekends, only a limited number of performances remain of the critically acclaimed production.

The classic tale of a court-martial case in which Navy lawyers uncover a high-level conspiracy in the process of defending their clients, who happen to be two U.S. Marines accused of murder, concludes June 5 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

JoAnne Galloway (Audrey Layne Crocker), is a sight to see as she pleads her case to fight for the rights of the two Marines on trial. Crocker plays opposite of Dennis Elkins (Lt. Col. Nathan Jessup) and Craig Dolezel (LTJG Kaffee), who are both forces to be reckoned with on stage. The trio is accompanied by 14 other actors who are making their presence felt throughout this

gripping courtroom drama.

While keeping up with performances of “A Few Good Men,” Crocker and Elkins are also rehearsing with the 2016 summer season cast and crew.

Summer show rehearsals have been underway for just over a week and the season is approaching quickly. This season includes “Disney’s The Little Mermaid” (opening June 17), “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” (opening June 24), “Cabaret” (opening July 9) and “Always ... Patsy Cline” (opening July 15).

Come see Thingamajig Theatre Company's production of “A Few Good Men,” directed by Melissa Firlit, before the season is over.

Performances are currently running through June 5, Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and a matinee performance on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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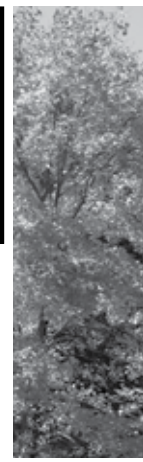
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# Does she have to come home?

“Does she have to come home with you?”

“Yes, I miss her. This is her home. She needs to be with me.”

This was the conversation I had with my Sweet Al after a two-week vacation away from Whiskey and when it was time for her to come back home. Whiskey went to our daughter's house and I had my own vacation, but not without a 30-day standoff putting it all on the line with my Sweet Al.

A month earlier, I didn't think I asked anything unreasonable. You would've thought I asked him to cut off his right arm and give it to me. He went into withdrawals. All I asked him was if we could send Whiskey on vacation for two weeks.

I asked my friend to come to Pagosa to help me with my studio. Al didn't want to let go of his best friend for two weeks and I insisted that I had the right to have my best friend of 40 years come to my home to help me.

I said to Al, “I've cleared it with our daughter and Whiskey can stay with her. Our daughter has a guest room, if you have to be with your dog, you can go stay with Whiskey at her house.”

“But this is Whiskey's home.”  
“Oh brother; it's my home, too. I've taken care of your dog and our daughter's dog when you two take off. I don't think I'm being unreasonable.”

“I'll have to think about it.”  
“Don't think too long. My friend will be here within the week.”

“Whiskey has never been away from our home before.”

“Well, it's time for you and Whis-

## Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



key to grow up. It's all your fault, I told you to train that dog right.”

“I'm just standing here; why am I always in trouble?”

“Well, you are and you will be. I begged you when you drove into the driveway, don't stop, roll down your window and talk to the dog. She jumps up on the car. My friend has a brand new black Lexus and Whiskey will ruin her car. Whiskey needs to go away for a couple of weeks while my friend is here.”

My friend had been mauled by a dog years before. Because of it, she is still afraid of big dogs. She was in the hospital for months getting well. She's still has a big hole in her leg and her arm had been nearly torn off. It was a miracle they were able to save her arm. She's been in therapy for years to get over the trauma. As I understand it, when someone has been mauled by an animal, they never get over it.

She still can't deal with big dogs. When we were in a little shop last summer, I saw it happen. A dog jumped up on a patio door, and my friend cried and cried. She went all to pieces.

“Whiskey won't hurt anyone.”  
“I know that and you know that. She is a sweet dog, but Whiskey is big and has a loud bark and looks

like she's going to lunge at anyone who comes to the door.”

“If I send Whiskey off, I might pick her up and bring her by the house every once in a while just to be with me.”

“Absolutely not. You can visit her off the property and keep her away from my friend. You can get your dog and take her by our daughter's work. Apparently they love dogs there and they feed them at the counter. Everyone will be happy.”

By the time my friend arrived, my Sweet Al had softened, said OK and became a delight. The three of us worked around the clock moving furniture, making piles for the thrift store, garage sale and moving things to the cabins.

We saw one miracle after another, as my friend became a part of the writers' group and our lives. The biggest miracle of all was my Sweet Al. He enjoyed my friend and didn't want her to leave. He wants her to come back and is willing to give Whiskey another vacation.

Final brushstroke: My Sweet Al learned he could live without his dog. It takes a lot to train an old dog new tricks. For Whiskey, she's home, ran into the house with muddy feet onto my bedroom carpet. For me, I'm not doing any happy dance, and I looked the other way when Al's best friend came home. Al was kind and thoughtful to my friend and I have to be kind and thoughtful to his. Another miracle is in the making.

### Readers' comments

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# Americanism and a neighbor enemy

By Daris Howard  
Special to The PREVIEW

On Memorial Day 2012, as Fred, now an old man, went with his friend, Akio, to Camp Minidoka and read the words on the memorial there, a lot of memories flooded into his heart. Fred remembered his dismay when his new neighbors moved in. They were different from him, and he didn't like different. He didn't view himself as prejudiced, but he was not open to anyone who was not like him.

Though the new neighbors tried to make friends, Fred did not return their friendliness. Soon their overtures faded and each family kept to themselves.

Then, overnight, on Dec. 7, 1941, everything changed. Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, and Fred could no longer consider them as neighbors. They were Japanese, so they were the enemy. The nation declared war, Fred's oldest son, David, was drafted, and Fred's animosity and suspicion of his neighbors grew.

Then, only a couple of months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt signed a law to move people like them into internment camps. Fred was relieved. No longer would he have to worry about what he considered the

likelihood that they would cause trouble. He watched as they quickly prepared to move, and Fred purchased their house for a minimal amount, determined to carefully control who could move in as his neighbors in the future.

The Japanese internment camp where they were taken was a hundred miles away. Though the government was always saying how nice things were there, word came that food was in limited supply and not all that good, and conditions were less than ideal. Some churches tried to do things to help, but Fred turned away those who asked him to participate. Surely the admonition to "love thy enemy" did not pertain to times of war.

The months rolled into years, and Fred received word that David had been wounded fighting in Europe. Though he was alive, his wounds were severe enough that he would be coming home. Fred waited anxiously for the day of his son's return. Finally Fred received a phone call from New York.

"Dad," David said, "I'm coming home, and I'm bringing a friend."

The whole family was at the station at the appointed time. When the train stopped, Fred searched the disembarking crowd for his son. Fred saw him at about the same moment everyone else in the family did, and they all rushed toward their returning soldier. But as they drew near, Fred pulled up sharply. There, next to his son, was a young Japanese man in an American army uniform. Fred saw his own son was missing a leg, and the Japanese man was missing an arm.

David smiled at his father. "Dad, you remember Kim Sato, our

neighbor, don't you?"

The young Japanese man reached out his left hand, the only one he had, but Fred did not take it. Then David said something that burned through Fred's soul as nothing had before.

"Dad, I'm alive today because of Kim. I fell wounded on the battlefield, and Kim crawled out and pulled me to safety, losing his arm and nearly losing his life."

Fred slowly took Kim's extended hand, but as he did, he said, "But you are Japanese?"

Kim looked directly into Fred's eyes and said, "I am an American, same as you."

The gamut of emotion that flooded into Fred's heart was so intense he could hardly fathom it. It ran from the shame of not even knowing the name of his neighbor to gratitude for his son's safe return.

From then on, Fred did all he could to help those in the internment camp, even visiting and taking food. He became friends with Akio, Kim's father, and when the day came that the Sato family was allowed to return home, Fred was there to welcome them.

Now, in 2012, Fred and Akio, assisted by their sons, were visiting Camp Minidoka. They came to see the new memorial that had been installed honoring those from the camp who had faithfully served their country, even as their families were interned there because of their ancestry. As Fred read Franklin D. Roosevelt's words on the memorial, he felt they said it all.

"Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart. Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."

## 'Wildfire: Friend or Foe?' program at the library June 8

By Brandon Caley  
Special to The PREVIEW

The wait is over, boys and girls. The Pagosa Ranger District's Read with a Ranger program is back at the library for the summer. The kick off will be on Wednesday, June 8, with "Wildfire: Friend or Foe?"

Join Ranger Brandon from the U.S. Forest Service as we investigate the world of fire with nature themed books and activities. Recommended for 6- to 10-year-olds.

The program will take place in the Ruby M. Sisson Library meeting room from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Parents/caregivers are not required at these programs. There is no need to sign up; just show up. This program is free.

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# Sign up now — free Summer Reading Program begins June 6

By Carole Howard  
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Sign up now for this year's free Summer Reading Program that begins June 6 and runs until July 29. You can register at the library or online at our website <http://pagosa.colibraries.org/>.

Summer reading activities are open to everyone from babies to adults. Children's programs will focus on health and fitness because of the Olympics, with programs that get youngsters outdoors and reading, as well as learning about healthy eating, bike safety, birds, bugs and flower collecting.

Adults, teens and children will have bingo cards to complete for prizes. Babies will have a game board to fill out for their prizes.

Participants will want to mark your calendars for a free, all-ages closing party on July 29 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with food, games, crafts and live music. Grand prizes will be announced after the drawing. Unlike other years, you must be present to win.

Detailed Summer Reading schedules for all ages are available at the library. There are three versions — kids, tweens and teens,

## Library News

and adults. We urge you to pick them up and keep them handy so you don't miss any of these free, fun special events.

### Spanish classes today

The second session in the six-week Spanish language class taught by Jean Broderick takes place today, Thursday, June 2, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and continues on Thursdays through June 30.

### Read with a Ranger

Youngsters ages 6-10 are invited to Read with a Ranger next Wednesday, June 8, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., when U.S. Forest Service Ranger Brandon will discuss fire with themed books and activities.

### 'Creative destruction' for teens

Fifth- through 12th-graders are invited to turn old books into

something new next Thursday, June 9, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

### Kids 'Get Out and Explore'

Kids in the fifth and sixth grades are invited next Thursday, June 9, from 1 to 2:15 p.m. to learn about how to make healthy snacks to have energy to play all day.

### Book club for adults

Our book club for adults usually meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles — but this month, it is a week early. On June 7, we will discuss "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho. If you need a copy, please let Meg know. No registration is required.

### Teen advisory board

Today, Thursday, June 2, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs you will enjoy.

### Tech sessions

Meg Wempe is available for the highly popular Tech Tuesdays and Thursdays sessions from 10 a.m.

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to noon on Tuesdays and from 3 to 4:45 p.m. on Thursdays. Drop in with your technology questions, but note there will be no Tech Time June 9 or 14.

## Teen and tween gaming sessions

Teen gaming happens Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teen gaming fans in the 7th through 12th grades. Enjoy X-box 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

By request, we now also will have the same for tweens on Wednesday, June 8, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

## Preschool storytime

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m., preschoolers and their families are invited to enjoy an hour of stories, music and a craft to develop early literacy skills. Recommended for 3- to 5-year-olds.

## Change in Saturday storytime

Storytime is canceled this Saturday, June 4. Playtime will be from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for toddlers 12-36 months.

## DVDs

TCM Greatest Classic Films collection includes "Mrs. Miniver," "The Magnificent Ambersons," "Mildred Pierce" and "I Remember Mama" in one DVD set. "Titan A.E." is a sci-fi adventure. "Son of Saul" is set in Auschwitz. "Underworld Trilogy" contains three Underworld films. "Season of the Witch" is a supernatural action film. "L.A. Confidential" is a police thriller that won two Academy Awards in 1997. "Midnight Cowboy" stars Dustin Hoffman and Jon Voight.

## Nonfiction

"The True Tails of Baker and

Taylor" by Jan Louch is the story of two library cats who became feline celebrities. "Last-Minute Travel Secrets" by Joey Green contains 121 travel trips. "Quick and Easy Spanish Recipes" by Simone and Inés Ortega contains 100 30-minute recipes. "The Sleep Revolution" by Arianna Huffington explores the latest science on the importance of sleep. "Old Age: A Beginner's Guide" by Michael Kinsley is a series of essays aimed at baby boomers.

## Mysteries and suspense

"Boar Island" by Nevada Barr is an Anna Pigeon national parks mystery. "Blood Flag" by Steve Martini is a Paul Madriani mystery. "Don't You Cry" by Mary Kubica begins with the disappearance of a young woman in Chicago. "The Regional Office is Under Attack!" by Manuel Gonzales features super-powered female assassins. "The Second Life of Nick Mason" by Steve Hamilton tells of an ex-con who is released from prison early, but at a terrible price. "A Country Road, A Tree" by Jo Baker is set in 1939 Paris as the Nazis take over. "Mercy" by Michael and Daniel Palmer is a medical thriller. "The Weekenders" by Mary Kay Andrews is set on a North Carolina island. "The Fireman" by Joe Hill is about a worldwide pandemic of spontaneous combustion.

## Large print

"Night Shift" by Charlaine Harris is book three in the Midnight, Texas, paranormal fantasy series.

"Til Death Do Us Part" by Amanda Quick is set in Victorian London. "Robert B. Parker's Slow Burn" by Ace Atkins is a Spenser mystery. "Extreme Prey" by John Stanford is a Lucas Davenport mystery. "Valiant Ambition" by Nathaniel Philbrick is a historical novel about George Washington, Benedict Arnold and the fate of the American revolution.

## Other novels

"Fatal Thunder" by Larry Bond is a Jerry Mitchell submarine adventure. "The After Party" by Anton DiSclafani features two wealthy Houston socialites. "Beyond the Ice Limit" by Oreston and Child revolves around a meteorite with immense powers.

## Thanks to our donors

For books and materials this week, we thank Clifton Caldwell, April Holthaus, David Huerta, Mari Khoury, Rodney Potter and our anonymous donors. We also are grateful to Ron Tinsley for his generous donation and to Phyllis Collier for her donation of a subscription to Yes! Magazine.

## Quotable quote

"To find yourself, think for yourself." — Socrates, classical Greek philosopher.

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Shown in this photo circa the late 1880s are the old Fort Lewis buildings on the left and the town of Pagosa Springs on the right, separated by a bridge that had been built by the soldiers. Because the troops at Fort Lewis had been moved to Hesperus, a few business buildings had been erected on the west side of the river. The building at the top on the left is the first county school, erected after Archuleta County was created in 1885.

## A questionable treaty, gold dust and presidential involvement

Ownership claims on the Pagosa Hot Springs had been filed as early as 1875. Those claims included attempts to obtain title under homestead laws and also under various mining laws.

Army engineer Lt. C.A.H. McCauley visited the fledgling Fort Lewis then under construction in Pagosa Springs in 1878. McCauley had visited most of the Four Corners by that time. He helped survey most of the mountain passes in order to provide accurate information for the U.S. Army in the event a threatened war broke out with the Ute Indians.

McCauley had his own opinions about ownership of the hot springs, based on his knowledge of various agreements made with the "Mountain People," as the Utes were known.

One of the most recent and important of those agreements is known as the Brunot Treaty of 1874. Some of the negotiation leading up to the Brunot Treaty had been conducted at Pagosa Springs and headed by Gen. Hatch. The Utes



### Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

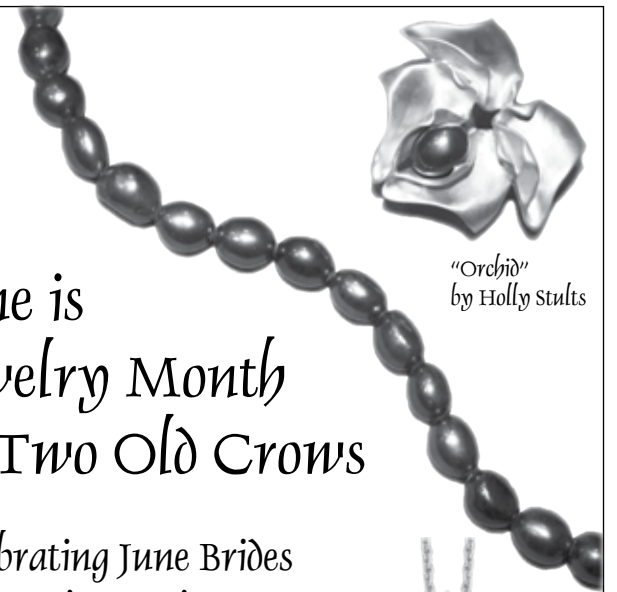
have always maintained they understood this treaty to mean whites would be allowed to mine in the San Juan Mountains, but never gave title to any of the land dedicated to Utes in previous treaties.

Here is what McCauley wrote in 1879 before the government sold the springs to private individuals.

"Wrested from the hereditary possessors by perjury, misrepresentation, or fraud, in the Brunot convention or treaty with the Utes in 1873 for the cession or purchase of what is known as the San Juan region, the location of the springs was subsequently claimed by various squatters, as agricultural land, omitting the springs on their plat prepared for file or record. To doubly hold the place, it was entered

by a confederate as a mill-site, and less this too should be invalidated, the ground was taken up as a placer claim. To legally establish the latter, at a convenient point to the springs, the ground was duly 'salted' in the most approved manner, by firing gold-dust from a

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# A totally surrendered life

By Jan Davis  
Special to The PREVIEW

I heard the phrase, “A totally surrendered life,” and thought, “What does that look like?”

In a battle, those who surrender give up their privileges and values. Their cause is defeated. Therefore, a totally surrendered life would be one of complete submission. The person forfeits all rights and is placed in a position of servitude.

I grew up in a very traditional and conservative church. There were a lot of dos and don'ts. I couldn't do this and I couldn't do that. I couldn't go here and I couldn't go there. I couldn't wear this and I couldn't wear that. There seemed to be more don'ts than dos.

The movies were off limits because theaters were dark. I wasn't allowed to attend my senior prom

## A Matter of Faith

for one reason — it was a dance. A young woman did not wear pants, nor makeup — it might send the wrong signal. All were big no-nos.

I gave up a lot and received little in return. These restrictions resulted in years of rebellion as I struggled with this type of theology. I now realize it was man's theology. Others told me how to live. The church, a denomination or theology, are not my judge. My judge is a loving and compassionate God. He is not my enemy, but my Savior.

When a nonbeliever asks what

total surrender looks like, my response is, “Freedom.” My faith is built upon the One who set me free. When I submit to His will, I walk in victory. Man's laws do not control my actions. They are based upon a personal relationship with Christ.

He did not sentence me to a life of bondage. I am not a prisoner of war who gave up my rights. I received a pardon. I am not bound to my sins, I am forgiven. I didn't lose anything, but gained His righteousness.

My losses turn into victories as I surrender to Christ. Guilt and regret vanish. They no longer dictate my future. I trust in His plan and purpose for my life.

Because of Jesus, I am set free.

“No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their vindication is from Me,” declares the LORD. (Isaiah 54:17, NASB)

I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

### Writers' group

For anyone who would like to write for “Matter of Faith,” email [betty@bettyslade.com](mailto:betty@bettyslade.com).

Meet our Faith Writers' Team at [http://bettyslade.com/BJS/Faith\\_Writers.html](http://bettyslade.com/BJS/Faith_Writers.html).

Come and be a part of our writers' group. Whether you write fiction, nonfiction, poetry or Bible studies, come and grow in your craft. We meet on Monday Mornings at 9 a.m. For information, email me or visit our website, <http://www.wolfcreekwriters.com>.

## Memorial jog for Julie Knapp 5K set for June 11

By Cheryl Class-Erickson  
Special to The PREVIEW

There will be a Memorial Jog for Julie Knapp 5K at 9 a.m. on June 11, starting in the Centerpoint Church parking lot.

Cash and check donations would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go to support Ruby Webster in her battle against cancer.

Run/walk/strollers, everyone is welcome. More details coming.

Call Cheryl at 946-1595 or Cheri at 903-2334 with questions.

*Editor's note: Last week's article on this topic in The SUN incorrectly stated the date of the run as being June 1. The SUN regrets this error.*

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shotgun into the earth, after which, in the presence of a witness, a pan of earth was washed and ‘color’ found by the merest accident. The last and strongest claim, and still in litigation, was the placing of Valentine scrip upon some forty acres including the most valuable springs.”

To offset the various claims, the president of the United States directed that the place be reserved as a town site, and in May 1877, a square mile, centered on the center of the main springs, was reserved by executive proclamation.

According to McCauley, at a grand council held by the Ute Commission with the southern bands of the Utes represented, the Utes expressed their wish to Commission Chairman General Edward Hatch that the “Great Father in Washington” retain possession of the place, so that all persons, whether whites or Indians, might visit it, and when sick come there and be healed, firmly believing its waters to be a panacea for all diseases or afflictions.

In next week's column, we'll describe the sale of the hot springs in exchange for the Valentine Scrip, valued at \$5.09.

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## What Could Possibly Go Wrong?



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# New Thought study group starts Sunday

By **Carla Ryan**  
Special to The PREVIEW

A new format for the Sunday service of Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) will be introduced this week as a study group.

Lesson one (Part I) will start at the beginning with the discussion's focus on the topic of "Creation: The Life Principle and Creative Cause."

The facilitator-led discussion is based on the Extension Study Series created by Religious Science founder Ernest Holmes.

Lesson one (Part II) will conclude on June 19 by looking at several holy texts on this topic and learning about the creative power of affirmative prayer from a New Thought perspective. Subsequent lessons will be presented in a similar two-part manner.

Volunteer facilitators for the study group sessions are Janet Wyrick, Janie Garms, Elizabeth

Coleman, Chuck Manuel, Michael Killen and Dianne Killen. The Rev. Mike Ryan is the facilitator coordinator for the group.

The new hybrid format will alternate between study/discussion group lessons (first and third Sundays) and traditional sermon/presentation-style services (second and fourth Sundays). The group will cover one complete lesson per month and sermons presented on alternate weeks will provide additional topic support and clarification.

The books for the facilitator-guided discussion groups can be purchased. Guests may also borrow materials on Sunday to participate in the study lessons. While the church is not requiring a tuition fee to participate in this on-going course, love offerings will be accepted.

PCNT now meets each week on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the

PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave., west off Vista Boulevard.

In addition, the PCNT Core Council recently selected an ancient symbol to represent the church in future promotional materials. The symbol comes from the Australian Aboriginal culture and means "journey with resting place."

The PCNT church adopted it as the logo because many people find this philosophy to be a "resting place for the soul," one filled with new perspectives, positive messages, and unlimited opportunities to explore God's presence in our lives. PCNT and its members invite you to experience this welcoming group on your ongoing journey of spiritual growth. This is New Thought—Ancient Wisdom. We pray you also find healing and renewal here.

PCNT honors all lifestyles, belief systems, religious paths and people for who they are—children of God. Welcome home.

For information about this group or New Thought in general, contact details are as follows: email at PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 400-1442 or attend a Sunday service.

# PUUF begins process to become a 'welcoming congregation'

By **Avalon Haykus**  
Special to The PREVIEW

During the next several months, the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) will begin the process of becoming a "welcoming congregation."

For more than 20 years, the national Unitarian Universalist Association's "welcoming congregation" program has helped Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregations become more welcoming and intentionally inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Nationwide, hundreds of UU congregations, large and small, have completed this program by demonstrating measurable achievements in areas of education, congregational life and community outreach.

Education and outreach may include the following: inviting speakers for Sunday worship service who can help us to deeply engage questions of sexual orientation and gender

identity; sponsorship of an LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning) film series, open to the public; a workshop series; a congregation-wide common read and book discussion; a review of PUUF bylaws to make sure they include affirmative nondiscrimination language; and sponsorship of a local chapter of the national organization PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

Because gender issues are often glossed over, if not downright denigrated, by the mainstream, a real need exists for these activities in the congregation and our community as a whole.

Over the coming months, PUUF will grow more intentional about welcoming individuals, families and communities of all sexual orientations and gender identities. It will be an exciting time of spiritual and personal growth for both individuals and the congregation as a whole.

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# UU topic: ‘The Ascenders Handbook: Two Roads Home’

By **Tony Burroughs**  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship invites you to attend a program titled “The Ascenders Handbook: Two Roads Home” with Tony Burroughs this Sunday, June 5, for its regular service.

Introducing his latest book, “The Ascenders Handbook: Two Roads Home,” Burroughs will be talking about reaching your highest fulfillment by using both the intention process for manifesting worldly desires and the ascension process for those looking inward. He will tell

stories from his book about how we create or miscreate with our everyday thoughts and words.

Burroughs’ books will be available for sale at this event.

One of the more prolific visionaries of our time, Burroughs is the author of 11 self-empowerment books and is the co-founder of the worldwide Intenders of the Highest Good community. His widely acclaimed Vision Alignment Project recently surpassed 2 million alignments. He has produced three full-length videos and more than 130 YouTube videos for the Intenders Channel and has appeared on nu-

merous television and radio shows.

Burroughs’ websites are located at [www.intenders.com](http://www.intenders.com), [www.highestlighthouse.com](http://www.highestlighthouse.com), [www.visionalignmentproject.com](http://www.visionalignmentproject.com) and [www.tonyburroughs.net](http://www.tonyburroughs.net).

When he’s not traveling to Intenders Circles around the country, Burroughs lives in Pagosa Springs with his two cats, Puddy and Opal.

Come find clarity and calm as you discover what is happening within yourself while being verbally led into gentle seated or standing movements (appropriate for your body),

This program reflects the Unitarian Universalist principle of “A free

and responsible search for truth and meaning.”

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.

# Tips, tools and tricks to write your family narrative

By **April Holthaus**  
Special to The PREVIEW

The Archuleta County Genealogical Society is delighted to announce the return of Katherine Sturdevant, professor of history at

Pikes Peak Community College for over 20 years.

Sturdevant works with the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum and the Pikes Peak Library District and gives many public presentations. She has published

two books on family history and manages two historic preservation projects.

If you’ve always wanted to write your family’s story, but don’t know where or how to begin, this workshop will help you get started. The stories of your ancestors’ lives can only be appreciated and experienced through family narratives. If they are not written down, something immeasurable will be lost. It’s best to do so before you forget.

Sturdevant will offer useful information including tips, tools and tricks you’ll need to get beyond the dates, places and names to bring your family tree to life.

Please join us for this instructive meeting on Saturday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and bring your friends. Drinks will be provided, but bring a sack lunch. We meet at the United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St. This event is open to the public.

# What’s Cookin’

## Mini Caramel Apples

Recipe courtesy: Colorado Department of Agriculture and Chef Heath Stone.

- Apples
  - Melted Caramel
  - Chocolate sprinkles
  - Colored sprinkles
  - Roasted peanuts
  - Roasted pecans
  - Lemon juice
  - Sugar
- Clean and core apples, soak in a little lemon juice and sugar water.

Melt caramel well.

With a Persian scoop, core out little, mini apples, for the kids to enjoy. Drain slightly, and dip into melted caramel, immediately dip into favorite topping, allow resting on waxed paper, and enjoy.

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# Could your family benefit from following the Mediterranean diet?

By **Roberta Tolan**  
PREVIEW Columnist

The following article was written by Sheila Gains, family and consumer science agent for Colorado State University Extension in Arapahoe County and first published in "Family Matters" January 2016 newsletter.

Studies show that for most people, following the Mediterranean diet can reduce their risk for many diseases such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and Alzheimer's disease.

The entire family can benefit from following the Mediterranean lifestyle, which includes the healthy foods listed below, 30 minutes of daily physical activity and taking time to relax and enjoy meals and activities with family and friends.

Following the Mediterranean lifestyle is not an "all-or-nothing" deal. You do not need to follow the diet and lifestyle completely every day of the week to improve your health. Find some easy changes to make for your family and try to stick with them most of the time, then decide on a few more and slowly work them into your family's lifestyle.

What foods are included in the Mediterranean diet?

- Whole grains. Whole grains provide more fiber, B vitamins, magnesium, iron and selenium than processed grains.

- Fruits and vegetables. A wide variety, often eaten seasonally and locally grown. These are low-calorie, nutrient-dense, high-fiber foods that have lots of antioxidants and protective phytochemicals.

- Legumes (dried beans and peanuts), nuts and seeds. These are a great source of plant based protein and healthy fats.

- Olive oil. This is the main source of fat in the Mediterranean diet. Olive oil is high in monounsaturated fat, which may protect you from heart disease and stroke. It is also high in compounds that can reduce inflammation. It can replace butter, lard and hydrogenated oils in most recipes.

- Seafood, poultry and eggs are eaten more often than other meats.

- Low-fat dairy, mostly as yogurt

and cheese, provides high quality protein, calcium and if fortified, Vitamin D for strong bones.

- Fresh herbs and spices are added for flavor and can replace the need for added salt.

- Red wine, for adults only. Red wine contains alcohol and a compound called resveratrol that may help prevent damage to blood vessels and reduce LDL cholesterol and prevent blood clots. Red wine can be consumed moderately (one 5-ounce glass) and with a meal.

### Sample one-day menu

Breakfast: 1 cup cooked oatmeal.

Top with 1/2 sliced banana, 1/2 cup low-fat plain yogurt, drizzle with 1 tablespoon olive oil and 1 teaspoon honey.

Snack: 1/2 cup carrot sticks.

Lunch: 2 cups mixed greens with 2 ounces broiled salmon (or 5-ounce pouch or can of tuna or salmon), 1/2 cup grape tomatoes, 1/4 cup sliced red onion and 1 ounce feta cheese, tossed with 1 tablespoon olive oil and some balsamic vinegar, 1/2 whole-wheat pita bread with 1/4 cup hummus.

Snack: 1 ounce pistachios.

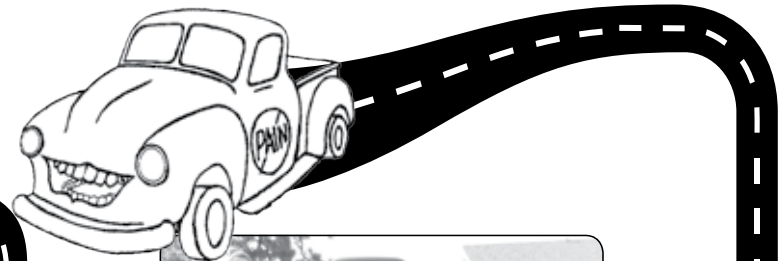
Dinner: Pasta primavera with 1 cup whole wheat penne pasta, 2 cups roasted vegetables and 2 ounces diced chicken breast, tossed with 1 tablespoon olive oil, crushed garlic, herbs and lemon juice, 3/4 cup berries over 1/2 cup low-fat plain yogurt.

In the above example, children could pack a tuna or nut butter sandwich made on whole grain bread or in a whole grain pita

pocket. Include vegetables like carrot, celery, cucumber slices to dip into a small container of hummus and a piece of fruit.

Many of the foods in the Mediterranean diet are widely accepted by children. If they object to whole grain products, try white whole wheat products (bread, pasta, etc.) or make food with half whole grains such as half brown rice and half white rice mixed together after cooked separately. Some children object to fish, "tastes too fishy," so experiment with mild flavored fish like tilapia, cod or orange roughy. Try serving cooked fish, chopped and lightly flavored with taco seasoning. Serve seasoned fish in a taco shell with all the traditional toppings such as salsa and shredded lettuce.

Children are more likely to try and accept new foods if they are part of the process of picking out and/or making new foods. Ask children to help you pretend you are traveling to a Mediterranean country to taste healthy foods children eat in that country.



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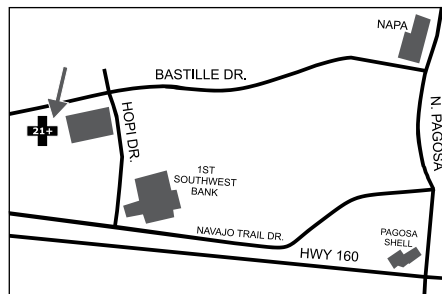
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# How to repot a plant

Special to The PREVIEW

Gardening time is here, with people enjoying plants both inside and outside of their homes.

Container gardening, which is a planting method in which flowers and other plants are grown in pots and other containers, is quite popular because of design versatility. Containers can be moved from location to location if plants are not thriving in a particular spot. They also make gardening possible when there isn't any available land space, which might be the case for apartment-dwellers.

Flower pots enable plant enthusiasts to enjoy foliage inside of the home, as well. Houseplants can add beauty to interior spaces and help filter indoor air. In the late 1980s, NASA and the Associated Landscape Contractors of America actually studied houseplants as a way to purify the air in space facilities. They found several plants are particularly good at filtering out common volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Having plants around can create inviting spaces and improve healthy conditions inside and out.

Part of caring for plants in containers involves knowing when a potted plant might need a little tender loving care. As plants grow larger, they may outgrow their containers and require more roomy quarters. Without ample space, plants may not be able to adequately draw up water and nutrients to support top growth. Repotting may seem like it is easy, but it actually takes a little finesse so not to damage the plants.

Gardening experts like those from Fine Gardening, HGTV and Today's Homeowner suggest these repotting tips.

- Be sure the plant is well watered for a few days prior to the repotting process. Watering also will help loosen the root ball from inside of the smaller pot.

- A plant ready for repotting should slide out with most of the soil in one piece. If the soil is free-falling, it may not need to be repotted at this point because there's still room for the roots to expand. Other signs that plants may need repotting include roots poking out of the soil or plants that are straggly and pale.

- Consider repotting outside because the process can be messy. Have all of your materials, which include a trowel, gloves, scissors and potting soil, handy so that you can tackle the process smoothly.

- Remove your plant from the pot carefully. Place the plant on its side, then support the main stem in one hand and use the other hand to gently pull the pot away. Be careful not to pull on the main stem or

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Identity theft is a pervasive problem.

According to figures from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, an estimated 17.6 million people, or about 7 percent of U.S. residents age 16 or older, were victims of at least one incident of identity theft in 2014.

Identity theft is not just a problem within U.S. borders, either. Each month, Equifax and TransUnion credit bureaus report that more than 1,800 identity theft complaints are lodged by Canadian residents.

Victims may be subjected to various types of identity theft. Attempted misuse of an existing account is the prime complaint. This account can be a credit card, bank account or phone or utility account. No matter the type of fraud perpetrated, many identity theft victims endure a direct financial loss as a result.

Sometimes individuals do not find out they've been the victim of identity theft until they are notified by a financial institution — or even after filing their taxes — when money already has been lost.

People may invest in expensive services to protect their identities, but Consumer Reports notes this tactic is not always necessary.

There are other, less expensive ways for men and women to protect themselves from identity theft.

- Guard personal information. Do not share your personal information over the Internet unless you are on a secured site. This will be identified by the https:// preceding the rest of the URL. Sometimes a padlock symbol will appear somewhere on the page. Also, do not provide any personal information over the phone, such as tax identification numbers, bank account information or your maiden name. Personal data should be shared only with trusted companies whose authenticity you can verify.

- Watch your wallet. Do not leave your wallet or purse unattended. Keep the bare minimum in a wallet so a thief does not have access to all of your personal information if the wallet is lost or stolen. Keep your Social Security card and rarely used credit cards at home.

- Sign up for alerts. Many financial institutions will offer free online or mobile alerts to warn of suspicious activity on your account. Take advantage of this service.

- Lock down devices. Make sure computers and mobile devices are secured with a password, and only use secured networks when going online. Select strong passwords

that include a combination of numbers, letters and symbols, as well as case changes so they will be more difficult to crack.

- Get off of credit card offer lists. You can stop credit bureaus from selling your name to lenders by going to [www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com) or calling (888) 567-8688. Opting out should prevent the majority of offers from coming your way. Many identity theft cases can be linked to crooks stealing credit card preapprovals from mailboxes. Similarly, you can put a security freeze on credit reports so that lenders will not be able to access credit reports and issue new credit.

Identity theft can lead to plenty of paperwork hassle and loss of funds. Preventing it from happening is easier than you might think.

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## Plant

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break the stem. Tread gently.

- Cut away any rotten or dead roots, and trim really long ends. Make three or four vertical cuts about a third of the way up the remaining root ball. This also will help with water and nutrient absorption once the plant is in its new pot.

- Gently untangle any remaining roots and prepare to place the plant in a new pot.

- Choose a new pot that is slightly larger than the root ball. Fill the pot with soil so that the

root ball sits about an inch below the rim of the pot. Add more soil around the roots to fill the pot. Be sure to leave enough room so that with each watering the pot can hold water.

- Thoroughly water the plant after repotting to moisten the soil.

Watch your plant afterwards to be sure that it's taking to its new potted home. It can take around three to four weeks for the plant to recover from repotting. Water regularly, avoid fertilizing and keep the plant out of direct sunlight.

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Can you spot the critter? This horned toad, which is actually a type of lizard, was spotted recently north of Pagosa Springs.

# Preview Calendar

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

## Thursday, June 2

**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. 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.

**Medicare 101 Class.** 10:30 a.m., Sisson Library. For more information and to reserve a spot, call the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging at 264-0501, ext. 2.

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 11 a.m., Centerpoint Church library. Open to everyone. For more information, call Leslie at 799-0775.

**Pi Beta Phi.** 11:30 a.m., home of Lisa Scott. Alumnae will honor Golden Arrows, ladies who have been members for 50 or more years, at a potluck luncheon. RSVP to 749-4268 or sranch@

centurytel.net with what you are bringing.

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

**Tech Time.** 3-4:45 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop-in technology help with Meg. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Paranormal Group Meet and Greet.** 3:30 p.m., Higher Grounds Coffee. Ever had a UFO encounter or sighting? Witnessed ghosts, apparitions or other things you couldn't explain? Psychic gifts? Join this new group for a meet and greet. Share your experiences, thoughts and support. Email Gat1mark@aol.com for more information.

**Teen Advisory Board.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens 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.

**Spanish Class.** 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn Spanish. Taught by Jean Broderick. All are welcome. Call Meg at 264-2209 for

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**Duplicate Bridge.** 5-10 p.m., Community Center. Call Stan at 731-2217 to sign up.

**Local Vocals.** 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse. The San Juan Mountain Boys. For more information, call 731-5635, ext. 210.

**Thingamajig Theater Presents 'A Few Good Men.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Set against the backdrop of NAVBASE Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, two Marines find themselves facing a court martial on suspicion of murder. Their hope, Lt. Daniel Kaffee, is more interested in a plea bargain than what really happened. For tickets, call 731-SHOW or go to [www.pagosacenter.org](http://www.pagosacenter.org).

## Friday, June 3

**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.

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

**Huck Finn Fishing Day.** 2-5 p.m., River Center ponds. For youth ages 5-11. Costumes are not required, but prizes will be awarded to the young male who best resembles Huckleberry Finn and the young female who best resembles Becky Thatcher. Prizes will also be awarded for the first fish, smallest fish and biggest fish. A hot dog dinner will be served. For more information, call 264-4151, ext. 232.

**11th Annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass Festival.** 4:30-10 p.m., Reservoir Hill. For more information, including schedules or to purchase tickets, visit [www.folkwest.com](http://www.folkwest.com) or call 731-5582.

**Night Sky Archaeoastronomy Program.** 6:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program starts with a talk. As darkness ascends, guests drive to the High Mesa parking lot to view through telescopes. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.

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**The Listening Room.** 7 p.m., Pagosa Baking Company. Poets and acoustic musicians are welcome to share original and borrowed words on stage.

**Terrific Tuesdays.** 7-9:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Richard and Debbie Love will teach a West Coast Swing workshop. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more information or visit [www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa](http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa).

## Saturday, June 4

**Morning Rotary Club Garage Sale.** 8 a.m.-noon, ALCO parking lot.  
**Play Time.** 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For youngsters 1-3 years old. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Graduation.** 10 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. The class of 2016 commencement ceremony.

**Meditation and Dharma Talk.** 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, Suite 15-B, 70 Greenbriar Drive. Debra Quayle offers monthly dharma talks and meditation guidance. All are welcome.

**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).

**Archuleta County Genealogical Society.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Speaker will be Katherine Sturdevant, offering useful information including tips, tools and tricks for writing family narratives.

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**Terrific Tuesdays.** Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Noon, check-in and warmups. 12:30-1:45 p.m., Salsa Rueda workshop. 2-3:15 p.m., Waltz and Foxtrot workshop. 3:30-4:45 p.m., Rumba workshop. 8-10 p.m., social dance with a wide variety of music, so dancers can practice all they have learned. Call Wayne at 264-4792 for more

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## Sunday, June 5

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**EMF Info 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.

**Pagosa Uke Jam.** 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist

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**Bingo.** 7 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo from 7-9 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.  
**Thingamajig Theater Presents 'A Few Good Men.'** 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Set against the backdrop of NAVBASE Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, two Marines find themselves facing a court martial on suspicion of murder. Their hope, Lt. Daniel Kaffee, is more interested in a plea bargain than what really happened. For tickets, call 731-SHOW or go to www.pagosacenter.org.

**Monday, June 6**

**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 or call 731-2040.

**Line Dancing.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

**Bridge for Fun.** 12:30-4:30 p.m., Senior Center office/lounge.

**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.

**Bridge for Fun.** 12:30-4:30 p.m., Senior Center office/lounge.

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

**High Country Squares.** 6:30-8:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. First and third Mondays include Plus Fun workshop. Second and fourth Mondays regular club dances. Mainstream and Plus square dancing with Jim Park calling. Contact person: Alison, (719) 530-1492.

**Tuesday, June 7**

**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.

**Adult Coloring.** 1 p.m., Senior Center.

**Book Club for Adults.** 2 p.m., Sisson Library. We will be discussing 'The Alchemist' by Paulo Coelho. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Teen Gaming.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson

Library. X-box, Wii, board games and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

**Wednesday, June 8**

**Blood Pressure Check.** 10 a.m., Senior Center.

**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.

**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.

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

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

**Read With a Ranger.** 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. "Wildfire: Friend or Foe?" Join Ranger Brandon from the U.S. Forest Service as we learn about fire with themed books and activities. Recommended for 6- to 10-year-olds. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Tween Gaming.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for X-box 360 Kinect, Wii, board games and snacks. For youth in the 4th-8th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**American Legion Post 108.** 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St. Veterans' group meeting.

**Relay for Life Team Meeting.** 6 p.m., Town Park. All Relay for Life team captains and team members are encouraged to attend this final meeting prior to the June 18 event.

**First Aid Certification Training.** 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

**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, June 9**

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 11 a.m., Centerpoint Church library. Open to everyone. For more information, call Leslie at 799-0775.

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

**Get Out and Explore.** 1-2:15 p.m., Sisson library. Come and learn how to make healthy snacks to

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

- 1 Pointer's word
- 5 Tin foil, e.g.
- 9 Flirtatious stare
- 13 Better
- 14 Pay-stub figure
- 16 Spring bloom
- 17 Letter after theta
- 18 Block house?
- 19 Go on
- 20 Full of energy
- 22 Kind of ticket
- 24 Jerusalem artichoke, e.g.
- 25 Strike mediator
- 26 Start of two Henry Miller titles
- 28 Dinner bird
- 29 Clancy's "Rainbow \_\_\_\_"
- 30 Black
- 32 Mississippi's \_\_\_\_ State University
- 36 Battery contents
- 38 Show the way, in a way
- 40 Grave
- 41 Kidney-related
- 43 Studio "quiet" sign
- 45 Free-all link
- 46 Bakery supply
- 48 One of two parts
- 50 Necklace ornament
- 53 Rider's handful
- 54 Exaggerate
- 55 Complete halt
- 58 Bank
- 59 Cover, in a way
- 61 It can be bold
- 62 What comes to mind
- 63 Overhangs
- 64 Liveliness
- 65 Kind of paper
- 66 Charges
- 67 Trapper's ware

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**DOWN**

- 1 "Get \_\_\_\_!"
- 2 Basketball goal
- 3 Neutralizer of a sort
- 4 Get a bit misty
- 5 Foaming crest
- 6 Maris or Moore
- 7 New Year's word
- 8 MLB player, eg.
- 9 Type of furnace
- 10 Botanical transplant
- 11 Hosiery material
- 12 Fruity-smelling compound
- 15 Penitent
- 21 Heron's cousin
- 23 Tucked in
- 25 Boxing venue
- 26 Nicholas II, for one
- 27 Houston university
- 28 GM's birthplace
- 31 Give a lift
- 33 Newspaper section

- 34 Gait between walk and canter
- 35 High home (var.)
- 37 Fantasize
- 39 Unending
- 42 Guide
- 44 Agitate
- 47 Battery part
- 49 Marching together

- 50 Put forward
- 51 Duck
- 52 Emphatic refusal
- 53 Indian coin
- 55 Top pick, slangily
- 56 Australian export
- 57 Locked (up)
- 60 UK fliers

**Answer to Last Week's Crossword:**

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have energy and to play all day. For kids in the 1st-6th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Book Art.** 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Participate in some creative destruction. Come turn old books into something new. Meet in the teen area. For youth in the 5th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**Spanish Class.** 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn Spanish. Taught by Jean Broderick. All are welcome. Call Meg at 264-2209 for more information.

**Friday, June 10**

**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.

**Pagosa Springs Car Show.** 5-8 p.m., Town Park. Welcome the car show participants while listening to live music, enjoying a cash bar and food vendors.

**Moon Viewing Plus Program.** 6:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program includes a discussion and then guests drive to the upper parking lot for telescope viewing. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.chimneyrockco.org](http://www.chimneyrockco.org) or call (877) 444-6777.

**Saturday, June 11**

**Pagosa Springs Car Show and Shine.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Lewis Street. Enjoy live music, displays, vendors, food, fun and a cash bar. Judging takes place at 2 p.m. and winners will be announced between 2:30 and 3 p.m.

**Pagosa Piecemakers Quilting Guild.** 10 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. This meeting will

feature a trunk show by Barbara Morgan. As always, there will be refreshments, lots of information sharing and show 'n tell.

**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).

**Sunday, June 12**

**EMF Info 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.

**Bingo.** 7 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo from 7-9 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

**Monday, June 13**

**Soccer Skills Clinic.** 9-11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School soccer field. Pagosa Youth Soccer, in conjunction with the high school Pirate soccer players and coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason, invites all youth ages 7-14 to participate. The clinic will run through June 15. Cost of the three-day clinic is \$30. Proceeds will help the Pirate soccer team this summer. Registration closes the day the clinic begins. For more information and to register, call Dorman Diller at 264-4454 or download the forms at [pagosasoccer.com](http://pagosasoccer.com).

**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@wolfcreekwrit-](mailto:richgammill41@wolfcreekwrit-)

[ers.com](http://ers.com) or call 731-2040.

**Line Dancing.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

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

**CPR Certification Training.** 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension Office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

**High Country Squares.** 6:30-8:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. First and third Mondays include Plus Fun workshop. Second and fourth Mondays regular club dances. Mainstream and Plus square dancing with Jim Park calling. Contact person: Alison, (719) 530-1492.

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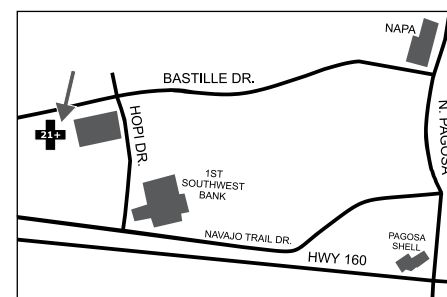
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# A decade with the DU: Getting dirty for a cause

By Ashley Souza  
Special to The PREVIEW

A decade with the DU — 2016 marks the 10th annual Pagosa Duathlon, supporting the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program (ACVAP).

For 10 years runners, bikers, extreme athletes and rising athletes have come out to test their strength and endurance on our trails. A few years ago, the average duathlon wasn't enough we had to add the Double Dirty for the most extreme athletes to complete the course twice.

And all of it has been to support victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in our community. In years past, we have had more than five states represented at the race and ages from 5 to 75. This truly is a race that has something for everyone.

## 2016 DU

Violence is a dirty word; get dirty with the ultimate Pagosa Duathlon experience. This year's Pagosa Duathlon — the Dirty Du — will take place July 9.

Three epic races are offered, all for the single-track trail enthusiast — the Dirty Sprint (3-mile run, 8-mile mountain bike), the Dirty Du (6-mile run, 14-mile mountain bike) and, for you extreme racers, the Double Dirty (12-mile run, 28-mile mountain bike).

Start times for the races are as follows:

Not a runner? Not a problem, you can enter any race as a two-member relay team (one runner, one biker). Or, take them on solo in the women and men's divisions.

For our rising athletes, we have the exciting Dusty Kids Gravel Growler. This untimed, fun race is a 1-mile run, 2-mile ride "gravel-growler" dirt road race. Your budding star will love getting dirty at this race.

- Double Dirty — 7 a.m. start.
- Dusty Kids Gravel Growler — 7:30 a.m. start.
- Dirty Sprint and Dirty Du — 8:15 a.m. start.

This year for our 10th anniversary, we are celebrating the Dirty DU in style. As the racers come in, we will have local vendors with booths, music, food and the Dusty Kids Activity Tent. Stay, play, eat and celebrate 10 years of an amazing race — and 20 years with an amazing organization. That's right; ACVAP has been serving our community for 20 years.

For registration, race information and course maps, visit [www.pagosaduathlon.com](http://www.pagosaduathlon.com). We'll see you at the DU.

Come celebrate with us. Proceeds benefit ACVAP, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that promotes the belief that all people have the right to live free from violence. Serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault for 20 years, advocates are available all day and night to sup-

port and provide comfort for those hurt by violence.

Your entry fee will help ACVAP pay for its 24-hour hotline or counseling for a victim or child who have been abused. It will help a family relocate to a safer home or help a victim file for a protection order.

ACVAP is an all-inclusive agency, providing comprehensive and reliable victim support services 24 hours a day.

Get dirty and be a part of ending the violence in Archuleta County.

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Level: Intermediate

## Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

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**Homebrewing Order of Pagosa Springs.** 6 p.m., Coyote Moon. Learn about the art of brewing your own beer, wine and mead, or just learn more about craft beer and fermentation. Presentations on style, flavor and processes regularly given.

## Tuesday, June 14

**Soccer Skills Clinic.** 9-11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School soccer field. Pagosa Youth Soccer, in conjunction with the high school Pirate soccer players and coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason, invites all youth ages 7-14 to participate. The clinic will run through June 15. Cost of the three-day clinic is \$30. Proceeds will help the Pirate soccer team this summer. Registration closes the day the clinic begins. For more information and to register, call Dorman Diller at 264-4454 or download the forms at [pagosasoccer.com](http://pagosasoccer.com). **Veterans for Veterans.** 10 a.m., Pagosa Lodge. **Archuleta County Republican**

**Women.** Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. We will be hosting State Rep. J. Paul Brown and Senatorial candidate Jon Keyser. The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be offered for \$12. For more information, go to [acrwpagosa@gmail.com](mailto:acrwpagosa@gmail.com).

**American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary.** 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

**Teen Gaming.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. X-box, Wii, board games and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

## Wednesday, June 15

**Soccer Skills Clinic.** 9-11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School soccer field. Pagosa Youth Soccer, in conjunction with the high school Pirate soccer players and coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason, invites all youth ages 7-14 to participate. The clinic will run through June 15. Cost of the three-day clinic is \$30. Proceeds will help the Pirate soccer

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Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

With an average lifespan of 24 years, these Canada geese, spotted in Chromo recently, have likely been coming to the area for as long as some of Pagosa Country's visitors and residents and are a common sight.

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team this summer. Registration closes the day the clinic begins. For more information and to register, call Dorman Diller at 264-4454 or download the forms at [pagosasoccer.com](http://pagosasoccer.com).

**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.

**Republican Central Committee.** Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. Planning for Fourth of July parade float and county fair booth, in addition to voter registration discussion. For further information, call 731-4277.

**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.

**Tween Gaming.** 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us for X-box 360 Kinect, Wii, board games and snacks. For youth in the 4th-8th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

**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.

### Thursday, June 16

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 11 a.m., Centerpoint Church library. Open to everyone. For more information, call Leslie at 799-0775.

### Friday, June 17

**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.

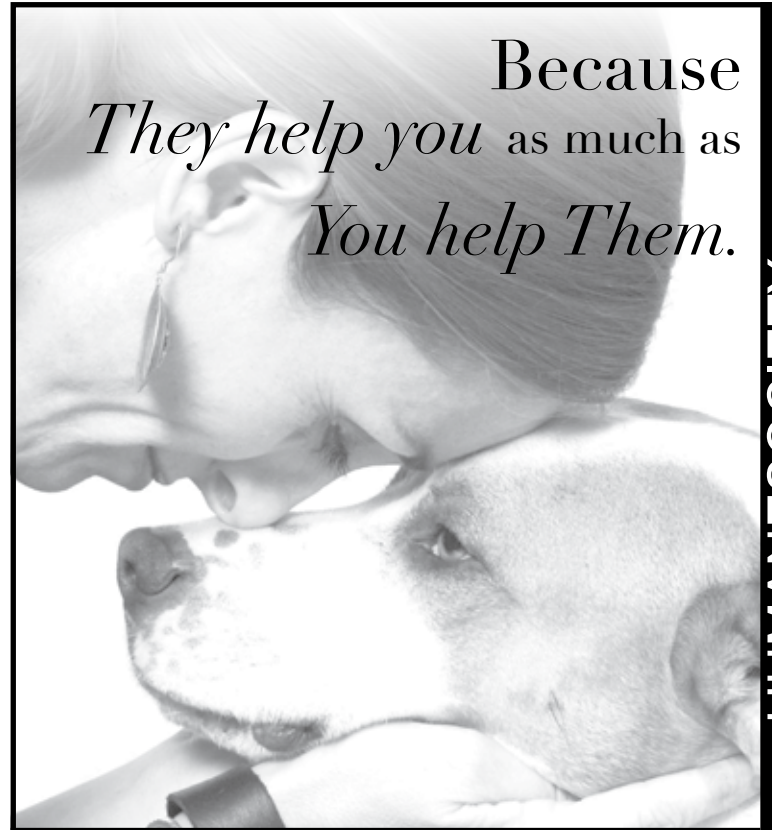
### Saturday, June 18

**Archuleta Relay for Life.** 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Town Park. For more information, contact Paul Lehmann at 507-0345.

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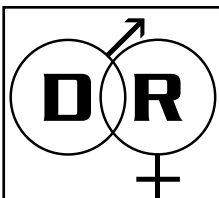
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Lilacs add a pop of color to the surrounding landscape at Hilltop Cemetery on Monday. The bushes are adding a pop of color throughout the region with spring now in full bloom.

## Steps for creating fairy gardens for kids

Special to The PREVIEW

Gardening can be an enjoyable activity for adults and children alike. Gardening encourages creative thinking and can make for an eco-friendly activity, as well.

Adding a touch of whimsy to gardening can make it that much more attractive to children. Perhaps that is why fairy gardens have become so popular among youngsters. Fairy gardens can be designed in outdoor gardens or in containers that children can nurse and enjoy indoors. Here are six steps to get your fairy garden up and running.

1. Choose your container or location. Decide where to place the fairy garden. Hollowed-out tree stumps are both contained and outdoors, and kids may feel like the fairies inhabited this neglected area of the yard and made it their own. Otherwise, use containers you already have, such as old pots, hanging baskets, picnic baskets or cookie tins. Wooden birdhouses with their roofs removed also can make for clever places to house the gardens.

2. Choose a theme. Fairy houses can take on any theme their creators prefer. Themes help children

decide what to include in their gardens. For example, a seaside retreat may work well with little reclining chairs, sea grasses and succulents. You can then complete the theme by adding some seashells and colored stones.

3. Draw up your design. Before securing anything in the container or digging into your garden bed, sketch out a garden design. This gives you an idea of how the finished product will look. Even before planting, gently place plants and other components in their spots and move them around accordingly until you find the desired look.

4. Include similar-needs plants. Mixing plants that have different requirements can make it challenging to care for the fairy garden, so select plants that require similar levels of sunlight, prefer similar soil conditions and require roughly the same amount of watering. Herbs are a smart choice because they stay small and are easily maintained.

5. Don't forget a fairy dwelling. You will need to add a house for the fairies to inhabit. Small bird houses can work, but you also can consider old teapots, bird-nesting boxes or

even homemade houses assembled out of bark and twigs. Use your imagination and the garden will take on a life of its own.

6. Invite the fairies. Children can invite fairies to take up residence (fairies often show up at night and tend to remain unseen), or children can create their own fairies using craft materials.

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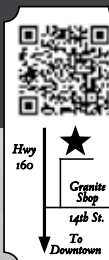
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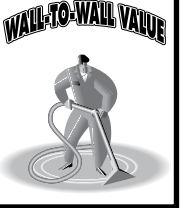
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# Getting and keeping your finances in order

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In 2015, analysts with the Government Accountability Office found that the average American between the ages of 55 and 64 had accrued roughly \$104,000 in retirement savings, a shockingly low figure that would make it very difficult for men and women nearing retirement to maintain their quality of life into their golden years.

While many people fear retiring with small nest eggs, that fear has apparently not been enough to inspire men and women to commit to saving more money for their golden years. But retirement saving is essential, especially since life expectancies are rising. According to the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, global life expectancies at birth are expected to rise to 76 years by the mid-21st century. That's a far cry from the mid-20th century, when global life expectancy from birth was roughly 48 years.

Longer life expectancies mean men and women will have to find ways to make their money last throughout their retirement. The earlier adults figure out how to

keep their finances in order, the more money they will have when the time comes to retire.

The following are a handful of strategies men and women can employ to rein in their finances in the hopes of saving more for retirement.

- Review your finances at least once per month. Hectic schedules or fear of the financial unknown make it easy for adults to ignore their finances for long stretches of time. But adults should review their financial situation at least once per month, examining how they are spending their money and if there are any ways to cut costs and redirect dollars going out into their retirement accounts. Redirecting as little as \$100 per month into a retirement account can add up to a substantial amount of money over time.

- Pay monthly bills immediately. Many adults receive monthly bills for utilities, rent/mortgage, phone, and television/Internet. If you have the money in your account, pay these bills the moment you receive them. Doing so is a great way to avoid overspending on other items, such as dining out or

shopping trips, and then finding yourself scrambling to pay bills come their due dates. Once all the monthly bills have been paid and you have deposited money into your savings/retirement accounts, then you can spend any leftover money on nights out on the town or new clothes if you feel the need.

- Buy only what you can afford. It sounds simple, but many adults would have far more in their retirement accounts if they simply avoided buying items they cannot afford. According to a 2015 Harris Poll conducted on behalf of Nerd-Wallet, the average credit card debt per indebted American household in 2015 was \$15,762.07. Adults who want to get their finances in order and start saving more for retirement should put the plastic away and only make purchases with cash or debit cards that take money directly out of their bank accounts once the card is swiped.

- Downsize. Downsizing is another way to free up more money for retirement savings. Empty nesters can save money by downsizing to a smaller home or even an apartment. Drivers who no longer need room for the whole family can downsize from SUVs or minivans to smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles. Adults also may be able to downsize their entertainment, switching from costly cable packages to basic plans or cutting the cord entirely and subscribing to more affordable streaming services.

Getting a grip on spending can help adults save more for retirement and ensure their golden years are not compromised by lack of funds.

## Is your marriage one that could use help?

By John Lough

Special to The PREVIEW

When we marry, we all expect the relationship to last forever. Unfortunately, "forever" turns out to be fairly short for many marriages.

Current studies show about 43 percent of marriages end in divorce (not the 50-percent figure often quoted), which is still a large and very painful number.

It's also a number that could possibly be lowered if more couples would pay attention to the signs that a marriage is in trouble and seek out help as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, it isn't always easy for a couple to spot serious problems early on. Even in the best relationships, there are bound to be trouble spots and disagreements.

Arguing about that new paint color for the living room or what TV show to watch are not problems requiring professional help. Constant disagreements over almost everything is an entirely different situation.

An early sign of serious marital problems is when one partner feels he or she is giving more than he or she is receiving over an extended period of time. It could be the job, outside family, children or any of a hundred other issues that has one person feeling he or she is carrying the bulk of the load. And it's a problem that can poison a relationship unless help is found.

Frequent and severe disagreements are another serious sign when coupled with an inability or unwillingness to resolve those dis-

agreements. While every marriage has disagreements, it's when they're not worked out but instead left to fester that permanent damage to the marriage can occur.

Seeking help for marriage problems doesn't mean that every marriage will be saved. There are many

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situations where the couple really is better off being apart.

But, in many cases, what a professional counselor can do is help a couple see the reality of its situation and can offer techniques for working more intelligently toward resolving the problems they face.

There are many sources of professional help. Many, though not all, clergy are trained in helping couples through marriage problems. Within the counseling profession, there is a counseling area specializing in relationship and marriage counsel-

ing. You can locate such counselors through the American Counseling Association website at [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org).

If you see serious problems in your marriage, seek out counseling as soon as possible. Asking for help doesn't signal the end of a marriage. Instead, it's often the beginning of a stronger, healthier and longer-lasting relationship.


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PREVIEW Columnist

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Monday, May 30 — Closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 31 — Pork with Mandarin stir-fry sauce with steamed brown rice, Asian blend vegetables, pineapple with oranges, salad bar and almond shortbread cookie.

Wednesday, June 1 — Salisbury steak, herbed green beans, mashed potatoes, tomato gravy, salad bar and fresh fruit cup with bananas.

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