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Blood drives planned to help with 'critical shortage'

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Vitalant, the nonprofit that provides blood to area hospitals, has announced that there is a "critical shortage" of blood.

To help meet the need, a pair of local blood drives are planned, including one today.

"We strive to maintain a 4-day supply of blood just to provide what patients need, and currently we're at less than half that for certain blood types," said Dr. Ralph Vassallo, chief medical officer at Vitalant, formerly known as United Blood Services. "Blood on the shelf helps patients every day — for traumas, cancer treatments and critical transfusions — and enables us to be ready if disaster strikes.'

Today's blood drive is from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, and

another is set to be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 22 in the board room at Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC).

To make an appointment for today's blood drive, call (877) 258-4825 or visit www.bloodhero.

To schedule an appointment for the drive at PSMC, email Diane Levison at diane.levison@

PSMedicalCenter.com or call 507-3826. You can also log on to www.bloodhero.com

and enter sponsor code "pagosamedical." Walk-ins are also welcome at the PSMC blood

PSMC urges those who are giving blood to eat a good meal, drink plenty of water and bring an ID. Vitalant's website notes that 10 percent of the eligible population donates blood, while someone

in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds. For more information, visit vitalant.org.



George Sunday evening's brilliant sunset as

Photo courtesy

seen from Chromo. The striking sunset was viewed from numerous vantage points throughout the county.

Alternative high school discussed

By Chris Mannara

The possibility of re-establishing an alternative high school for Archuleta School District (ASD) was brought to the ASD Board of Education's attention at its regular meeting on Jan. 14.

This idea was presented to the board by Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate Achievement Center (PAC) coordinator Stewart Bellina and PSHS Principal Sean O'Donnell.

Bellina explained to the board that the AC is a school within PSHS and is for students who are struggling to graduate.

At its inception, in the 2008-2009 school year, the idea was that all students who attended the PAC would attend for full days and students would be taken on multiple trips to the wilderness, Bellina explained.

These trips were designed to generate more investment and to build a team and family atmosphere, she explained.

"We would kind of be that family unit at school," she said. "We would have projectbased and expeditionary-learning components to supplement an online curriculum we were using."

Additionally, there would be family, individual and group counseling available, Bellina explained, noting that there was community involvement.

"This took place for a while, but quickly it moved into trouble with logistics as more and more kids entered our program and we struggled to maintain their grades in the main building classes as we pulled them for more and more trips with us," Bellina said. "So we took more kids and we served more kids and we helped more kids, but we

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Photos courtesy Beth Tollefsen

After the storm these elk look for food and a way to stay warm. More snow is in the forecast beginning today.

Ride the **Rockies tour** to feature prologue in Pagosa

By Theresa Blake Graven Special to The SUN

The annual Denver Post Ride the Rockies (RTR) Cycling Tour is celebrating its 35th year

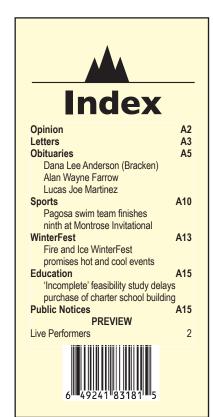
The 35th annual RTR features the stunning roads of southwest Colorado, with this year's start and finish situated in Durango, one of the Centennial State's most popular outdoor recreation and tourism destinations.

The tour is prefaced with an opening day prologue, which starts in Durango on June 13 and heads to Pagosa Springs, where riders will have exclusive access to the Pagosa Springs hot springs and a gourmet catered lunch. From there, day one of the 2020 RTR will ease riders into the week with a 73-mile loop starting and ending in Durango.

And, for the third year in a row, the RTR route is a loop, simplifying logistics while taking riders on a breathtaking adventure around one of the most scenic areas in all of Colorado. Besides Durango, other host communities along this six-day, 418-mile tour include Cortez, Norwood and Ouray County. Along the way are challenging uphill encounters with Lizard Head Pass, Red Mountain Pass, Molas Pass and Coal Bank Pass, which together account for the bulk of the route's 28,484 feet of climbing.

During — and between — those ascents is a bounty of spectacular scenery. Indeed, the 2020 route rolls along the banks of the Animas River, winds through Southern Ute

■ See Ride A8





Ice fishing season is in full swing on Pagosa Lake. Man, dog and blue heron appeared to enjoy each other's company while out on the ice.

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EDITORIAL

We don't need to vote on gray wolves

Colorado voters could decide in November whether gray wolves should be reintroduced to the state.

With some 200,000 signatures to get the measure on the ballot, pro-wolf groups claim that wolves are nonexistent in Colorado.

However, with the announcement last week that Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) confirmed that a pack of gray wolves is living in the northwest corner of Colorado, we think it's time for proponents of the effort to reintroduce wolves to the state to withdraw their ballot measure.

This belief that wolves exist in Colorado comes backed with ample evidence including sightings by eyewitnesses, video, tracks and the discovery of an elk carcass consistent with wolf predation.

When you couple that evidence with a separate confirmed presence of a wolf in July of 2019 in northwest Colorado, that's good enough proof for us that wolves already exist in our state.

"The out-of-state radical environmental groups pushing forced wolf introduction into Colorado have falsely claimed that there are no wolves present in Colorado. It's just another false narrative to deceive the citizens of Colorado. The news from CPW today implodes their propaganda. This is another one of their baseless and untruthful claims that pro-wolf radicals are known for," said Denny Behrens, co-chairman of the Colorado Stop the Wolf Coalition

Poll results (96 votes)

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Yes, I think I could affect change. — 30 percent

No, I have no desire. — 70 percent

CPW Northwest Regional Manager JT Romatzke was quoted on its website as saying, "We want to remind the public that wolves are federally endangered species and fall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As wolves move into the state on their own, we will work with our federal partners to manage the species.'

Forcing this introduction is against the advice of wildlife managers.

Yet, if passed, Colorado Parks and Wildlife would be required to develop and implement a plan to reintroduce wolves to our state within three years.

That means right here in Pagosa Country. The ballot initiative requires wolves to be reintroduced by the end

We've talked to local ranchers and outdoors people who reasonably and understandably oppose this effort. Our county commissioners even passed a resolution opposing the matter. Many believe that bringing wolves back would be devastating to wildlife and local

However, supporters of the idea say it would bring balance back to the ecosystem.

"This initiative is a reckless and dangerous approach that circumvents Colorado's wildlife management authorities at Colorado Parks and Wildlife who have affirmed multiple times over the years that we should listen to the science and not force wolves

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for elected office?

into Colorado," said Blake Henning, chief conservation officer at Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in a press release. "Outdoor enthusiasts, sportsmen, farmers and ranchers, and many residents will be negatively impacted if this proposal is successful. Not to mention the millions of taxpayer dollars it will cost to implement.

We believe that moving forward with the ballot measure is a waste of taxpayer dollars. The measure is estimated to cost approximately \$6 million dollars over eight years.

But if the ballot measure moves forward, it won't be a natural movement of wolves into Colorado. It will be voters who get to decide if wolves will be introduced along the state's Western Slope.

And, it will mostly be voters from the Front Range who make the decision.

Many agree that voters from Colorado's Front Range shouldn't have a say in wildlife management here in Archuleta County. Yet, that is right where most of the voters live, in the cities on the Front Range. The majority of those who will make the decision live a long way away from where the wolves will be placed.

Let's let nature be nature. Voters aren't wildlife managers. Well, maybe some of them are, but the majority of voters don't have the knowledge required to manage wildlife.

Since wolves already live in Colorado, we certainly don't need a ballot measure to reintroduce them.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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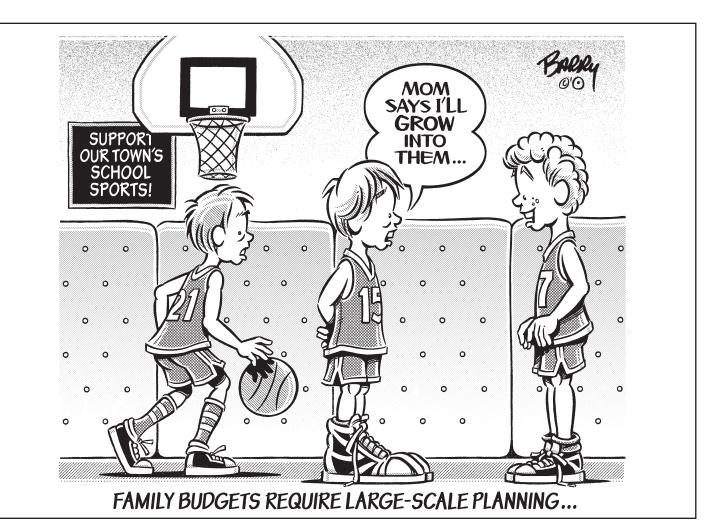
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From the Nov. 20, 1980, Pagosa Springs SUN. KNOWLEDGE BOWL TEAM — Members of the mid-school knowledge bowl team that participated in a San Juan Basin wide knowledge bowl contest yesterday at Ft. Lewis college in Durango are, left to right: Paul Covington, Kitten Spencer, Clair Hughes, and Frankie Carpenter.



LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

January 16, 1920

This week a deal was completed whereby Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Shiles leased from A.T. Sullenberger for a period of five years the entire upper floor of the Sullenberger block, consisting of 36 rooms, and the sample room, laundry, furnace room, the five private plunges and four private bath rooms, all located in the basement. A word here concerning the rooms will not be amiss: Each is equipped with hot and cold water, steam heat and a buzzer. In addition, each room has been wired so that telephones may be installed at some future time. A bath room and linen closet are also located on this floor, the latter being so constructed that it may be later converted into an elevator if so desired. The private plunges in the basement will be supplied with the hot mineral water while the private baths in the basement will be so equipped that either hot mineral or hot city water may be used. The drug store will be occupied by Wm.C. McComas, the picture theatre by L.O. Hardman and pool hall by H.E. Williamson. The barber shop and restaurant have not been leased, to our knowledge.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of January 19, 1945

A business deal was closed Monday whereby Wilber M. Neely of Houston, Texas, purchased The Pagosa Springs Telephone Company, possession being given at once. The Pagosa Springs Telephone Company, an incorporation with Chas. F. Rumbaugh, the chief stockholder has enjoyed a nice business here for many years and with the private ownership of Mr. Neely, no doubt improvements will be made from time to time for the convenience of the patrons.

The Lions basketball team will play the high school Buccaneers at 7:30 next Tuesday evening in what Secretary Coonce says will be a bang-up affair. The H.S. Gym will be used for the fracas and only a thin dime will be asked for admission, with the entire proceeds going to the March of Dimes.

Geo. Alley, dean of southwestern Colorado Hardware Dealers, is just completing a new and modern display window at his store this week. Tex Roberts and Leonard Ottaway did the carpenter work and Wilbur Voorhis is doing the fine touches and decoration. When completed, Mr. Alley's window will be one of the most attractive in town.

50 years ago Taken from SUN files of

January 15, 1970

Igloos and bed rolls on top of the snow on Wolf Creek Pass Summit over the Christmas and New Year holiday drew a great deal of attention. They are, however, a repeat performance and old hat to those utilizing the area for a winter play and campground. An Albuquerque electrical contractor has been making the trip there for several years. The change this year was that he was accompanied by a troop of Boy Scouts from Albuquerque. The members of the contractor's family were also on the vacation holiday. Two large igloos were constructed, smaller shelters were built and the area resembled a small Eskimo village at times. Temperatures there ranged down to 24 below outside but it

25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

was a comfortable zero inside the igloos

at the same time.

January 19, 1995

County officials expressed satisfaction with the size and participation of Tuesday night's audience at what was introduced as being the first of many public meetings on planning for the future of the airport. The major topic of the meeting was whether the airport authority should plan for future expansion that would facilitate the handling of larger aircraft, such as some corporate and private jets in the 13,000-pound to 60,000-pound range that previously landed at Stevens Field, or should the airport restrict itself to its current capability of servicing jets and prop-powered plans weighing 12,500-pound or less. Saying that the airport board wanted public input on the future of the airport, Fox asked the question, "Do we adopt a plan that has us stay where we are right now, or do we look at a plan for expansion with the ability to handle larger aircraft?" Ken Fox, Archuleta County Airport Authority board president, said the FAA requires municipal airports to conduct periodic reviews and revisions of their airport plans.



Letters

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Thankful for Alan **Farrow**

Dear Editor:

I am thankful to be someone fortunate enough to have known Alan Farrow and to have attended the memorial service commemorating his life Saturday at the Community Center. It was an occasion that gave the building a real sense of being a center of a community. One that it is a privilege to be a part of; and I think the many people who traveled from all corners of Alan's life to be a part of it as well, came away with an understanding of our town that would make Alan proud — or perhaps it was just that Mr. Farrow brings not only the best out in people, but the best people out.

I, personally, didn't know Alan all that well, just long enough to have done some work with him at his house over the last few weeks. I felt especially privileged in that I was able to bring my 8 year-old son with me over to meet Alan recently. Alan called him young man and didn't criticize Jonah when he shied away from fully looking Alan in the eyes upon shaking hands. There was trust there, and some curiosity, because we had walked in the door after a week of reading and having fun with a poem of sorts that Alan had shared with me, which I, in turn, had shared with my son.

Alan's daughter Tracy, at the memorial, let it be known that if anyone had any interesting tid-bits or stories to share regarding Alan she'd be up to hear. At the risk of it being something she may well have heard before, I'll give you the four-liner that Alan gave me that day, about a month ago, when we were at his house looking north in the sky together at some ducks flying by. Look at those ducks, I said.

Letters

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Alan, in the next breath, spontaneously produced the following little conversation between two people trying to assess what it is they're seeing, determining shortly that indeed it is a skein of ducks. The epigram, constructed mostly out of single letters that take the place of whole words, is delivered in lazy country slang that had my son and I laughing (crying in reverse as, apparently, Alan would say), and acting it out, all week:

MR Ducks. R Not.

OSAR, CM Wangs? LIB, MR Ducks ...

Not that it is about comparison, but, feeling inspired, reminiscent and at a loss, people attending the service had a moment to compare themselves to the kind of person Alan was, this interesting, kind man with Sam Shepard good-looks and a disjointed, gleaming-eye Butch Cassidy sense of humor that my son got to experience, becoming, if not the last, at least one of the last new friends Alan would make. I think anyone who was there at the memorial service, and anyone who knew Alan Farrow, is walking a little taller today, feeling improved, lucky, to have known a good man. Challenged to live up to an example like his.

Jonathan Dobson

Our coach, **Scott Anderson**

Dear Editor:

No one could've played such a unique and powerful role in our lives as our coach, Scott Anderson. He began coaching nearly twenty years ago, and since then has shaped the lives and the futures of so many of us by being our leader, our friend, our running partner, our anatomy teacher, our motivator, and our guide. But all of these roles pale in comparison to his greatest quality: Coach is our example. He's who we look up to, and I can't think of a single person on our team, or even any person at all, that doesn't want to be a little more like him.

Thinking in terms of the proverbial village it takes to raise a child, Coach is not just the village sage, although he is one of the wisest people we know. He's the village's teacher, showing us by example how we can take our lives under control and better ourselves in the process. He's the village's good Samaritan too, sacrificing countless potential hours investing time in his business and reaping the financial rewards, forgoing Saturdays and family dinners, and working so hard, selflessly and with superhuman patience, all for the good of future generations. Beyond even all of this though ...

Coach is our village's hero. Thank you. We love you and miss you already.

Jack Foster on behalf of the 2019/2020 Pagosa Springs cross-country team

Iran's most important American asset

Dear Editor:

Iran has been terrorizing and killing people for decades. They especially hate us as anyone would know by watching the decades long mass demonstrations with signs saying "Death to America" and "Kill the Great Satan." What thinking American could not believe that

Iran is our sworn enemy? This was apparent 50 years ago when Iran took 66 Americans hostage. Our president then, Democrat jimmy Carter, did nothing to prevent this disaster and when the Iranians saw how weak he was, they held the hostages for 444 days. What finally caused their release was the election of Republican President Ronald Reagan who promised to get the hostages released when he

Since then, things have gotten worse with Iran expanding terror all over the Mideast. Their main instrument for doing this was General Soleimani who was responsible for the killing of over 500 Americans. Thank goodness President Trump took this killer out so he wouldn't kill again. Who could believe anything other than Soleimani would continue to kill Americans?

The answer to that, of course, is the Democrat party. Democrat presidential hopeful Joe Biden called killing Soleimani a debacle. According to the Wall Street Journal Biden would "double down on the flawed Obama diplomacy the provided Iran with cash for its campaign of Mideast destabilization." That cash helped Soleimani direct the killing of many Americans. Do we want a president whose strategy is to try and buy off those people who are trying to kill us?

Democrat U.S. House leader Nancy Pelosi and her fellow Democrats have passed a resolution that says President Trump must get permission from Congress to fight back against Iran. Huh? Can you imagine our commander-in-chief having to ask Congress for permission to protect Americans from an imminent threat? That request would be in the newspaper the next day and by the time Congress acted, thousands of Americans could be dead. Do we want to risk another 9/11? Are we ok having Democrats like Pelosi trying to stop the president from protecting us?

One Democrat, U.S. House Representative IIhan Omar even went so far as to say that "Iran could threaten Trump hotels worldwide" which could cause more American deaths. Do we really want someone like this in the U.S. House who highlights the possibility of Iran

killing more Americans when they travel?

Incredibly, the Democrat party and their candidates for president have been against taking any action to protect Americans from Iranian attacks. Not one of them has offered a plan to deal with Iranian terrorism that threatens Americans and the Mideast. Thus the Democrat party has become Iran's most important American asset and will become more valuable if the Democrats get complete control of our government. Let's hope American voters reject such cowardice as they did by electing Republican Ronald Reagan instead of Jimmy Carter. If not, God Help us all if we have to deal with the consequences of Democrat appeasement of terrorism.

> Charles Newton **Highlands Ranch**

'Shortest war scare in history'

Dear Editor: Well, that had to be the shortest

war scare in history. After Trump turned a terrorist mastermind into a shoe box full of fragments, the media and the left (but I repeat myself) went into overdrive warning of Trump starting WWIII, the draft being reinstituted any crying "We're all gonna die.".

Then Iran backed down.

After shooting off 15 missiles that mostly missed their mark and hurt no one, and then shooting down a civilian airliner, Iran declared victory, said they were done, they had their revenge and basically said "Please don't hurt us."

When that line of attack failed the left, we were treated to the spectacle of Suliemani being painted as a hero and much loved in Iran.

I don't think there is enough paint in the country to make that work.

Much worse, in their escalating Trump Derangement Syndrome, the left appears to be taking the side of the terrorist responsible for the deaths of over 600 Americans, who helped plan and finance the Benghazi embassy attack and tried to duplicate that in Baghdad

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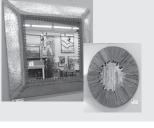
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Town sanitation district considers options for odor control

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

At its Jan. 7 meeting, the board of the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) again worked to deal with a stinky issue that's plagued the district and some Archuleta County residents — odor control near the town's two pump stations in the Timber Ridge

The odor issues in the area began when the town started using a force main to move its collected wastewater to the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District campus for treatment. Construction of the pipeline was completed in 2016.

"The odor results from naturally high sulfur in the area, in waste, and the long detention times in the wet well and the force main," an agenda brief prepared by Public Works Director Martin Schmidt explains.

The PSSGID previously piloted an odor control project with little success, with Schmidt's document stating, "it did not get close to the levels of H2S [hydrogen sulfide] that were stipulated in the contract."

PSSGID staff, with engineering support, then brought back information on several options for the board to consider on Jan. 7, along with a recommendation to pair two of the technologies to best control odor and eliminate corrosion.

The four options brought to the board were an oxygen injection system, an aeration system with added ozone (the same technology as the pilot project), chemical dosing, an air scrubber system and an air-injector system that builds dissolved oxygen in the water to eliminate anaerobic bacteria.

Schmidt and Utilities Supervisor Gene Tautges recommended that the board combine the final two options.

The air scrubber system, manufactured by Syneco Systems Inc., has a small blower that creates a negative pressure in the wet well, the agenda brief explains.

'The removed air is scrubbed of H2S by a proprietary media that converts 100% of the H2S into a non-toxic polymer," the document explains.

Schmidt noted the blower is not much larger than a bathroom fan, with Schmidt and Tautges indicating it operates at a low decibel level, around 55 decibels.

Schmidt highlighted the system's success elsewhere both at the meet-

ing and in the agenda brief, noting the company has seen 2,000 parts per million of H2S reduced to zero and that the system has "been able to remove loading's [sic] greater than 5000 ppm H2S. Testing has shown that it can achieve 99%+ average & peak hydrogen sulfide loading removal."

Schmidt also explained the low ongoing maintenance the system is expected to require.

'The system has no maintenance, added chemical, biological agent or water addition. The media is simply removed and refilled when it starts to experience 'breakthrough' approximately every 3 years. The removed media is non-toxic and can be disposed of in any landfill," the agenda brief states.

Later in the meeting, Schmidt noted town staff can change the media and the company offered to be present the first time the town disposes of the material at the landfill to help the process go smoothly and to help assure landfill staff it is safe to dispose of.

The brief further explains, "Syneco sizes the system for the H2S readings at each location, if the system is over-sized, the media just lasts longer. By pulling in fresh air and removing the contaminated air, the system significantly reduces corrosion at the wells. Installation does not include any major modifications to the pump stations or air-vacs, and the cylinders are delivered on skids so no structures are needed. The tanks can even be painted if they are considered an 'eyesore'. GID staff has worked with Syneco to develop approaches for the four most malodorous locations in the system that includes treatment at 2 air-vac locations where a fan would not be required."

The estimated capital and construction cost for the system, including contingency, is \$255,918, with the estimated 20-year operating expense sitting at \$307,737, making for a total 20-year estimated cost of \$563,655.

That estimate includes replacing the proprietary media every three years at the two pump stations and every five years at the air-vac vaults.

The air injection system recommended by staff, known as the Wet Well Wizard, would help improve overall water quality in the collection system and help reduce treatment costs, according to the agenda brief.

It operates by building the amount of dissolved oxygen in the water using a bubble ejector, the document and Schmidt explained.

"Once this takes place odor in the water is quickly improved along with quality," it states. "Aerobic microbial populations are extremely successful in eliminating the biological and organic/chemical components that are found in lift station water. As we introduce DO into the wet well and into the force main, the overall water quality will improve throughout the collection system. This will help the end user, i.e. PAWS and will help reduce their costs in the treatment process as well.'

Schmidt's document noted that the Wizard system would also extend the life of the media in the Syneco system if used together.

"With the combination of the two products, the Syneco Air Scrubbers as well as the WWW's, Canyon Systems can guarantee that the wet well conditions will improve dramatically and the odor issue will no longer exist. Dan from Syneco is willing to guarantee his product even without the use of the WWW. It benefit [sic] the overall process by running the two simultaneously," Schmidt's document states.

The estimated capital and construction cost for using the two systems together is \$342,628 (including contingency), with the estimated 20-year operating expense being \$406,033, making for an estimated

20-year total cost of \$748.661. In discussing the options with the PSSGID board, Tautges explained, "I think it's really important to stress it's not just odor, it's corrosion. The odor we can all smell. The corrosion that's happening down in those wet wells and the vapors that get up into the building have already reduced the life of some of the equipment, so we're solving two problems with one thing."

Tautges used an example of an electrical panel that looks 15 years old, despite it being only a few years old.

Tautges also noted that the highest H2S levels ever recorded at Pump Station 2 was 1,600 parts per million in the summer, with the system at much lower levels right now, meaning the district could possibly go longer in between media replacements.

The district, Tautges added, could paint the tank or put in a fence or evergreens around the site to be a good neighbor.

Board member Mat deGraaf asked if the two companies offer a

pilot, with Tautges and Schmidt explaining they do not, but the PSSGID has it in writing that it will buy back the system if it does not perform.

"I also appreciate that their unit is called the Peacemaker," deGraaf joked. "I feel that with this whole issue, that a Peacemaker is what we need."

Board member David Schanzenbaker asked, "With the Syneco guy guaranteeing his product without the Wizard, what's the argument to include the Wizard also?'

Schmidt explained using both would help reduce the H2S levels with only the cost of electricity, would extend the life of the media in the scrubbers, and that using the Wizard would help with the reduction of odor and reduce the "amount of corrosiveness in the wet well" before being treated by the air phase scrubbers.

Tautges noted that one of the issues right now, which won't be a problem in the future when the volume of wastewater is greater, is that the wastewater stays in the pipe and in the wet wells so long, and the Wizard will help keep the wastewater in suspension, which will make a lot of things easier.

"So, it's worth the extra expense here?" Schanzenbaker asked.

Schmidt added the added longterm cost is the electricity to run the two blowers.

"It's worth it?" Schanzenbaker asked again.

Schmidt noted it was, with an engineer recommending the two systems being used together.

"He's not writing the check," Schanzenbaker noted, noting Syneco guaranteed its product would work even without the Wizard.

"We just saw added benefit to the Wet Well Wizard," Schmidt explained, adding it's hard to quantify the benefit to the media with the combination, but that staff sees good potential with it.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips then informed the board staff was just looking for direction on which way to go at the meeting, then staff would bring back contracts and any warranties provided in the contracts.

deGraaf motioned to approve the exploration of the Syneco and Wizard combination, which was approved unanimously.

"Let's hope this really solves the problem," board president Don Volger stated.

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have, for everyone to whom liberty

Our representative, Scott Tipton,

has not signed on as co-sponsor of

HR 40. I have written to him to en-

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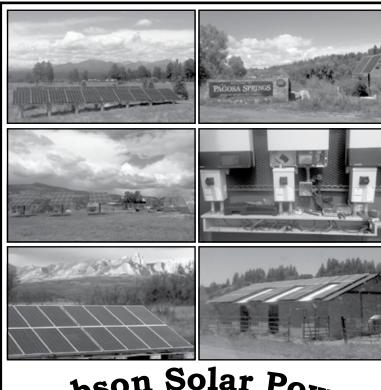
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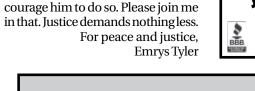
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Letters

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shortly before assuming room temperature.

Suleimani is quoted as having said "The Americans know where to find me, they just don't dare hit me."

Oops. Wrong. And Iran knows it.

Left-handed

Dear Editor:

Ahhh, the "United States of America" ... "One nation under God" ... Yes, we are God's children, God is the Father of all. As God's children, we are expected to grow with goodness and love — "God is love." Almost a Century ago, my parents were presented a darling baby girl — by all appearances, she was normal. However, as she grew, it became obvious that they were raising a little one who was born left-handed.

Throughout many passages in the Bible, it is stated that the "place to be" is to the "right hand of God". the left hand is rarely mentioned and when it is, it leads one to believe that it is not to be trusted, e.g., Mathew 6:3: "Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing ... Hmmm, couldn't trust the left hand to keep it quiet. Perhaps, during the time the Bible was written, the majority of folks were "right-handed" and thus, the right hand indicated strength; the left hand, weakness. Reading those passages completely, it seems

clear that there was no intent to dis- any kind is not the American way. As this crippling scar on our society. criminate against anyone since "all' are God's children.

However, about a Century ago, society determined that children who were born left-handed were not acceptable in the school system. Sadly, this may have been the beginning of society's attitude towards those born different than the majority. Parents of left-handed children were required to "train" the child to be right-handed before school-age. So, many tantrums later, I learned to color a page in my color book using my right hand and was allowed to enter school. I was poorly coordinated, as the two sides of my brain had to compromise regarding job description. Gym Class was always a struggle. However, I was a successful student, straight A's most

Over the years, society began to change. Two of my three children were born left-handed and society accepted them "as is". All three have lived very successful lives, living God's purpose with love and compassion for others.

My heart is heavy today. While our country has made progress to defeat prejudice, some in society continue to promote division among us as they consider "their kind" more perfect. What a shame. "United States", Hmmm ... we must work to regain that title as a people who are united for peace with integrity and goodness around the world. Prejudice of God's children, we must value what is in the heart rather than what is seen,

II Corr. 5, Verse 12. Yes, do it with love.

Patty Tillerson

Tipton and HR 40

Dear Editor:

I have been reading a good deal recently about the depressing situation of people of color in the United States. The more I dig into our history, the more I find signs that in addition to being a representative democracy with embedded principles of liberty ours is also a society constructed by fallible human beings subjected to, and subjecting others to, great and grave error.

Slavery in America was one of those errors. The inheritance of slavery, prejudice, has continued to take its toll for the last 150 years in ways both subtle and social as well as stark and legal. The communities of people of color in the United States continue to live under the oppression of this inheritance. I believe that seeking full reconciliation is long overdue, not only because I believe that God calls us to mercy and reconciliation but also because human

compassion demands it. House Bill HR 40 has been introduced into the House of Representatives. It calls for the serious study of how the United States may address



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Obituaries

Dana Lee Anderson (Bracken)

Dana Lee passed away on Jan. 4, after years of struggle against rheumatoid arthritis and other

related autoimmune disorders. Dana was born in Delta, Utah, on Oct. 31, 1962, to Richard Austin Bracken and Lois Jean Fowles Bracken. Her childhood was spent in Delta,



Hiawatha and Price, Utah. She completed her general education in Price and upon graduation was employed by Commercial Testing Laboratories as a technician running environmental samples.

In 1990, she married Charles V. Anderson and they soon moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo. Living in Colorado was her childhood dream. In Pagosa Springs, she worked for

Ponderosa Lumber in the paint department until late 2003, when she attended San Juan Basin Technical College and achieved her nursing certificate. She then was employed at Pine Ridge Extended Care Center for several years and also in the clinic at the Pagosa Springs Medical Center until the arthritis made it impossible to continue. That was the work she loved. Dana was a free spirit who helped others any way she could.

She is survived by her husband, Charles V. (Chuck) Anderson; her son, Jason (wife Nancy), and their sons, Ethan and Anderson; her son, Bryon, and his daughter, Harlee. Also her mother, Lois Jean Bracken; and Dana's four brothers: Richard (Diana), Jeffery, Michael (Shauna), and Vince (Andrea) Bracken; and all their children.

She will be dearly missed by all who are left behind to mourn her early passing.

Lucas Joe Martinez

Lucas Joe Martinez passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 1 surrounded by family at Mercy Medical Center in Durango,

Colo. Lucas was born Sept. 13, 1949, in Trujillo, Colo., to Corina and Porfirio Martinez.



Lucas spent

his early childhood years sheepherding in the meadows and dry land farming areas of his beloved Valle Seco and Archuleta County. He served in the Vietnam War in 1969 and 1970. Upon return from Vietnam, he moved to the towns of Silverthorne, Kremmling and Craig in northern Colorado, where he worked as a welder and master mechanic on various projects, including the Eisenhower Tunnel. Later, he moved to New Mexico, where he worked for the Navajo and San Juan coal mines. In his last years, Lucas was blessed with the ability to return to his beloved Pagosa Springs and Trujillo, where he would live out the remainder of his life camping, fishing, building "things" and doing what he loved most — spending time with friends and family.

Lucas was an active member of the community involved in helping the Knights of Columbus, the Guadalupanas, Veterans for Veterans, Healing American Heroes, the Catholic Church, Senior Citizens and countless other organizations.

Lucas was kind, generous, grateful and considerate. He expected nothing in return. Lucas' faith in God sustained him in the darkest hours of his life in Vietnam and the PTSD that would follow; through his quadruple heart by-pass surgery; and through the loss of his beloved friend, Father John Bowe. Lucas drove Father John's truck with pride and then donated it to the church to be raffled in a fundraiser.

Lucas is preceded in death by his parents, Porfirio and Corina Martinez, and by his older sister, Lucille Lynch.

He is survived by his daughter, Lisa (Jeff); grandson Samuel; daughter Lori; granddaughter Lily; seven siblings: Mary (Leo); Sevedeo (Maryann); Rafelita; Leo (Jennie); Frank (Lorraine); Patricia (Gerald); and his baby sister, Annette (Leonard); countless nieces, nephews and

As a veteran and active member of the Catholic family in Pagosa Springs, a viewing and rosary was held in his honor at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and funeral Mass at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church in Pagosa Springs, Colo. As a veteran, Lucas was interred at the Trujillo Cemetery with military honors.

A memorial email has been set up for friends and family to share stories about Lucas. You are encouraged to share your favorite stories and memories of Lucas via email to lucaslovedme@gmail.com.







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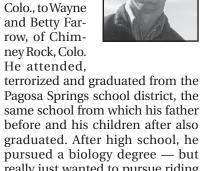
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Alan Wayne Farrow

Alan Wayne Farrow was gently and unexpectedly ushered into the arms of his loving Heavenly Father on Jan. 7. He

was 70 years

Alan was born on May 25, 1949, in Durango, Colo., to Wayne and Betty Farrow, of Chimney Rock, Colo. He attended,



graduated. After high school, he pursued a biology degree — but really just wanted to pursue riding saddle broncs — at Northeastern Junior College. There, he met his lifelong partner, Joyce Klawonn. His friends later commented that he back-flipped off the couch when she agreed to their first date. Joyce and Alan were married on Dec. 18, 1971, in Cheyenne, Wyo. Their family was complete with the arrival of their two daughters, Mindy and Tracey.

Alan's dream was to follow in his dad's footsteps as a rancher. And that's exactly what he did. He ran his own ranch and managed several others before settling on the beautiful 4-Mile Ranch in Pagosa Springs, where he stayed for 30 years until his retirement. His day job included riding horses, scouring the hills for missing cows, and checking fences and ditches. Oddly enough, he spent his free time doing horses, scouring the hills for missing cows, and checking fences and ditches. He loved what he did. He also enjoyed camping and fishing via horseback near streams and lakes in the very mountains he called home.

Alan treasured time with his family and friends. He loved cheering the Pagosa Pirate basketball teams to victory, grabbing a meal with friends at Kip's, exploring 4WD trails near Silverton and yearly rodeo trips. His greatest joy came from his five grandkids. He was even willing to spend months away from his beautiful mountains to visit them in Texas.

Alan was met at the pearly gates by his dad — who likely handed him the reins of a horse he could once again ride — and his mom — with a homemade apple pie. He will be forever missed here on earth by his sister, Marla Ebarb (Paul), of New Caney, Texas; wife Joyce Farrow, of Pagosa Springs; daughter Mindy Potter (Erik) and children Cole and Clairey, of Cedar Park, Texas; daughter Tracey Mosher (Mike) and children Sadie, Adelle and Marcus, of Frisco, Texas; honorary son Wes Lewis (Marcie) and children Taylor and Colt, of Pagosa Springs, Colo.

A memorial was held on Jan. 12. Joyce and her family wish to thank the community for their outpouring of love. We are overwhelmed with gratitude.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Joyce Farrow, P.O. Box 817, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Donations will be used for youth summer basketball programs in

Card of Thanks Martinez family

Words cannot express how much we appreciate the kindness and generosity that was shown to our family during this time by the friends and extended family of Lucas Joe Martinez.

A special thank you to Sergio

Trillo and to Tessie and Bob Curvey for your loving concern for Lucas in his last day; to all who brought meals and who housed out-of-town guests; to Diane (Martinez) Morrell and the Guadalupana Society for organizing and serving dinner; to J. Lennie Martinez for the recitation of the rosary; to June Marquez and son, Marcos, for singing Lucas' favorite traditional Spanish hymns during Mass and for the final farewell tune, "The Cowboy Rides Away," (that song will forever remind us of Lucas); to Lawrence and Donnie Martinez, Harvey Mc-Fatridge, Todd Miller, Frank Martinez and Sergio Trillo for serving as his pallbearers; to his friends, Glen Robinson, Ed King, John Thompson and Matt Poma for serving as honorary pallbearers; to Lawrence Martinez

cemetery in Trujillo; to Richie Valdez and the Sheriff's Department for coordinating and leading the funeral procession to Trujillo; to Raymond Taylor for arranging the gravesite military honors; and to all who have sent financial contributions to help with funeral expenses. We are grateful for friends and family like you at this time of sorrow. En memoria de nuestro querido Lucas, que en paz descanse.

Lisa and Lori, sisters and brothers and family

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SYEAR IN REVIEW

2019 was a busy and interesting year in Pagosa Country. There was no want for good news, bad news, controversial issues, and no lack of interesting news events to keep SUN readers focused on local events, situations and personalities.

The SUN is taking a look back at some of those events, selected by SUN staff writers. This week, we look back at July, August and September.

JULY

- At a Future of Power Supply Information Series meeting held in Pagosa Springs on July 1, La Plata Electric Association representatives discussed the future of energy and a potential buyout of its existing power-supply contract with Tri-State Generation and Transmission.
- The Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Board held two meetings on July 1.

At the first meeting, the board members welcomed new Dispatch Manager Kati Harr and heard recommendations to improve the dispatch center.

The Dispatch Exploratory Subcommittee met later that day.

- A SUN reporter was told the meeting was not public and was not permitted to attend it, despite three members of dispatch's main board being in attendance, which made it a public meeting per state
- Archuleta County was on the hunt for a development director and a planning commissioner due to a pair of departures in early July.

Michael Frederick resigned his post as chair of the Archuleta County Planning Commission on July 1, and Planning Manager John Shepard agreed to an "amicable parting" from his job with his supervisor, County Administrator Scott Wall, to take effect no later than Labor Day.

- "I no longer have confidence that the present Board of County Commissioners intends to apply the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations in a fair and consistent manner to protect the health, safety and general welfare of all present and future inhabitants of this County, as those regulations require. I herewith resign from the Archuleta County Planning Commission, effective immediately,' Frederick wrote in his resignation
- Deputy Assessor Natosha Smith presented the assessor's report on taxable real property in Archuleta County at the regular meeting of the Archuleta County **Board of County Commissioners** (BoCC) on July 2.

According to Smith, the real estate valuation for all taxable real property in Archuleta County for 2019 is \$415,702,600.

Assessor Natalie Woodruff told The SUN in May that property values went up 10 to 24 percent.

- An out-of-town camper was attacked by a black bear early on the morning of July 2, causing minor injuries and leading to two bears fitting the description being euthanized.
- A three-vehicle accident that occurred on U.S. 160 near the Archuleta-La Plata County line on July 2 claimed two lives when a 2015 Ford F-150 lost control in a hailstorm and crossed into oncoming traffic. The F-150 then hit a 2004 Chevy 2500 pickup pulling a trailer going eastbound.
- At its July 2 meeting, the five members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council present voted unanimously to waive design review and building permit fees for Archuleta County's Harman Park jail project, with those fees estimated to be about \$25,000.
- Stetson Stech, a 29-year-old Louisiana hunter, pleaded guilty on July 3 to four charges and accumulated more than \$2,000 in fines related to illegal hunting practices done northeast of Pagosa Springs near Jackson Mountain.
- Local resident JR Ford was honored with the 2019 Red Ryder Award at the Fourth of July Red Ryder Roundup Rodeo.
- A three-acre fire that started on July 4 around 6:30 p.m. just south of Chimney Rock was contained and controlled as of July 10.
- The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) hosted a group of firefighters from Beaumont, Belgium, from June 30 to July 5 as part

of a firefighter exchange program. The firefighter exchange program occurs every five years. In 2020, a group of firefighters from the PFPD will venture to Belgium to gain knowledge of the fire service

- A vehicle veered off of Lewis Street and caused structural damage to the northwest corner of Pagosa Springs Middle School the evening of July 6. A white Chevrolet pickup went down an embankment and struck the school, taking out a light pole, damaging a fence and over the retaining wall, which led to the school being hit. No injuries were reported and the driver of the vehicle was later arrested for DUI and other traffic-related charges.
- Vacation rental permits, required for homeowners who rent their homes out for 30 days or less, continue to be processed in Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs after the program was implemented late in 2018.

Archuleta County had approved about 300 permits and the town had approved 46 as of July 7.

The county had a backlog of about 100 applications, which made for a wait time of about five months, and the town has a backlog of 20 applications.

The town estimated there were 15 noncompliant properties.

- · Four individuals were identified in connection with graffiti that was found at Yamaguchi Park on July 9. The four suspects were charged with criminal mischief. Three of the suspects were minors with one adult, Ewan Reay, also suspected of being involved.
- Telecommunications problems plagued the Pagosa Springs area in the first half of July, with a Verizon network issue causing many local residents to have spotty cellphone service or lose service completely, and many CenturyLink customers lost phone and Internet service after the company reported a fiber cut on July 15.

A statement sent to The SUN by Verizon Public Relations Manager Heidi Flato states, "We experienced an intermittent network issue in the Pagosa Springs area from July 9-13. Our engineers have resolved the issue and will continue to closely monitor the situation."

Verizon's date range of July 9-13 contradicts reports from citizens of Archuleta County, who reported service issues dating back to June and stretching to July 16.

- At a special meeting of the Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) on July 15, Frank Kugel was identified as the single finalist for the SWCD's vacant executive director position.
- On the morning of July 15, Aspen House, a group formed by dedicated parents to create a home for adult children with developmental disabilities, closed a deal to secure land it had set its sights on. Specifically, the land is 0.69 acres and located within the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association.
- At a regular meeting of the San Juan Water Conservancy District on July 15, the board approved a clean finalized audit report and also added Merlin Wheeler to the board
- An incident of first-degree criminal trespass on July 15 led to local authorities identifying potential suspects through personal items left inside the home. Specifically, the suspects that entered the residence of an out-of-town family left two backpacks, a jacket, a bag of dog food, a bag, a water bladder, a tin and personal mail at the home.
- A settlement agreement between the town and Christopher Blas and Gone Country Adventures LLC (doing business as Shooters & Shenanigans) relating to noise/ nuisance matters was complete as of July 16.

On June 20, the town council voted to approve a settlement that stemmed from an April lawsuit.

Under the settlement, the town paid the claimants \$25,000 through its insurance carrier and requested that the Pagosa Springs Municipal Court throw out one noise disturbance ticket and expunge another.

• At its meeting on July 17, the town's Historic Preservation Board voted 4-0 to accept the Pagosa Springs Historic Resources Survey Plan, sending the plan to the town council for that board's consider-

"The goal of the 'Historic Resources Survey Plan' is to define and prioritize future historic resource survey projects in Pagosa Springs for the next ten to fifteen years," the document states.

• For the second time in as many months, the town council denied a request to vacate a right of way easement on July 18.

In June, the council denied the vacation of an alleyway near Apache Street, and, on July 18, voted 4-3 to deny a request by several property owners to vacate the Navajo Street right of way and utility easements between South 6th Street and South 7th Street.

- Also at its meeting on July 18, the town council heard a presentation concerning the town's 2018 audit, which came back clean.
- A local car wash was allegedly vandalized by a construction flagger on the morning of July 19, leading to the worker being arrested for criminal mischief and defacing public/private property.
- Pagosa Springs Medical Center set an all-time record for gross charges in July at just over \$6.3 million, with the medical center expecting to see about half of that amount in its coffers in the coming months.

AUGUST

- As of Aug. 1, the Colorado Department of Agriculture had confirmed four cases of vesicular stomatitis in Archuleta County, with an additional seven suspected cases, making a total of 11 equine quarantined.
- At the time, there were 130 confirmed cases throughout Colorado.
- William J. Cusick, of Pagosa Springs, was honored on Aug. 3 by the Boone and Crockett Club, the nation's most prestigious conservation and big game hunting organization.

Cusick was presented a First Award for his woodland caribou at the Boone and Crockett Club's 30th Big Game Awards Banquet in Springfield, Mo.

• Two local residents who previously sued current and former county officials took to the regular meeting of the BoCC on Aug. 6 to argue their opinions about attorney fee payments they owe to the county stemming from the 2016 lawsuit, with one plaintiff calling it extortion.

On July 9, some of the plaintiffs submitted their shares of payment of the attorney fees, which were initially accepted and deposited by Archuleta County Treasurer Elsa White, but was later returned to the plaintiffs.

• The town council accepted the Pagosa Springs Historic Resources Survey Plan with a 6-0 vote at its meeting on Aug. 6.

The plan, Senior Planner Cindy Schultz informed the council, is not a prescriptive plan and includes no mandates. Instead, it is a tool to make priorities and is the substantiation for any grants to conduct surveys.

• The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) treated the death of a female in the Vista subdivision on the night of Aug. 6 as a homicide.

The ACSO received a call from a reporting party on the morning of Aug. 7. The reporting party had gone to the victim's home to get some personal belongings and found the victim.

An ACSO press release indicated that the autopsy revealed that the cause of death of the victim, Millie Mestas, 47, was multiple stab wounds to the neck and back

• On Aug. 8 information related to the homicide in the Vista subdivision pointed to a suspect who was later identified as Christopher Ross Maez, 52, of Archuleta County.

Maez was interviewed regarding the homicide and was arrested at the end of the interview for unrelated outstanding warrants for failing to appear in Montezuma County and Archuleta County.

Maez also had an outstanding warrant for violating bail bond conditions in Archuleta County, according to an ACSO press release.

An arrest warrant was served on Maez on Aug. 9 for charges relating to the Aug. 6 incident: Murder 1 - after deliberation, Murder 1 – extreme indifference, Assault 1 – serious bodily injury with a deadly weapon and domestic violence. Bond for Maez was set at \$1 million.

- On Aug. 10, Kugel signed a conditional offer of employment to become the new executive director of the SWCD.
- The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation welcomed Justin Ramsey to its board of directors on Aug. 14.
- The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team started the season with the Pagosa Springs Invitational on Aug. 14 and walked away with third place among the five teams present.
- On Aug. 15, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) released overall state, district and school-level results from the 2019 administration of statewide assessments. Archuleta School District (ASD) outperformed regional peers and state average, but still showed room for growth.
- A letter to Verizon that addressed the quality of service issues that local agencies have experienced was approved for submittal by the Pagosa Springs Town Council at a meeting on Aug. 22. The letter included signatures from members of the Archuleta **Board of County Commissioners** (BoCC), ASD, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD)
- On Aug. 20, the BoCC voted 2-1 to direct staff to offer \$600,000 for the former house of Fred and Norma Harman and the 5.46 acres it sits on.

The property is located at 85 Harman Park Drive.

- Pirate golfer Nathan Smith logged a first-place finish at the Black Canyon Invitation on Aug. 21.
- The Pirate cross-country teams started their season at the Cheyenne Mountain Stampede, which also serves as the pre-state meet at the Norris Penrose Event Center, on Aug. 23, with the girls finishing sixth and the boys finishing 13th.

Lady Pirate Nell Taylor finished the meet as the ninth overall runner and eighth out of runners who were part of a team.

- On Aug. 26, Maez heard the charge against him of first-degree murder by Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson during a hearing at the La Plata County Courthouse.
- · Preliminary school and district frameworks were released by the CDE on Aug. 26. ASD planned to appeal the preliminary ratings for two of its schools, Pagosa Springs Elementary School and Pagosa Springs Middle School. The schools' ratings were decreased due to participation, according to the CDE. Reed explained that these ratings were caused by a human error in data uploading.
- A fire that occurred on the evening of Aug. 26 at the Archuleta County landfill is believed to have

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been caused by heat and spontaneous combustion.

• On Aug. 27, the BoCC voted to push back the effective date of the new 2015 building codes to Sept. 7, which included the tiny home

Buildings 399 square feet and below are considered tiny homes.

- The Pirate soccer team opened its season on Aug. 26 with a 8-0 loss to Crested Butte.
- The estate of Fred and Norma Harman accepted the county's \$600,000 offer for the couple's previous residence, a 4,450-squarefoot home and the 5.48 acres it sits on, in August.

The home will serve as the fu $ture\,location\,for\,ACSO,\,Maez\,noted$ in a phone call on Aug. 28.

- On Aug. 29, the town council and proponents of a potential urban renewal project in the downtown area again met to discuss the possibility of the Town of Pagosa Springs forming an urban renewal authority to help with the project, with the discussions centering on a conditions survey and economic impact study.
- The 2A Pirate football team opened its season on Aug. 30 with a 47-0 loss to the 3A Durango De-
- On Aug. 31, a Pagosa Springs Police Department officer, Justin Taylor, was charged with reckless driving and operating a vehicle with an unauthorized siren following an alleged incident that took place outside of the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Cen-
- Following a state investigation that wrapped up in May, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) implemented new policies

in August for how it tracks items obtained through a federal program that assists law enforcement agencies.

The investigation, completed by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, looked into claims that about \$2.2 million to \$2.8 million in assets obtained by the ACSO through the federal 1033 Program were allegedly unaccounted for.

SEPTEMBER

- The first day of school for ASD students was Sept. 3.
- The BoCC approved the first reading of the Model Traffic Code ordinance at its meeting on Sept. 3.

"The biggest thing with Model Traffic Code is it allows local control of our traffic laws," Undersheriff Derek Woodman told the county commissioners at their work session earlier in the day.

Woodman told The SUN in July that the state traffic code doesn't really take into account the needs of rural Colorado or the nuances of living in Archuleta County and the county adopting the Model Traffic Code allows for tweaking the traffic laws to better fit the needs of the Pagosa Springs area.

Specifically, Woodman explained there isn't a state law that prohibits parking on county roads, which has been a problem for both snowplows in the winter and year-round for neighbors of homes that operate as short-term rentals, where guests sometimes park in county

• At a summit of the ASD Board of Education on Sept. 4, the board discussed the possibility of pursuing another Building Excellent Schools Today grant for facility upgrades in the spring.

• A Pagosa Springs man suffered injuries after being attacked by an injured bear during a Sept. 4 hunting trip north of Pagosa Springs.

The man was tracking the bear after his wife had shot it when he was attacked.

- At a special meeting on Sept. 5, the BoCC adopted the 2015 International Building and Residential Codes, among other codes. The Archuleta County Building and Safety Regulations were also amended to conform to the 2015 codes.
- Part of Archuleta County was described as being "abnormally dry" by the U.S. Drought Monitor in a map released on Sept. 5.
- The Pirate football team lost its home opener to the La Junta Tigers 19-7 on Sept. 6.
- To open up the regular season, the Lady Pirate volleyball team picked up a win against the 4A Northridge Grizzlies at the Glenwood Springs Demon Invitational on Sept. 6 and 7.
- A Sept. 9 report from ASD Superintendent Linda Reed showed that early ASD enrollment was at 1.737 students, an increase from 2018's enrollment numbers of 1,659 students.
- After a 10-hour rescue mission, a Texas man suffering from possible altitude sickness was rescued by ACSO Office of Emergency Management personnel on Sept. 11. The 46-year-old male displayed signs and symptoms of altitude sickness after camping and hunting in the area of the Archuleta Trail.
- A young bear found its way into a local home on the night of Sept. 13. ACSO, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Colorado State Patrol personnel were able to scare the bear out

• The Pirate football team earned its first win of the season by taking down the 1A Centauri Falcons 28-20 on Sept. 13, bringing the team's overall record to 1-2.

 The rebranded Archuleta County Development Services Department, formerly the Planning Department, had a new development director, Brad Callender, as of Sept. 16.

Callender's position was formerly titled planning manager.

- On Sept. 19, the PAWSD Board of Directors approved a resolution that clarified a policy regarding the transfer of equivalent units.
- The Lady Pirate volleyball team picked up its first home win of the season on Sept. 19, defeating the Aztec Tigers in three sets and making the Pirates' overall record 2-5.
- After the anticipated cost of the project more than doubled, the board of the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District voted on Sept. 19 to put the 1st Street lift station project on hold in order to look into grant funding options.

The goal of the project is to address a low-hanging wastewater collection pipe that is aging and in need of replacement that runs underneath the U.S. 160 1st Street bridge.

- The Lady Pirate cross-country team took first at the Pagosa Springs Cross-Country Challenge on Sept. 21, while their Pirate counterparts finished second.
- A pair of Pirate golfers, Smith and Taylor Cotts, qualified for the state tournament at the Sept. 24 regional tournament at Hollydot Golf Club in Colorado City.
- Following months of dispute over whether or not the items were accounted for, the ACSO submitted a full inventory of items it received from the federal 1033 Program to the BoCC in September, with Sheriff Rich Valdez telling The SUN that all capital assets obtained through the program are accounted for.

• At a special meeting on Sept. 24, the BoCC voted to adopt a resolution that takes steps toward building a \$5.8 million courthouse at 85 Harman Park Drive.

The resolution directs county staff to secure grant funding for the project and directs Reynolds Ash + Associates to create site and architectural plans.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Jan. 16

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 4 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Superintendent interviews with dinner to follow at Pagosa Brewing

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

Friday, Jan. 17

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 4 p.m., Centerpoint Church, 2750 Cornerstone Drive. Superintendent interviews with dinner to follow at Pagosa Brewing Company.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

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

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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 22

San Juan Basin Area Extension

Archuleta School District Board

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of Education special meeting. 5:30 p.m., administrative office, 309 Lewis St.

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation regular board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room, 105 Hot Springs

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

Thursday, Jan. 23

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

Springs Blvd. Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District and San Juan Water **Conservancy District joint** meeting. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

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

Lewis St. Southwestern Water Conservation District board teleconference. 9 a.m. Call (605) 475-5618, 797282#.

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.

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

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Pagosa Peak Open School board recruitment luncheon. Noon, 7 Parelli Way.

Thursday, Jan. 30

Pagosa Springs Town Council work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and **regular meeting.** 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, Pagosa Springs High School au-

ditorium, 800 S. 8th St. **Pagosa Springs Town Council** meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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School

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did so as we compromised what we originally thought of the program."

Currently, the PAC is still very effective in serving students at PSHS, but it does not match the original vision, Bellina explained.

According to a presentation made at the meeting, PAC students attend for one, two or three periods instead of all day, and there is no supplemental curriculum.

Additionally, not all of the students are together at one time, the presentation notes.

"The Pirate Achievement Center is a Pagosa Springs High School program. It's kind of a hybrid-alternative program that sits inside a comprehensive high school. So, the students

still have to follow the same rules that they do on a regular high school campus," O'Donnell said.

Sometimes the PAC students struggled balancing their schoolwork and the trips they would take, which led to students missing days, O'Donnell noted.

"It was such a valuable component to have the adventure learning. Taking the kids out of their environment, taking them camping and things like that, but we really had to cut back on that because it affected their success in regular classes," he added later.

The advent of online learning high schools have also played a role in the change of the PAC, Bellina

There were many online schools that opened that offered the opportunity for students to get their diplomas without having to go to a physical, brick-and-mortar school, Bellina explained further.

In regard to a solution, Bellina explained that there is a middle ground that can be found between PSHS and a full online program.

Communities such as Buena Vista, Durango, Cortez and Monte Vista have alternative education campuses, Bellina added later.

"We've spoken with some of you about the idea of forming an alternative education campus that wouldn't be a part of Pagosa Springs High School and would provide the middle ground that would be able to have scheduling, that would allow for multiple trips, and generate that investment in education that we were hoping to get originally," she said.

This alternative education campus (AEC) would also give flexibility to students who need it, for example students who are working jobs as well as going to school, but would also force these students to remain accountable to the school, she noted.

AECs are defined by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), Bellina explained, adding that they are designed to serve "high risk" students.

Students that could be described as "high risk" are those who have

Marchino explained to the CDC

board that Region 9's recommenda-

tion is that the CDC moves forward

with hiring an economic developer.

be a contractor position under Re-

gion 9 until the CDC's funding situ-

ation is more stable, Lewis Marchino

help train and provide technical sup-

port," she said. "It would also provide

an option for the position to remain

continue to oversee broadband proj-

ects with the CDC board directing

board member Jim Garrett raised

the question of what the economic

development professional would do.

this person would work closely with

the CDC board on economic priori-

ties, such as broadband or housing.

"It can be a variety of things,"

The economic developer should be a problem solver, someone who listens and is able to keep people on

track, Lewis Marchino added later. "We've needed this person for

quite some time to move forward on some of these projects," CDC board

In regard to next steps, the CDC

But, ultimately, the CDC board

From there, the CDC can deter-

needs to analyze its budget and see

what it can afford, Lewis Marchino

needs to decide if the organization

mine whether or not it wants the po-

sition to be a contract under Region

9, or independent or if the Chamber

explained in a follow-up interview

on Wednesday that there will be a

decision item at the board's next

meeting on Jan. 22 on whether or not

to move forward with looking into

hiring an economic development

That meeting will be at 5:30 p.m.

at the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber

of Commerce's meeting room lo-

cated at 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

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professional.

CDC Board President Jodi Scarpa

should supervise the position.

member Neal Johnson said.

even wants this position.

Lewis Marchino explained that

The Chamber director would also

Following more discussion, CDC

part-time and easier to fund."

the staff position, she noted.

This would allow Region 9 to

explained.

The economic developer should

repeated suspensions or expulsions, those who are over-age and under-credited, those who have family or personal problems with the law or abuse, and students who use substances or have a serious behavioral diagnosis, according to the presentation.

The PAC currently serves that type of population of students, Bellina noted.

For AECs, accountability is assessed differently by the CDE, Bellina noted, explaining that academic achievement is worth 15 percent, while academic growth is worth 35 percent. Student engagement is worth 20 percent and postsecondary and workforce readiness is worth 30 percent.

"This classification allows us some wiggle room to serve the students who need wiggle room in order to graduate," she said.

This would also allow students who go to school solely online to come back to a physical school and experience the social components of school, Bellina explained.

There could be a little bit of a gap if the PAC were to close and the new AEC were to replace it, she added later.

"There are some ideas to close up that gap," she said.

Some characteristics of effective alternative programs are that the program has an intake procedure which includes goal setting and social-emotional check-ins, the program communicates with feeder schools to make sure students can move back and forth as needed, and the program facilitates enrollment in career and technical education classes, according to the presentation.

"The PAC is doing almost all of those, we're just not our own

According to O'Donnell, the

ASD board would set the graduation requirements for this new AEC, if it were created.

"I think that the gap is so glaring that if we don't do it, I'm thinking someone else will. I have such respect for our district and the functionality of our board that I would like for it to be us," Bellina said.

Making a plan

Some action items that would need to be addressed to move forward with the AEC involve applying for a school code and then applying for an AEC classification, Bellina explained.

Other items that would need to be addressed would be to research programs in similar communities, hiring staff and determining a location or facility, the presentation notes.

"I think the board needs to say, 'Yes, go forth and investigate' because I think this is something, I'm going to speak for myself, I would like to see happen, be ready to go in the fall of 2020," ASD Superintendent Linda Reed said. "We don't want to waste a lot of time. We need to start visiting places and finding the best solution for our community and our students."

ASD BOE member Michael Moore noted that he loved the idea of an AEC.

"I think the students are telling us they want another option by the choices they're making. So we've got to provide that option," BOE member Bob Lynch said. "It's probably sooner or later. You can't wait another year."

ASD BOE member Bruce Dryburgh noted that if an idea is presented to the board that is expensive, he "didn't think it would fly."

"You have my full support," BOE President Brooks Lindner said. 'Let's make it happen."

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CDC discusses hiring economic development professional

By Chris Mannara

Staff Writer

The idea of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) hiring an economic development professional was again discussed at a work session of the CDC Board of Directors on Jan. 14, with a suggestion for the board being made to potentially move forward.

Presented by Region 9 Economic **Development District of Southwest** Colorado Executive Director Laura Lewis Marchino, the draft scenario would be the CDC hiring an economic developer, she explained.

"I just feel like we've been in limbo in terms of the board cannot run the programmatic aspects of the organization. The Chamber has a responsibility to be administrative and fiscal right now and is doing a lot of programmatic efforts," she said.

Under the scenario of the CDC hiring an economic development professional, some pros would be that the CDC and Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce's role

would be better defined, there would be a public and private partnership status, and the Chamber could act as a fiscal agent, which would allow this economic developer to focus on programming rather that finances, documentation provided by Lewis

Marchino explains. Region 9 is willing to be the entity that would supervise this position, Lewis Marchino noted, adding that the Chamber should not have the responsibility of supervising an

employee. "If it was under Region 9, we can provide training, because my assumption is we're going to have to grow somebody up. We're not going to hire a professional economic developer. My recommendation would be sort of an economic development coordinator," she said.

Additionally, Lewis Marchino explained that she does not think the CDC can afford to pay for a full-time position, explaining that the person could be part-time working under Region 9.

"The board would be a direct

supervisor. We would have an MOU [memorandum of understanding] with the board on how we would fit into this role," she said.

There are also U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grants that could fund some of this position, but those are not due until June, Lewis Marchino noted.

Outside of the USDA grant, the CDC could get smaller grants in March, she indicated.

Region 9 would not pay for this position's salary, Lewis Marchino

"Everything would still go through the CDC. That would be budget. We would oversee the staff person," she said. "If it evolved to where this organization is not building private sector, there is no momentum, Region 9 would look at taking that on because we will serve this community."

In order to fund the position, Lewis Marchino explained that the CDC will have to increase privatesector membership in addition to grant funding.

Later in the meeting, Lewis

Dispatch board continues to weigh relocation options for dispatch center

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

The dispatch board continues to weigh whether or not to move the dispatch center to the former home of Norma and Fred Harman III.

The Dispatch Executive Management Board discussed the issue at its meeting on Jan. 9.

"Something we should keep in mind is the absolute inadequacy of our facility," said Emergency Communications Director Kati Harr about the current dispatch facility. "It is a dire situation."

Harr cited toxic fumes that waft into the center from a neighboring business, fire hazards and inadequate electric circuits as some of the reasons the facility is

inadequate. In the fall, Archuleta County purchased the Harman house and offered for the dispatch center to share the

space with the sheriff's office. The residential home would require some remodeling to make it adequate for the dispatch center and the board is weighing if the costs to remodel the house make it the best option to relocate dispatch.

The current lease on the dispatch center expires in September.

Board Chair Connie Cook noted at the meeting that the remodel cost estimates she received from the county were between \$150 and \$200 a square foot, calling that a "broad range" that makes it challenging for the dispatch board to make a decision about the move. Cook's rough calculations on what the remodel

costs would amount to \$350,000. The board also floated the idea of building a facil-

ity from the ground up, with Pagosa Fire Protection District Chief Randy Larson saying that the \$350,000 remodel estimate "would go a long way to get started on something else," meaning obtaining or building a facility that was not the Harman house.

"Hopefully there would be some money out there if it were to come down to, 'We want to build a facility,' or, 'We're going to build our own place,'" Cook said, adding, "If you really want to have a functional emergency communications center that serves all the needs and meets all the best standards, you build from the ground up.'

The dispatch center is funded in different percentages by the county, the town, the fire district and the hospital district.

The number of emergency calls routed to each agency determines the percentage of the budget that each entity contributes.

County Administrator Scott Wall told the county commissioners at their work session Tuesday that he's aware the dispatch board is hungry for more specific cost-per-square-footage numbers, but he doesn't know what they are.

"One of their holdups they really would like to know is what exactly it's gonna cost 'em and we really can't tell 'em because Courtney's not done. She hasn't prepared specifications for going out for bid and getting a best estimate," Wall said, referring to the architect of the remodel project, Courtney King.

Wall is a member of the dispatch board but was not

In an email Tuesday, The SUN asked Wall if the county would be open to using some of the 10 acres of land it owns in Harman Park towards a dispatch center that could be built from the ground up.

"I don't thinK [sic] the County would support that plus there are no funds for that since the courthouse is our priority," Wall wrote.

house will be finalized or when the dispatch board will take action, or not, to relocate the dispatch center.

in attendance at the Jan. 9 board meeting.

It is unclear when the costs to remodel the Harman

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tribal land, climbs the Uncompahgre Plateau and ventures deep (and high) into the San Juan Mountains. This year's route also includes a few forays off pavement and onto packed dirt roads, which means less time on busier roads and a little extra adventure. Add it all up and this will truly be the bike ride of a lifetime.

Jason Sumner, cyclist and author who helped design the course, said, "I'm truly excited about this year's route. It has a little bit of everything, high mountain climbs, quiet country roads, amazing scenery and some great host communities. It's definitely going to be a ride to remember."

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Highlights: Lizard Head Pass, San Miguel River, Norwood Hill

Day 4

June 17

Norwood to Ridgway

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Highlights: San Miguel River, Dallas Divide, San Juan Mountains

Day 5

June 18

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50 miles/4,196 feet approximate elevation gain

Highlights: Ridgway State Park, Uncompangre Plateau, San Juan Mountains

Day 6

June 19

Ridgway to Durango 85 miles/7,606 feet approximate

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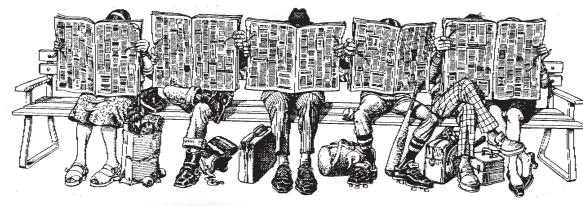
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County officials and staff cruise county back roads to survey damaged infrastructure

By John Finefrock Staff Write

On Monday, the three county commissioners, Public Works Director Bob Perry, County Administrator Scott Wall and a SUN reporter piled into a county truck and surveyed two damaged sections of road and a failing bridge on the back roads of Archuleta County.

The first stop was a section of Truiillo Road (County Road 500), a few miles from where it intersects with Colo. 151, where the San Juan River is eroding the hillside that supports the road.

The river is causing the hillside to "slough off," according to Perry, and will increasingly eat away at that section of Trujillo Road if repairs are not made.

Wall told the commissioners at their work session on Jan. 7 that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe had complained to the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), alleging that the county isn't doing anything about the damaged road.

"Which is not true," Wall said. "Well if we weren't doing any-

thing, why would Bob have already reached out to the water people to get things started with that?" Maez said at the work session.

The Southern Ute Tribe owns land that is directly adjacent to the damaged section of Trujillo Road.

The commissioners and Wall surveyed the damage Monday and brainstormed ideas to secure

Wall estimated the costs to build

SUN photo/John Finefrock **Archuleta County Public Works Director Bob Perry shows the** county commissioners a damaged section of Trujillo Road on Monday. Perry explained that the San Juan River is causing the hillside that supports to the road to 'slough off" and that it will get increasingly worse unless repairs are completed.

a retaining wall to support the hillside would be about \$1 million, noting that DOLA may have grants to help pay for the project.

Perry estimated an additional \$1 million to reroute the San Juan River so it no longer erodes the hillside.

While there is a crack on the hillside just off Trujillo road, the road is still passable to traffic.

Pagosa Junction bridge

The second stop was to assess damage on the Pagosa Junction

Built in 1926 near the junction of Trujillo Road and Cat Creek Road (County Road 700), the bridge is

Maez pointed to the train tracks near the bridge and explained Pagosa Junction was a bustling

little town when the train was still running, though noted it's been a long time since the train was in operation.

Perry reported that the federal government has given the county about \$266,000 to rehabilitate the bridge, but that estimate just included repainting the bridge's truss and resurfacing the bridge.

The Colorado Department of Transportation estimated it would cost about \$660,000 for a more advanced rehabilitation of the bridge,

Perry told The SUN he devised a plan that is somewhere in the middle of the two estimates.

Perry explained that the Road and Bridge Department will install three culverts under the bridge, and then fill the space between the culverts and the bridge with concrete, thus supporting the failing bridge. The cost, according to Perry, will

be around \$360,000 and the county can use the federal money already allocated for the project.

Perry explained the bridge is safe for cars to pass on, but not for heavy machinery or trucks.

Perry noted there are weight limits for the bridge posted nearby.

County Road 542

The county officials and staff also drove down County Road 542, which needs repair, according to Perry, specifically noting the "mud ruts" that his department plans to fix this year.

Perry explained that the county will put gravel on the road, which will add to the overall quality of the road and will fix the mud ruts.

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Wolf reintroduction initiative qualifies for 2020 ballot

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

The Restoration of Gray Wolves Initiative has qualified for Colorado's 2020 ballot.

The Colorado Secretary of State's Office made the announcement in a press release on Jan. 6.

On Jan. 8, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) announced in a press release that eyewitness accounts and a scavenged elk carcass "indicates the likely presence of multiple wolves in northwest

"The sighting marks the first time in recent history CPW has received a report of multiple wolves traveling together," CPW Northwest Regional Manager JT Romatzke is quoted in the press release. "In addition, in the days prior, the eyewitness says he heard distinct howls coming from different animals. In my opinion, this is a very credible report.

Following CPW's announcement, the Colorado Farm Bureau called on proponents of the initiative to retract the measure from

"Just as predicted, wolves are making their way into Colorado on their own," Chad Vorthmann, executive vice president of the Colorado Farm Bureau, is quoted in a press release from Coloradans Protecting Wildlife. "This measure is pointless and will only lead to wasted taxpayer dollars and increased bureaucracy. The proponents should let Mother Nature work its magic, stop trying to impose their will on the natural world, and retract their ballot measure.'

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CPW considers the Weminuch

population to be a top priority for

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habitat protection and improve-

ment, disease prevention and re-

search. The project is being funded

by the U.S. Forest Service, CPW and

the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society.

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wandowski, public information

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Groups that support the initiative cite that wolves restore a natural balance to the Colorado ecosystem and can limit overpopulation of certain animals.

County opposition

Last month, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution publicly opposing the wolf reintroduction.

"I think we have enough wolves where they're at and I think we'll do fine the way we're standing right now," Commissioner Ron Maez said prior to the vote on Dec. 17,

Archuleta County is one of 23 Colorado counties to publicly oppose the initiative.

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By Esther Godson Special to The SUN

To gain a better understanding of wild Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in the Weminuche Wilderness, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the U.S. Forest Service will continue their efforts on a five-year project to study the cliff-

dwelling mammal. Starting in late January or as conditions allow, a helicopter crew will be used to locate and capture bighorns and fit them with GPS telemetry collars. The collars will allow biologists to follow daily movements of the animals and determine what areas of the wilderness they use.

Crews may also swab nasal tissue and take blood samples that could be used to determine if the bighorns have been exposed to diseases that can adversely affect the animals. These actions will help the agencies achieve conservation objectives for bighorn sheep herds on National Forest System lands. This will be the third year that helicopter

crews will be used to capture and bighorn sheep herds occurring on collar bighorns in the Weminuche the San Juan National Forest are in Wilderness.

Bighorn sheep research project continuing

The remote nature of the Wemi nuche bighorn herds has made detecting and monitoring the animals from the ground difficult. Consequently, the U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region has approved landing the helicopter in the wilderness for the project. Weather permitting, the capture crew will attempt to capture up to 15 animals. They anticipate one to two days of flight operations with no more than 34 landings. In the primary capture area, roughly between Vallecito Creek and Wolf Creek Pass, there are about 395 bighorns that reside primarily in the Weminuche Wilderness.

"We don't know a lot about how these bighorns use the landscape," said Brad Weinmeister, a terrestrial biologist for CPW in Durango. "We know that this area provides good habitat, but we'd like to get more information to help us with management plans."

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Sports



SWIM

Pagosa swim team finishes ninth at Montrose Invitational, faces Durango this weekend

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

At the Montrose Invitational on Jan. 10 and Jan. 11, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team took ninth place out of nine teams with 77 total points.

Grand Junction took first place at the invitational with 503 total points. Pagosa finished just behind the 2A Sargent Farmers, who ended the invitational with 81 points.

In the 200-yard medley relay, a Lady Pirate team that featured Ivanna Erne, Nell Taylor, Emma Gantt and Sierra Liverett finished in 12th place with a final time of two minutes, 29.82 seconds.

Liverett took 14th in the 200yard freestyle with a time of 2:38.84. In the 200-yard individual medley, Gantt took 10th place with a final time of 3:18.61.

In the 50-yard freestyle event, Erne finished in the top five, finishing fourth with a final time of 28.29 seconds.

Gantt took 15th place with a final time of 1.27.04 in the 100-yard fly, while Erne took ninth place in the 100-yard freestyle with a final time of 1:04.38.

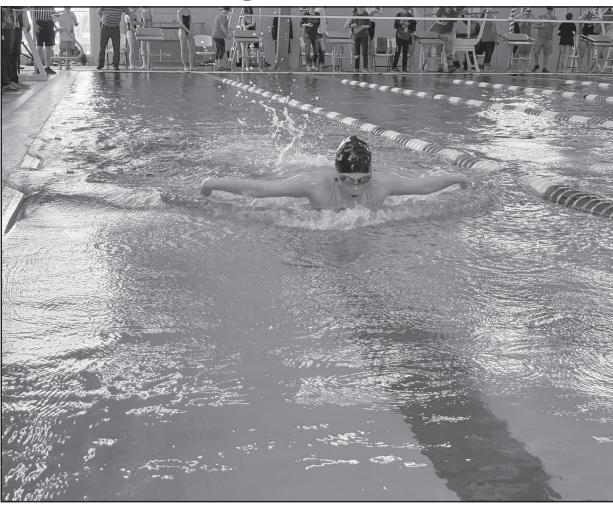
Liverett captured ninth place in the 500-yard freestyle, finishing with a time of 7:07.06.

A 400-yard freestyle relay team consisting of Erne, Darian Dominguez, Gantt and Liverett captured eighth place with a final time of 4:59.59.

"We had an awesome meet! All of the girls got to swim again in the finals on Saturday and everyone had season and or personal best times in most of their events," coach Heather Miller wrote in an email to The SUN.

The Lady Pirates saw some big drops in times for many swimmers, and Miller explained that she saw a lot of hard work pay off.

Miller highlighted the performances of Dominguez in swim-



Lady Pirate swimmer Emma Gantt navigates the waters in the preliminaries of the 200-yard individual medley at the Montrose Invitational on Jan. 10. The Lady Pirate swim team took ninth out of nine teams at the invitational with 77 points overall. Pagosa will compete against the Durango Demons in Durango on Jan. 17 at 4 p.m. and Jan. 18 at 11 a.m.

ming her first 500-yard freestyle.

Dominguez also made the finals and took 20 seconds off of her time, Miller explained, adding that Dominguez did a great job on improving.

Miller also praised Kali Jury and Olivia Gilbert for their work in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events, explaining that they both had big time drops, which got them into the finals.

"Overall we had about 170 sec-

onds in time improvements!" Miller wrote.

Upcoming

Next up for Pagosa will be a road meet against the Durango Demons on Jan. 17 and Jan. 18 at 4 p.m. and l a.m., respectively.

Pagosa previously competed against Durango on Dec. 6, 2019. The Pirates lost to the Demons 250-36 at that meet.

Miller noted that Gunnison and Montrose will be at the meet on Jan. 17, while Delta and Fruita Monument will be at the meet on Jan. 18.

"We are focusing on turns and breakouts, they have gotten a bit rough with all of the distance we have been doing," Miller explained. "Also we will continue our focus and pushing out of the comfort zone and trying some new things. I will have many of the swimmers in a new event at one of the meets this weekend."

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Lady Pirates set to open

league play Friday at home

BASKETBALL

By Randi Pierce

Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) girls' basketball team continued its winning ways in Sanford Saturday, with the Lady Pirates picking up a 42-29 win over the 2A Indians.

The game was the final nonleague matchup for the Lady Pirates before delving into Intermountain League (IML) play.

Pagosa garnered a 10-point lead by the end of the first quarter, 13-3, and improved that to a 23-8 lead by halftime.

Sanford bested Pagosa 10-9 in the third quarter and 11-10 in the fourth, leaving Pagosa with a 42-29 lead.

'We played ... pretty decent in the first quarter, got up 10," coach Wes Lewis said. "It was kind of a back-and-forth type of game. We did some things really good in some stretches, and then we're going into, getting to where we're having some bad stretches, some two-, threeminute stretches where we're not getting much done."

Those stretches, he later noted, mean five or six minutes of a game where the Pirates are letting the other team back in the game or Pagosa is coming up with empty possessions.

'Championship teams don't leave points on the floor, and we're going to have to get a little bit better at that going down the stretch," Lewis said. "If we

see some of these tough league opponents we've got coming up, you know, you're not going to be able to afford these ... two- and three-minute stretches where we're not getting anything done offensively.'

Lewis also noted the team was 7-for-7 in from the freethrow line in the first half, and in the second half the team was 8-for-16.

Pagosa shot 65 percent from the free-throw line on the night, making 15 of 23 total attempts.

"We still shot a fairly decent percentage for the entire game, but we missed free throws in the second half, missed the front end on 1-and-1s in the second half," he said, noting that was leaving points on the floor.

Pagosa also gave up some 3-pointers in the second half, he noted.

Elsa Lindner led Pagosa in scoring with nine points in Sanford, with Lindner also pulling down a handful of rebounds and logging four assists.

Hailey Griego, Teagan Stretton and Taylor Lewis each put up eight points.

Griego also notched seven rebounds, two assists, two steals and a block. Stretton put up a 3-pointer in the game, as well as contributing three rebounds and two assists. Taylor Lewis logged a pair of rebounds, a pair of assists, a steal and two blocks.

Adelyn Dozier added five ■ See Pirates A11

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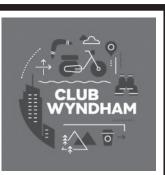


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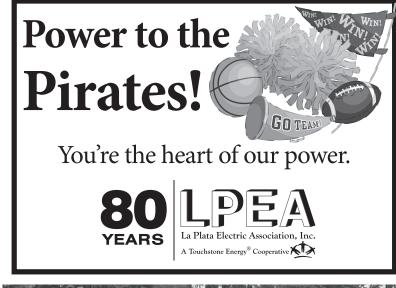


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Wrestling

Pirate wrestling nabs three victories in three days

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

Pagosa grapplers snatched victories in all three events they competed in last week.

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team crushed Bayfield in a dual 66-9 on Thursday, Jan. 9, beat Bloomfield 46-27 on Friday, Jan. 10, and won the Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational for the third year in a row on Saturday,

"That was fun," coach Dan Janowsky said of the three events.

Returning state champion Cameron Lucero began the Bayfield dual at the 160-pound weight class with a pin at 3 minutes, 24 seconds against Bayfield's Kobe Prior.

The Pirates' Dustin Clark came next at 170 pounds.

"He's our 160-pounder," Janowsky said of Clark. "We had to move him up. He made some mistakes, but he just wrestled through them and he got it into overtime."

Clark got a takedown with very little time remaining in the overtime period and won the match by decision 12-10.

"That gave us a huge shot of momentum," Janowsky said.

Kaden McKee, who was promoted from the JV team earlier this season, pinned Bayfield's Paden Williamson at the four-minute mark to wrack up another six points for the Pirates.

At 285 pounds, Pagosa's Sebastian Prunty, a freshman wrestling for the first time on varsity, pinned Ethan Candelaria in just over a minute.

Janowsky explained those key wins at the beginning of the match built up momentum that lasted the entire dual.

"It just kind of took off from there as an avalanche," Janowsky said. "You turn around and get into those middle weights, we're showing we're pretty tough out there. Those kids stepped up."

Trevor Torrez (113-pound weight class), Chandler Mazur (120), Erik Wyman (126), E.J. Monterroso (132), Dylan Tressler (138), Brae Bergdolt (145) and Tay Barker (152) finished off the dual with seven consecutive victories for the

The final score was Pagosa Springs 66, Bayfield 9.

"It's funny because in wrestling, it's match to match, those matches can be real close," said Janowsky. "If you were to watch a basketball game and the score was 66 to 9. it wouldn't be interesting at all ... It was a very, very exciting dual despite that score because each match was hard-fought because we got the edge on 'em and just kept goin'."

Rocky Mountain Dual

Pirates

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and two blocks.

On Friday, the Pirates hosted the Bloomfield Bobcats for the Rocky Mountain Dual.

points to the team's total, which

she complemented with a pair of

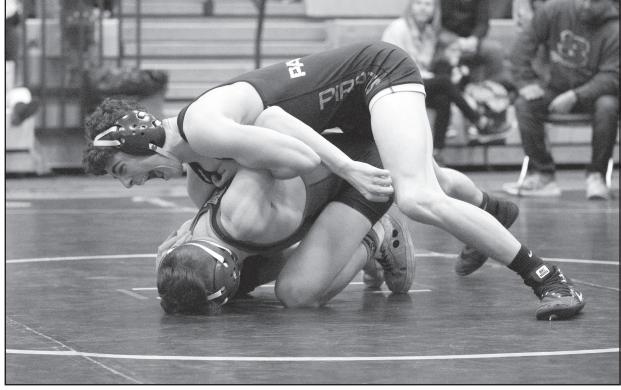
Molly Graham rounded out Pa-

Pagosa shot 65 percent from

gosa's scoring with four points, with

Graham also having five rebounds

rebounds, an assist and a steal.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate Dylan Tressler puts a hold on Bloomfield's Diego Snell-Martinez during the Rocky Mountain Dual on Friday. Tressler pinned Snell-Martinez in under two minutes to help propel the Pirates to a 46-27 victory.

The Bobcats jumped out to an early 21-0 lead.

Prunty lost in just over a minute to Bloomfield's Nick Duarte, scoring six points for the Bobcats.

The Pirates forfeited the 106-pound weight class, scoring another six points for the Bobcats. Torrez lost by decision 6-2 to

Adan Benavidez, scoring three points for the Bobcats.

Bloomfield's Matthais DeHerrera pinned Mazur in just under three minutes, scoring six points and putting the Bobcats up 21-0.

Wyman began the Pirates comeback, pinning Bloomfield's Ayden Reinhardt in 3:36.

Including Wyman's victory, which brought the Pirates to within 15 points of the Bobcats at 21-6, the Pirates won eight of their nine final matches.

Monterroso won by decision 11-2, earning three points.

Dylan Tressler (138 pounds) pinned Diego Snell-Martinez in less than two minutes.

Brae Bergdolt (145 pounds) and Tay Barker (152 pounds) picked up a pair of forfeits, earning 12 points for the Pirates.

Lucero and Clark both pinned their opponent in less than three minutes to pick up six points each for Pagosa Springs.

McKee picked up a forfeit in the 195-pound weight class, making the final score against Bloomfield Pirates 46, Bobcats 27.

Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational

23 attempts.

Sanford's 11.

Deemed the favorite event for Pagosa grapplers, coaches and some out-of-town teams who attend the event, the Pirates hosted the Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational on Saturday.

The Lady Pirates turned the

"When we play well, we do some

ball over 12 times, compared to

good things, but we've gotta look at

trying to work on moving forward

is having smaller windows of bad

basketball," the coach said. "You

the free-throw line, making 15 of know, our defense is pretty good son and sits as the No. 6 team in 2A

The Pirates came into the tournament having won the event two years in a row and looked to add a third consecutive victory to their list of wrestling accomplishments.

Janowsky highlighted Wyman and Monterroso, saying both "took a big step forward in their wrestling.'

Both earned first place in their respective weight classes.

E.J., that was big ... He was wrestling the state champion from Utah in the finals. He just wrestled really smart, same with Eric. He stayed out of areas that kind of give him trouble," Janowsky said. "I would imagine that's the first high school tournament he's won."

Monterroso pinned his opponents in less than three minutes up until the championship round, where he beat Monticello's Brevin Olson by decision 3-0 to snatch first place in the 132-pound weight

Wyman took first in the 126-pound weight class, winning the championship round by technical fall, which is when a wrestler is ahead by 15 points or more.

"When you've coached a guy for a while, you know and he knows what kinds of things they do that cause him to slow down, and Saturday he just never went there," Janowsky said of Wyman. "He didn't have an opponent strong enough to put him there and he looked really good."

Janowsky also highlighted the work of Skyler Hill at the 220-pound weight class, and explained Hill rose to the occasion and performed well on a big stage.

Hill went undefeated at the tournament and secured his first-place finish by pinning Aztec's Caleb Varzeas in the sixth minute.

most of the time. We did have a

few errors in judgment about get-

tin' out and contesting 3-pointers

against Sanford, but for the most

part our defense is pretty good.

But ... we've gotta get a little more

consistent on the offensive end as

Sanford is now 4-4 on the sea-

far as execution of things.'

Tressler took second at the tournament, winning all his matches but the championship round, where he fell to Centauri's Evan Chavez by decision 2-1 to fall just short of a first-place finish.

Torrez nabbed third at the tournament, winning by decision 5-2 against Taos' Mante Chacon to secure his third-place finish after falling to Monte Vista's Damian Lopez in the semifinals.

Bergdolt nabbed first in the 145-pound weight class, beating Pueblo Central's Josh Atencio by decision 8-4.

Lucero continued his dominance as returning state champion, winning the semifinals by technical fall and pinned Aztec's Zane Chapman in 1:31 to secure a first place

The scoring for the tournament works the following way: 16 points for a first-place finish, 12 points for second place, nine points for third place, seven points for fourth place, five points for fifth place and sixth gets three points. Pagosa Springs won the tour-

nament with a team score of 244 points, ahead of Aztec's 231.5, Centauri's 200 and Bloomfield's 143.

Janowsky explained there are also points for advancement, saying, "each time you win, you advance forward on the bracket and get 'advancement points.'

Janowsky explained that the lead kept going back and forth between Pagosa Springs and Aztec, but the Pirates finished strong and secured the victory.

The Pirates' next match is the Mel Smith Invitational, which kicks off at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at Florence High School and continues Saturday.

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girls' basketball in the state.

"Sanford's a good team," Wes

Lewis said of Sanford. "They're go-

ing to win a lot of games. They've

got four losses and, you know, two

of them are Centauri and one of

them's to us and one of them's to

Alamosa. And they're going to win

a lot of basketball games this year.

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BASKETBALL

Pirates lose to Sanford, begin league play at home tomorrow

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

A road game against the 2A Sanford Indians on Jan. 11 did not go the way the No. 22 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team would have liked, as the team lost by a score of 51-37, marking the team's fourth loss of the season.

It was a close game after one quarter, with it being tied at six. Sanford went on to outscore Pagosa 15-9 in the second quarter to take a 21-15 lead into the half.

In the second half, the Indians outscored the Pirates 30-22 to secure a 51-37 home victory.

Mitch Lewis was the lone Pirate to score in double figures, finishing with 14 points, two rebounds and a block.

Ryan Lewis added eight points, a team-high seven rebounds, a steal and a block.

Kyler Hammer contributed six Pagosa was third in the league points to go along with two rebounds and a steal.

Aidan O'Donnell finished with six points and a block.

Pagosa finished with 19 turnovers against Sanford, which is tied for the third most so far this season. At the free-throw line, Pagosa

only made 12 of 20 attempts, which equates to 60 percent at the char-Pagosa did not play well against

Sanford and let the Indians' pressure get to them, coach Randy Sorenson explained in an email.

"We let their pressure get to us and we turned the ball over, therefore we never really got into offense. Our defense was suspect at times also," he wrote.

The loss drops Pagosa's overall record to 5-4. This drops Pagosa to fourth in the Intermountain League (IML) standings. Last week standings.

The test begins

Upcoming for Pagosa will be the start of league play with games against the top two teams in the IML.

On Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. Pagosa will take on the No. 16 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers (6-3 overall) at home.

Last season, Pagosa split the season series with Cortez.

Heading into this matchup, Cortez is currently riding a twogame win streak with wins coming against the 2A Ignacio Bobcats and the 4A Durango Demons.

On Jan. 18 at 7 p.m., Pagosa will host the IML-leading and undefeated No. 3 Centauri Falcons (9-0 overall).

The Pirates also split the season series with Centauri last year.

"This weekend is gonna be very

important to our season. We begin league play against two really good teams," Sorenson wrote.

Given that both games are at home, Sorenson noted that the Pirates are going to have to play well and get off to a good start.

"Both teams are quick and active and they will pressure the heck out of you. They are both high energy teams," he explained. "They both can score the basketball."

Heading into the games against Cortez and Centauri, Pagosa will have to limit turnovers, Sorenson noted.

Mason Snarr, who has missed the last two games due to injury, could be back, Sorenson noted.

"Our defense is going to have to be especially good and we are going to have to control their shooters and not allow them to shoot us out of the gym," he explained. "It is going to be tough but if we play well and compete we should be fine."

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Pirates

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They've had a tough schedule. Sanford's a quality opponent."

The Lady Pirates are now 6-2 heading into IML play, which begins Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. at PSHS and continues Saturday evening at the same time and place.

The Lady Pirates are the No. 6 team in 3A Colorado girls' bas-

ketball entering league play, with a pair of IML foes also sitting in the top 10: Centauri at No. 3 and Alamosa at No. 4.

On Friday, the Lady Pirates will welcome the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, who are 2-5 on the sea-

Then, on Saturday, Pagosa will welcome the 9-0 Centauri Falcons to town.

The Lady Pirates have been dealing with sickness this week, the

"We hope to get back to being full-strength at practice tonight," the coach said Wednesday, "and have a couple good practices today and tomorrow.

Wes Lewis noted the team is

and working to prepare for both He noted that Cortez appears to run a zone defense, while Centauri

worried about Cortez first, but

is obviously looking at Centauri

runs a man defense. "We've gotta prepare for both things this week," he said.

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Santa Fe skier posts fastest time at Fun Race

By Melanie Allen Special to The SUN

Wolf Creek Ski Area held its third Fun Race of the season on Sunday, Jan. 12. There were 22 racers this time and the fastest time of the day was 45.02 made by Lindsay Rasmussen, of Santa Fe, N.M. Her mother, Lisa Rasmussen, of Salida, raced in a

separate age bracket, coming in only

8.29 seconds behind her daughter.

Nancy Wells placed first in the Women 51-60 with a time of 1:16.62. In the Boys 9-11, Ryan Rich placed first with a time of 50.38 and Noah Bellino placed second with a time

of 52.74. Robert Naundorff placed second in the Boys 12-14 with a time of 58.95.

In the Boys 18-20, Matthias Dodson placed first with a time of 49.47 and Dalton Walls placed third with a time of 55.81.

Robbie Naundorff placed third with a time of 58.1 in the Men 36-40.

In the Men 51-60, Jim Prutsman placed first with a time of 52.68.

Wayne Walls placed first in the

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Audubon Society meeting to feature Roger Organ's trip to Africa previews of Organ's photographs at

By Jean Zirnhelt

Special to The SUN

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Water production up 1 million gallons due to spillage

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

Water production from Jan. 3 through Jan. 9 was 1 million gallons higher than it was from Dec. 27, 2019, through Jan. 2, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

From Jan. 3 through Jan. 9, total water production was listed at 11.43 million gallons; from Dec. 27, 2019, through Jan. 2, water production totaled 10.43 million gallons.

Contributing to the 11.43 million gallons, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 3.56 million gallons and the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 7.87 million

gallons. In an interview on Tuesday, Ramsey explained that this increase

in water production is due to spilling. "Something is going on where we are having a hard time. The tanks are either dropping or they're spilling,"

he said. "We've got to figure out how

117 percent of median, according

to the Natural Resources Conserva-

increased 7 percent since last

week, going from 94 percent of median to 101 percent of median

The Upper San Juan site has

At the Wolf Creek summit, a 2

By Chris Mannara

tion Service (NRCS).

Staff Writer

this week.

the tanks are spilling."

According to Ramsey, tank spillage has been problematic for years in the area.

"We have a valve that we use to control the water going from [the] Meadows tank to [the] Stevens tank. Those tanks, although they're located far apart, are the same elevation and they are supposed to float equally," Ramsey said. "I think that valve is going. I think the reason the water was up is, I think, that we have water spilling out of Stevens tank."

This is not going to be an easy fix, according to Ramsey.

"It's on Aspenglow and North Pagosa, right in the middle of the road," he said. "I think we're just going to let it go until this spring because we are going to move it outside of the road.'

Hatcher Lake is currently 1 inch from full when last week it was full.

Stevens Lake is 32 inches from full this week, or 90.48 percent full, when last week it was 34 inches from full. Lake Pagosa remains at 5 inches

from full while Village Lake remains full. Lake Forest has remained at 3 inches from full this week as well.

Total diversion flows remain at 4.5 cubic feet per second (cfs), with the West Fork diversion still contributing 3 cfs and the Four Mile diversion still contributing 1.5 cfs.

Snow water equivalency (SWE) is 16.4 inches this week. Last week it was 15.5 inches. SWE median increased from 16

inches to 16.3 inches this week. This week, SWE data is 110.6 percent of median. Last week, it was 96.9

percent of median. Precipitation data has slightly increased from last week, going from 16.5 inches to 16.6 inches.

The precipitation average has increased 1.5 inches from last week, going from 17.6 inches to 18.9 inches this week.

Precipitation data is 87.8 percent of median this week, a drop from last week when it was 93.8 percent of median.

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Local basin snowpack totals see no change since last week

percent decrease was reported,

with snowpack totals dropping

from 99 percent of median to 97 Local basins have not seen a percent of median this week. change in their collective snowpack Local snowpack could see a decent increase with snow in the totals since last week, remaining at

> Weather Service (NWS). The NWS indicates a 60 percent chance of snow for Pagosa Springs today, which increases to a 90 per-

forecast, according to the National

cent chance tonight and tomorrow. The rest of the week, however, is going to be cloudy and sunny,

according to the NWS.

Wolf Creek Pass has the same forecast as Pagosa Springs, according to the NWS.

In an email to The SUN, NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta explained that snowpack totals are still looking good.

"Right now we are at 48% percent of peak with 108 days left until average peak or 55% of the season left at the Wolf Creek site and 51% of peak with 83 days left until average peak or 54% of the season left, so we are set up well right now,"

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Winterfest



Fire and Ice WinterFest promises hot and cool events

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of the theme.

WinterFest will be held from Jan. 24-26. The theme for this year's

event is Fire and Ice. We have over 15 hot air balloon pilots contributing to the fire side

As for ice, we will again host the Penguin Plunge and heartily support the other "cool" events such as the fat tire bike race, the BB gun biathlon, the Sledz on Rez race and, new this year, the Skis and Saddles Skijoring event. What a weekend

Start planning now as well to build your sled for the Sledz on Rez race to be held the afternoon of Jan. 25.

If your organization has people plunging in the river for the Penguin Plunge — also to be held on Jan. 25 — plunge forms are online at the Chamber's website, www.

Get your bikes tuned to enter the bike race on Saturday or tune up your cross-country skis for the BB Gun Biathlon.

If you are a skier or horse person and want to learn more about how you can participate in the exciting Skis and Saddles Skijoring event, visit www.skisandsaddles.com. This event will take place on Hot Springs Boulevard in the center of all that is happening downtown that weekend.

Remember that on both Saturday and Sunday mornings, the hot air balloon mass ascension will take place on the west side of town in the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association area near the Rec Center. This time of year, with the snow-capped mountains, there are some stunning photos to be taken.

There is something for everyone over WinterFest weekend. To find out more, visit www.pagosachamber.com.

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Group to hold Red Ryder BB Gun Biathlon Nordic race

By James Dickhoff Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Nordic Club hosted the first race of the Southwest

Nordic Race Series last weekend on Saturday, Jan. 11, at Cloman Park with a 20-km freestyle (skate ski) Nordic race. The event also hosted a citizens 5km skate ski and 5km classic ski and a youth 3km classic ski and a KidK.

The event drew more than 40 racers from around the southwest region, some of whom are participating in the Southwest Race Series. The 20-km race attracted many elite Nordic ski racers. Top finishers included: Men's first place, Karl Walezak; second place, Brett Wilson; and third place, Terry Daley; women's first place, Molly Hummel; second place, Sanna Sevanto; and third place, Emily

Additional races in the Southwest Series include: Chama Chile 16km freestyle in Chama, N.M., on Jan. 18; 15-km Butch Cassidy Ski Classic at the Telluride Nordic Center on Feb. 8; and the 30-km Pine Needle Langlauf at the Durango Nordic Center on Feb. 22. The best skiers in the race series will be crowned the king and queen of the Southwest Nordic Race Series.

Pagosa Nordic's next events are during WinterFest weekend. On Saturday, Jan. 25, Pagosa Nordic will host a Learn to Cross-Country Ski Clinic for never-evers, beginners and intermediates for either classic cross-country skiing or

Nordic will host the Red Ryder BB Gun Biathlon Nordic race for all ages and abilities. Racers shoot at targets in between laps. There will out on the trails.

be a 16-km competitive course, a citizens 4-km and a KidK course. Event details and registration is available at pagosanordic.com under the events tab.

Nordic ski trail conditions have been excellent this season. Trails are groomed wide for skate skiing with set tracks for classic crosscountry skiing. Current trails being groomed include: 14 km at Coyote Hill groomed by the Pagosa Ranger District, 10 km at Alberta Park groomed by the Wolf Creek Ski Area and the Pagosa Nordic Club is grooming 10 km at West Fork, 10 km at Laverty Ranch and 10 km at Cloman/Davis Ranch. Please note that the Laverty Ranch and Davis Ranch are for Nordic skiing only and are non-canine areas. Check out pagosanordic.com for more details.

The Pagosa Nordic Club is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, 100 percent volunteer organization with a mission "To enhance winter recreational opportunities in Pagosa Springs by maintaining accessible groomed winter trails for skate skiing and classic cross-country skiing for all ability levels and to encourage and promote the use of these winter trails through education, marketing and events."

The club serves as the local advocate for groomed cross-country ski trails and you can find current cross-country ski trail grooming reports, trail maps, activity and event schedules at pagosanordic. com. The club relies on annual club memberships and sponsors to cover expenses associated On Sunday, Jan. 26, Pagosa with providing groomed Nordic ski trails. All local ski shops offer rental gear.

Grab your skis and we'll see you



Nordic skiing racers take off from a mass start at Cloman Park on Saturday, Jan. 11, during the Pagosa Nordic Club's season-opener Nordic ski race featuring the first race of this season's Southwest Nordic Race Series.

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DUST2 announces lineup of winter activities

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It's winter in Pagosa Springs and DUST2 is bringing you a lineup of fun winter events for the whole

Kick off the winter fun this Friday, Jan. 18, at the Pagosa Climbing Initiative Cabin Fever Festival, where DUST2 will be hosting bike trainer competition. There will be hot drinks and fun prizes.

The very next weekend, DUST2 will be going all in for WinterFest Jan. 25-26. Grab the family and begin your WinterFest fun at the WinterFest Fat Bike Race at Yamaguchi Park. This family-friendly, downtown course is groomed by the Pagosa Nordic Club and all participants receive a fresh crepe and hot drink.

Be sure to cheer on the DUST2 Sledz on Rez sled team and head down to the river to cheer for the DUST2 Penguin Plungers.

DUST2 will be closing out the day's festivities with our second annual WinterFest After Party at Motel SOCO with live music provided by Brooks-I. This year, we will be crowning the day's king and queen of WinterFest. There will be food trucks and drink specials.

Our last event for the winter season is our annual Fat Bike Fun Race on Forest Service Road 725 on Feb. 22. This epic 4- or 7-mile course beautifully groomed by the Wolf Creek Trailblazers is truly an adventure race.

This year, we are excited to announce that our Fat Bike Fun Race will be a part of the exciting line of events at the all new Frozen Foot Festival — more details to come. The winter forecast is looking great and we hope you will join us for the fun. For more information, visit www. dustx2.com, https://www.facebook. com/pagosabike/ or call 398-1168.



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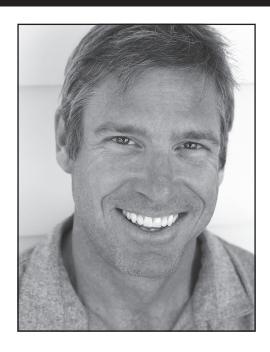
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Goals & Accomplishments Archuleta School District 50 Jt.

SUN staff asked representatives of publicly funded agencies in Archuleta County to individually answer a trio of questions relating to the goals and accomplishments of themselves and their agencies at the turn of the year.

Their answers will be printed in The SUN over the coming weeks. Answers are printed as received and are not edited.

Brooks Lindner, President of the Archuleta School District 50 Jt. Board of Education



What were your three biggest accomplishments in 2019?

None of these accomplishments are mine, but rather they are the result of the work and collaboration of ASD staff, our community, and our school board. In our April regular meeting, the school board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Build Pagosa, Inc. that focuses on the construction of a new Career and Technical Education building. This is a great example of a community and school district collaboration to address a need in our schools and community. The work around this is ongoing, and our board is focused on supporting staff as they build upon our current CTE offerings and look for ways to develop more. In September and October our board held two summits during which we learned about the new district strategic framework. This was created by our admin staff, with input from our teacher leadership cadre, over many months of intentional design work. The new framework provides a strategic agenda for operations in ASD. It is focused on building a culture of learning excellence in ASD, facilitating a deeper connection among the schools in the district, taking the next step in academic rigor, and engaging important partnerships and resources. The board voted to adopt the framework in November. Lastly, our board began the process of searching for a new superintendent in September. It was a goal of mine to begin this work as early as possible. Data suggests that the

earlier in a school year that superintendent candidates can be identified, the higher quality the pool will be. The board is in a great position to hire an excellent superintendent.

What are your three top goals for 2020?

My first goal is to hire a superintendent who will lead and serve our students, staff, and community on a continuous path of improvement. This will be one of the most important actions that I will have taken in my time on school board. Our goal is to have a new superintendent hired by the end of January. My second goal is to renew board efforts around communication and community engagement. My third goal is twofold and more focused on my new role as president of the school board: I will create new norms for our agenda-setting process that are equitable for all board members and are proactive at addressing district goals, and I will provide support and leadership for new and veteran board members so that we can work cooperatively and effectively to do what's best for the students of ASD.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

The action to hire a new superintendent is already taking place. After reviewing several different superintendent search consulting firms, our board hired McPherson & Jacobson, L.L.C. I have been pleased with the process which has included

input from community members, all levels of staff, and students. I believe our board has been able to develop a clear picture of what our community and staff want from a new superintendent. I look forward to the decision. In order to reinvigorate our communication efforts, I will collaborate with our district admin team to identify what our needs are at this time, what our available resources are, and what the best course of action is to address the needs. I will initiate discussion with our board to find ways for our community and ASD staff to be able to regularly visit with the school board face-to-face. I am also exploring options for our school board meetings to be made more accessible to the community via media and technology. Regarding meeting agenda norms, I have already started to have those conversations with the admin team and my fellow board members, and I am using models that I learned at our annual school board conference. As for support and leadership, I want to first show gratitude and respect to my predecessor, Dr. Greg Schick. He served on the Archuleta School District board of directors for ten years and was president for six of those. I can honestly say that he made it look easy. I hope to live up to his example of being a good listener and running productive and efficient meetings. I will always do my homework, and most important, no matter what issue we are dealing with on our school board, I will always keep the foundational perspective in mind of doing what's best for the children of Archuleta County.

Linda Reed, Superintendent for Archuleta School District 50 Jt.



What were your three biggest accomplishments in 2019?

Once again, our top three accomplishments for 2019 were tied directly to the goals we set for ourselves for the 2018-2019 school year. The first, which was to improve the safety and security of our buildings, we were able to accomplish, in part, through the generous support of our community taxpayers, and collaboration of both the Archuleta County Sherriff's Office and the Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department. We were able to bring on three School Resource Officers for the 2019-2020 school year. Additionally, through funding from the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) Grant we were able to construct a School Resource Officer space as well as provide secure entrances to all buildings at Pagosa Springs High School. Through the use of Capital Improvement funds, we were also able to create secure access entrances to all other district buildings, including the elementary and middle schools, the Maintenance and Transportation Building, and the Administration Building. Finally, we were able to secure grant funding to provide radios to all key staff members that are also interoperable with local safety organizations as well as outfit all of our buses with twoway statewide radio communication capabilities.

Our second goal was to revise the district Strategic Framework to reflect our desire to become a District of Distinction. This Framework was approved by the school board in the fall of 2019 and consists of four Strategic Pillars. These are: to build a culture of learning excellence in ASD; to facilitate a deeper connection among the schools in the district; to take the next step in academic rigor; and

to engage important partnerships and resources. Each Strategic Pillar is backed by extensive research and is supported by a multi-phase implementation plan for each of the district's schools.

Our third and final goal was to expand pathways and offerings for students at the secondary level. With the addition of multiple Advanced Placement classes this year, including a college prep elective, college bound students have opportunities to take extremely rigorous courses that will better prepare them for their Post-Secondary Education Pathway. We have also added options for students who may be interested in a career in the health field with the creation of a Health Sciences Department. Other courses that support the Hospitality Pathway include Hospitality and Tourism in the Business Department and Catering in the Career and Technical Education Department. Depending upon student interest and qualified staff, we will add additional pathways in the years to come.

What are your three top goals for 2020?

Our goals for 2020 are the following:
• Support the administrators, teachers and support staff at each of the schools in the implemen-

tation of their phased objectives of the Strategic

Framework

• Pursue BEST grant funding for improvements

to Pagosa Springs Middle School
• Provide a smooth transition for Archuleta

School District's new superintendent What is your action plan to meet your goals?

At our monthly principal meetings, each

principal provides an update on initiatives that are related to the Strategic Framework which includes progress made, and any requests for support that they need. We are also working with an outside consultant, who is developing a data dashboard that will show, in an easy to understand format, the outcomes from multiple measures, including assessments and surveys, that we are using to measure success for our students and our staff. The Archuleta School District Board of Education has indicated that they wish the new superintendent to be someone who is willing to carry forth the full implementation of the Strategic Framework in the

Working with RTA Architects, the group with whom we partnered for the successful BEST grant for improvements to Pagosa Springs High School, we will submit an application in the early Spring of 2020, to build a School Resource Officer space in the 7/8 Building, replace the HVAC system, replace doors on both the 5/6 and 7/8 Building, as well as upgrade the Fire Alarm System in the 7/8 Building. These safety upgrades are part of the long range Facilities Plan that was developed by the Planning Assistance Team.

Whenever an organization goes through a leadership change, it can cause concerns about disruption so I appreciate the board's proactive stance regarding the identification of the next superintendent for Archuleta School District so early in 2020. This timeframe will allow ample time to work with the incoming superintendent to ensure a smooth transition on July 1, 2020.

Celebration

Kimberly Taylor Dawson

More than 4,400 Baylor University students were named to the dean's academic honor roll for the 2019 fall semester. Students honored on the dean's list are undergraduates with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7, while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Kimberly Taylor Dawson, of Pagosa Springs, was named to the dean's list this fall at the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work.

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Education

'Incomplete' feasibility study delays purchase of charter school building

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

At a regular meeting of the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors on Jan. 13, it was revealed that the school's building committee had not closed on a purchase of the Parelli building in which the school is housed at the end of 2019.

PPOS had been originally looking to secure a \$3 million loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help close on the \$4.4 million Parelli building, though that amount has since been re-

PPOS board member and building committee member Ashlev Wilson explained in a follow-up interview that the delay was caused by gaps in a feasibility study submitted by the school's certified public accountant (CPA).

"Part of the USDA loan process is that you have to have a feasibility study completed," Wilson said.

PPOS's building committee had its current CPA do the feasibility study. That study was then presented from the state USDA office to the federal USDA office because of the loan amount, Wilson explained.

That feasibility study was submitted in early December of 2019, Wilson noted.

"There were pieces of the feasibility study that the USDA felt were incomplete," Wilson said.

The USDA sent back the feasibility study and provided a list of things to correct, she explained

Specifically, there were things that just were not addressed, according to Wilson.

"They said they can't close on the loan until those things are answered and completed by the CPA," Wilson said. "The person who completed the original feasibility study didn't feel like there were any gaps in the work. And so we are now commissioning a new feasibility

The PPOS building committee is now looking for a new CPA to do its new feasibility study, and a new request for bids has been put out for a new CPA to do so, PPOS board member Ashley Wilson explained.

study with those list of items that the USDA would like in order to proceed with the loan documents."

The PPOS building committee is now looking for a new CPA to do its new feasibility study, and a new request for bids has been put out for a new CPA to do so, she explained.

The request has been put out to the Colorado League of Charter Schools as well as other entities, Wilson added later.

The PPOS building committee is making sure to ask prospective candidates if they have completed feasibility studies before, she explained.

"The feasibility study was an extra piece of work that he did for us outside of what his normal role for the school CPA is," Wilson said.

Despite the delay, Wilson said this does not mean a lot for PPOS.

"Unfortunately, those are things that nobody could foresee. So, we're proceeding forward just like we were before, it just means that we didn't close before the end of the year," she said.

Once the new feasibility study is obtained, it will be submitted again to the USDA, she explained.

Wilson noted that the state's USDA representative indicated that he did not feel like this delay will hamper the PPOS building committee's ability to receive the funding.

"They just want to make sure it's completed the way their rules are set out," she said. "We have the list to make sure all of those things are included for the next one. Our hope would be that we can get it turned around in a timely fashion and go right back to the closing table."

Even with the delay, the interest rate on the building dropped to 2.75 percent from 3 percent, Wilson noted.

However, Wilson noted that the building committee for PPOS would have been delayed anyway due to a \$600,000 Department of

Public Notices

The PPOS building committee

PPOS Business Manager Chenni

will not hear back on the USDA

loan until the new feasibility study

Hammon, who also serves as the

treasurer and secretary for the

building committee, explained in

an interview that the building com-

mittee will be lowering its USDA

loan request to \$2.9 million this

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Lewis St., "not less than 24 hours

before commencement of each

regular and special meeting of

the Board if there is an exigent

or emergency circumstance such

as a power outage or an interrup-

During her regular superin-

tendent's report, ASD Superin-

tendent Linda Reed explained

that work has been done on the

implementation plan for the

On Jan. 8, ASD's adminis-

trative team had a meeting

that was facilitated by both Will

Neder and Matt Klausmier on

the development of a dashboard

that mirrors the Massachusetts

Consortium for Innovative Edu-

cation Assessment framework,

school culture, academic learn-

ing, citizenship and well-being,

teachers and teaching, environ-

ment and resources," Reed said,

adding that more discussions

the teacher leadership cadre to

get their input on how the frame-

work should be shared with staff.

Reed noted she also met with

will be held on Jan. 31.

"The dashboard will focus on

according to Reed.

district's strategic framework.

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time around.

is completed, Wilson noted.

22, 2020 Navajo Peak Lodge, LLC, represented by Eric Scheufle described as a tract of land lying and being in the East 1 of the East ½ of Section 10, Township 32 North, Range East (PLN19-465), property owner Navajo Peak Lodge LLC. The property is zoned Agricultural Ranching. Th

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FOR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING ON FEBRUARY 4, 2020 Navajo Peak Lodge, LLC, represented by Eric Scheufler

has applied for a Variance from the paving requirement outlined in Section 27.1.6.3.G of the Archuleta County Road & Bridge Design Standards and Section 5.4.5 of the Land Use Regulations, on property located at 24601 US Hwy 84, Chromo, CO, legally described as a tract of land lying and being in the East ½ of the East ½ of Section 10, Township 32 North, Range 1 East (PLN19-465), property owner Navajo Peak Lodge, LLC. The property is zone Agricultural Ranching.

Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@ 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting.
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School district receives clean audit, approves meeting posting locations, discusses strategic framework

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

the fiscal year of 2019.

At the Jan. 14 meeting of the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education, the board approved a clean audit from Mayberry & Company LLC for

Local Affairs (DOLA) grant that

PPOS received in June of last year.

anyway because the DOLA grant.

The contract was under review,

so the school and the town still

have to sign that," she said. "The

DOLA funds weren't ready to be

released. The DOLA funds have to

be released at the time of closing.

So even if this hiccup hadn't hap-

pened, we would not have been

able to close."

"We would have been delayed

Also at that same meeting, the ASD board approved a resolution regarding the annual posting of meetings.

In accordance with Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(2) (c) that states, "The public place or places for posting such notice shall be designated annually at the local public body's first regular meeting of each calendar year,"the ASD board adopted its 2020 board meeting resolution.

That resolution explains that ASD board meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, which is located at 800 S. 8th St., unless otherwise designated.

The public place for posting such notices will be at www. boarddocs.com/co/asdco/ Board.nsf. A link can also be found on ASD's website.

A hard copy of agendas will be available for inspection and posted during regular business hours at ASD's district administration offices located at 309

There were also meetings held with ASD principals that discussed the rollout process for Strategic Framework 2.0 on

a professional development day

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Ten priority bills of the year announced

We're off and running. The 2020 session started last week and the Capitol is buzzing with predictions and expectations about what will happen this year. We're also reflecting on what we accomplished last year and how we made good on our

I co-sponsored the full-day kindergarten bill last year and now about 92 percent of kindergartenaged students are attending classes. As a former teacher, I understand the value of early childhood education and how it prepares students for a standard of lifelong learning. earn. These hardworking Colora-Full-day kindergarten saves many parents the tuition money they would otherwise spend; it also saved districts the money they were spending to offer a full day of education.

Some of my 2019 bills addressed other aspects of education, including training our principals to be leaders, which can change the tenor of a school. Students in teacher education programs will now be taught the best practices compiled by groups of educators, outlining what they wish they knew when they started teaching or what they learned in a classroom. We also set aside stipends for teachers in rural schools to encourage them to enjoy the camaraderie and beauty of rural Colorado.

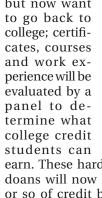
One bill I sponsored last session established the Food Systems Advisory Council at Colorado State University to match food producers with food consumers. This onestop shopping process makes it easier for both to call one number. Producers may have lots of a particular food that consumers, like schools, prisons or hospitals, may need. It keeps our local foods local and stabilizes markets for farmers and ranchers.

Another bill protects our water from acid mine drainage by having mine owners post a bond before opening their mine, which will be used for cleanup once they're done. Too many mining companies go bankrupt, left without the resources to clean up after themselves; this bill assures that won't happen and taxpayers won't have to pay.

And we found resources to help people living in the wildland-urban interface to mitigate their properties in advance of another wildfire season. This lowers insurance costs and keeps fires from spreading unnecessarily.

As a legislature, we worked to make our state more affordable and equitable for all Coloradoans. To continue that work, we must work together to find the best solutions for our problems.

The first 10 priority bills of the year were released last week, and I'm happy one of mine is No. 2. The bill will help people who have been working but now want



students can doans will now have a semester or so of credit before they even get started, encouraging them to pursue a degree. We learned in our committee how students in higher education are not just high school graduates any more. They are older and more experienced, and should be encouraged to pursue more education if they want. This bill will

A second bill of mine addresses school newspapers, one of my loves during my years of teaching. The statute governing the student press was written in the 1970s, and



Rep. McLachlan's

help them get the start they need.

of course did not include online

newspapers. This bill will update the statute so students will have their First Amendment rights guaranteed whether their writing is in print or online. It will also protect the teacher from administrative retaliation for supporting a student following the law.

Together, the 72nd General Assembly is considering bills related to affordable health care and more mental health help. We are looking at bills concerning teen vaping and smoking, rural economic development and further wildfire mitigation in high-risk areas. The Safe2Tell program, which has become increasingly utilized in Colorado, could be improved, helping students in need to quickly get the help they need.

Our goal this year is to work together to make our state more affordable, build an economy that's for all and protect our Colorado way of life. Though only 10 bills made the list of priorities, we'll consider many more during this next session. I will continue working with both Democrats and Republicans to get the good work done, while also faithfully representing District 59.



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Bird migration timing skewed by climate

By Robin Young and Mary Guidon SUN Columnist

Life cycles for birds, insects and trees are shifting in this current era of a rapidly changing climate. How migration patterns, in particular, are changing and whether birds can track climate change is an open question

Kyle Horton, assistant professor at Colorado State University (CSU), led a new study analyzing nocturnal bird migration that he hopes will lead to more answers about shifting migration patterns. He and the research team used 24 years of radar data from NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, for the study.

The research team — including scientists from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the University of Massachusetts — found that spring migrants were likely to pass certain stops earlier now than they would have 20 years ago. Temperature and migration timing were closely aligned, with the greatest changes in migration timing occurring in regions warming most rapidly. During fall, shifts in migration timing were less apparent.

The study, one of the first to examine the impacts of climate change on migration timing at a continental scale, was published Dec. 16, 2019, in Nature Climate

Horton described the breadth of the research as "critically important," with the team observing the nocturnal migratory behaviors of hundreds of species representing billions of birds.

"To see changes in timing at continental scales is truly impressive, especially considering the diversity of behaviors and strategies used by the many species the radars capture," he said.

Yet, while the team saw these shifts, Horton noted that this doesn't necessarily mean that migrants are keeping pace with climate change.

Migratory birds serve an important role in ecosystems. They eat and take insects off the land. disperse seeds and serve other significant functions, including measuring health in these ecosystems.

Andrew Farnsworth, the study's senior author and a research associate at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, said the team's research answered, for the first time, key questions on birds and climate

"Bird migration evolved largely as a response to changing climate," he said. "It's a global phenomenon involving billions of birds annually. And it's not a surprise that birds' movements track changing climates. But how assemblages of bird populations respond in an era of such rapid and extreme changes in climate has been a black box. Capturing scales and magnitudes of migration in space and time has been impossible until recently."

Researchers accessed NOAA datasets as part of the agency's Big Data Project, designed to provide access to data in a more efficient way.

Horton explained that this access to the data and cloud comput- cost is \$40.

ing greatly enhanced the team's ability to synthesize the findings.

"To process all of these data, without cloud computing, it would have taken over a year of continuous computing," he said. Instead, the team crunched the numbers in about 48 hours.

While Amazon Web Services provided access to the data, new algorithms designed by scientists at the University of Massachusetts revealed the potential of these radar data for biologists. Specifically, the scientists designed new computer vision techniques to remove weather data, a problem that had challenged biologists from

"Historically, a person had to look at each radar image to determine whether it contained rain or birds," said Dan Sheldon, associate professor of computer science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. "We developed 'MistNet,' an artificial intelligence system to detect patterns in radar images and remove rain automatically."

Horton, who works in the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Biology at CSU, said that the lack of change in fall migration patterns was a little surprising, though migration also tends to be a "little bit messier" during those

"In the spring, we see bursts of migrants, moving at a fairly rapid pace, ultimately to reach the breeding grounds," he explained. "However, during the fall, there's not as much pressure to reach the wintering grounds, and migration tends to move at a slower, more punctuated pace."

During the fall, birds are not competing for mates and the path to reach their destination is more relaxed. There is also a wider age range of birds migrating, as the young eventually realize they need to migrate, too. The combination of these factors makes fall migration more challenging to study.

Horton said the findings have implications for understanding future patterns of bird migration, since the birds rely on food and other resources as they travel. Under climate change, the timing of blooming vegetation or emergence of insects may be out of sync with the passage of migratory birds. This seemingly subtle shift could have negative consequences for the health of migratory birds.

Researchers plan to expand their data analysis to include Alaska, where climate change is having more serious impacts than in the lower 48 states in the U.S.

Upcoming events

January/February: Support your local 4-H Program by purchasing soup from a 4-H member.

Jan. 18: Cottage Foods Certification, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Extension office. This certification allows certain foods to be produced in home kitchens and be sold directly to the consumer. For more information, please call the office at 264-5931. To register, go to www. eventbrite.com/cottage-foodspagosa-co-tickets-83416072719 or come into the office to pay. The

Climate crisis to be topic at Democratic Club luncheon

By John Porco Special to The SUN

The Archuleta Democratic Club will hold its first monthly luncheon of 2020 on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 11:30 a.m. at Pagosa Brewing Company, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd.

The featured speaker will be Norbert Lechner, professor emeritus of architecture from Auburn University and a part-time Pagosa resident. His topic will be "Our Climate Crisis: What are the Real Causes and Why the Climate May

Lechner is a LEED AP and an expert on energy responsive architectural design. His books, articles and lectures stress sustainability and climate change as the greatest threat to a sustainable world. He is invited all over the world to speak about climate change and measures that can be taken to minimize its severity. He suggests that carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is a symptom and not the cause of the climate crisis.

In his view, immediate action

than most people think, because the climate may tip, resulting in rapid and irreversible damage to the planet. Please join us for this thought-provoking and data-rich presentation that will provide you with information that you can use to promote action on climate change.

The intent of the Archuleta Democratic Club is to provide an opportunity for dialogue on progressive ideas in an informal social setting, as well as providing an update on party activities, local, state and national.

We will begin gathering at 11:30 a.m. to allow some time for socializing, with lunch beginning at noon. There is no admission fee, but all participants will be asked to order lunch. Donations are welcome. Anyone interested in attending is asked to RSVP to John Porco, first vice chair of the Archuleta County Democratic Party, at jwppagosa@ gmail.com or at 946-2684 so that we can provide a count to the restaurant. All people are welcome at the lunch regardless of political affiliation, as the Democratic Party on the climate crisis is more urgent is a welcoming body.

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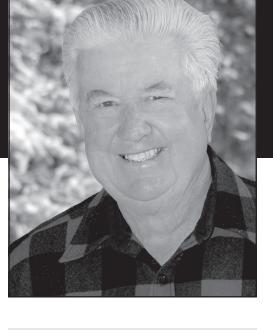
Lee Riley did a great job in helping us to sell our home. Lee's action-oriented style, communication skills and willingness to go the extra mile made all the difference. When we thought we had lost our buyer, Lee found a friendly way to continue the conversation. This ultimately led to a sale with a happy seller and a happy buyer.

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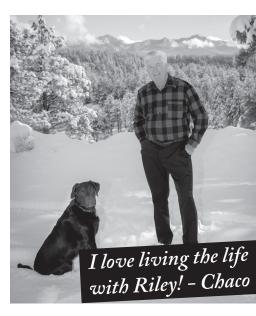
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Americana Project Concert



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The Americana Project and Intro to Guitar classes will be performing a concert on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at Pagosa Springs High School. The concert starts at 7 p.m. and is free. It will feature all the students of the Americana Project performing original and cover songs as soloists, duos and full band. The Intro to Guitar Class students will be featured playing four group songs. Please join us in support of these fine young musicians and music in the schools.

Cabin Fever festival, bonfire set for Jan. 18

By Michael Whiting

Special to The PREVIEW

On Jan. 18 at 4 p.m. along Hot Springs Boulevard, will be Pagosa's one and only original bonfire. Year two. Totally free event.

New and improved, there will be a bigger bonfire, multiple food trucks, libations of every sort and good beer. DJ Prophecy is providing the great sound waves.

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We are also planning to have disc golf tossing, a fat bike demo and a ski thing.

All proceeds from food, drink and donations go to your local nonprofit bouldering gym.

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The big burn is coming. Add to the pyre. Don't forget to drop off your Christmas tree at Pagosa's official drop-off site on Hot Springs Boulevard, just south of the Bank of the San Juans. Or, bring it to the fest if you want.

For more information, call 946-2422.

'Fly Me to the Moon' mystery box party to benefit Aspire

By Marcy Mitchell

Special to The PREVIEW

Aspire Medical Services and Education invites the Pagosa Springs community to fill its Valentine's Day with romance and mystery.

At 6 p.m. on Feb. 14, Aspire will host its inaugural "Fly Me to the Moon Valentine's Night Mystery Box Party" at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse on 230 Port Ave.

Each \$75 ticket includes delicious and unique food stations, desserts, a drink ticket, dancing and live music by our own Pagosa crooner, Bob Hemenger. Tickets are on sale at: http://aspirepagosa.org/valentines-night-party.

As part of the evening fun, Aspire will also sell mystery boxes that contain a prize in each box. One of the boxes contains the ultimate golden ticket and if you are the lucky winner, you will get to choose one out of four paid trip

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selections which includes airfare, lodging at a luxury resort and more.:

- Punta Cana, Dominican Republic: Four nights at a resort with airfare for two.
- Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada: Three nights at a luxury hotel with airfare for two.
- New York, New York: Threenight stay at a luxury hotel, Broadway tickets and airfare for two.
- Sonoma Coast/Napa Valley, Calif.: Four nights at two luxury retreats including private wine tasting and airfare for two.

Mystery boxes are \$25/box or five for \$100. In addition, several other amazing prizes will be in the boxes. Everyone will win something.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Aspire's affordable prenatal care program and parenting classes. Aspire currently provides services to more than 80 percent of all pregnant women in Archuleta County which include pregnancy tests, early ultra-

sounds, prenatal care, prenatal and parenting education and STI/STD testing and treatment.

Over the past two years, our prenatal clinic has helped lower the preterm birth rate and low birth rate percentage in our area by allowing disadvantaged women to see a quality medical doctor for prenatal care up to 36 weeks. The rate of low birth weight for babies born to our prenatal care clients in the last 12 months is only at 5.8 percent compared to a state average of 8 percent.

In addition, Aspire offers free childbirth, prenatal and parenting education to all parents of children age zero to 3. Aspire's goal is to help all children zero to 3 years of age thrive physically, emotionally and socially during the most pivotal stage of development.

For more information, visit http://aspirepagosa.org/valentines-night-party, or contact Kristi Smith at development@aspirepagosa.org or call 264-5963.

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Thursday

Riff Raff downtown: San Juan Mountain Boys, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Coyote Moon Bar and Grill: Karaoke with Lisa Saunders On m

The Springs Resort atrium: Bob Hemenger, 6 p.m.

Sunday

Motel SOCO: Adam Lopez, 3 p.m.

Wednesday

Riff Raff downtown: Jack Ellis, 6 p.m.

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By Joan Mieritz

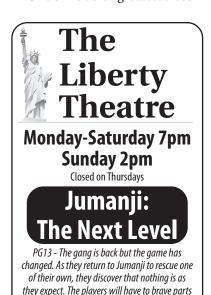
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The San Juan Stargazers' regular monthly meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 23, in the Visitor Center Conference Room located at 105 Hot Springs Blvd. beside the San Juan River. The meeting is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. sharp. Hot drinks will be served starting at 6:30 p.m. for social time as we gather.

Our first brief topic will be the wonderful StarLab, which is a portable planetarium that Anita Hinger, science teacher at Pagosa Springs Middle School, has been gathering money. It will benefit all 1,636 students of our school district. It is an outstanding multifunctional \$40,000 piece of science equipment that includes programs, in addition to astronomy, for weather, plate tectonics, geology and other areas. The Stargazers have made one \$1,000 donation, but many members are intent on raising more money since it is such a worthy project. There will be a report from our newly formed StarLab Fundraising Committee.

Our regular program is from the series that we have been studying for two years called "Experiencing Hubble: Understanding the Greatest Images of the Universe." This will be the last lesson from the series. It includes a written part and a video lecture by Professor David Meyer of Northwestern University. The lesson title is "Hubble's Legacy and Beyond."

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eries was made by comparing 2004 and 2006 data. By doing so, Hubble astronomers identified the first exoplanet, which is a planet outside our solar system. The next big step is to image extrasolar planets, but that will have to wait until the successor to the Hubble, the James Webb Space Telescope, is successfully launched. The Webb has

extended several launch dates because everything must be perfect.

The Hubble is in an orbit around the sun and was launched unknowingly with a huge error in its mirror. Astronauts had to visit the Hubble to correct that error and many other times to make repairs and additions over the years. The Webb

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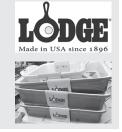
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'The Texas Homecoming Revolution of 1995' set to open Jan. 31

By Bill Hudson Special to The PREVIEW

Act I, scene one:

Setting: The girls' bathroom at a suburban high school near Houston, 1995. The doors to the stalls are

closed and feet can be seen beneath three of the stall doors. One by one, the stall doors fly open and three high school girls emerge.

Sammy: "It's a dark day in Texas." Tammy: "What are you talking about? It's like Christmas morn-

So begins the Thingamajig Theatre Company production of "The Texas Homecoming Revolution of

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Jess: "It's so good it's like Christmas and your birthday on the same day."

Sammy: "Like if you were Jesus." Jess: "No, Sammy, it's not like if you were Jesus."

Sammy: "Well ... if Christmas and your birthday were the same

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their ability to achieve such a level

of perfection.

The most difficult part is that the Webb will be a large telescope and must be launched with every part folded together to be small enough to escape Earth's gravity. Once it arrives at its distant location, each part needs to unfold and remotely attach. It essentially will be remotely built from 1 million miles away. Every aspect of the James Webb telescope is beyond amazing. It will be the greatest technological accomplishment of mankind. We are fortunate to have a part-time Pagosa resident working on the Webb. He has reported

Since NASA has retired the shuttle program, nothing more can be done to keep the Hubble working. It will continue to explore the cosmos for an unknown amount of time until its orbit decays and it is

to the Stargazers several times over the past years when he can take va-

cation time. He will hopefully give

us an update this summer.

burned up by the atmosphere. Our Thursday night lesson will provide details of what I have described including photos and images and it is well worth your time to attend.

We have been selling our fabulous Astronomy Magazine Deep Space Mysteries 2020 Calendar. By accident, two calendars are still available for purchase. There are exceptional photos with a detailed explanation to help you learn the basics of astronomy. There are notations of significant sky events and phases of the moon. You can pick up a copy at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center. Both Hillary and Rick can help you. The cost is \$13. They are perfect to mail and they give the message every day throughout the year that you cared enough to send such an exceptional gift. Please stop by soon.

New people are always warmly welcomed at our meetings. I hope you can join us.

The San Juan Stargazers are part of the Astronomical League, which includes clubs from all over the U.S. We have a new website, www. sanjuanstargazers.org, as well as an email address, sjstargazers@ gmail.com, and a club phone number, 335-8286. Our club address is P.O. Box 2217, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.



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1995" by playwright Jennifer Faletto, currently in rehearsal at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts as the final offering of the 2019-2020 winter season.

Thingamajig just wrapped up its wonderful holiday musical, "A Grand Night for Singing'" on Jan. 12, which followed on the heels of an original and festive Christmas production titled "A Very Perry Christmas."

For the last several years, Tim and Laura Moore, artistic director and executive director for Thingamajig Theatre Company, have been staging a comedy with local actors as the finale for the winter season, presented as a staged reading. Previous productions have included Eve Enseler's "The Good Body" and two original comedies by Pagosa Springs playwright Karl Isberg.

This year's offering by Faletto was workshopped during Thingamajig's annual Playwrights Festival in 2018, and the Moores have decided to present a more fully produced version this winter as a staged reading. The cast — all local actors — includes Ericka Vincent as Sammy, Jackie Kleckner as Jess, Nadia Werby as Tammy, Lisa Jensen as Abby and Haleigh Sowerby as Crystal.

It's the Friday before Homecoming and yet another school scandal has emerged. Crystal Andersen has allegedly committed an unspeakable act with the Texas state flag. But all is not lost. In a culture where legacy and tradition often go unquestioned, one student is able

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"The Texas Homecoming Revolution of 1995" opens on Jan. 31 and runs for two weekends, through Feb. 9. Tickets are available online at pagosacenter.org and by calling the Pagosa Center for the Arts box office at 731-7469.

Library announces Lanes and Links community event

By Cindi Galabota Special to The PREVIEW

Save the date. On Feb. 23, your Ruby Sisson Library will host our first ever Lanes and Links for the Library, a family-friendly event for the whole community.

For one day only, the library will be transformed into a nine-hole miniature golf and four-lane bowling center.

Entry to the event is \$10 per

person or \$30 per family. All net proceeds from the event will support the programs and resources at your Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

We at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library envision mountains of opportunity to inspire ideas, enrich lives and create community. To learn more about this event and sponsorship opportunities, please call Cindi Galabota at 264-2209 or email cindi@pagosalibrary.org.

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That's the way the cookie crumbles

Call it a diet, eating right or just getting healthy. However you label it, it is that time of year. Neither habits nor pounds on the scale have changed since my son moved to Pagosa. His version of family dinner wouldn't be complete without ample heavy cream and butter.

I have decided that this will be the year to lose the weight. I will have to get tough on myself, but I'm resolved. No more jumping on a diet on Jan. 1, only to slip back to cookies and cakes by Jan. 15.

I read in Proverbs, "Consider carefully what is set before you, if you are given to appetite, it is like putting a knife to your throat.' Well, I fit the bill. But, can it be that drastic? Yes, it can be. I am only a few days in and I already feel like my throat has been cut.

I was jolted into reality on Jan. 1. Day one of my diet was accompanied by frozen water pipes, a dead car battery and a daughter stuck in a ditch. Fortunately, I have lived here long enough to work through the mountain-living hiccups while trying to stay focused on my diet.

Famous last words: "No matter what freezes, dies or sticks, I'm going to drop these extra pounds."

Recently, while filing through some old Artist's Lane articles, I found one titled, "A cookie is a quick fix — eat it and you have nothing!" The article was based on a fortune cookie and difficult winter moments in Pagosa.

I wrote the "quick fix" article after receiving a call from my daughter. She said that she had read a Chinese proverb in a fortune cookie that said, "Hungry is **Artist's** Lane

Betty Slade



the man whose salvation is in a cookie."

I asked my Sweet Al what he thought the fortune meant. He said, "If your salvation is in a cookie and you eat it, you will have nothing to fill that need when you are hungry again."

I realized he was right as I stood in my kitchen on day two of my diet. While eyeing a package of cookies on the counter, I had to ask myself. "Can I live without that cookie? What will happen if I eat one, but don't have a second one?"

The cookie and winter article wrote 12 years ago was just as insightful then as it is today. Belowfreezing winters are all a part of what makes beautiful Pagosa our home. When we reminisce, we have some great stories to tell, maybe even a new outlook or revelation about something as simple as a

Our family is better for having to tighten up our belts and suck it up to get through another winter. In the end, we have received something far greater than a cookie: understanding, substance.

Long is the saying, "Once on the lips, forever on the hips." There is probably even some truth to that when you personalize it. It is not the one cookie that puts pounds

on the hips, but number two, then three and four. If we put our salvation in a cookie, we will never know anything but hunger. Clearly, what we want and what we need are two

Apparently, I hadn't learned how to keep my focus off the cookies.

Final brushstroke: Here we are again, another winter, another diet and new hopes for a new year. May off the cookie and on the goal of living healthier. After all, "Hungry is the man whose salvation is in a cookie." I already know how that cookie crumbles.

Readers' comments

Send your comment to betty@ bettyslade.com.

J.L.G from San Diego wrote: "Betty, Loved the story on the Master's Touch and about getting the kids off to school. It's amazing to think what an important role a bus driver plays in our kids' lives. I still remember my kids growing up years. Thanks for the memories and yes, we have to make the days special or they are just another day."

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different things.

I visited our daughter in California two years ago. I was determined then to lose weight, and did. Our daughter had a great plan. I just needed to follow it. I lost the weight when I determined to push through. Then the pounds were back on over a short period of time.

I stay determined to keep my eye

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Special to The PREVIEW

This Sunday evening at 5 p.m., Sunday Night Unplugged will welcome Jessica Peterson and Paul Roberts as the special guest musicians. This quiet, contemplative service of music and meditation is offered every month at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., and is open to the public free of charge.

Peterson and Roberts create rich sounds on a variety of instruments from around the world. Mandolin, tamboura and various drums will be heard along with six types of flute, each with its own distinct form and timbre.

Pan flute, an ancient Greek instrument in use for over 5,000 years, will sound the first notes. A metal tongue drum of a type invented a little more than a decade ago will join in for "The Seikilos Epitaph," a song from the first century AD. Quite literally written in stone, it is the oldest surviving complete musical composition. The song's message is: While you're alive, shine. Don't spend time in grief, for life is brief.

Breton Gavotte" and "Dans Fisel" are traditional dance tunes originating in Brittany, the Celtic region of France. Mandolin goes solo here, allowing its subtle tone to be fully appreciated. Roberts' mandolin, created by English luthier Stefan Sobell, has a relatively large body that produces an unusually full, smooth and clear sound with rich sustain.

"Rosa Mysteria" features a solo keyless wood flute of the type used in the Middle Ages. Haunting and delicate, this simple instrument sounds quite different from the modern keyed flute.



Photo courtesy Paul Roberts

A bird-shaped ocarina, one of many instruments that will be heard at this week's Sunday Night Unplugged at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

In a combination not likely to have been heard in our area before, fujara, Slovakia's majestic overtone flute, and tamboura, India's ancient long-necked lute, harmonize in "Slovindia." The tamboura's deeply reverberant drone and characteristic buzz provide a sonic landscape over which the fujara's overtone-rich sound ripples. Fujara evolved in the seclusion of the Slovakian mountains as a shepherd's flute. In 2005, UNESCO listed it as a masterpiece of the intangible cultural heritage of humanity. Expect to hear unique sounds imitating nature: the purl of an upwelling spring, and the rush of wind in an alpine valley.

A tiny ocarina in the shape of a bird opens the next musical interlude, "Snowy Forest." A creatively played hand drum defines the soundscape through which Native ■ See Unplugged on next page



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Satan's rant and the God of Heaven

By Jan Davis

Special to The PREVIEW

"You think you won the war. Big mistake. I'll make you regret the day you created me," Satan ranted to no one in particular while the earth trembled beneath his feet.

To his surprise, only one-third of the angelic host bought into his deception. He rallied his troops around him. "We are a vast number and possess great power and skill. Back me and together we will realize the demise of God's empire."

The great deceiver slipped into the Garden of Eden and turned his attention to God's other handiwork, Man. "He loves you too much to ever let you die. Trust me."

Satan couldn't believe how simple it was to plant the lie into the mind of man. He chose the sweetest fruit as his deadliest weapon. The woman, easy to persuade because of her predisposition to please, caved first. The man soon followed.

God's chosen people proved to be a worthy opponent as average men rose to the call of God and lead his people. They built a mighty nation and overcame every obstacle Satan attempted to throw their way. Slavery, persecution and vast enemy armies couldn't stop them.

"I must find a way to end this thorn in my side. It's time to focus on God's only son. Disguised as a man, he tried to weasel his way in and usurp my kingdom." Satan manipulated the hearts of prominent and arrogant men who convinced the crowd to kill Jesus. "Jealousy is such a persuasive tool."

"So much for the Son of God." He smirked as Roman soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross. "It is finished." He mimicked Jesus' final words.

"I must retreat for a while and rethink my strategy." Caught off guard by the resurrection of Jesus,

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American style flutes, handmade by Peterson, soar. The winter forest comes alive.

The final musical offering is one you will surely recognize, though you may not realize the melody originated in Ukraine. Mandolin and concert flute collaborate to end the evening on this joyful note.

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A Matter of Faith

Satan stepped back to contemplate the results of this one action on his long-term goal.

Satan continued to orchestrate his plot with the faithful support of the fallen angels. "With the rapture of God's church and those wretched Christians out of the way, victory is within reach. The frontal assault is straightforward enough. Time to establish my rightful position as King of the World. The God of Heaven kicked me out of His domain, but mine will exceed his lofty endeavors." A self-righteous smile spread across his grotesque face and added to his evil personification.

"First order of business ... rid the world of His remnant and any traitors who rally to their allegiance. No place for defectors in the greatest monarchy on earth." Satan began to initiate war against the nation of Israel and the tribulation saints.

"I recruited two individuals with similar personalities. They behave like brothers, poured from the same mold. Both egotistical and prideful, they were easy to influence with the simple idea, It, was all about them. Given stations of importance, they became simple pawns in my bigger scheme."

Influenced by Satan, the anti-Christ and false prophet rose to prominence in the end-times. Things progressed as planned, but then ...

"The victory of the greatest battle ever fought belonged to me.

My demons were strong, skillful and ready for revenge." But once again, God of the Universe and his angelic host proved superior to Satan's army.

With the two counterfeits cast into the Lake of Fire and Satan bound for a thousand years, peace resided on earth. Jesus ruled from the Throne of David and exercised justice on mankind.

Unable to move about in freedom, Satan ranted, "How dare he chain me up like a slave. He'll pay for this foolish blunder."

Once released from the abyss, Satan set out to accomplish his mission. "Humanity is vulnerable to persuasion. All I need to do is offer them their own kingdom." God's timetable ended before Satan could complete his scheme.

The heat rises to the point of near suffocation. Fire reaches high into the atmosphere as it draws into its clutches every ounce of air. Brimstone falls to the ground and simmers as hot coals on the dry and crusted ground.

"Pathetic, tormented souls surround me and cry out in pain. I am the ultimate fool. This is my destiny. He won. No one is higher than God." Satan ranted, but no one listened.

God's word is true — a real heaven and hell exist. It's not too late to accept Jesus. Follow Christ into an eternal home created for you in heaven. Say yes to his invitation and sit down at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

"Then the king will say to those on his right, come you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."— (Matthew 25:34 (CSB).

"Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire."

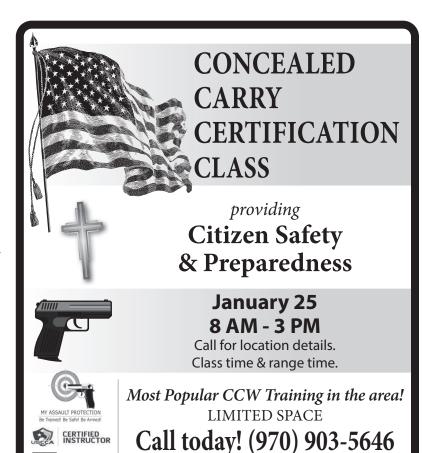
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New Thought topic: 'Opening Spiritual Gateways in Your Life'

By Lisa Burnson

Special to The PREVIEW

"I open the way for joy and love to come. I am an irresistible magnet for what belongs to me by Divine right." — Florence Scovel Shinn.

All are welcome to join the New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, Jan. 19, at 10:30 a.m., for our presentation "Opening Spiritual Gateways in Your Life." Open yourself to receiving the good that God wants for you. Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure.

Also on Sunday, Jan. 19, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., we invite all who enjoy writing in the company of others to join our writing group for "Stories To Tell Us." More information can be found on the website: Stories2TellUs.com.

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We invite the public to enjoy our weekly meditation circle each Wednesday at 6 p.m., weather permitting.

Upcoming events

Thursday, Jan. 16, 6 p.m.: "Fountain of Youth: The Ancient Five Rites."

Saturday, Jan. 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: "Enhancing Your Gift of Intuition."

Thursday, Jan. 23, 6 p.m.: "Feeling Depleted? Health and Wellness Lifestyle."

Thursday, Jan. 30, 6 p.m.: Movie: "Experiencing the Miraculous" with Dr. Wayne Dyer.

Feb. 1, time to be determined: "Reversing Diabetes and Toxic Build Up."

Please call NTC for more information about these events.

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By Karen Lindner Special to The PREVIEW

The Archuleta County Extension office, in conjunction with 4-H/AmeriCorps, is offering a free STEM program for youth in grades five through eight. STEM is science, technology, engineering and math.

This year's theme is Edible Science. This fun and educational

program will provide students with hands-on opportunities to explore rocks and soil, DNA, cell structures, build a Mars Rover and become a bridge engineer and more.

This free program will begin Feb. 5 and continue for seven weeks (no class on March 4). The class is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Pagosa Springs Middle School. To register, please call the Archuleta County Extension office at 264-5931.





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UUs tour the ancient cultural sites of Egypt

By Pauline Benetti

Special to The PREVIEW

Julie Loar, longtime member of the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF), recently returned from leading one of her frequent tours to the ancient cultural sites of Egypt. She was accompanied by fellow PUUF members Diane Davis and Joan Ward as they toured the historic sites in Egypt in late October.

From the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx on the Giza Plateau to the temples at Luxor, the Valley of the Queens, the Valley of the

Kings and beyond, with a four-day cruise on the Nile, Davis and Ward experienced the ancient times of an amazing culture. They also had the opportunity to see a craftsman at work at a rug maker and visited stores for papyrus, alabaster, essential oils and cartouches and other jewelry.

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2020 Great Decisions lineup announced for Durango, Bayfield

Bv Janice Sheftel Special to The PREVIEW

The 2020 Great Decisions International Affairs Discussion Program is in its 19th year in Durango and its first year in Bayfield.

Durango's 2020 programs will begin on Jan. 28 at the Durango Public Library, with a moderator- led discussion on the topic of "Climate Change and Global Order." That same discussion will take place at the Bayfield Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 30.

Great Decisions meets every other week thereafter, for a total of eight sessions, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., on Tuesdays at the Durango Public Library and on Thursdays at the Bayfield Public Library. As listed below, Durango will also have a special ninth program on Feb. 18 by Laurie K. Meininger on her life as a woman in the U.S. foreign service. Programs are open to the public, free of charge.

Eight international affairs dis-

cussion subjects are presented to Great Decisions groups annually by the Foreign Policy Association, which prepares a briefing book, a teacher's guide and a DVD on the topics. The DVD on the current topic is shown at the appropriate Great Decisions session. The Durango discussions will be led by a series of moderators. The Bayfield programs will all be led by Dr. Robert Han Bishop. The 2020 topics and dates are as follows:

- Climate Change and the Global Order. Jan. 28 (Durango), Jan. 30 (Bayfield).
- China's Road into Latin America. Feb. 10 (Durango), Feb. 12 (Bayfield).
- Preventive Diplomacy: America's Foreign Service in the 21st Century. Feb. 18 (Durango).
- Red Sea Security. Feb. 24 (Durango), Feb. 26 (Bayfield).
- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. March 10 (Durango), March 12 (Bayfield).
 - U.S. Relations with the North-

ern Triangle. March 24 (Durango), March 26 (Bayfield).

• India and Pakistan. April 7 (Durango), April 9 (Bayfield).

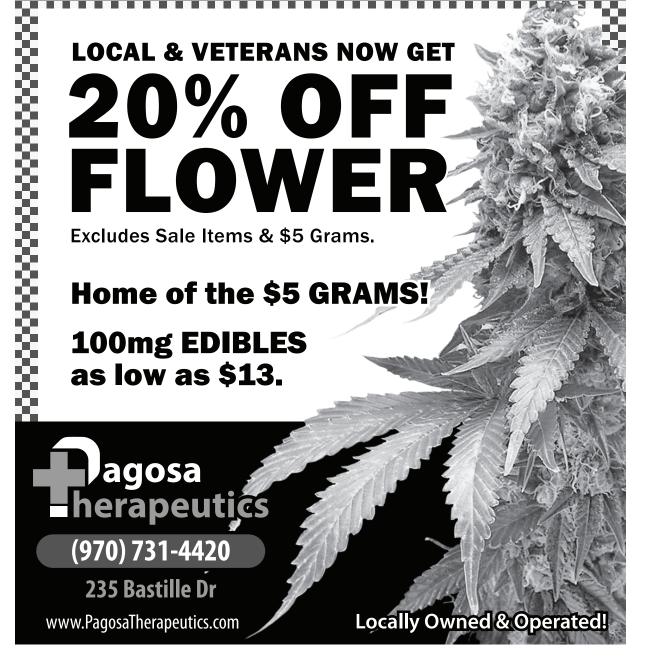
The Philippines. April 21 (Durango), April 23 (Bayfield).

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Whiteout on Wolf Creek

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most dangerous.

The data categories used in the poll were snow, switchbacks, steepness, traffic, elevation, distance from help and frequency of accidents.

Closely behind Wolf Creek in the poll were Monarch Pass and Red Mountain Pass, Monarch suffered the most deaths from accidents, averaging one a week. Red Mountain is a few miles northwest of Wolf Creek on the same Continental Divide mountain range.

The worst calamities on Wolf Creek occur at the switchback adorning the west end of the pass. Ironically, tourists often pull into a parking area known as the overlook adjacent to the switchback, where they ooh and aah over the scenic panorama spread out below them. Little do they know that the flat, brushy terrain 200 feet directly below them is known as the graveyard by truck drivers and Pagosa-area

A long, downhill slope leads to the sharp turn at the overlook. Some truck drivers burn out their brakes by the time they reach the sharp turn and, consequently, roll into or though the guardrail, spilling whatever payload they are carrying. The list of spilled products is long. I have known locals, after hearing about a new wreck, to rush to the graveyard and load up on spilled beer cans, cans of beans, packaged meats or other desirable items.

Not so desirable was an overturned circus truck loosing a load of lions, tigers, leopards, etc., allowing them to pad off into the Rocky Mountain wilderness. I subsequently heard that most of the oversized felines were soon recaptured. In later years I listened and wondered as neighbors in New Mexico described a large, hairmaned cat they had been seeing on a nearby hillside.

I personally spent a nervewracking night on Wolf Creek Pass a few years ago on my way home to Pagosa Springs from Creede. I was thoroughly enjoying the scenery and the star-speckled night sky as I hummed Cash Mc-



Running a mountain railroad could be risky business in pioneer Pagosa days. This engine rolled over on the track just south of Pagosa Springs on what is now U.S. 84 near its junction with the Blanco Basin road.

Little do they know that the flat, brushy terrain 200 feet directly below them is known as the graveyard by truck drivers and Pagosaarea locals.

Call's recent hit "Wolf Creek Pass" and started westward up the east side of the pass. Just a little before reaching the snow shed designed to keep avalanches from burying the road-way, dark clouds swept in and snow dropped in bunches, I mean so much snow I couldn't see the hood ornament, let alone the edges of the highway. A sureenough whiteout it was.

As I entered the shed, I noticed a "Do not park in the snow shed" sign. I also noticed an overhead light at the west end of the shed. What to do? Break the law or break my neck while falling off the mountain? Easy decision. I was betting that the highway patrol was busy down on lower, flatter and blizzardless ground.

I parked my flivver under the light at the west end of the shed and spent the night staring out the exit until daylight allowed me to fire up and putt

putt along westward to Pagosa Springs, where I gulped down a pot of black coffee at Al's Café and shared tall tales with the early morning truckers.









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Cervical Health Awareness Month: A Pap test is the first line of defense to prevent cervical cancer

By Jessica Bralish

Special to The PREVIEW

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month, and the state health department encourages women ages 21-74 across Colorado to start the year by talking with their health care providers about scheduling a Pap test. A Pap test is the first line of defense against cervical cancer. When cervical cancer is found early, more than 92 percent of women had a five-year survival.

"Cervical Cancer Awareness Month is the perfect time to remind women that these tests could be the difference between life and death," said Dr. Daniel Shodell, department interim chief medical officer. "Women's Wellness Connection offers free screenings. We can help women stay safe from cancer, even if they have not been able to afford these tests before."

Every year in the United States, approximately 13,170 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer, and about 4,250 women die of the disease. African American women and Latinas have a higher risk of developing cervical cancer and African American women have a higher cervical cancer death rate. The department acknowledges that social, economic and environmental inequities result in adverse health outcomes and have a greater impact than individual choices. Reducing health disparities through systems change can help improve opportunities for all Coloradans.

The Women's Wellness Connection offers free cervical cancer screenings and any necessary follow-

up testing to Colorado women. The program offers free cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services to women ages 21 through 64 who have little or no health insurance and meet income requirements. To be eligible for the Women's Wellness Connection, the women must earn less than 250 percent of the federal poverty level and have no health insurance or have health insurance with high deductibles or co-pays.

About Women's Wellness Connection

Women's Wellness Connection provides free, confidential breast and cervical cancer screenings — clinical breast exams, Pap tests and mammograms — to eligible women at more than 100 sites through cooperative efforts with multiple statewide providers.

The Women's Wellness Connection has served Colorado's low-income, uninsured women for over 25 years, with one-third (34 percent) of its almost \$6.3 million budget coming from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information on where to find a provider, go to womenswellnessconnection.org or call (866) 951-WELL (9355). Women's Wellness Connection's statewide hotline number, (866) 951-WELL (9355), is made possible through an inkind donation from the American Cancer Society. American Cancer Society staff members operate the hotline to answer questions, provide additional information about the program and help women make appointments with local Women's Wellness Connection providers.

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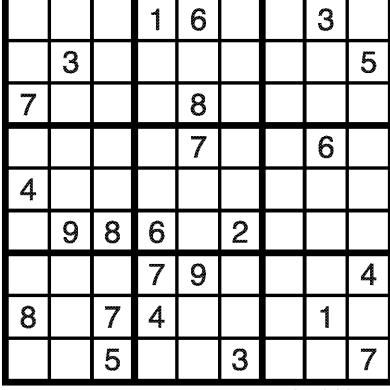
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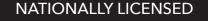


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Tips for elders in cold weather

By Kay Kaylor PREVIEW Columnist

For the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA), I am not only a part-time long-term care ombudsman, advocating for residents at Pine Ridge, a 24-hour extended care home, and BeeHive, an assisted living residence. I also am an aging and disability resource specialist and Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) and State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselor. Information on the many aging and care concerns will be included here.

Older adults have an elevated risk for cold-related death, particularly those older than age 75, because of less body fat, a slower metabolism and less efficient circulation. These factors can be made worse by specific medications and medical conditions. Hypothermia can occur indoors, so a thermostat should not be set lower than 65 degrees. People older than age 75 should also be warmly dressed indoors and outside.

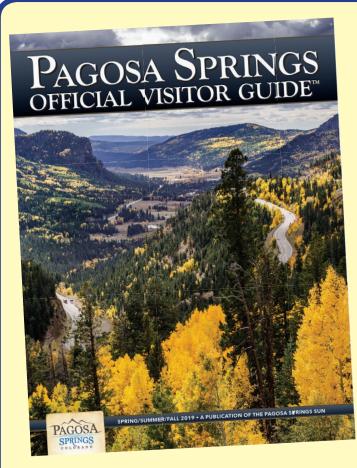
Elders are also prone to becoming dehydrated because they consume less water, cold and dry air leads to moisture loss, and people feel less thirsty in the winter. Caregivers should monitor water intake of an elder. Dehydration symptoms include infrequent urination, dark urine, dizziness and confusion.

Sidewalks, porches and driveways with slick ice and snow should be shoveled and salted. Mountain Express Transit offers snow removal through a contract with SJBAAA.

Stability outside is aided by well-fitted shoes with nonslip soles and new tips or treads on canes and walkers.

Emergency or disaster kits are important and should include three gallons of water per day for several days as well as nonperishable food. Ensure safety precautions are taken when using electric blankets and space heaters, especially a gas-powered heater or generator. In the latter case, a carbon monoxide detector should be functional.

SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare. For further information, please call me at 264-0501, ext. 1 or send an email to adrc@sjbaaa.org.



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Thursday, Jan. 16

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Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a free hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere. No reservations are required.

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

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Pickleball. 1-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

PALS Adult Education. 2-7 p.m., Sisson Library. PALS can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Together. 7 p.m., Pagosa Bible

Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A collaborative effort of multiple Christian churches in Pagosa Springs to unite in prayer, worship and fellowship. Call 946-5262 for more information.

Friday, Jan. 17

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one. Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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

English as a Second Language. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

CONNECT After-School Club. 1:45-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 1st-5th grade. Participants will engage in literature-based

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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

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

Often seen in large flocks of a few tens of birds to perhaps a hundred birds or more, house finches (haemorhous mexicanus) are frequent visitors to bird feeders in our area. Although they thrive in urban and suburban environments, they may also be seen in many forest and grassland habitats below 6,000 feet across the southwest.

House finches are sparrow-sized birds with large beaks that they use to crack open hardened seeds or that serve them well for feasting on fleshy fruits of various kinds.

The males are distinctively rosy red around their face and upper body, with dark streaking in the tails and along their undersides. Females lack the reddish coloration of males and are grayish-brown with dark streaks.

Their cup-shaped nests made of small stems, leaves, string, wool, and other fibrous materials can be found almost anywhere — in trees, shrubs, rock ledges or on buildings, and even in hanging planters. Each brood of two to six chicks may mature in a little less than three weeks, allowing them to lay up to six broods per year in warmer climates, but three or four in cooler areas.

House finches typically do not migrate from their home ranges and are common across North America, but that has not always been the case. Originally native in the American west and southwest, in the 1940s, they were illegally sold as pets in the New York City area. These birds were released by vendors and owners, and Audubon Christmas Bird Counts document the rapid spread of the species from the east and midwest. In the mid-1990s, a rapidly spreading eye disease caused a steep decline in their numbers, primarily in the east. While the disease is still a concern, house finch populations have recovered and they continue to thrive as human developments expand across the continent.

For information on local bird-watching events, visit www.weminucheaudubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.



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science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (S.T.F.A.M.). learning activities and work up to an exhibition at the end of the session. Registration is required. Call 264-2209 for more information and to register.

After the Bell. 2-3 p.m., Community Center. Ages 9-12. Come to the Community Center gym and have some fun participating in different physical educational games. We will be burning off some energy after a long week of school. The cost is \$20 for all five Fridays involved. Deadline to register is Jan. 8, 2020. Call 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233 for more information

Pagosa Pirates Girls' Varsity Basketball. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez High School.

Pagosa Pirates Boys' Varsity Basketball. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez High School.

Saturday, Jan. 18

Winter-Themed LEGO Contest. Sisson Library. Submissions must be turned in between Jan. 18 and Jan. 24. The winners will be announced after LEGO Club on Jan. 24 at 12:15 p.m. Entries must be built

ahead of time. Your LEGO creation cannot be larger than 18 inches on any side. You must use your own LEGO bricks (or any brand of age-appropriate building blocks). No sharing of pieces. Entries must consist of traditional LEGO pieces only. No Technic or motorized pieces will be accepted. Entries must be your own creation, not a LEGO kit. Prizes will be awarded for each category: preschool, ages 5-7, ages 8-11, adult 18 and up. One prize will also be awarded for the judges choice and for the entry that best fits the theme. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Cottage Foods Class. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., CSU Extension office. This certification allows certain foods to be produced in home kitchens and be sold directly to the consumer. The cost is \$40. Go to www.eventbrite.com/cottage-foods-pagosaco-tickets-83416072719. Call 264-5931 for more information.

Family Storytime: Vehicular Visions. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Vroom! Start your engines for this fun program where we will build our own vehicles and perhaps participate in a race. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Cabin Fever Festival. 4 p.m., Hot Springs Boulevard. Join us for a

bonfire, multiple food trucks, libations of every sort. We have heaters. We are also planning to have disc golf tossing, a fat bike demo and a ski thing. All proceeds and donations go to your local nonprofit bouldering gym. Call 946-2422 for more information.

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Pagosa Pirates Boys' Varsity Basketball. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Centauri High School.

Sunday, Jan. 19

Logger Palooza. 1 p.m., Motel SOCO, 651 W. U.S. 160. Logging events. Participants must sign up in advance and arrive by noon. Contact fun@motelsoco.com for more information.

Stories to Tell Us. 2-3:30 p.m., Best Western Pagosa Lodge Overlook Room. An open group of individuals meeting each week to tell their life stories to one another. There are no age restrictions or prior writing experience required. Weekly topics are found on the Stories2TellUs. com website so attendees can come prepared.

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Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, Jan. 20

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

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network. 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call Beverly 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. 1 to make an appointment.

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

PALS Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Time for Tots. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Ages 2-3. This is a new program offering a great time for toddlers to socialize and participate in fun, hands-on activities. Parents or Guardians must be present and involved. We will have singing, music, reading, crafts and plenty of free play. The cost is \$20 for the class. Call 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233 for more information.

TEFAP Food Distribution. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Restoration Fellowship, 264 Village Dr.

Incredible Years Parenting Class. 5:30-8 p.m., Seeds of Learning. A free opportunity offered to anyone who wants to build positive relationships with their children, needs more effective discipline, or would like new ideas to help their children learn and grow. This class is created for families with children between the ages of 2 and 8 years. A free dinner will be offered for the entire family and child care will be provided at no cost. For more infor-

mation and to register, call Michelle Carpenter at 946-0664 or Lynne Bridges at 264-5513.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Chi Energi. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A variety of movements and stretches to create energy for the healing of our mind, body and soul.

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Archuleta Democratic Club. 11:30 a.m., Pagosa Brewing Company, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. The featured speaker will be Norbert Lechner, professor emeritus of architecture from Auburn University. His topic will be "Our Climate Crisis: What are the Real Causes and Why the Climate May Tip." RSVP to John Porco at jwppagosa@gmail.com or call 946-2684.

Hand-Drumming Class. Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a hand-drumming class. All are welcome. Hand drums will be provided for those who don't have one. For further information, call 731-3117.

Pickleball. Noon-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Art Class. 1 p.m., Senior Center. No materials needed, just come and have fun. We will be learning how to make framed art with old jewelry and beads.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Adult DIY. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. You'll make plastic bottle paper holders to store loose papers, mail and more. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Time for Tots. 2-3 p.m., Community Center. Ages 2-3. This is a new program offering a great time for toddlers to socialize and participate in fun, hands-on activities. Parents or Guardians must be present and involved. We will have singing, music, reading, crafts and plenty of free play. The cost is \$20 for the class. Call 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233 for more information.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

English as a Second Language. 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

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

Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children ages 3-5 years old. Includes Bible time, songs, crafts, games and more. For more information or to register, call Frank and Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. All ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Spanish Conversation. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Our conversation hour will help you increase fluency by speaking with other Spanish language speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Jelly Beans After School Fun Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. All ages welcome. For information, call 903-8104.

Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Weminuche Audubon Society. 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Join us for socializing at 6 p.m. Featuring world traveler Roger Organ on his trip to Africa. Open to the public, We ask that you bring a

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- Vinyl Night. Riff Raff on the Rio, 356 E. Pagosa St.

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more information.

- 4CORE: Electric Vehicles. 5:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Questions about electric vehicles (EVs)? Interested in learning about EVs and what all the buzz is about? Join us for a brief information session about how EVs work, their advantages and why an EV will be everyone's next vehicle. Call 4CORF for more information at 259-1916 or visit www.fourcore.org.
- San Juan Stargazers. 7-8:30 p.m., Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Our first topic will be the Star-Lab. Our regular program is from the series we have been studying called "Experiencing Hubble: Understanding the Greatest Images of the Universe." For more information, visit www.sanjuanstargazers. org, email sistargazers@gmail.com or call 335-8286.

Friday, Jan. 24

- WinterFest. A number of activities are slated for the weekend where people can participate or enjoy the festivities through spectating. For more information, call 264-2360, visit pagosachamber.com or email admin@pagosachamber.com.
- Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center, Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.
- Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.
- Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.
- English as a Second Language. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.
- After the Bell. 2-3 p.m., Community Center. Ages 9-12. Come to the Community Center gym and have some fun participating in different physical educational games. We
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Answers to Last Week's Crossword:



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Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to mentoring.

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Answer: Experts

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A shocking discovery

By Daris Howard

Special to The PREVIEW

I was having trouble with my shoulder this summer. The pain increased during the two times I helped my son move, but I thought that after we finished, it would ease up. The pain did taper off, but it was still almost unbearable. I finally decided I had to have it checked.

The doctor moved my arm through a lot of different rotations. He said he was sure there were torn ligaments. He wanted me to get an MRI to make sure, so I set an early morning appointment with the imaging lab so I could get it over with and get on with my day.

On the appointed morning, I arrived at 8 a.m. and filled out the paperwork. It wasn't long after I turned it in that I was called back.

"Do you have any problems with claustrophobia?" the technician asked.

"Some," I replied. "But I think if I just keep my eyes closed, I will be OK."

"This will only take about 18 minutes," he said. "You will have headphones on, partly because the machine is loud, and partly so we can play music. Music usually helps calm a person."

The technician examined my shoulder. "Do you have any metal in your arm?"

I shook my head. "No. Why do

you ask

"You have some interesting scarring on your shoulder. If you were to have any metal in it, the metal could heat up in the machine."

I climbed onto the table. The technician wrapped a cap-shaped item around my shoulder and handed me a remote with a button on it. He told me to press it if there was any problem.

I laid back and closed my eyes, and the bed moved me into the machine. He turned on the music, and the sound and vibration started. But it had been on less than a minute when it all shut down.

He came on over the headphones. "You have a bullet in your arm"

"How can I have a bullet in my arm and not know it?" I asked.

He laughed. "Shouldn't I be the one asking you that question?"

He hit the buttons to have the bed move me back out, and he talked to me.

"Were you in the military and possibly picked up some shrapnel?" When I told him I wasn't, he said, "I suppose it could be picking up something on your shirt."

He had me take my shirt off and roll the sleeve on my undershirt up beyond my shoulder. He again put the cap piece over my arm, and I climbed back on the table. Once I was back in place, he started the machine up again. Once more, the MRI machine was on less than a minute before he shut it down. He spoke over the speaker.

"There is definitely a bullet in

your shoulder. It will probably get warm and maybe even really hot. I can try to work around it and still do the MRI, but it has to be your choice."

"Let's do it," I said.

"All right, but if it starts to get too hot, hit the button."

He started the machine up again, and the spot he indicated had the bullet did get hot, but not unbearably so. It also felt like tiny pins were poking me all around that spot. By the time the test was done, that part of my shoulder was tingling enough to nearly drive me crazy.

After I put my shirt back on, I asked if he would show me the bullet on the MRI.

He brought up the image, and I asked, "Do you think that's what is causing my problem?"

"I'm a technician, not a doctor," he said. "I'm not allowed to even guess. But I do have a question. Surely you have some idea where it came from, don't you?"

"Oh, I have some ideas," I replied, "but the strange thing is there are too many possibilities to be sure."

When I walked out of there, all I could think about was how strange it was to be told you have a bullet in your arm and not know for sure where it came from.

To be continued.

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will be burning off some energy after a long week of school. The cost is \$20 for all five Fridays involved. Deadline to register is Jan. 8, 2020. Call 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233 for more information.

Pagosa Pirates Girls' Varsity Basketball. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Monte Vista High School.

Ashtanga Yoga Workshop. 6-8 p.m., Pagosa Springs Dance Academy, 450 Lewis St. For more details, call 264-9642. Free.

Pagosa Pirates Boys' Varsity Basketball. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Monte Vista High School. Halftime will feature a Pagosa Springs Elementary School DrumFit presentation.

Skis and Saddles Pagosa Country Skijor Registration. 6-8 p.m., Quality Inn, 158 Hot Springs Blvd.

Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.



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Art class, legal help coming to Senior Center

By Cheryl Wilkinson

PREVIEW Columnist

Framed old jewelry and beads, a free art class, will be held Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 1 p.m. No art skills are needed.

Bring old jewelry, beads and frames if you have them, or use the ones provided. No materials are needed, just come and have fun. We will be learning how to make framed art with old jewelry and beads.

The instructor will be Denise Fisk, former art teacher in Iowa.

Legal services

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging provides legal services for seniors through the program attorney, Daniel Fiedler. Fiedler will be spending the day at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center on Jan. 23 by appointment.

Following are the legal services Fiedler can assist with:

- Public benefits and utilities shut off.
- Landlord-tenant problems, such as persons being evicted.
- Simple wills, power of attorneys, medical durable power of attorney and living wills.
- Consumer issues such as advocating for persons harassed by debt collectors.
- Emergency limited long-term care guardianship and domestic problems, such as abuse.

Please come by or call the Senior Center office to schedule an appointment, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. (inside the Ross Aragon Community Center), 264-2167.

Tax preparation help

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will be returning to prepare federal and state income tax returns at no charge.

The 2020 dates are Feb. 22 and March 14, by appointment only. The gross income limit this tax season is \$54,000.

Please call 264-2167 for more information or to make an appointment.

History (Book) Club

Are you interested in reading and talking about history with others? If so, please join us and bring your ideas and experiences as we continue a history discussion group at the Senior Center. The discussions will cover many historical subjects based on the preferences of the group. Please come and bring your friends who might also be interested.

In the fall, the History Group began its study of English history and how it influenced America.

The essence of the discussions concerning England is what America adopted and what it rejected regarding England's form of government and culture.

Facilitated by Jim Van Liere, the

Senior News

group meets the third Wednesday of every month.

Health and wellness

The Senior Center is continuing the pilot program which expands health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next health and wellness date will be Feb. 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Memberships

Senior Discount Club Memberships are now offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch. If you are a senior (60 years and older), for only a \$4 suggested donation, you are eligible for a hot meal, drink and a salad prepared by our kitchen staff.

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$8.50 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 16 — Chicken Parmesan with penne pasta and marinara sauce, roasted asparagus with lemony breadcrumbs, milk, snow pea medley, focaccia bread with butter and salad bar.

Friday, Jan. 17 — Canadian bacon and veggie pizza, cream of broccoli soup, milk, salad bar and baked apple.

Monday, Jan. 20 — Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tuesday, Jan. 21 — Tuna and noodle casserole, Brussels sprouts with bacon, creamed corn, milk, salad bar and pumpkin muffin.

Wednesday, Jan. 22 — Chicken Alfredo with pasta, Mexican beets, milk, roasted cauliflower snowflakes, milk, salad bar and chocolate raspberry cake.

Thursday, Jan. 23 — Pork posole stew, squash calabacitas, milk, baked tomato Provencal, whole-wheat tortilla, salad bar and flan.

Reservations and cancellations are required. You can make a reservation at 264-2167 by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you would like to dine in the Community Cafe at the Senior Center.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always attend. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days.



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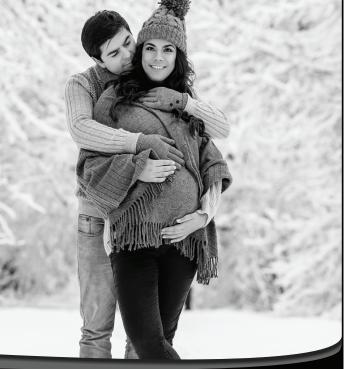


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Strange questions asked of librarians and a new contest

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Before Google, many people phoned their local library to get answers to questions on a wide variety of topics because they knew librarians were specially trained to help people find information, or simply to answer questions themselves.

For your reading pleasure, the New York Public Library recently released a cache of queries called in from the 1940s to the 1980s. Here's a sampling — and, honestly, you can't make this stuff up:

"What kind of an apple did Eve eat?"

"When did Moses first come into the public eye?"

"Why do 18th century English paintings have so many squirrels in them, and how were the squirrels tamed so they did not bite the painters?"

"Is it proper to go alone to Las Vegas to get a divorce?"

"Do camels have to be licensed in India?"

"How many neurotic people are there in the U.S.?"

"I have an etiquette question. I went to a New Year's Eve party and unexpectedly stayed overnight. Should I send a thank-you note to the hostess?"

"Does the female human being belong to the mammal class?"

"Does anyone have the copyright on the Bible?"

All-ages LEGO contest

Turn in your original submissions for the free all-ages LEGO contest between Jan. 18-24. Entries must use only traditional LEGOs and be built ahead of time. Prizes will be awarded for each of five age categories: preschool, ages 5-7, ages 8-11, ages 12-17, and adult 18 and up — plus one prize for the Judges' Choice. Winners will be announced on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 12:15 p.m. after LEGO Club, which takes place from 11 a.m. to noon. More rules and details are available in the Activities Calendars.

Library closures

Your library will be closed Monday, Jan. 20, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and have a delayed opening at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22, for a staff meeting.

Save the date

We hope you will mark your calendars for Feb. 23 for a fun Lanes and Links community and family event from 1 to 4 p.m., when your library will be transformed into a miniature golf and bowling center for one day only. The cost is \$10 per person or \$30 per family, with tickets sold at the door. More details to follow.

Credit and debit cards

Your library now accepts credit and debit card payments for charg-

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es of \$10 or more. You may use this feature to pay for any library costs, such as for your copying and faxing needs, to purchase your favorite used books, or to purchase a nifty Ruby Sisson Library bag to carry all of your borrowed and purchased items.

New after-school club

The second session of a new after-school club for first- through fifth-graders takes place tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 17, from 1:45 to 3:30 p.m. It takes place on the second, third and fourth Fridays of every month. Participants will engage in literature-based science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) learning activities and work up to an exhibition on the first Friday following each three-week session. Registration is required by calling us at 264-2209 or dropping by the library.

Teen gaming

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

Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Adult DIY

At this month's free DIY event next Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 1 to 2 p.m., you'll make plastic bottle paper holders to store loose papers, mail and more, and help you declutter and become more organized in the new year. No registration is required.

Spanish conversation

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 3 to 4 p.m., practice your Spanish with others to help you increase your fluency at this free informal session. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Previous attendance not necessary. No registration is required.

ESL classes twice a week

Free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes take place on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. The classes are led by two highly experienced teachers — Joyce Holdread for the intermediate/advanced group and Ellynn Ragone for beginners. No registration is required.

Las clases son dos veces por semana

Las clases gratuitas de inglés como segundo idioma (ESL) ocurren los martes de 5-7 PM y los viernes de 12-2 p.m. Las clases son dirigidas por dos instructoras altamente experimentadas — Joyce Holdread enseña al grupo intermedio/avanzado y Ellen Ragone

enseña a los principiantes. No es necesario registrarse.

Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) accelerated GED course takes place Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 2 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help from Mark with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Free tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Family storytimes

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Saturday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts and plenty of reasons to get up and move.

Both storytimes are open to babies, toddlers and youngsters of all ages to make it easier for parents to attend with their children depending on their busy schedules rather than the age of their little ones. These free sessions are an excellent way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your families at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions kids, tweens/teens and adults. We

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How-to and self-help: diet and taxes

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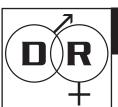
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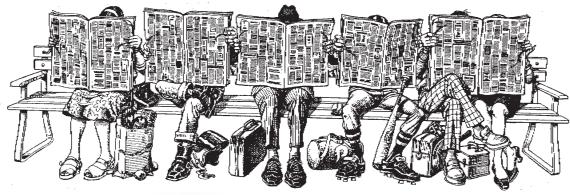
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Using love to help a sick child feel better

By John Lough

Special to The PREVIEW

Ah, 'tis the season for many households to find themselves with one or more children suffering from a cold or the flu. Damp, chilly weather and all that contact with other sniffling children at school almost guarantees that winter illness will strike most homes.

Most of us are well aware of the medical steps to help our child get better, or at least feel better, but we sometimes forget there are emotional things we can do to help our child, too. That can be important because our kids often feel bad about feeling bad. Have your kids ever apologized for being ill, saying, "Mom, I'm sorry I'm sick."

So, how to help? Start with a smile. If you're looking worried and concerned when approaching your ill child, he or she is going to begin worrying about why you look so worried.

Instead of asking, "How are you feeling?" when it's already clear that he or she is not feeling well, try to offer something positive. Tell your child that he or she is looking a little better or has gotten some of that color back or seems a little cooler. Be assuring that you're doing your job to help the return to good health.

One of the best medicines for a

sick child, regardless of age, is being generous with your hugs and cuddles. While it can be tempting to plop him or her in front of that TV and just check in occasionally, offering physical contact that encourages positive feelings of safety brings better results.

Instead of TV time, trying snuggling with your child while reading a story or playing a game. If there is to be some TV time, spend at least part of it with him or her, holding hands while watching together.

There's no question that our minds have the power to affect our health. Talk with your child about imagining feeling better and you might find it can actually help him or her feel that way.

You also want to listen to your child. Encourage him or her to talk about what's being felt. If it's something as simple as a tummy ache, you may find the cause to be the stress of the day, not an illness.

None of us ever wants our child not feeling well, but a loving, supportive parent, encouraging a positive attitude, can often make a child feel better faster.

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How to be a better mentor

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Mentors can have profound impacts on the lives of the people they mentor. A mentor is often a source of wisdom and support over the course of months or even years. The relationship between mentor and mentee can endure as long as each person desires.

Serving as a mentor can be rewarding. Certain traits and practices set mentors apart. Those who want to be mentors can follow these tips.

Be a good and active listener

Mentors help mentees navigate the tricky waters of life, but will not solve all problems. Mentors need to listen to what mentees say, meaning good listening skills are an essential trait for prospective mentors. After listening, mentors can provide a host of solutions, though ultimately it is up to the mentee to find his or her own path.

Meld with the mentee

Mentors and their mentees need to be close and compatible. A good mentor will not try to manipulate or influence decisions, but realize that support and guidance are the best ways to get messages across. Asking a lot of questions and truly getting to know the mentee can set a strong foundation for the relationship.

Emphasize learning

Mentors realize that continuing education is vital to success. Good mentors tend to be lifelong learners who share the lessons they've learned with the people they mentor. Even though they may not always be experts, mentors try to be as informed as possible on topics that relate to the mentorship.

Set expectations

It is one thing to provide support, but mentors also should inspire their mentees to work hard. Once mentees cite their goals, good mentors will share their own expectations and goals for their mentees, even going so far as to offer advice as to how to achieve those goals.

Deliver honest feedback

Good mentors will not sugarcoat feedback in order to stay in their mentees' good graces. A mentor should aspire to be both a critic and a coach. Even though mentees may want to garner praise, mentors know it is important to say what others may not be willing to say. With the right feedback, mentees can flourish.

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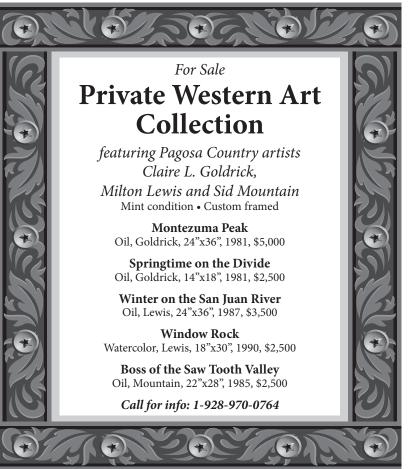
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