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School district selects new superintendent

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a special meeting on Tuesday evening, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) announced that Dr. Kym D. LeBlanc-Esparza, current state director for Rocky Mountain Region AVID Center, Pueblo, will be the district's new superintendent starting in July.



LeBlanc-Esparza

The contract for LeBlanc-Esparza states that she will begin her role as superintendent on July 1 and her contract ends on June 30, 2023, though it includes provisions for extensions.

In regard to salary, LeBlanc-Esparza's contract states that she will be paid \$140,000.

Current ASD Superintendent Linda Reed's salary, following a fourth addendum approved on April 9, 2019, and made retroactive to July of 2018, is \$145,000.

On Oct. 8, 2019, the ASD board chose McPherson and Jacobson LLC as the firm to help it lead the superintendent search.

The four finalists for the position were Leblanc-Esparza; current ASD assistant superintendent Laura E. Mijares; Dr. Thomas C. Heald, current interim superintendent of Aspen School District; and John W. Pandolfo, current superintendent of Barre Unified Union School District in Barre, Vt.

Those finalists were announced

■ See Superintendent A8

Elk management meeting set for Pagosa Springs

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is seeking public input on updating the management plans for the elk herds in Cortez/Dolores (E-24), Durango (E-30) and Pagosa Springs (E-31).

In an effort to give people an opportunity to learn about elk management and provide input, CPW is conducting three separate public meetings within the vicinity of each management unit:

- Pagosa Springs (E-31: GMUs 77, 78 and 771): The meeting will be on Feb. 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Archuleta County Extension office.

- Cortez/Dolores (E-24: GMUs 70, 71, 711, 72 and 73): The meeting will be on Feb. 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Dolores Community Center.

- Durango (E-30: GMUs 74 and 741): The meeting will be on Feb. 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the La Plata County Fairgrounds (upstairs).

Elk management plans are revised approximately every 10 years. Public input provides guidance to wildlife managers who attempt to balance the biological capabilities of the herd and its habitat with the public's demand for wildlife recreational opportunities. These herd management plans drive important decisions, which include the license-setting process, as well as strategies and techniques to reach population objectives.

People are welcome to attend any of the meetings. Each meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to provide input on any or all of the plans.

For further information about the process and meetings, call 248-0855.



Photo courtesy Natalie Lilly Duran

The Pagosa Skis and Saddles Skijoring inaugural event was a favorite event for spectators over the WinterFest weekend. Those who had never seen this event were blown away by the fast-paced crazy course that participants had to compete in.

Dispatch inches closer to Harman house move

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The dispatch board may soon commit to moving the dispatch center to the former home of Norma and Fred Harman III.

On Tuesday, members of the Dispatch Executive Management Board came to the county commissioners' work session to discuss the possible move.

Members of the dispatch board have explained over the past year that the current dispatch center is "inadequate" due to location, toxic fumes that waft into the center from a neighboring business and a plethora of other issues.

Archuleta County acquired the Harman house in the fall and offered for the dispatch center to share the space with the sheriff's office.

Under the proposed plan, dispatch would utilize about 1,200 square feet of the 4,195-square-foot home, according to Emergency Communications Director Kati

■ See Dispatch A8



Photo courtesy Mark Langford

Nearly 20 hot-air balloons participated in Pagosa Country's WinterFest weekend. Fog delayed the event on Saturday, but nine balloons were able to launch in the afternoon. Sunday's weather was more cooperative, with 19 balloons participating in the picture-perfect balloon ascension.

Water districts discuss property, reservoir project

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A recap of the current agreement between the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and the San Juan Conservation District (SJWCD) regarding Running Iron Ranch, San Juan River Headwaters Project (formerly known as Dry Gulch Reservoir) and various leases on the property were topics of discussion by both boards at a joint work session on Jan. 23.

The property is jointly owned by PAWSD and SJWCD, PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey explained, and there is also an agreement with the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) that includes terms for both entities to abide by.

There is an ongoing 15-year lease with the Weber family on the property; that lease expires on Jan. 3, 2023, Ramsey added.

Ramsey began the work session by giving a brief history of the purchase of the Running Iron Ranch property.

According to Ramsey, the Running Iron Ranch is about 666 acres and was purchased for about \$10.2 million in December of 2007.

The purchase of the property was made via a \$9.2 million loan that PAWSD has with the CWCB and a \$1 million grant that the SJWCD received.

However, in 2015, the property was appraised for about \$4.5 million, he explained.

"So, it wasn't a fantastic investment at this point," he said.

There are water rights with the Park Ditch included with the property, specifically 9.1 cubic feet per second (cfs), Ramsey noted.

"Additionally, PAWSD has another cfs from our Log Park inclusion," he said. "That's kind of what we jointly own together at this point."

PAWSD's loan with the CWCB was restructured in 2016 and, with that restructuring, the loan was broken into two parts, "Loan A" and "Loan B."

■ See Water A8



Photo courtesy Michael Pierce

Pagosa Springs Elementary School students perform a DrumFIT demonstration at half-time of the boys' basketball game on Friday night. According to Principal Justin Cowan, DrumFIT shows that you can be a musician as well as an athlete and have an appreciation for lifelong fitness and arts.

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EDITORIAL

Legal firepower to support journalists

Too many times, inflated egos of our elected officials have prevailed over moral sense, basic ethics and duty to follow the law.

Coloradans received a huge gift last week when the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, a national organization that works to protect journalists' First Amendment and newsgathering rights, announced that it will hire a pro bono attorney in Colorado to support investigative journalism.

Our citizens are the ones who will truly benefit from the Reporters Committee's effort to provide direct legal services to more journalists at the local level.

This effort will give The SUN staff some extra legal firepower to allow us to fight wrongful denials of access to public records and proceedings.

We hope this legal assistance will also help to educate our local elected officials when it comes to Colorado's Open Meetings Law.

Katie Townsend, legal director for the Reporters Committee said, "At a time when important local reporting is routinely stymied, we stand ready to help journalists and news organizations overcome the legal roadblocks they too often face."

Too many times, The SUN has found our elected leaders making decisions behind closed doors in executive session.

Too many times, The SUN has been wrongfully denied access to public documents that belong to the citizens of this

community.

Too many times, legal counsel has advised local boards to blatantly disregard Colorado's Open Meetings Law.

Too many times, local boards and their leaders have demonstrated a flagrant disregard for the public they are in the position of serving by abusing their seemingly unlimited availability of legal counsel to challenge the public's right to access information, at the expense of that same public.

"Colorado journalists face a number of legal issues, including high fees for obtaining public records and the misuse of exceptions and exclusions in the public records law to deny requests," reads a Reporters Committee statement on why Colorado was selected.

Too many times, The SUN's only choice is going to court.

Unfortunately, legal battles to obtain executive session recordings and documents can take years and the financial burden to fight those battles isn't one your small-town community newspaper can bear. We struggle to just to keep the lights on, pay staff and stay in business with the economic changes that have drastically affected our industry.

Colorado does not have an administrative appeals process or an ombudsman to handle open-government disputes, which would help to relieve our financial burden.

The SUN is appreciative of the efforts of the Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition (CFOIC) that applied for

the program with the Colorado Press Association, the Colorado Broadcasters Association and the Colorado Media Project.

In its application, the CFOIC identified several barriers to access records across the state: "the often-high cost of obtaining public records; the frequent withholding of law enforcement body-camera footage; the deletion of emails and other electronic public records; questionable denials purportedly based on exclusions in CORA; the sealing and suppression of court records; claims that public employees' text messages discussing public business aren't public records; public officials making decisions behind closed doors; and public officials meeting illegally via emails and texts."

If journalists can't get access to public records, government meetings and court proceedings, Coloradans are deprived of the information they need to be engaged in their communities and hold their institutions accountable, explained CFOIC's Jeffrey Roberts.

"It's not enough to have First Amendment protections on paper. Freedom of the press needs to be defended on the ground, where local journalists are doing the work of holding the powerful to account," said Alberto Ibarguen, Knight Foundation president. "This initiative will help protect communities' access to the strong local reporting that is vital in a democracy."

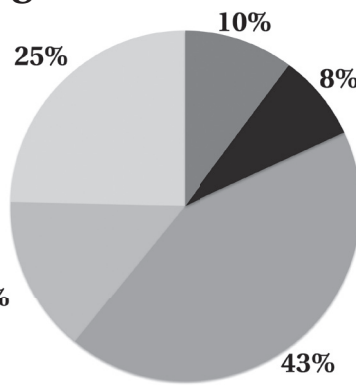
Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

What should the future of the historic Water Works building include?

Poll results (138 votes)

- An education center — 10 percent
- A teen center — 8 percent
- An expanded museum — 43 percent
- A water park — 14 percent
- Something else — 25 percent



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LOOKING BACK



From the Dec. 4, 1980, Pagosa Springs SUN. RUNWAY WRECK — A two-motored aircraft, piloted by Ralph E. Johnson of Pagosa Springs, ran off the runway at Stevens Field Thanksgiving Day. There were no injuries to the pilot or three passengers. Sheriff Neal Smith investigated the incident and said that the pilot reported he was heading east on the runway when the right brake apparently locked. The aircraft veered to the right and nosed over the bank into the ground. Damage was estimated by Smith at \$20,000. He said the nose of the plane, the nose landing gear, wing tips, and propellers were damaged. Passengers in the plane were: John Archuleta of Pagosa Springs, Deborah Ridgeway of Pagosa Springs and Beverly Nelson of Ventura, Calif. FAA authorities, who investigate all airplane accidents, are expected in this week to further investigate the accident.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 23, 1920

Wm. Schoonover and family have returned from Pueblo, where Mr. Schoonover was accepted into the mysteries of the 32nd degree Masonry.

Ed Nickell this week sold his homestead in O'Neal Park to Jose T. Jaquez of this city. However, he did not dispose of his livestock and machinery, and no doubt will again be engaged in ranching in this county.

Mrs. Alice G. Noland, county superintendent of schools, journeyed to Alamosa Saturday, where on Monday a meeting of the county superintendents of this section of the state was held to take up the matter of the standardization of schools and other important questions.

Ced Hill is building a fine new home on his ranch southwest of town. It will have a cement basement and will be modern in every way.

Max Mickey returned Wednesday night from Pueblo and Denver, where he had gone to ride the Masonic goat for the 32nd degree and to purchase new fixtures and supplies for the Hatcher Merc. Co. store.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 26, 1945

The local Lions Club basketeers tamed the High School Bucs in Tuesday night's benefit game at the high school gym with a 20 to 13 score. The score was tied when the game ended and the Lions tacked on the 7 extra counters during a 5-minute overtime period. The game, played for the benefit of the March of Dimes, netted \$10.19 for the local drive.

Pagosa will hold no Town Election this year, according to the latest information. The last Town election was held here in 1940. There was no sponsor in 1942 on the "skip year plan" for towns this size. Neither could a "ticket" be mustered in 1944 — so AGAIN (1941), AGAIN (1942), AGAIN (1943), AGAIN (1944), AGAIN (1945), there are no Town Elections — So-o-o-o-o-o if you don't like your Town Govt., just step out in 1946 and see who you can offer to take the places of the Town Dads who have so faithfully, uncomplainingly, and paylessly, GIVEN THEIR TIME for the past five years, to take care of your Town Govt.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 22, 1970

Carlos LaVarta, member of the Pagosa Springs Volunteer Fire Department, was installed as president of the San Luis Valley Firemen's Association Monday night. Also installed was Dick DeVore, who will serve as secretary of that organization. This is his first office in the Association but Mr. LaVarta has served in several of the offices and was first vice president last year.

An official dedication of the new Pagosa Springs Elementary School will be held this Sunday, January 25. Ceremonies are to start at 2 p.m. The building has been occupied since December 5th. The dedication and open house ceremonies were postponed until the present time to allow the completion of moving elementary grades and adjustment to the structure. Modern in design inside and out, the new building is expected to be adequate for school space needs for a long time. The building represents a total investment of \$602,190 to the school district.

25 years ago

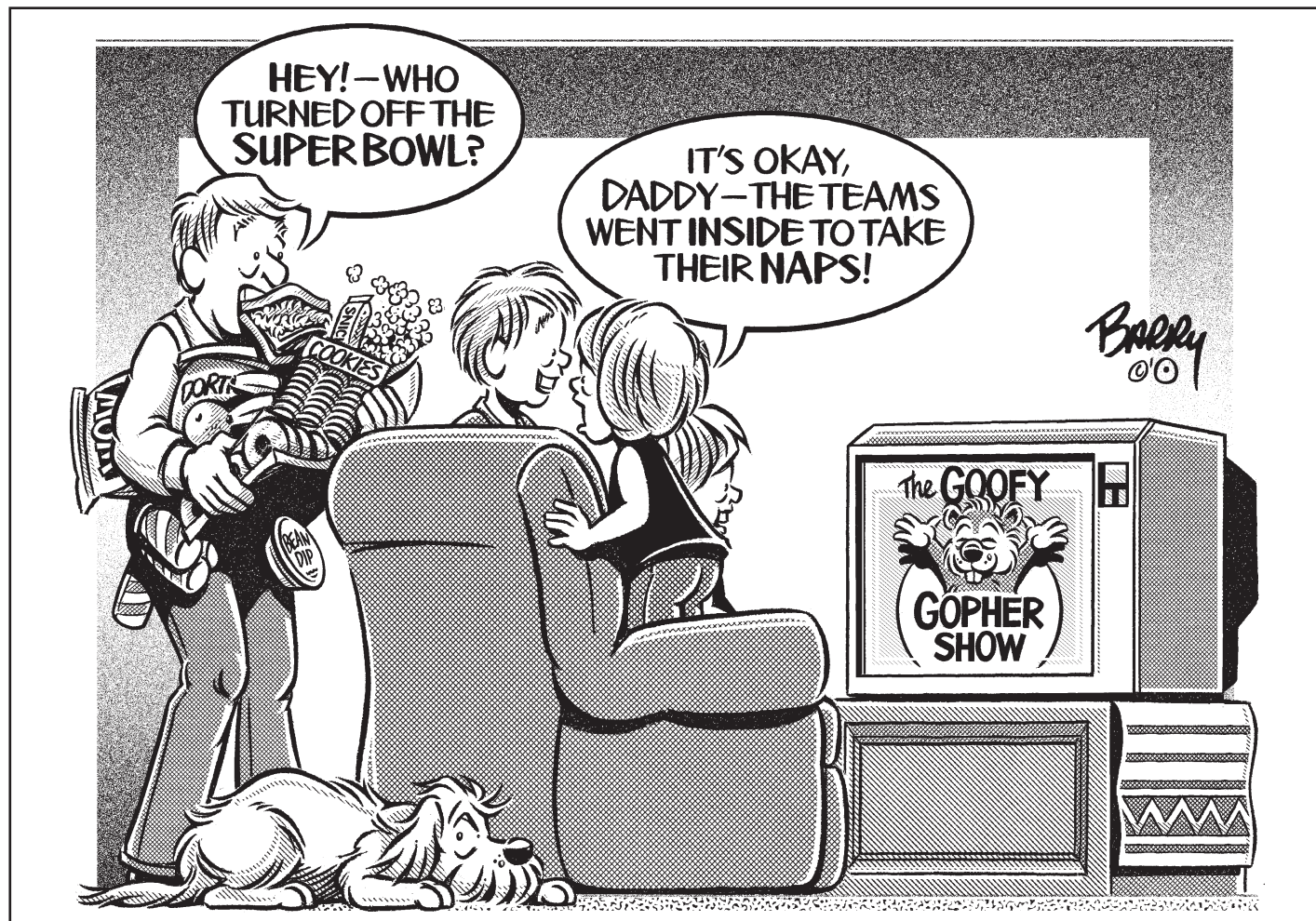
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January 26, 1995

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority was awarded the Charles and Gloria Stith "Citizen of the Year" Award at the annual meeting and banquet of the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce on Friday, Jan. 20. Chamber director Mamie Lynch said the local service group was selected from a large number of individuals and organizations that have been very active in the community. "Based on the years of unselfish service this group has given to the community the selection committee felt they best represented the criteria established for this award," Lynch said. Beta Sigma Phi was chartered in Pagosa Springs in 1949. Three of the charter members, Violet DeVore, Virginia Decker and Genelle Macht, are still active in the civic group.

Mary K. Carpenter was honored as Chamber Member of the Year.

Mary Muller of Silver Mine Country was awarded a Certificate of Merit for her tireless devotion to chamber functions.

Gary Lucas was recognized for his contributions as outgoing president and presented with a plaque and small gift.



Letters



Letters to the Editor are printed as received and are not edited for grammar or punctuation, but may have been edited for content or style.

Sustain the road

Dear Editor:
Timber Ridge property owners pay an annual tax levy to Archuleta County for Colorado's Timber Ridge Metropolitan District (CTRMD). Archuleta County forwards these monies to the CTRMD, not to the Homeowners association. Although the names sound alike, the Colorado's Timber Ridge Homeowners Association and the CTRMD are separate entities with separate finances and leadership. The only monies from property taxes going to CTRMD come from property owners within the CTRMD, and not from anywhere else even though most of Bristlecone within Timber Ridge is public road and is used by many each day and each night. A smaller fraction of funds comes from grants and Highway Use Tax Funds (HUTF) apportioned for the roughly eight and a half miles of roads within CTRMD.

CTRMD is responsible per a Service Agreement with the County for the maintenance and repair of roads within this residential community. The concern is extensive heavy-haul traffic and excessive speeding. Public use by private vehicles is not the issue. Bristlecone Drive in Timber Ridge was not engineered for heavy-haul traffic, yet has become a recognized route to avoid U.S. 160. I can appreciate concerns expressed about the wear and tear on U.S. Highway 160. This highway was built, however, with the expectation of heavy-haul commercial traffic and is maintained by CDOT — by the State of Colorado — not a small number of local property owners.

CTRMD and individual property owners have been unsuccessful working with the County to eliminate the heavy-haul traffic that is quickly eroding this residential road. There is a legitimate legal argument that a portion of Bristlecone Drive is indeed private and not public land. CTRMD has ap-

pealed to the Court to resolve the conflict.

Those of us who make our home in this part of Pagosa Country are not trying to "kick the public out"; we seek a sustainable way to maintain this road that the public clearly enjoys.

Heidi Barrett

On impeachment

Dear Editor:
Operating under the rubric that if you say something often enough, then many will believe it's true, has been, and remains the Democrats mode of operation throughout the effort to impeach President Trump. The thing that has been said is, "It isn't necessary to have a crime committed in order to impeach a president." This assertion was, and remains a lie.

The Constitution of the United States, in Article II, Section 4 makes it clear that, "The president, vice-president and all civil officers of the United States, shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors."

The Democrats, having given up the attempt to claim that President Trump is guilty of treason and bribery, have sought to remove him from his office under the provision for "high crimes and misdemeanors." Unfortunately, for them, no such crime has been committed by the president.

The articles of impeachment presented by the House of Representatives to the Senate are 1.) Abuse of power, and 2.) Obstruction of Congress. Neither of these are a violation of any criminal code. The meaning of a "high crime" should be obvious enough, so the argument for the committing of a misdemeanor has become the crux of the matter. I really hate to break it to the Democrats, but a crime that does not rise to the level of a felony. Both crimes and misdemeanors are encoded in criminal statutes and to commit a misdemeanor is to commit a crime.

Abuse of power is a claim that has been laid by the opposition party of every president from George Washington to Donald Trump. Obstruction of Congress is something that Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi should be charged with for withholding the articles of impeachment from the Senate for 33 days. There is a legal remedy that has been repeatedly used by congress in multiple administrations to the president's claim of "Executive Privilege", it's called the courts. The way such disagreements have been rightly handled before is to let the courts decide if the claim of executive privilege is legitimate or not. But the Democrats in the House refused to take the time to do that. Now they want to demand that the Senate do the job of investigating the alleged non-crimes for them. The Senate would be well served if it declines to do the House's job. The Senate's obligation is to try the charges presented by the House using the investigative material that the House provided them. They are not charged with expanding the investigation.

No impeachable offense has been committed by President Trump. No violation of the criminal code has been asserted. Thus, the only legitimate action for the United States Senate is to dismiss the case. No crime? No impeachment.

Richard Bolland

Books and rumors

Dear Editor:
Item No. One — At the suggestion of a new acquaintance here in Pagosa, I acquired a copy of "Hondo My Father," an autobiography of Hondo Crouch, a sometimes resident of and sometimes referred to as the "Mayor of Luckenbach." Hondo was a true character and I commend his biography, written by his daughter, to you. You will have to find a used copy. Mine is autographed by his daughter and inscribed to someone named, "Nancy." Such is what you find in the used book market.

I could tell you where Luckenbach is but you should find it yourself. It is near Gruene.

Item No. Two — There has been a lot written about "The Handmaid's Tale." It is a peculiar story with virtually no discernible plot of any interest. I also read the sequel, "The Testament." In a description of "The Handmaid's Tale" in Wikipedia, it is described as a story that, "explores themes of subjugated women in a patriarchal society and the various means by which these women resist and attempt to gain individuality and independence." My admittedly limited experience with those of the fairer gender has taught me that they don't subjugate easily and usually not at all. I also watched two or three episodes of the serialized version on Netflix. I finally came to my senses and discarded the whole project of trying to figure out why there was any interest in the story. I do not recommend it to anyone. There are a lot of good books to read. These are not in that group.

Item No. Three — I read with some curiosity the idea that some "investors," are going to build some housing and commercial buildings on the property across from the Post office and south of the Bank of the San Juans. As I understand the matter, the project will be built with someone else's money and that money will be paid back by the investors getting to keep half of the sales tax that will be generated by whatever commercial business is included in the project. It seems to me that this means that we, the residents and visitors of our pleasant town and county, will pay for the

project, which will then be owned by the developers. This sounds like a good idea for the developers.

William L. Hubbard

Editor's note: Developers of any approved urban renewal projects that use tax-increment financing can only be reimbursed for the costs of constructing public infrastructure.

Seniors and property taxes

Dear Editor:
Colorado allows for Seniors to get a substantial allowance on property taxes. The catch for people like me, is to qualify you must have lived in the same residence for 10 consecutive years. If you're in my situation you may have paid Colorado Property taxes for as much as 30 years but can't apply because over the years I've moved a few times.

If you are in this same situation please send an email to our State House Representative Barbara McLachlan. Her email address is, barbara.mclachlan.house@state.co.us

That recent tax notice certainly got your attention. We have a chance to reduce the burden.

Tony Medrano

'Forcing inedible foods' on kids

Dear Editor:
I have read with interest the reactions to the government eliminating the Obama nutritional guidelines and allowing the individual school district to decide the matter for themselves.

It's about time. Local control is almost always better than centralized nanny state control.

The "food" those 'one size fits all' regulations forced on our kids was inadequate and basically inedible.

I suspect that those complaining loudest never had to eat that crap.

As a retired teacher I know first hand how disgusted our students were by that "food". My school was so poor that we qualified for 100% free breakfast and lunch. Every student, every day was offered free breakfast and lunch. Most students refused to eat any of the lunches and would dump it in the trash. They usually took the

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Obituaries

Benny Lohman

Benny Lohman passed away gently in the presence of family and friends on the evening of Jan. 27. She and her late husband, Sandy, were proud residents of Pagosa Springs for many years.



Benny was a tremendous example to us all from her earliest days in Selinsgrove, Pa. — Snyder County 100-yard dash champion and valedictorian of her high school class. She followed that with being selected as captain of the Penn State Gymnastics Team and president of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

After college graduation, she volunteered for duty in the U.S. Navy during World War II. While stationed in Arizona as a Navy recruiter, she met her first husband, Capt. Richard Seigler, USAF, who was tragically killed in a fighter plane crash during inclement weather over the island of Formosa.

She later met and married Sandy Lohman. During their 64-year marriage, they raised three sons — Chuck, Ric and Chip — during

Air Force assignments around the world. Benny joined Sandy in attending Portuguese Language School and was a tremendous help to him during two assignments to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and to the Azores Islands.

Benny enjoyed social events and, with little coaxing, would perform an enthusiastic rendition of the Charleston! While in Pagosa Springs, Benny loved to tackle the slopes at Wolf Creek — particularly when she learned that she had reached the age threshold to ski for free! At age 92, she placed second in the Senior Nationals in the Women's 100-meter dash. She was a proud Life Member of the Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County. She was also a lifetime member of the Pagosa Springs Women's Golf Association (PGWGA) and a role model for women golfers for many decades, on and off the course. The PGWGA ladies were delighted to honor Benny at a luncheon in celebration of her 100th birthday last July (one of six birthday celebrations that week).

The world will never know a sweeter, more dedicated, more compassionate lady. We are so lucky that she was a part of our lives for so long. Hers was truly a life worth living.

J. Guilberto Villarreal

J. Guilberto Villarreal went to be with his Heavenly Father on Jan. 1 at the age of 90. He was a former resident of Pagosa Springs;



Hawthorne, Nev.; Yerington, Nev.; Ridgecrest, Calif.; and Delta, Colo. Guilberto was born on Jan. 23, 1929, in Kearns, Colo., to Juan and Emilia (Duran) Villarreal and grew up in Kearns and Pagosa Springs, Colo.

On Jan 23, 1951, he married the love of his life, Eduvijen (Edna) Martinez, in Aztec, N.M. Guilberto and Edna moved to Hawthorne, Nev., in 1951, where they resided for 34 years.

Guilberto worked and retired as a truck driver from the Department of Defense in Hawthorne, Nev. Guilberto was a loving father who enjoyed traveling, hunting, fishing and camping with his family. He especially loved to tinker and build things from scratch. He was a kind-

hearted man who loved music, dancing and laughter.

Guilberto was preceded in death by his wife, Eduvijen (Martinez) Villarreal; parents Juan Y. and Emilia (Duran) Villarreal; and siblings Louis Duran, Dora Manzanarez, Ursulita Talamante, Florinda Riss, Antonio Villarreal, Fermin Villarreal, Francisco (Frank) Villarreal, Jose Villarreal, Ophelia Villarreal, Petra Villarreal, Marina Villarreal, Anita Villarreal, Juanita Villarreal, Lupita Villarreal, Antonia Villarreal, Angela Villarreal and Cordilia Villarreal.

He is survived by his four children: Mary (Tommy) McConnell, Juan Villarreal, Richard (Joanna Capazzi) Villarreal and Antonio Villarreal Sr.; grandchildren Duane McConnell, Christina (Anthony) Estrada and Antonio Villarreal Jr.; great-grandchildren Angel (Brook) Ramirez, Tommy Ramirez, Grace McConnell, Skyden Villarreal and Philip Hay; and four siblings: Joe Villarreal, Della Svjacara, Alice Francis and Madeline Martinez.

No services are scheduled, per Guilberto's wishes.

Three seats up for grabs in Upper San Juan Health Service District's spring election

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Jan. 21, the board of the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD), which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), approved a pair of resolutions relating to the special district's spring election.

The USJHSD spans Archuleta County and portions of Hinsdale and Mineral counties.

Those resolutions named Clerk to the Board Heather Thomas as the district's designated election official and established terms for the May 5 election, in which three seats on the USJHSD board will be up for grabs.

Those three seats are currently held by Matt Mees, Dr. Jim Pruitt and Kate Alfred.

Those elected to the three seats will serve three-year terms — a difference from the normal four-year

terms due to a state statute change that will move special district elections to off-numbered years following the 2022 election.

Eligible electors of the USJHSD interested in serving on the board can obtain a self-nomination and acceptance form from Thomas at PSMC, located at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

The deadline to submit a self-nomination and acceptance is 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 28.

Affidavits of intent to be a write-in candidate must be submitted to Thomas' office by 4:30 p.m. on March 2.

Thomas' office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Per the resolution approved, if there are not more candidates than seats available, Thomas will cancel the election and notify the candidates they are elected by acclamation.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Jan. 30
Pagosa Springs Town Council work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Monday, Feb. 3
San Juan Water Conservancy District meeting. 5 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Unit 5.

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Archuleta School District Board of Education high school visit. 8 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School, 800 S. 8th St.

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.

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 auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.

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

Wednesday, Feb. 5
Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board Water Works design visioning exercise. 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Thursday, Feb. 6
Dispatch Executive Management board. 9:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Monday, Feb. 10
Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, Feb. 11
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting. Noon, Boss Hogg's, 157 Navajo Trail Drive.

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors regular meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, Feb. 12
Southwestern Water Conservation District grant meeting and teleconference. Time to be

determined, 841 E. Second Ave., Durango, or call (605) 475-5618, 797282#.

Thursday, Feb. 13
Southwestern Water Conservation District grant meeting and teleconference. Time to be determined, 841 E. Second Ave., Durango, or call (605) 475-5618, 797282#.

Tuesday, Feb. 18
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.

Wednesday, Feb. 19
Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting. Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board Water Works design visioning exercise. 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, Feb. 25
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.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, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, Feb. 26
Southwestern Water Conservation District board teleconference. 9 a.m. Call (605) 475-5618, 797282#.

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

Feb. 26-28
Archuleta School District Board of Education notice of gathering. Three or more school board members will be traveling to Denver for the Colorado Association of School Boards Winter Legislative Conference.

Wednesday, March 4
Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board Water Works design visioning exercise. 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

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2019 Community Award winners announced at WinterFest Gala

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Special to The SUN

The 2019 Community Awards were announced at Friday's WinterFest Gala. The categories were citizen, volunteer, small business and nonprofit of the year.

Citizen of the Year

The nominees for Citizen of the Year were Neil Umali, Kimberlie Hamilton Fleming, Annie Sewell and Dale Johnson. The winner was Johnson.

Johnson has changed the face of culture and educational impact in our community. Long before Thing-amajig and professional theater, there was the Music Boosters, now Curtains Up Pagosa.

Creating community theater and strengthening the youth of Pagosa has been this nominee's passion since 2001, impacting almost 20 of the 30 years of its existence. She has been a board member since 2001, and has choreographed shows, worked on sets, costuming, make-up, securing the artistic licensing to produce the shows and writing grants. She is the cheerleader, mentor, bulldog and workhorse for the organization, producing two shows a year.

Along with volunteering her time to make this happen, she dedicates her time to students, giving outside coaching, taking them to competitions and even giving of her own time and money to help out an actor or young performer. She is the "go to" person or mentor for a lot of kids, even in their personal lives, offering a safe place to go for guidance, advice and just someone to talk to. Because of her guidance, many young Pagosa youth have pursued theatrical professions. She volunteers for other organizations helping with the productions and collaborates with other agencies such as the Pagosa Center for the Arts and Seeds of Learning with costumes, staging and even acting.

Whether watching a cast of four or 40, Johnson has changed the caliber of show and quality of performance of community theater in Pagosa. Where once theater in Pagosa was an option, it is now an expectation and Johnson has been the driving force for this cultural shift and theatrical educational pursuit. Congratulations to Johnson for her lasting effect to culture and education in Pagosa Springs.

Volunteer of the Year

In the Volunteer of the Year category, the nominees were Loren Foster, Annie Sewell, Pauline Benetti



Photo courtesy
Jeff Laydon

The 2019 Community Awards were announced at Friday's WinterFest Gala. The categories were citizen, volunteer, small business and nonprofit of the year. Dale Johnson was selected as Citizen of the Year; Small Business of the Year was Lantern Dancer owned by Doris Green; Nonprofit of the Year was Aspire Medical Services and Education represented by Brittany Bedtke; and Annie Sewell was named Volunteer of the Year.

and Yvonne Wilcox.

The winner was Sewell. She is the backbone of the fairly new organization DUST2. In 2013, she started the initiative to get grant money to build a safer route for children to get to the elementary school. The completion of the sidewalk on North 8th Street this year is a result of her hard work, as is the trail on 10th Street in conjunction with the Town of Pagosa Springs.

The outdoors, safe routes and trail access is her passion. She has taken this passion to create a system of new single-track trails throughout the Town of Pagosa Springs, including Dakota Springs behind the high school for people, especially youth, to get out and get out safely. Her collaboration skills are a model.

She organized the Southwest Conservation Corps to have kids work on trails on Reservoir Hill. She is partnering with the Forest Service and its partners to work on trails that need rerouting and maintenance for access for all kinds of activities. You can find her at a WinterFest bike race thawing out ingredients and making delicious crepes, all with a smile. In 2019, the DUST2 organization took several high school students to the state finals in Durango. Organizing this student team and its coaches would not have been possible without her involvement.

It is not only DUST2 that she helps. She contributes her time and talent to individuals and organizations to help them succeed. Since 2015, she has contributed over 1,000 hours a year to just one organization. Sewell was selected as Volunteer of the Year for her contributions to changing and improving the lifestyle, safety and activity of

our community.

Nonprofit of the Year

The nonprofit organizations nominated this year included DUST2, the Small Business Development Center, the Pagosa Multi Purpose Pavilion, Aspire Medical Services and Education, and Habitat for Humanity.

The winner was Aspire Medical Services and Education. Aspire has been in business for 20 years. It started as an organization dedicated to safe and confidential pregnancy information, testing and assistance to those in need of infant and toddler food and clothing. This nonprofit also now conducts men's parenting classes and court-ordered parenting classes for clients of the Department of Human Services. They have built a relationship with San Juan Basin Public Health, who actually now refers clients to Pagosa who cannot find affordable prenatal care in Durango. They provide services to more than 80 percent of the pregnant women and have lowered the low birth weight and preterm birth percentage in the area. From being known only as the Pagosa Pregnancy Center to Aspire Medical Services and Education with a large menu of services many in the community are not even aware of, Aspire was awarded the Nonprofit of the Year.

Small Business of the Year

In the small business category, the nominees were Funky Trunk, Two Chicks and a Hippie, Lantern Dancer Gallery and Gift Shop, and Pagosa Veterinary Clinic.

The winner was Lantern Dancer.

Lantern Dancer has been in business since 1990. It changed ownership 15 years ago. Retail is tough in this tourism-based economy, but this store has increased sales by having a great website presence and online store.

They have continued to work on the business by upgrading their inventory system to a point-of-sale system and can offer their store inventory to the online world. Their customer service skills are exemplary, even referring customers to other businesses should they not have a product the customer is looking for and being ranked 4.9 out of 5 in the Google rankings.

Rarely has a nonprofit agency been denied an item to be auctioned off at a fundraiser and much money has been raised from their generous donations of significant items of jewelry or works of art. Owner Doris Green has served on the Chamber board, and spearheaded and was president of the Pagosa Springs Arts Council for years.

Other staff members such as Leanne Goebel have helped the community by serving as president of the Pagosa Makers, volunteering for the Arts Council and working on the Art Walks.

Always willing to assist other businesses, they offer guidance in business practices, retail dos and don'ts, and general cheerleading efforts.

As one customer noted, "They obviously know their business and they definitely care about their customers, even if they may likely not see them again. However, for me—I will return."

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Colorado unemployment rate lowest in 44 years, county unemployment drops to 2.6 percent

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate in Colorado dropped to 2.5 percent from November to December, the lowest unemployment rate for the state since the unemployment report series began in 1976.

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County dropped to 2.6 percent in December from 2.8 percent in November, with 6,974 people in the labor force and 183 of those claiming unemployment.

In November, there were 7,122 people in the county's labor force, with 197, or 2.8 percent, claiming unemployment.

The total workforce decreased by 148 people over the course of the month, while the number of unemployed people decreased by 14.

Looking at the December employment situation for the rest of the state, Huerfano County had the highest unemployment rate

for the month at 5 percent, while Yuma County and Kit Carson County shared the lowest rate at 1.1 percent.

The unemployment rate in Colorado dropped .1 percent from November to December to 2.5 percent, according to the survey of households.

Statewide, the number of people actively participating in the labor force in Colorado increased 6,000 from November to December, to 3,176,600, and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 8,100 to 3,096,400.

The national unemployment rate was unchanged from November to December, staying at 3.5 percent.

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

people employed.

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

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

Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by work site and the other measuring persons employed and unemployed by household, estimates based on these surveys may provide seemingly conflicting results.

From November to December, nonfarm payroll jobs in Colorado increased by 1,400 for a total of 2,803,500, with private-sector jobs increasing by 1,100 and govern-

ment jobs increasing by 300.

Over the month, the largest private-sector job gains were in educational and health services; and trade, transportation and utilities.

The largest over-the-month decline was in financial activities.

Over the year, the number of Coloradans participating in the labor force increased by 47,900, total employment increased by 81,200 and the number of unemployed decreased by 33,300.

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

Over the year, the average workweek for all employees in private nonfarm payroll jobs was unchanged at 33.6 hours.

Average hourly earnings increased from \$29.88 to \$30.77 during the same time period.

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Archuleta Nonprofit Coalition outlines goals for 2020

By Royce Gomez
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta Nonprofit Coalition (ANC) was formed to bring cohesiveness, collaboration and synergy among the nonprofit organizations in Archuleta County. Currently, ANC has approximately 15 active organizations who attend the monthly meetups.

The organization's goal is to

meet monthly, bringing expertise and discussion to help nonprofits collaborate and thrive in a community with limited resources.

The ANC exists to:

- Launch an Annual Volunteer Fair in the spring to educate the public about nonprofits, as well as increase volunteerism within the nonprofits.
- Design a digital map creating a visual of the nonprofit sector in

Archuleta County.

- Increase fundraising requests being awarded to Archuleta nonprofit organizations and maximize collaboration and sustainable initiatives in seeking grants.

We live in a community that is generous and has resources for the underserved populations, such as single mothers, at-risk youth and homelessness. In addition, there are several nonprofit

organizations that exist to protect and preserve our outdoor spaces.

The ANC opens its monthly meeting to all nonprofits and often has a speaker bringing expertise to help run your nonprofits more effectively. It meets the second Wednesday of every month in the Axis Health System board room. For more information, contact Neil Umali at 264-4483, Ext. 0.

WinterFest's Penguin Plunge nets more than \$8,600 for nonprofits

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Special to The SUN

The weather was almost perfect for a fabulous WinterFest weekend. The Saturday morning balloon launch was thwarted by a heavy fog, so flying was not possible — at least in the morning. The pilots rallied and nine balloons flew on Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Sunday's launch, however, was picture perfect and 19 balloons took to the skies with the snow-capped mountains in the background. Thanks to all our pilots — one as far as from Texas — that participated in the WinterFest Balloon Rally.

The Penguin Plunge this year

netted more than \$8,600 for various nonprofit organizations. Those organizations included Chimney Rock, Axis Health Systems raising money for Vets 4 Vets, the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Rise Above Violence, Pagosa Youth Soccer, Do It 4 the Love, the Veterans Memorial Park, DUST2 and the San Juan Basin Area on Aging.

The winner of the most money raised was the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs with Chimney Rock coming in a close second. The most money raised by an individual went to Matty Warren with Pagosa Youth Soccer. The best costumed plungers went to Axis Health Systems for Vets 4 Vets. The water temperature

was a little warmer this year at 34 degrees.

The Sledz on Rez had 28 very creative sleds. One of the highlights was having targeted music played to the design of the sled. Thanks to Tyler Fry for doing the majority of this work.

The Pagosa Skis and Saddles Skijoring event was definitely a hit and was well attended. Those who had never seen this event were blown away by the fast-paced crazy course that participants had to compete in. We hope to see this event continue with WinterFest in the years to come. Please check the paper for more results from all the events.

WinterFest, as with all the other events, would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors. Please check out the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce's ad next week in The SUN for all those that participated.

Town sanitation district waives fees for affordable housing project

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Jan. 23, the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID) voted to approve capital investment fee waivers for the Rose Mountain Townhomes, but did not approve fee waivers for the county's Department of Human Services (DHS) building, which is part of the same project.

The PSSGID board is comprised of all seven members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council.

The Archuleta County Housing Authority (ACHA), who is overseeing the project, previously approached the town and PSSGID about waiving capital investment, building and planning fees, requesting the sanitation district waive \$31,850 in fees, which included both the affordable housing portion of the project and the county's DHS building.

Capital investment fees are tap fees charged on new developments or changes in use that affect sewer services.

Because the PSSGID is an enterprise fund subject to the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, the district is required to make up that loss of revenue in one of two ways: through district property tax collections or through payment from the Town of Pagosa Springs' capital or general funds.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips

suggested at a prior meeting that any waived fees be backfilled from the town's General Fund.

Board members David Schanzenbaker and Tracy Bunning explained at the meeting that they felt the town had already contributed a lot to the project and didn't need to waive fees for both the affordable housing portion of the project and the county's DHS building portion.

Schanzenbaker referenced that

the county reduced its mill levy allocation to its Road and Bridge Department last year, which caused the town's share of that money to be reduced by \$100,000.

"I feel like we're already helping out the DHS building with the county mill levy reduction that we received this year, \$100,000. That sounds like the majority of that, we were told was to go toward the DHS building, so I feel like the town

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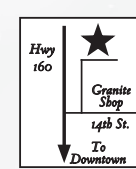
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Historic Preservation Board seeking members

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs' Historic Preservation Board is seeking two regular and two alternate members to help carry out the board's purpose, which is to "recognize, protect, and promote the retention and use of historic sites and districts within the community and to promote educational opportunities and awareness of the unique heritage of Pagosa Springs."

Following a resignation at the end of the board's Jan. 8 meeting, there are now two openings for regular members and two openings for alternate members.

According to a recruitment flyer for the board, the board members accomplish the purpose "by identifying and promoting designation of historic buildings, landmarks and districts; reviewing proposed development and renovation applications to ensure the preservation of Pagosa Springs' historic character as a timber, logging and livestock Town as well as a hot springs destination and regional economic and cultural center. The HPB serves also to promote the cultural, educational and economic well-being of Pagosa Springs, creating a reasonable balance between property rights and the public interest, ensuring alteration (including relocation or demolition) of historic assets is carefully considered, to increase economic benefits to both Town and owners of historic properties, foster civic pride, retain and enhance the value of contributing structures, and encouraging maintenance and upkeep of historic structures. Perhaps most importantly at present, is educating citizens and visitors about the history of the community and the value of preserving historic properties and the materials and methods of preservation. Ideal candidates will be enlisted in making the past relevant to our present inhabitants and visitors."

The board comprises five regular members and two alternates, appointed by the Pagosa Springs Town Council for a four-year term. Members can be reappointed to successive terms without limitation.

According to the recruitment flyer, "At least one member must be a qualified elector in the Town and resident for one year prior to appointment. Remaining members may reside outside Town limits provided they own property or business, or conduct business, within Town. We are seeking members who have professional or other working knowledge of architecture, architectural history, archaeology, history, planning, American stud-

ies, civilization, cultural geography or anthropology or other historic preservation related disciplines such as the building trades."

For more information or to submit a letter of interest, contact Cindy Schultz at cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov or 264-4151, ext. 221.

Those added to the Historic Preservation Board lineup will help the board accomplish its strategic goals for 2020, which the board set at its Jan. 8 meeting.

Those goals are, as stated in the recruitment flyer:

"1. Creating a simple series of public testaments to tell the story of the factors that contributed to the current features and significance of the current Historic Downtown District.

"2. Revise the signage at the Overlook (parking area) so that it more accurately represents the historic events that shaped the area up to today.

"3. Celebrating Historic Preservation Month (May, annually) for 2020 to include:

"a. Youth engagement: 'what would be cool to see at the Water Works site?'

"b. Movie screening: proposed for a featured series with historic relevance (details pending!)

"4. Recruitment of new goal-oriented and action-minded members for the HPB."

The document noted that other goals for 2020 include the board's Recording Stories Project and working on the next phases of the Water Works site vision and future grant applications.

The board's most recent resignation on Jan. 8 followed the board's determination of its strategic priorities for 2020 and came during discussion about upcoming conference opportunities.

While the board was discussing the Saving Places Conference in Denver, board member Larry Garcia noted that he had a place to stay and a desire to go, with fellow board member Carol Anderson having expressed interest at a previous meeting.

Both board members being interested spurred discussion on what board members intended to bring back from the conference to share with the board and how they intended to share that due to the cost of attending — estimated at \$900 per person for the conference and travel — and the town's ability to send only one staff member and one board member.

During that discussion, board chair Andre Redstone referenced the board's upcoming work and asked Garcia, "Are you with us?"

Redstone acknowledged that

Garcia had been "on the fence" and stated that the board has missed having Garcia's input at meetings.

Garcia responded that he wasn't sure, noting that he has a long commute to attend the board meetings.

"I've been involved now on the board for, I think this is going on third year now," Garcia said, continuing later, "I'm still kind of on the fence whether it'd make sense for me to commit to come."

Garcia spoke of the increasing frequency of board meetings, time commitment and workload, and that conferences are important for board members and provide "stimulus," yet the town is not able to send many people to the conferences.

As the conversation progressed, Anderson stated, "I feel that in order to go to the conferences there needs to be some level of commitment in coming to the meetings, and you haven't shown that. I feel like it's been very sporadic, it hasn't been consistent."

Anderson acknowledged that she was unsure of Garcia's attendance prior to her time on the board, with Garcia responding that he was at every meeting when he served as an alternate, but that a lot of things, such as a surgery, came up in 2019, limiting his involvement.

Garcia reiterated that the town needed to take care of its board members through things like conferences and again referenced the board's number of meetings.

"You guys just keep creating more and more meetings ... I'm meeting'd out," Garcia said, adding that it's been an honor to serve the community. "What you just said to me, to me that's — my decision tonight is that I'm resigning from the board."

Garcia noted that it was important for the board to find someone who could commit to being at the meetings and who doesn't have logistical issues.

"I'm thankful for the opportunity I've had," Garcia continued, explaining that he will take the knowledge and resources he's gained to work on projects within the ranching community.

Redstone responded that he was sorry to hear Garcia resign, but that he respected the decision.

Later in the conversation, Redstone told Garcia he hoped Garcia would remain connected and thanked him for his service to the board.

Museum work session

Prior to the board's meeting on Jan. 8, the members met with staff and board members of the San Juan Historical Society, which operates

the Pagosa Springs History Museum, in a work session.

That work session focused on the museum's plans, concerns, future goals and plans, and the town's upcoming Water Works visioning process for determining the adaptive reuse of the historic site.

Over the course of the work session that lasted an hour and a half, the museum representatives expressed a desire for a long-term lease with the town to give the museum permanency to be able to apply for grants.

Board member Frank Zellner also explained that the museum recently completed its three-year strategic plan, which includes completing the expansion currently underway, a long-term plan for landscaping outside of the museum and future access to the museum from the town's Riverwalk.

Zellner also expressed the museum has needs related to air conditioning, heat and upgrading its security system.

Further discussion centered on a number of ideas for long-term improvements and expansion of the museum and its collections.

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is already contributing a pretty significant helper in the DHS building," he said.

"I think the county is contributing to this at a high rate, so I would have no problem, personally, going ahead and including DHS," said board president and Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger prior to the vote.

Board member Madeline Bergon agreed with Volger's sentiment.

Board member Matt DeGuise made a motion to waive \$31,850 in capital investment fees that would apply to both the affordable housing portion of the project and the

county's DHS building.

DeGuise, Volger and Bergon voted in favor.

Schanzenbaker, Bunning, and board members Nicole DeMarco and Matt deGraaf voted against. The motion died.

deGraaf then made a second motion, referencing the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) portion of the project.

"So, in the spirit of separating the DHS building out of the LIHTC project, I would like to waive the fees for the LIHTC project but not the DHS building The amount that we would be waiving is \$22,750," deGraaf said.

The motion passed unanimously.

The town council will consider covering the expense on Feb. 4.

At the county commissioners work session on Tuesday, commissioner Ron Maez said "it wasn't a surprise to me" that the DHS building fees weren't also waived, referencing the Jan. 23 vote.

"Given the funding for that, I get it, they've gotta pay their way," said Commissioner Steve Wadley.

"Either way, it's taxpayer dollars at the end of the day," Maez said, adding, "It still circulates back to the taxpayers' hands anyway."
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Town work session to focus on housing

By Randi Pierce and John Finerock
Staff Writer

This evening, the Pagosa Springs Town Council is slated to discuss workforce and affordable housing at its monthly work session.

That work session, which is scheduled to go from 5 to 7 p.m. at Town Hall, will include a number of topics relating to affordable and workforce housing:

- An update from Pagosa Housing Partners (PHP).
- An update from town staff on housing items.
- Discussion on the top three items those present want to work on for housing in 2020.
- A group discussion on possible alternative funding for housing initiatives.
- A group discussion on the next steps and recommendations.

In advance of that work session, town staff met with the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board to gauge those boards' views on one possible funding option that was presented to the town council in December 2019 — using a portion of lodgers' tax revenues.

Last month, PHP's Lynne Vickerstaff presented four possible funding options to the town council for developing a long-term funding stream for workforce housing projects and programs.

Those options included reallocating 10 percent of the lodging tax revenue collected, increasing the lodgers' tax by 1 percent (which would require a vote of the town's electors), increasing the town's short-term rental registration fee to a yearly fee of \$400, and applying a 2.9 percent excise tax on short-term rentals within the town.

There is currently a 4.9 percent lodging tax in the town and a 1.9 percent lodging tax in the county, with the tourism board tasked with recommending expenditures related to the revenue derived from those taxes.

On Jan. 7, Tourism Director Jennifer Green discussed the lodgers' tax issue with the county commissioners at their work session.

"I am just trying to get as much input at this stage, so that when town council does have discussions, they are understanding perhaps the gravity of the situation that they are considering," Green told the commissioners.

Commissioner Ron Maez said that lodgers' tax is "easy money" for the town to use toward other projects.

"But how much of that easy money is really gonna be a good, substantial amount of money to invest in whatever they want to invest in, and will it generate enough?" Maez asked.

"We've seen just growth by leaps and bounds in sales tax and that's on the back of tourism. That's because the tourism board has been so successful with everything they've done," said Commissioner Steve Wadley, noting that tourism is "the lifeblood of this community."

Green explained she didn't know of any other communities who were reducing their tourism budget and roughly estimated if the town and county both withdrew their financial contributions it could lead to as much as a \$300,000 loss in funds "to promote the destination."

Wadley asked Green if he knew who on town council was in support of reallocating lodgers' tax amounts, to which she replied she didn't, but said of town council that it "seemed like a general consensus to leverage lodging tax."

Then, on Jan. 14, the tourism board considered the matter, with Green explaining Town Attorney Bob Cole had "chimed in" with a recommendation that the town's ballot language was vague enough to allow the use of lodgers' tax revenue for housing.

"Housing is a crisis throughout Colorado and much of the nation," Wadley said before noting that the area has been very successful with tourism, which means more sales tax.

He suggested that PHP is looking for a revenue stream and asked what housing PHP has done and where the money would go.

He also suggested that diverting lodgers' tax revenue to housing would cause the county to re-evaluate its partnership with the town.

Julian Caler noted that he doesn't believe housing is a crisis and suggested that there needs to be a plan before funding options are considered.

He added that any funding should be used to incentivize development and be matched by the town, county and developers, and further suggested PHP could raise money on its own "if they were serious."

"I wholeheartedly agree," Jon Johnson noted when Caler was done speaking.

At that point, Town Manager Andrea Phillips clarified for the tourism board that Cole had not recommended the use of lodgers' tax, but had done an analysis because the town council was wondering about the legality of the possible use of the funds following Vickerstaff's presentation.

She further explained that, under a contract with the town, PHP created the Roadmap to Affordable Housing, which includes an action item of providing revenue recommendations.

Tourism board chair Shane Lucero noted the Roadmap and PHP's consultant for that report didn't recommend lodgers' tax for housing.

Madeline Bergon, who serves on both the tourism board and town council, noted that the possible funding stream was not a request for PHP to be funded directly, but that the funds would go into a line item and the town would likely issue a request for proposal for housing work.

She noted it would just be a pot of money to accomplish the next step.

Phillips gave a pair of examples of how housing funding could be used: to cover any tap fees waived by the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District or to help with the development of a town-owned

parcel on Trujillo Road that could be used for affordable and workforce housing.

Bergon noted there is a perception that tourism and vacation rentals are adding to the stress of housing in the area and suggested funds could be moved for one year as a test.

She noted that, as a town council member, she was interested in hearing from the tourism board if it is interested in contributing any funds, looking at the tourism budget, and seeing who the tourism board would feel should "dole out" that funding.

Wadley then explained when the town and county came together to work on its joint strategic priorities, including housing, the county opted for bricks and mortar, not more plans.

He suggested that he understood providing funds to be able to waive tap fees, but questioned if tourism funding is "the pot of gold" that should come from.

Lauri Heraty reiterated the lack of a specific plan on how to the funds would be spent by PHP, with Bergon again noting that PHP was not requesting that they be given the funding.

Michael Whiting indicated that while he was not completely opposed, other sectors of the community would have to step up.

Nick Tallent declared he was 100 percent opposed, calling it a "terrible idea."

The board and audience members also discussed the fact that diverting funds from promoting the community would show up elsewhere in the community because of an estimated return on investment of \$10 for every \$1 spent.

Following further discussion on reasons that lodgers' tax revenue should not be considered to fund housing, the board approved a resolution with a 5-2 vote to inform town council of its opinion that lodgers' tax revenue is the lifeblood of the community and should not be touched for anything other than its stated purpose.

Bergon and Whiting voted against the motion.

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Pagosa Springs Medical Center establishes plan to increase cash

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) ended 2019 with 62.5 days of cash on hand, meeting the requirements of some of the Upper San Juan Health Service District's (USJHSD) bonds, but falling short of the requirements of other bonds.

Because the district ended the year with more than 60 days of cash on hand but fewer than 70, as is required by the district's 2016 bonds, PSMC's administration was required to propose a plan to the board of directors to increase the days of cash on hand.

That plan, as well as a reporting tool, was presented to the board during its Jan. 21 meeting — the same meeting the board heard the end-of-year financial report for 2019.

To increase days cash on hand, PSMC's administration proposed 15 actions to take in 2020 that fall under the categories of reducing expenses, improving revenues collected, and management and planning.

Those action items include, but are not limited to, amending service agreements, evaluating offering extended hours for the

outpatient clinic, increasing existing service lines, and looking at changes to different aspects of billing and collection procedures.

The board unanimously approved the resolution including the action items and reporting tool shortly after hearing Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger's report on PSMC's 2019 finances.

Per that report, PSMC ended the year with a net income of \$722,712.

The medical center recorded \$5,367,238 in gross revenue for the month of December 2019, putting the center's gross revenue for 2019 at \$61,769,258, which was about \$3.4 million more than was budgeted.

PSMC collected \$2,663,152 of that revenue for December (51.84 percent) and collected \$32,021,468 in net patient revenue for the year, which fell under budgeted collections by 3.11 percent.

For the month of December, PSMC was over budget on expenditures by 1.17 percent or \$35,716.

"Expenses for the month of December were elevated," Keplinger explained, noting that accruals for the employee health plan contributed to the elevated expenditures.

For the year, PSMC's expenses totaled \$35,563,436, which was 1.46 percent or \$527,352 under

the year's budget and 1.72 percent above 2018's figure.

PSMC was left with a net loss of \$212,259 for December, with Keplinger noting that the majority of that amount was accruals.

PSMC had budgeted for a net gain of \$8,661 for the month.

For the year, PSMC's net income of \$722,713 fell 51.62 percent under the budgeted \$1,493,851.

"We had budgeted significantly more than that," Keplinger noted, also pointing out that PSMC doubled its bottom line from 2018.

Keplinger also listed the district's 2019 financial successes compared to 2018:

- A 7.58 percent increase to gross revenues over the previous year.
- Having expenses increase by only 1.72 percent when the medical Consumer Price Index is 4.6 percent.
- Increasing PSMC's cash 15.71 percent.
- Lowering PSMC's gross days in accounts receivable by 15.31 days.
- Lowering net days in accounts receivable by 6.91 days.
- Improving the net income by \$370,699.
- Improving the net margin from 1.01 percent in 2018 to 2.03 percent in 2019 when the typical margin for critical access hospitals is 1 to

1.5 percent.

"We had a great year," Keplinger told the board, noting she was "very excited" and acknowledging that every PSMC employee contributed to the successes.

The board also chimed in on the successes.

"Good year," King Campbell said.

"Well done," declared Karin Daniels.

"Well done. Good for everybody," board chair Greg Schulte added.

Later in the same meeting, the board unanimously approved a resolution amending and clarifying a board policy concerning when contracts will be presented to the board for approval and ratified a contract change and 10-year extension with electronic health record system provider Cerner.

The board voted unanimously to extend the district's existing contract with Cerner from 2023 through 2033, add tools such as a behavioral health module and reduce ongoing expenses.

The approved resolution explains, "Despite the addition of certain tools, an anticipated savings over the contract term in excess of \$400,000."

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Sports

WRESTLING

Pagosa wrestlers win five of six duals at two events

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestlers crushed Monte Vista 58-12 in a dual on Jan. 23 and had a thrilling match against Aztec in the High Desert Tiger Duals on Saturday.

On Jan. 23, Monte Vista's 12 points came on two forfeits where Pagosa had an empty roster slot.

Pagosa won every weight class it wrestled.

Erik Wyman (126-pound weight class) pinned his opponent in just over a minute and a half.

E.J. Monterroso (132-pounds) pinned his opponent in just under a minute.

Tay Barker (152), Wil Aucoin (170) and Skyler Hill (285) all won their matches in less than three minutes.

On Saturday, the Pirates traveled to Aztec High School in New Mexico for the High Desert Tiger Duals and faced five different teams at the event.

The Pagosa Pirates rolled over their first four opponents, beating Capital 51-20, Bloomfield 52-30 and Socorro 52-21, then beat Belen 45-34 to advance to the championship round of the event.

The Pirates' opponent in the championship round? Defending New Mexico state champion Aztec Tigers, playing in their home gym.

"It was bedlam," explained coach Dan Janowsky. "I don't think there was more excitement, more energy, more noise, relatively speaking...in any gym in the country. It was full, it was emotional. It was great for our kids."

Dylan Tressler (138 pounds) started things off on a roll for the Pirates, winning by decision 7-6 against Aztec's Garrett Birzer and earning three points for the team.

Brae Bergdolt (145) added to Tressler's momentum, winning by decision 10-5 over Aztec's Bode Wooley to give the Pirates a 6-0 lead.

The Pirates' defending state champion, Cameron Lucero (152), won by forfeit as the other team didn't send anyone to face him, giving the Pirates a 12-0 lead.

"He's so dominant that teams avoid him," Janowsky said of Lucero. "But when you dodge a guy like that, you take away the momentum that a guy like Cam can give you. Cam gives us a lot of energy and to avoid him is frustrating. It's a valid strategy; I would probably take advantage of it, too."

Then, at a deficit of 12-0, the Aztec Tigers started roaring back.

Zane Chapman (160) beat Pagosa's Dustin Clark by major decision 10-2, making the score 12-4.

Malcom Itisi (170) beat Aucoin by decision 11-7, bringing the score to 12-7.

Hunter Riddick (182) then beat Pagosa's Trevor Moore by major decision 9-1, making the score 12-11.

Major decisions earn four points for the victor, wins by decision net three points and pins earn six points.

Then, Kaden McKee (195), who was only recently promoted to the Pirates' varsity team, grabbed the momentum back for the Pirates, pinning Aztec's Brody Dalton in 2 minutes, 39 seconds and getting the score up to 18-11 in favor of the Pirates.

Hill followed McKee's victory with his own, earned by sudden victory 5-3. That gained three points for the Pirates, putting the score at 21-11.

Aztec then stole some of the momentum back.

The Pirates forfeited the 285-pound weight class as they didn't have a wrestler to fill that

role, making the score 21-17 Pirates.

Bryson Valdez (113) beat Pagosa's Trevor Torrez by technical fall, scoring five more points for Aztec and making the score 22-21, with Aztec now in the lead.

Reclaiming the lead was the job of Wyman (120), who pinned Aztec's Jaren McBride in 3:23, snatching the lead back for the Pirates at 27-22.

The Pirates forfeited the 126-pound weight class, making the score 28-27 just prior to the last match of the dual.

Monterroso (132) took on Aztec's Sammy Minton in a match that would determine who would win the High Desert Tiger Duals.

During the match, Monterroso, while in the process of pinning Minton, was called for an illegal hold, a call that proved controversial.

Janowsky explained that other referees may not have made the same call.

"It wasn't anything out of the ordinary in my view, I was really surprised by it," Janowsky said.

Janowsky called the two points Aztec received off two separate penalties the "difference in the match."

Minton won by decision 10-9, beating the Pirates 31-27, and gave the Tigers a team victory at the event.

"Aztec, they were on cloud nine," Janowsky said. "They stormed the mat and were excited."

The Pirates have two home matches this week.

The Pirates face Alamosa High School today, Jan. 30, at 6 p.m. at Pagosa Springs High School.

Tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 31, the Pirates will host Durango High School at 5 p.m. The dual was originally scheduled for 6 p.m.

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Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

Pirate Dylan Tressler jockeys for position against Aztec's Garrett Birzer on Jan. 25. Tressler won the match by decision, 7-6.



Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

E.J. Monterroso angles to pin his opponent during the High Desert Tiger Duals on Jan. 25. The Pirates faced five different teams and Monterroso wrestled the final match of the event.

SWIM



Photo courtesy Heather Miller

Multiple Lady Pirates dive into the competition at the Gunnison Invitational on Jan. 24. Pagosa saw multiple swimmers finish with their best times of the season so far.

Lady Pirates continue to grow following Gunnison meet

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Competing in the Gunnison Invitational on Jan. 24, the Pagosa Springs Lady Pirate swim team finished seventh out of seven teams.

In the 200-yard medley relay, a team consisting of Lynelle Bartz, Nell Taylor, Ivanna Erne and Emma

Gantt took fifth place with a final time of 2 minutes, 24.79 seconds.

Two Lady Pirates finished in the top 10 for the 200-yard freestyle event.

Sierra Liverett finished ninth with a final time of 2:34.49, while Bartz took 10th with a final time of 1:35.47.

Gantt took 11th in the 200-yard

individual medley with a final time of 3:13.31, while Darian Dominguez took 13th with a final time of 3:29.78.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Erne took sixth place with a final time of 29.08.

Liverett took eighth place with a final time of 1:27.84 in the 100-yard fly.

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Elsa Lindner goes for the block against Monte Vista on Jan. 24. Pagosa held Monte Vista to 19 points while scoring 75, with Lindner logging three blocks.



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Hailey Griego times her shot during Pagosa's 75-19 win over Monte Vista on Jan. 24. Griego notched 14 points to help Pagosa to its fourth league win of the season.

Lady Pirates pick up pair of league wins

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates picked up a pair of big wins over the last week, with the team now sitting as the No. 4 team in the state's weekly rankings and No. 5 team in the Ratings Percentage Index, which helps determine postseason seeding.

The first of the week's wins came over the Monte Vista Pirates on Jan. 24, with Pagosa sending Monte Vista home with a 75-19 loss.

Pagosa built a big lead early in the affair, scoring 23 in the first quarter and 26 in the second while holding Monte Vista to seven and three, respectively.

Pagosa further increased its lead with a 15-2 third quarter and 11-7 final period.

"The Monte game was ... obviously lopsided in scoring. I know that the girls had a lot of fun up there, everybody got to play and everybody contributed, and it was just one of them games that things were rolling pretty well for us," coach Wes Lewis said. "We were able to put up a lot of points against a team that's kind of in the rebuilding mode."

A quartet of Pagosa's Lady Pirates logged double-digit points in the game: Adelyn Dozier, Teagan Stretton, Hailey Griego and Elsa Lindner.

Dozier and Stretton each logged 15 points in the game. Dozier also

had a rebound, three assists and a steal. Stretton also had four rebounds, six assists, a block and nine steals.

Griego followed with 14 points, nine rebounds and a steal.

Lindner had 11 points in the game, as well as six rebounds, three blocks and two steals.

Taylor Lewis followed with seven points, a rebound, six assists, three blocks and five steals.

Molly Graham put up five points and logged two rebounds and an assist.

Kori Lucero logged four points, three rebounds and a steal.

Pagosa made nine of 12 free-throw attempts, good for 75 percent.

Pagosa turned the ball over 16 times in the game.

Then, on Jan. 25, Pagosa hit the road to Alamosa to take on another top-10 team in the Mean Moose.

Pagosa dealt Alamosa its second loss of the season in the 35-24 affair.

Pagosa outscored Alamosa in all four quarters Saturday: 8-4, 8-8, 10-8 and 9-6.

"I felt like we left a lot of points out there on the floor with some pretty easy opportunities. We didn't shoot particularly well from the free-throw line. We missed some bunnies around the paint, we missed some layup opportunities," the coach said. "Give Alamosa some credit, their half-court defense was stingy and we had a hard time ... gettin' some open looks and

when we did, we were able to make enough of them to win the game, but we certainly left some of them out there as well."

Pagosa made seven of 12 free-throw attempts, or 58 percent.

Wes Lewis noted there was a high caliber of defense on both sides in the low-scoring affair, pointing out that Pagosa limited Alamosa's 3-point shooter Emily Lavier to two points in the game, which came in the fourth quarter.

"Really good job on her," the coach said.

Wes Lewis added that Alamosa's press didn't give Pagosa any trouble and the Lady Pirates came up with offensive rebounds and putbacks in big situations, and Dozier was able to get a couple of big 3-pointers.

"We did just enough to win," he said.

Griego led the Lady Pirates with 12 points, which she complemented with nine rebounds, two assists, two blocks and a steal.

Dozier followed with eight points, a rebound and an assist.

Lindner and Graham each had four points in the game, with Lindner also having four rebounds and a block, and Graham pulling down a pair of rebounds.

Taylor Lewis had three points in the game, which she complemented with eight rebounds, four assists and a block.

Stretton and Lucero each contributed two points. Stretton also

had a pair of rebounds and an assist, and Lucero had a pair of assists.

With the pair of wins, Pagosa is currently the top Intermountain League (IML) team with a 4-0 league record and 10-2 overall mark.

This week, Pagosa will continue its tour of the IML, beginning with a Friday evening game in Bayfield against the Wolverines.

The Wolverines are 4-7 on the season and 1-3 in league play, with that win coming over Monte Vista on Jan. 25.

Wes Lewis noted that Bayfield was within 12 points of Alamosa and 11 points of Centauri.

"So Bayfield is playing pretty well right now. They have a very talented big in Macee Schulz. She's working it on both ends, on the defense and on the scoring. Big girl, about 6-2, big shoulders, pretty nice post player. So she'll be our focal point."

On Saturday, Pagosa will travel to Cortez to take on the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers for the second time this season.

Pagosa defeated the Panthers 62-32 on Jan. 17.

The Panthers are 3-8 on the season and 1-3 in league play, with that win being a 44-43 affair over the Wolverines on Jan. 18.

"A lot of it's about us right now against these teams and making sure ... we do what we do and do it well," the coach said.

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Swim

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Erne captured seventh place in the 100-yard freestyle with a final time of 1:04.92.

Four Lady Pirates finished in the top 10 in the 500-yard freestyle event, with Gantt taking fourth place with a final time of 7:25.51.

Olivia Gilbert took fifth place with a final time of 8:17.74, Kali Jury took sixth with a final time of 8:42.69 and Ivory Carpenter finished seventh with a final time of 8:54.30.

A Lady Pirate 200-yard freestyle relay time that featured Liverett, Gantt, Bartz and Erne took seventh place with a final time of 2:05.96.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Bartz took seventh with a final time of 1:13.33.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, Megan Greenly finished 11th with a final time of 1:30.08.

In an email to The SUN, coach Heather Miller explained the Lady Pirates swam strong, with several

swimmers notching best times.

Bartz was highlighted by Miller as having a great meet, with Miller adding that Bartz got close to the 100-yard backstroke state time.

Miller also highlighted the performances of Gantt, Gilbert, Jury and Carpenter in the 500-yard freestyle event.

"We are so far ahead of where we were last year with the variety of events that swimmers have done," Miller wrote. "All team members have swam the 200 free and a majority have swam the 500 free, this is an amazing testament to how hard these ladies have worked this year!"

Sargent

Pagosa also competed at Adams State University against the Sargent Farmers on Wednesday in the last regular-season meet.

Results for the meet were not available by press time on Wednesday and will be included in next week's issue of The SUN.

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BASKETBALL



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Mitch Lewis rejects a shot attempt by a Monte Vista Pirate during the matchup between the two league foes on Jan. 24. Lewis finished with 22 points, four rebounds and two assists. Pagosa knocked off Monte Vista 64-45 to earn its first league win of the season.



Photo courtesy Michael Pierce

Gunner Dozier gets air and puts up a shot against Monte Vista Pirate Dominic Dominguez on Jan 24. Dozier finished the night with two points and Pagosa got its first league win of the season by defeating Monte Vista 64-45. On Friday night at 7 p.m. Pagosa will take on the Bayfield Wolverines and on Saturday at 7 p.m. Pagosa will take on the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, with both games being on the road.

Pagosa splits with Monte Vista and Alamosa

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

In two league games over the weekend, one at home and one on the road, the No. 23 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team earned its first league win of the season against the No. 40 Monte Vista Pirates (5-7 overall, 1-3 in league play) on Jan. 24, but lost to the No. 15 Alamosa Mean Moose (9-4 overall, 4-0 in league play) on Jan. 25.

Plundered the (other) Pirates

On Jan. 24, Pagosa squared off with Monte Vista for the first time this season and captured a 64-45 victory at home.

The first quarter was all Pagosa as they outscored Monte Vista 18-6.

Monte Vista fought back in the second quarter with a 15-12 scoring effort over Pagosa to make it a 30-21 Pagosa halftime lead.

In the third quarter, Pagosa's offense was again on fire, scoring 18 points to Monte Vista's 10.

The fourth was a bit closer between Pagosa and Monte Vista, with Pagosa taking a 16-14 scoring advantage, leading to Pagosa's first Intermountain League (IML) win of the season.

Mitch Lewis led Pagosa in scoring with 22 points. He also pulled down four rebounds and dished out two assists and blocked a shot.

Mason Snarr added 18 points, a team-high eight rebounds and a steal.

Ryan Lewis added 10 points and three rebounds.

Kyler Hammer added five points, three rebounds and a team-high six assists.

Aidan O'Donnell added three points, four rebounds, three assists and a block.

Pagosa made 12 of 18 free-throw attempts, good enough for 67 percent at the free-throw line.

The Pirates finished with just 10 turnovers against Monte Vista.

"The win against Monte was a good team win," coach Randy Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN. "We played a pretty good bas-

ketball game and we were balanced scoring getting points from eight different players. Our rebounding was better and our defense was solid."

Mean Moose

On Jan. 25, Pagosa could not extend its win streak to two games as it lost to the Mean Moose on the road by a score of 57-49.

The first quarter was a high-scoring affair between the two IML opponents, with Alamosa taking a 19-18 lead.

In the second quarter, the Pirates' offense only managed five points to Alamosa's 12, leading to Pagosa facing a 31-23 deficit at halftime.

The Mean Moose went on to outscore the Pirates 17-11 in the third. In the fourth, Pagosa's comeback attempt was thwarted despite outscoring Alamosa 15-9.

Snarr led the team in scoring with 22 points, while also adding eight rebounds and a steal.

Ryan Lewis finished with eight points, three rebounds and two

assists.

Hammer added seven points, three rebounds and six assists.

O'Donnell finished with six points, three rebounds and a block.

The Pirates finished by making three of four free-throw attempts against Alamosa and turned over the ball seven times.

Pagosa's issue against Alamosa was getting into early foul trouble, Sorenson wrote.

"We had some lapses at the end of the second quarter that hurt us and we trailed by eight at half. We did not play well in the third quarter and Alamosa extended the lead to fourteen," Sorenson wrote.

The Pirates will need to continue to practice hard and improve, Sorenson noted.

Pagosa's record now sits at 6-7 overall, which features a 1-3 record in IML play.

Pagosa is currently in fourth place in the IML standings, behind Alamosa, the undefeated No. 2 Centauri Falcons and the No. 19 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

Last week, Pagosa was fifth in

the IML standings.

Pagosa has also moved up slightly in the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) standings, going from No. 25 last week to No. 23 this week.

The RPI standings help determine postseason seeding.

Road test

Next up for Pagosa will be two road games against IML foes.

On Friday, Pagosa will travel to take on the No. 65 Bayfield Wolverines (1-12 overall and 0-4 in league play).

Varsity action is set for 7 p.m. Last season, Bayfield took the season series from the Pirates.

On Saturday, Pagosa will take on the No. 21 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers (8-5 overall and 2-2 in league play) at 7 p.m.

Last season, Pagosa split the season series with Cortez.

"There is a lot of basketball left and we feel like we can win games," Sorenson wrote.

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Dog saved in ice rescue on Lake Pagosa

By Pagosa Fire Protection District
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PPFD) was called to respond to a dog near an aerator opening on Lake Pagosa at approximately 11:20 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered one dog in the water, unable to climb back onto the ice. Firefighters donned protective ice rescue suits and entered the water to rescue the dog. The dog was successfully removed from the water, carried back to shore and returned to her owner.

PPFD responded with one engine, one heavy rescue truck, two

command vehicles, six paid personnel and two volunteers. Crews were on scene for approximately 17 minutes.

There were no civilian or firefighter injuries.

The PFPD reminds everyone to stay clear of potential ice hazards. If an animal or person falls through the ice, do not attempt a rescue. Call 911 immediately for assistance. The most important thing an onlooker can provide is good information. Keep the distressed individual in sight and yell to let them know help is on the way. When rescue personnel arrive on scene, provide detailed information about the location of individual or animal.



Photo courtesy Firefighter Peterson

A dog is successfully saved from the frigid water of Lake Pagosa last week. Pagosa Fire Protection District reminds everyone to stay clear of potential ice hazards. If an animal or person falls through the ice, do not attempt a rescue. Call 911 immediately for assistance. When rescue personnel arrive on scene, provide detailed information about the location of individual or animal.

Bristlecone Drive dispute continues to wind through court

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

The dispute over whether a 1,300-foot section of Bristlecone Drive is a public or private section of road continues to work its way through court.

On Dec. 19, 2019, the Timber Ridge Metro District, represented by attorney Matthew H. Roane, filed a complaint asking a judge to determine whether the section of road is public or private.

On Jan. 21, Archuleta County filed its answer and counterclaims to Timber Ridge's complaint.

The county's filing asserts that section of Bristlecone Drive should remain open to the public, and that because "Some or all of Timber Ridge MD's claims are frivolous and groundless" the metro district should pay for the county's attorney fees for this case.

The filing also states that the county is entitled to an accounting of how much Highway User Tax

Fund (HUTF) money has been used to "construct, maintain, repair, reconstruct and/or improve the Disputed Section of Road."

Asked for clarification on that part of the complaint, County Attorney Todd Weaver wrote in an email, "The HUTF monies are distributed to the counties by the state. Hypothetically, the state could sue the metro district for the return of the HUTF monies if such money was inappropriately used." Roane declined to comment on

the case beyond outlining what the next steps will be.

Roane wrote in an email that the Timber Ridge Metro District has until Feb. 11 to file a response to the county's counterclaims.

"After that filing, the parties are required (within 14 days) to discuss settlement possibilities and ideas to manage the case moving forward in a manner that promotes efficiency, expediency, and justice," Roane wrote.

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The San Juan Conservation District poster contest winners are Madisen Stretton, fifth place; Sophie Martinez, fourth place; not pictured is Chloe Gantt, third place; Adelyn Hittle, first place; and Terrick Carter, second place.

San Juan Conservation District announces poster contest winners

By Cynthia Purcell
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Conservation District hosted its annual poster contest for fifth-grade students. This year's theme was "Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper."

The students were given a pre-

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Additionally, each student who

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Snowpack levels drop, still no need to worry

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Even with light snowfall experienced last week, local basins have seen a 7 percent decrease in snowpack totals, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins have a collective snowpack total this week of 108 percent of median. Last week, that total was 115 percent of median.

This week, the Upper San Juan site is 95 percent of median. Last week, it was 104 percent of median.

The Wolf Creek summit dropped 4 percent from last week, going from 96 percent of median to 92 percent of median this week.

The National Weather Service's local forecast for Pagosa Springs does not list a chance of snow through Sunday. Wolf Creek Pass has the same forecast.

Despite the slight drop in local snowpack levels, NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta explained in an interview that there is no need to panic.

"It looks like there might be some storms building on the horizon, which should help out," he

said. "We are not doing too bad."

Other snowpack reports

At the Upper Rio Grande Basin, a 6 percent decrease was reported as totals fell from 115 percent of median to 109 percent of median this week.

The Arkansas River Basin saw a slight decrease from last week, going from 113 percent of median to 112 percent of median this week.

Snowpack totals have remained at 114 percent of median at the Yampa and White River basins.

A 2 percent decrease was reported at the Laramie and North

Platte River basins as snowpack totals dropped from 108 percent of median to 106 percent of median.

Last week, the South Platte River Basin was 114 percent of median. This week, it is 111 percent of median.

The Upper Colorado River Basin's snowpack totals have stayed at 109 percent of median since last week.

A 3 percent decrease was recorded at the Gunnison River Basin as snowpack totals went from 108 percent last week to 105 percent of median this week.

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	Demand Charge Per kW Per Month	\$5.25	\$6.15
	On-Peak Energy Per kWh	\$0.2050	\$0.2050
	Off-Peak Energy Per kWh ²	\$0.0590	\$0.0590
Primary Service	Base Charge Per Month	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Demand Charge Per kW Per Month	\$5.00	\$6.60
	On-Peak Energy Per kWh	\$0.0870	\$0.0870
	Off-Peak Energy Per kWh ³	\$0.0609	\$0.0609
Snow Making TOU	Base Charge Per Month	\$9,300.00	\$9,982.00
	On-Peak Energy Per kWh	\$0.088	\$0.0940
	Off-Peak Energy Per kWh ⁴	\$0.0616	\$0.0630
Transmission Service	Base Charge Per Month	\$450.00	\$500.00
	Coincident Demand Per kW Per Month	\$19.34	\$19.34
	Energy Charge Per kWh	\$0.0454	\$0.0467
Irrigation	Demand Charge Per kW Per Month	\$12.75	\$14.07
	Energy Charge Per kWh	\$0.133	\$0.135
Sale for Resale	Base Charge Per Month	\$150.00	\$175.00
	Energy Charge Per kWh	\$0.150	\$0.156
Area Lighting	Service Light (Approximately 5,200 Lumens) Per Month	\$11.67	\$12.09
	Small Light (Approximately 5,800 Lumens) Per Month	\$13.77	\$14.27
	Medium Light (Approximately 9,000 Lumens) Per Month	\$21.70	\$22.48
	Large Light (Approximately 12,000 Lumens) Per Month	\$30.01	\$31.09

1 - Off-Peak hours from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., all day Sunday, Thanksgiving, Christmas

2 - Off-Peak hours from 8 p.m. to 2 p.m., all day Sunday, Thanksgiving, Christmas

3 - Off-Peak hours from 10 p.m. to 12 p.m., all day Sunday, Thanksgiving, Christmas

4 - Off-Peak hours from 10 p.m. to 5 p.m., all day Sunday, Thanksgiving, Christmas

Copies of the new rate schedules and exact language of the changes are available for review on LPEA's website at www.lpea.coop or at the below described business offices:

Durango Main Office
45 Stewart Street (Bodo Park)
Durango, CO 81303

Pagosa Springs District Office
603 S. 8th Street
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

The La Plata Electric Association, Inc. Board of Directors approved the above rate changes by passing Board Resolution 2020-01 Rate Tariffs at its January 15, 2020, regular Board meeting. Members/consumers who have questions concerning any of the rate changes may call (970) 247-5786. Anyone who desires to submit comments about the changes shall file a written complaint with the Cooperative at 45 Stewart Street, Durango, Colorado 81303, at least 10 days before the proposed effective date.

The Cooperative may elect to hold a hearing to address any changes or take comments. The changes ultimately authorized may or may not be the same as those proposed and may include changes different than those tariffs proposed or currently in effect. Anyone who desires to receive notice of hearing, if any, shall make a written request to the Cooperative, at the above address, at least 10 days before the effective date.

Jessica Matlock
LPEA Chief Executive Officer

The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over three weeks: 304.

Jan. 6 — Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, U.S. 160.

Jan. 8 — Warrant arrest, North 7th Street/Florida Street.

Jan. 8 — County warrant, South 10th Street.

Jan. 8 — All other thefts, second-degree burglary, second-degree burglary, County Road 975.

Jan. 8 — All other thefts, criminal impersonation, Crooked Road.

Jan. 9 — Crimes against at-risk persons-criminal exploitation, criminal possession of a financial device, Lakeside Drive.

Jan. 9 — Unlawful ownership of vicious dog, Mill Creek Road.

Jan. 10 — Warrant arrest, Solomon Drive.

Jan. 12 — Information only, Pinon Causeway.

Jan. 12 — Information only, County Road 700.

Jan. 13 — Probation violation hold, Eaton Drive.

Jan. 13 — Driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, unlawful use of driver's license, displayed illegal, altered fictitious or fraudulent driver's license, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, San Juan Street.

Jan. 15 — Disorderly conduct-petty, Ace Court/County Road 600.

Jan. 15 — Violation of bail bond condition-felony, County Road 600.

Jan. 15 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, violation of restraining order, County Road 600.

Jan. 16 — Agency assist, South Pagosa Boulevard/U.S. 160.

Jan. 16 — Second-degree burglary, theft-from building, criminal mischief, Eight Mile Loop.

Jan. 16 — Warrant arrest, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Jan. 17 — Vehicle with defective or no stop light(s), failed to display valid registration, drove vehicle without insurance, violation of restraining order, U.S. 160/South Pagosa Boulevard.

Jan. 18 — Information only, Stollsteimer Lane.

Jan. 18 — Second-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, driving under restraint alcohol/drug-related offense, Navajo Court.

Jan. 18 — Warrant arrest, Navajo Court.

Jan. 18 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, domestic violence, violation of restraining order, Sandstone Court.

Jan. 19 — Agency assist, Eagle Drive.

Jan. 19 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Jan. 20 — Under investigation, Ace Court.

Jan. 20 — Found property, Navajo Trail Drive.

Jan. 20 — Agency assist, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Jan. 21 — Domestic violence, criminal mischief, Radiant Court.

Jan. 21 — Information only, Ace Court.

Jan. 22 — Information only, North Pagosa Boulevard/Dutton Drive.

Jan. 22 — Theft, U.S. 84.

Jan. 22 — Information only, County Road 600.

Jan. 22 — All other thefts, unauthorized use of financial transaction device petty, Great West Avenue.

Jan. 23 — County warrant, state warrant, Bonanza Avenue/Trails Boulevard.

Jan. 23 — County warrant, county warrant, Bonanza Avenue.

Jan. 24 — Failure to appear (bench warrants), Colo. 151.

Jan. 24 — County warrant, Colo. 151.

Jan. 24 — Reckless driving, vehicular eluding, speeding mph over limit not listed, resisting arrest, driver failed to yield right of way at stop sign, second-degree assault-aggravated-police officer-weapon, passed on left when prohibited by signs and/or markings, drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), Sandstone Court.

Jan. 24 — State warrant, County Road 600.

Jan. 25 — Information only, County Road 600.

Jan. 26 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, violation of restraining order, domestic violence, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, River Run Drive.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over three weeks: 217.

Jan. 5 — DUI, Talisman Drive.

Jan. 8 — Careless driving/hit and run, North 3rd Street.

Jan. 9 — Warrant arrest, Apache Street.

Jan. 11 — Theft, Aspen Village Drive.

Jan. 12 — Criminal trespass, Country Center Drive.

Jan. 13 — Criminal trespass, Eaton Drive.

Jan. 13 — Criminal mischief, criminal trespass, 15th Place.

Jan. 13 — Theft, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Jan. 15 — Reckless driving, South 8th Street.

Jan. 16 — Careless driving, hit and run, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Jan. 18 — Criminal mischief, North 7th Street.

Jan. 20 — DUI, drove vehicle when license canceled, open container, Eagle Drive.

Jan. 23 — Warrant arrest, North 5th Street.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

Jan. 7 — Michael Vallejos, assault 2-strangulation, 24 months probation, 77 days jail, total fines and costs — \$1,273.50.

Jan. 7 — Jeromy Cooper, forgery-check/commercial instrument, six years Department of Corrections, total fines and costs — \$473.50.

Jan. 21 — Justin Edward Apodaca, controlled substance possession, one year probation, total fines and costs — \$2,008.50.

22nd Judicial District Court: Judge Todd J. Plewe

Jan. 6 — Jeromy Mack Cooper, vehicular assault-DUI, eight years Department of Corrections, \$30 restitution, total fines and costs — \$1,273.50.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Jan. 7 — Emily D. Miller, hunting/fishing license-transfer/alter, total fines and costs — \$321.50.

Jan. 9 — Elizabeth Dawn Bishop, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 12 months probation, total fines and costs — \$922.50.

Jan. 9 — Shawn Douglas Martindale, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, 12 months probation, total fines and costs — \$892.50.

Jan. 9 — Benjamin Robinson, trespass 3, two years probation, total fines and costs — \$1,406.

Jan. 9 — Jason R. Blecha, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 120 days jail, 60 days jail suspended imposition, total fines and costs — \$292.50.

Jan. 15 — William P. Been, registration-not in vehicle, total fines and costs — \$113.50.

Jan. 15 — Christopher M. Bonnell, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

Jan. 15 — Anthony J. Chatagnier, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.

Jan. 15 — Carrie L. Cordero, fail obey traffic control device, total fines and costs — \$202.50.

Jan. 15 — Diamond Y. Greer, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$198.50.

Jan. 15 — Janye L. Danser, seat belt not used, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$170.50.

Jan. 15 — Rachel L. Gallegos, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$198.50.

Jan. 15 — Kathy J. Simmons, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$98.50.

Jan. 15 — John F. Guarnero, driving under the influence, 20 days jail, 56 hours community service, 24 months probation, total fines and costs — \$2,590.50.

Jan. 15 — Terry Marvin Harris, registration-unregistered vehicle, total fines and costs — \$191.50.

Jan. 15 — Nizar M. Idriss, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

Jan. 15 — Alicia L. Krauat, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

Jan. 15 — Brandy M. Prince, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$163.50.

Jan. 15 — Sara E. Shively, speed-

ing 5-9 over limit, total fines and costs — \$192.50.

Jan. 15 — Bradem Jay Taylor, registration-unregistered vehicle, driver's license-expired one year/less, total fines and costs — \$213.50.

Jan. 15 — Christopher A. Taylor, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$120.50.

Jan. 15 — Alyssa L. Cannon, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$120.50.

Jan. 15 — David H. Akin, off-highway vehicle operated on street, total fines and costs — \$86.

Jan. 15 — Dakota S. Babbitt, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$139.50.

Jan. 15 — Fabian J. Talamante, speeding 5-9 over limit, total fines and costs — \$139.50.

Jan. 15 — Matthew Allen Grinzinger, dog at large (first offense no injury), total fines and costs — \$101.

Jan. 16 — Adam M. Grimes, wildlife-illegal possession, total fines and costs — \$1,413.50.

Jan. 16 — Constance L. Clark, careless driving, total fines and costs — \$483.50.

Jan. 16 — Patrick R. Gutierrez, passing on left improperly, total fines and costs — \$149.50.

Jan. 17 — Wayne Henderson, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$198.50.

Jan. 22 — Jeanine R. Harper, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 12 months alcohol evaluation and supervision, total fines and costs — \$1,195.21.

Jan. 22 — Boone Stahlnecker, careless driving resulting in injury, 48 hours community service, 12 month deferred sentence unsupervised, total fines and costs — \$495.50.

Jan. 22 — Michael Shan Allen, driving under the influence, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 64 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, total fines and costs — \$1,320.50.

Jan. 22 — James W. Whitecotton, registration-unregistered vehicle, total fines and costs — \$203.50.

Jan. 22 — Jacob B. Abel, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$98.50.

Jan. 22 — Travis W. Therrien, registration-unregistered vehicle, total fines and costs — \$191.50.

Jan. 22 — Erika Graciela Cuartas, U-turn unsafely-disobey "U-turn" sign, total fines and costs — \$172.50.

Jan. 23 — Wesley Hererra, violation of bail bond conditions-misdemeanor, 24 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$219.50.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Clayton Buchner

Jan. 8 — Jessica Chavez, speeding 10-19 mph, two points, total fines and costs — \$197.

Jan. 8 — Cody Pack, failed to drive in a single lane, three points, total fines and costs — \$146.

Jan. 9 — Shay Cole, harassment, total fines and costs — \$235.

Jan. 9 — Jack Hunter, following too closely, four points, total fines and costs — \$146.

Jan. 22 — Lorenzo Cardenas, shooting fireworks, total fines and costs — \$85.

Jan. 22 — Kyle Brookens, disobeyed official traffic, two points, total fines and costs — \$146.

Town council considers new investment policy

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council approved, upon first reading, a municipal investment policy at its meeting on Jan. 23.

"The Town does not currently have any investment policy or guidelines," an agenda brief prepared for the meeting reads. "It is ideal to have this policy set prior to putting out an RFP [request for proposals] for an investment broker/dealer and prior to the Town engaging in any investments."

The brief notes that the town's average bank balance in "the pooled checking account" is \$5 million.

Earning an average percentage yield of .54 percent on that balance, the return is about \$2,350 per month, according to the agenda brief.

Pagosa Springs Town Manager Andrea Phillips contrasted the difference between investing public funds and personal investments.

"For public funds, the first objective should always be safety," Phillips said. "We're not looking for necessarily very high-risk investments and things like that. When you're doing your personal investments, investing is very different, obviously, than

working with public funds." Phillips explained the suggestion from staff was for town council to adopt the policy and then put out a request for proposals to different "investment pools" and evaluate the rates they provide.

Phillips also noted that some investment avenues like certificates of deposit tie up money for a long period of time and that it can be a wise move to have an extended amount of cash available at any one time.

The town council approved the resolution unanimously upon first reading.

Town council is expected to vote on the second reading of the ordinance at its meeting on Feb. 4.

The ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage at second reading if approved.

The investment policy states that the town may invest up to 100 percent of investment funds in U.S. Treasury obligations, 50 percent in qualified certificates of deposit and 80 percent in qualified local government investment pools.

The full text of the investment policy can be read on town council's Jan. 23 agenda on the town's website, www.pagosasprings.co.gov. john@pagosasun.com

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The Archuleta County Department of Human Services can provide application assistance. Call 970-264-8511 to reserve a spot. Appointments will be held at the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St., Pagosa Springs, CO. Applications may also be sent directly to Discover My Goodwill at LEAP, PO Box 39200, Colorado Springs, CO 80949-9905.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Southern Ute Cultural Center to present Pagosa Springs stories next Thursday

By Carole Howard
SUN Columnist, and the library staff

We hope you will join us next Thursday, Feb. 6, for a free special event when the Southern Ute Cultural Center will present Pagosa Springs stories from 10 to 11 a.m.

Hanley Frost, the cultural education coordinator for the Southern Ute Cultural Center, will share stories about the history and culture of the Pagosa area and why knowledge about the vibrant Native American heritage of this region is important and interesting.

We are fortunate to live in an area that is so rich in history. Did you know that Pagosa is a Ute word? Our town sits on land historically belonging to the Southern Ute tribe and we have much to learn from this heritage.

This is an all-ages event. No registration is required. We hope so see you there.

Save the date for fun family event

We hope you will mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 23, for a fun Lanes and Links family-friendly community 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. All net proceeds from the event will support the library's programs and resources.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 31, from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session where you can enjoy video gaming on Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family.

LGBTQ youth group Monday

A support group to help LGBTQ youth and young adults from age 16 to in their 20s deal with social stigma, bullying, violence, hate crimes and discrimination convenes the first Monday of every month from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Under the leadership of Ana M. Sancho Sama, Ph.D., licensed psychologist, the purpose is to provide a safe and confidential place to share experiences, ask questions and talk about how to cope in this challenging world. If you have questions, her number is 264-1986.

Tween gaming

Free gaming for those in the fourth through eighth grades is Monday, Feb. 3, from 4 to 5 p.m. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

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.

Home-school social hour

Stop by next Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 1 to 2 p.m. for a chance to visit with fellow home-school families, discuss curriculum and learning opportunities, and look through resources while the kids participate in crafts and other activities. Josie, your early literacy librarian, is eager to collect ideas on how to serve home-school families in our community and get your feedback on the value of these sessions.

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 p.m. 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.

Feb. 5 is a special Spanish session.

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 look forward to seeing you at your library. Se habla español.

DVDs

"Game Night" is a comedy about a couple's murder mystery night. "Judy" stars Renee Zellweger as Judy Garland. "Get On Up" covers the life and music of James Brown. "The Reliant" follows children whose faith and family bonds save them as they hide in the woods.

Novels

"Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid begins when a security guard confronts a young black woman out late with a white child she is babysitting. "Moral Compass" by Danielle Steel is set in an elite private high school in Massachusetts. "The Whispers of War" by Julia Kelly follows three friends at the start of World War II. "Lady Clementine" by Marie Benedict is a novelist's look at the life of Winston Churchill's wife.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

"How Quickly She Disappears" by Raymond Fleischmann tells of a woman fulfilling a man's three requests in order to find her sister missing 20 years. "Regretting You" by Colleen Hoover follows a family whose life is shattered when the father is involved in a tragic accident. "Hunter Killer" by Brad Taylor is a Brad Taylor thriller.

Short stories

"Hitting a Straight Lick with a Crooked Stick" by Zora Neale Hurston is a collection of Harlem Renaissance stories about African American life in New York.

Large print

"The Country Guesthouse" by Robyn Carr is a Sullivan Crossing novel. "Cut and Run" by Fern Michaels is a Sisterhood mystery. "Reason" by Stuart Woods is a Stone Barrington mystery. "The Wives" by Tarryn Fisher tells of three women married to the same man. "The Vanishing" by Jayne Ann Krentz is a murder mystery.

How-to and self-help

"Becoming Your Own Therapist" by Kevin J. Kelly offers practical strategies to manage your moods and behaviors.

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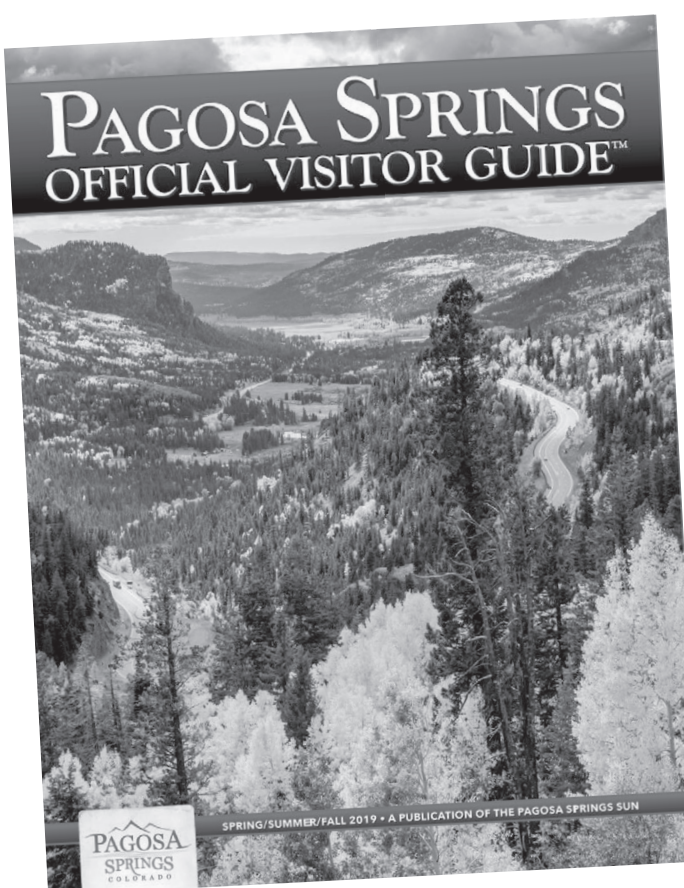
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Town accepting applications for strategic priority funding

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs is now accepting applications for funding from local nonprofit organizations who provide services that fall within the Pagosa Springs Town Council's strategic priorities and economic development.

The council's strategic priorities are expansion of broadband services, early childhood care and education, and affordable and workforce housing.

Council allocated \$100,000 in the town's 2020 budget for the

strategic priorities and economic development.

Applications, which are available on the town's website, www.pagosasprings.co.gov, are due back to Town Hall by March 15.

Following that deadline, the council will consider funding allocations at a work session.

For more information, contact Town Clerk April Hessman at 264-4151, ext. 237 or via email to ahessman@pagosasprings.co.gov.
randi@pagosasun.com

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Commissioners approve pay scales, adopt new county logo

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

At their meeting on Jan. 21, the Archuleta County commissioners approved pay scales for county employees and adopted a new alternate county logo, among other things.

Archuleta County Human Resources Administrator Robert Smith explained that it's important to have a codified pay scale so that administrators can't show bias in setting salaries.

"There's a codified process by which all that happens," Smith said.

Some examples of salary ranges from the pay scale document include \$77,532 to \$108,542 for the public works director, \$99,036 to \$127,772 for the county administrator and \$71,830 to \$100,631 for the county finance director.

The county also adopted a new logo.

Commissioner Ron Maez explained the new logo will be added to county vehicles, letterhead and other items gradually, and not all at once.

The new logo is an artist's rendering of Pagosa Peak with a blue sky background and a silhouette of pine trees.

The commissioners also tweaked their board and committee assignments.

Commissioner Ron Maez will serve on Archuleta Seniors Inc., the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation and the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging boards.

Commissioner Steve Wadley will serve on the Archuleta County Housing Authority board, the Pagosa Area Tourism Board and the Strategic Priorities Expenditure Advisory Board.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf will serve on the Colorado Workforce Board, Southwest Colorado Council of Governments, San Juan Basin Public Health Board of Directors, and the San Juan/Dolores/San Miguel River Basins Roundtable.

All three commissioners will serve on a number of steering committees with Colorado Counties Inc.

The commissioners also proclaimed Jan. 21 as "U.S. 2020 Census Complete County Committee Formation Day" and encouraged all residents to participate in events and initiatives associated with the 2020 census.

The commissioners also approved an easement agreement, allowing the county to access emer-



Image courtesy Archuleta County

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners approved a pair of new county logos, including the above, at its regular meeting on Jan. 21. Commissioner Ron Maez said the new logos will be put on county vehicles, letterhead and other items gradually and not all at once.

gency communication equipment through an easement over private property in the area of Bull Elk Place, near Chromo.

The county commissioners had

previously authorized the use of eminent domain to gain access across the private property to the communications tower.

john@pagosasun.com

EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

Where do bees go in winter?

By Robin Young and Lisa Mason
SUN Columnist

I have been asked a few times what happens to the bees in the winter. Bees and other insects have special adaptations, so their species survives from year to year. Here is a look at bee adaptations and life cycles in the winter time.

Honey bees

Worker bees foraged all summer and into fall, bringing in food reserves to last them the winter. When temperatures start to drop, honey bees huddle together to make a cluster and shiver their wings. Shivering provides warmth for the hive. Their main goal is to keep the queen warm so the colony can survive. The core temperature in the hive can be as high as approximately 91 degrees Fahrenheit.

A healthy hive with adequate food storage is more likely to survive, which reinforces the importance of best beekeeping practices by the beekeeper all year.

Solitary bees

Solitary bees live a one-year life cycle. During the life cycle, a female

bee builds a nest underground or in a cavity. She will collect pollen and nectar to bring back to the nest. All the collected pollen and nectar is made into a ball called "bee bread," which will be all the food needed for one growing bee.

The female lays an egg on the bee bread and seals up the nest. After the egg hatches, the larva will go through full metamorphosis from a larva, to a pupa and on to an adult before emerging from the nest the following season. The lives ended for the female and male solitary bees we saw flying around this summer, but their brood is warm for the winter underground or in a cavity and will emerge next summer.

Bumble bees

Bumble bees live underground or in large cavities and have a one-year life cycle, like a solitary bee. During the summer, new queens and male bees hatched. They left their colonies to mate. As temperatures dropped, the male bees and worker bees from the current season's colony died. The new, mated queens found a place to rest and hibernate over the winter, usually underground.

When spring arrives, she will emerge, begin to forage, build a

new nest and lay eggs. The eggs will mostly be female worker bees at the beginning of the season. The queen will continue to lay eggs throughout the season. In late summer, new queens and male bumble bees will hatch and leave the colony and the cycle repeats itself. Queen bumble bees are capable of living alone, unlike honey bee queens.

For more information on bee life cycles, you can read the "Native Bee Watch Citizen Science Field Guide."

Upcoming events

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

Feb. 11: The 36th annual Bee Symposium will be held at the Archuleta County Extension office. The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch. Please call the Extension office at 264-5931 for more information and to register.

Feb. 12: The Agricultural Financial Management Strategies

workshop, hosted by the CSU Agriculture and Business Management Team, will cover topics such as risk management, business planning, enterprise budgeting, record keeping and more. Please go to www.2020fms.eventbrite.com to register or come into the office to pay. The cost is \$15.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the CSU Extension office on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

We will also attempt to schedule classes on additional dates with five or more registrations. Cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. The type of first aid information provided will vary by the needs of the audience.

Public Notices

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 1, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160
Plaintiff: DAVID YOST
v.
Defendants: NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC; TEXTRON FINANCIAL CORPORATION; ELSA WHITE as Public Trustee of Archuleta County; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
Submitting Attorney: Duke Eggleston, #24965
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
556 Main Ave.
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
E-mail: deggleston@e-k-law.com
Case Number: 2019CV93099
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF DAVID YOST TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, LLC - 7700 E. Arapahoe Rd, Ste 220, Centennial, CO 80112
ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
Lot 222-223, in CHRIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT PAGOSA UNIT TWO, according to the plat thereof filed for record June 4, 1973 as Reception No. 77868. Respectfully Submitted this 7th day of January, 2020.
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Eggleston Kosnik LLC
/s/ Duke Eggleston
Duke Eggleston, #24965
556 Main Ave.
Durango, CO 81301
(970) 403-1580
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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
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Andrew Guinn the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
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ANDREW GUINN

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2019-015

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On November 19, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s) JOSEPH G. BURBUL AND JOYEL E. BURBUL
Original Beneficiary(ies) BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY
Date of Deed of Trust April 08, 2009
County of Recording Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust April 15, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 2092994
Original Principal Amount \$862,500.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$371,146.38
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT 94, PAGOSA MEADOWS UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971, AS RECEPTION NO. 74883, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.
Also known by street and number as: 153 NORTH FEATHER COURT, PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Herby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 03/19/2020, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)'s heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 1/23/2020
Last Publication 2/20/2020
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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 11/19/2019
Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Nichole R. Williams #49611
Barrett Frappier Weisserman, LLP 1391 Speer Boulevard, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # BURBUL
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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ALPHA ROCKRIDGE METRO DISTRICT A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Alpha Rockridge Metropolitan District of Archuleta County, State of Colorado.
Notice is hereby given that an election shall be conducted as a write-in election in accordance with all of the code. The Designated Election Official shall develop a Plan for conducting the mail ballot Election, which will be made available to the public. There shall be no election precinct or polling place. All mail ballots shall be returned to the Designated Election Official's mailing address and be received no later than the 5th day of May 2020. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 4-year terms and 2 directors will be elected to serve 2-year terms. An eligible elector of the Alpha Rockridge Metropolitan District is interested in serving on the board of directors, a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form may be obtained on the districts website as follows:
Alpharockridgemetrodistrict.com
The District Designated Election Official is Gary Lansdale. Self-nomination forms should be mailed to him at: 1 Alpha Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Telephone (505) 486-1437.
A Self-Nomination and Acceptance form that is not sufficient may be amended once at any time prior to Thursday, February 28, 2020. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is Thursday, February 28, 2020. Affidavit of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate forms must be received in the mail of the designated election official by Monday, March 2, 2020.
Alpha Rockridge Metropolitan District
Gary Lansdale, Designated Election Official
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A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF)
§1-13.5-501, 1-13.5-1102(3), 32-1-905(2), C.R.S.
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Los Pinos Fire Protection District of La Plata & Archuleta Counties, Colorado.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 5th day of May, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 3-year terms and 0 directors will be elected to serve 2-year terms. Eligible electors of the Los Pinos Fire Protection District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO): Rebecca Flinders of the Los Pinos Fire Protection District at 275 Browning Ave. Ignacio, Colorado, 81137 (970) 569-9501
The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on **February 28, 2020** (not less than 67 days before the election).
Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on **Monday, March 2, 2020** (the sixty-fourth day before the election).
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020.** Los Pinos Fire Protection District
Rebecca Flinders
DEO
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A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF)
§1-13.5-501, 1-13.5-1102(3), 32-1-905(2), C.R.S.
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District of Archuleta County, Colorado.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 5th day of May, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 3-year terms. Eligible electors of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):
Glenna Sullivan
100 Lyn Avenue
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
(970) 731-7632
The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on Friday, **February 28, 2020.** Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on **Monday, March 2, 2020** (the sixty-fourth day before the election).
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020.** Designated Election Official Signature
Division of Local Government - Department of Local Affairs - 2020 Election SD-6
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Original Beneficiary(ies) Centennial Savings Bank FSB
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Wells Fargo Bank,



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WinterFest

Hot-air balloons took to the skies last weekend and locals enjoyed the beautiful weather while celebrating WinterFest in Pagosa Country. Events included Pagosa Skis and Saddles Skijoring, Penguin Plunge, Sledz on Rez, Barkus Parade, DUST2 Fat Tire Bike Race, Cross-Country Ski Clinic, BB Gun Biathlon and more.



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preview

ARTS & LIFE

'The Texas Homecoming Revolution of 1995'

Thingamajig Theatre • Opens Jan. 31



Photo courtesy Laura Moore

January 30, 2020

Thingamajig's 'Texas Homecoming Revolution' opening tomorrow night, Jan. 31

By Bill Hudson
Special to The PREVIEW

At a rehearsal last Friday at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, one of the cast members in Thingamajig Theatre Company's current production issued a complaint, of sorts. The recent photograph featured in The Pagosa Springs SUN had listed the five cast members as "local actors." Yes, the five women are indeed all local community members, but — she asked — weren't we stretching the definition of the term "actors"?

Another cast member waxed philosophical. "Well, if all the world is a stage, then we are indeed local actors."

The show in rehearsal last Friday evening — "The Texas Homecoming Revolution of 1995" by Jennifer Faletto — opens tomorrow night, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m., following a well-tested Thingamajig tradition of using local talent for the final production of the winter season. In this particular case, the five local actors are portraying girls — seniors — at a suburban Texas high school in the days leading up to the biggest event of the year: Homecoming.

The year is 1995. Much of the action takes place in the girl's bathroom, where an alleged scandal is unfolding.

The local actors are Halleigh Sowerby, Ericka Vincent, Nadia Werby, Lisa Jensen and Jackie Kleckner. And, in fact, four of the actors attended high school in the mid-1990s, although only one actually attended school in Texas.

Sowerby portrays Crystal Andersen, the subject of the alleged scandal, and admits to attending a Texas high school.

"Growing up in Texas, this play did hit home for me. I was 14 in 1995, so I was in high school, going through this kind of thing, but I relate more to one of the other characters: Nadia's character. I was an introvert, with cowgirl clothes, and I was a member of FFA. And making the mums and stuff — that definitely brings back memories. Because we did wear that. And the bigger the better ..."

As theater-goers will learn — if you aren't already familiar the tradition — the celebration of Texas high school homecoming typically involves the construction of enormous corsages made of mum flowers.

Vincent — who plays Fiorelli — grew up in Colorado and had a somewhat different high school experience.

"I was a jock in high school. The girls I hung out with were soccer players. It was a very suburban experience. Learning about the mums, that was brand new to me.

"I was a pretty straight-edged, rule-following kid, so I think Laura cast me perfectly as Sammy. You know, cover all your skin and bring lip gloss to a dance. That was me."

Kleckner plays Jess Clark.

"I didn't grow up anywhere near Texas. I wasn't a valley girl, I wasn't allowed to spend time with other girls after school; I wasn't allowed to wear makeup. And this play is all about wearing a ton of makeup and

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Riff Raff on the Rio: Robin Davis Duo, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Coyote Moon Bar and Grill: Karaoke with Lisa Saunders, 9 p.m.

Riff Raff on the Rio: Bob Hemenger, 6 p.m.

The Springs Resort atrium: Jack Ellis, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Pagosa Brewing Company: Open Mic, 6 p.m.

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■ continued from previous page hanging out with other girls — a certain way of acting that's not at all the way I grew up. I grew up in a really small town in Washington. We were more on the hippie-dippie side, because we couldn't afford anything."

Jensen, who portrays Abbey Aquino in the comedy, attended high school in Calgary. "Before 1995."

"I think my character ... none of the scenes in particular, but I think I was a little bit like Abbey ... feeling like the outsider; not really getting picked on, but just hiding from people because I didn't know if they would pick on me. And it was a working-class neighborhood. Definitely, nobody had a Porsche ...

"Somebody might have had a Ford Bronco, though. (Laughter.) Somebody's boyfriend."

Werby plays Tammy Schneider, but also had a different kind of high school experience.

"I went to an inner-city Denver high school, with a bunch of gang members ... they were actually good guys. They were athletes.

"You didn't hang out in the bathrooms at all. You got to class, because you might get jumped if you didn't. And I was not the mean girl. I was scared of all the mean girls. And we didn't have anyone who was religious. (Laughter.) But there were the cool girls — so cool that you knew you'd never be that cool. And they didn't care about any of the high school stuff ... and we were all wrapped up in it ..."

Faletto's comedy was workshopped at Thingamajig's 2018 Playwrights Festival and the play-

wright makes a note in the script: "The play takes place in the suburbs of Houston in 1995. Please no big Texas/non-region-specific southern accents. The characters live in a wealthy suburb of a major city. Light accents for some, none for others."

Tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 31, is opening night for this fully staged reading, and the comedy runs two weekends through Feb. 9. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m.; all other performances are at 7 p.m. Tickets

are available on the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts website, pagosacenter.org, and by calling the box office at 731-7469.

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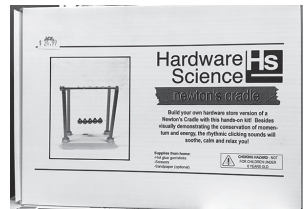


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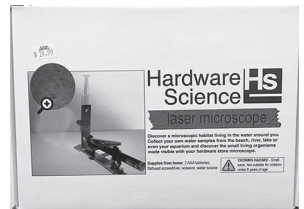


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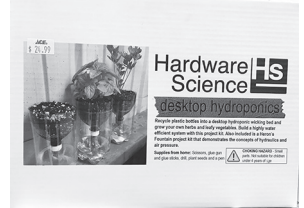
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The Pagosa hand-drumming class meets at noon on Tuesdays at the Pagosa lakes Clubhouse. No previous experience is necessary.

Channel your inner snowflake with hand-drumming class

By Paul Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at noon. The purpose of this class is to provide an opportunity for people of all ages to unleash their creativity. No previous experience is necessary. Drums are provided for those who do not have one.

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Juliana Ellsmore was a bright, beautiful, talented young woman who loved music and singing and family and life, and whose life was cut short way too early at the age of 19. A scholarship was created in her memory, sponsored by Curtains Up Pagosa, that is given to young students of music and voice. Our most recent scholarship recipients are, left, Gracelyn Kiker, an eighth-grader studying piano and voice with Venita Burch, and Olivia Craig, also studying voice with Burch. The Juliana Scholarship has provided private studies and lessons in music and voice for more than a dozen Pagosa Springs area students.

Library to host presentation on stories of Pagosa

By Josie Snow
Special to The PREVIEW

If you take the Riverwalk from Centennial Park across the post office, you will eventually come to the mother spring — a small round pond steaming from the heat of the water within.

If you stop to take a look, you may notice the plaques dispersed at intervals along the wall around this pond. Two of these plaques focus on “The Legend of the Pagosa Hot Springs,” providing a brief

synopsis that hints at the rich history of the springs and the Pagosa Springs area — a history that European settlers have only been a part of for about 160 years, when the springs was first put on a European map.

The land of Pagosa Springs and its surrounding areas belonged to the Southern Utes until an agreement was signed in 1874, allowing the United States government to claim the land for settlement purposes.

We have an opportunity to learn

more about the history of this area through an upcoming presentation at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

On Feb. 6 at 10 a.m., we will be joined by the education coordinator at the Southern Ute Cultural Center in Ignacio. This free presentation will focus on stories of Pagosa and the Pagosa area, and will be open to listeners of all ages. Please come join us.

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Dr. Furen Feathers, veterinarian, is the most annoying “one upper” in Gothica City. If you’ve done, said or tried anything, Feathers is certain to have done it more often, said it already and tried it three times.

Tickets available for third annual Murder Mystery event

By **Krishna Doocy**
Special to The PREVIEW

On the night of Feb. 22, join us for Pagosa Play Place’s third annual Murder Mystery event. As you travel back in time, park your chariot and attend a party in your “Sunday’s best” toga and Greek goddess regalia.

There is a chill in the air at the plush Pompey Palace, despite the warm environment and friendly faces. You and yours follow laughter and lively guests past a silent auction and bar to find yourself in the middle of a grand dining hall. The party is on — with delicious eats and sweet treats, libations are flowing, but mystery is also

brewing.

“Omari Shady” saddles up to you with a skirted glance and an artistic flounce, and your friend engages in a brief conversation with “Pizzy Tankus,” the hot-headed guitarist who is curiously germaphobic. There are a slew of interesting and silly characters to meet and many friends to enjoy. The rest of the story is yet to be told and only you might know how the pandemonium at the Toga Bash ends.

Come join the friends and patrons of the Pagosa Play Place in their third annual Murder Mystery Fundraiser at the Pagosa Lodge (Best Western) on Feb. 22.

Rising Stars of Pagosa Springs,
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Pagosa Peak Open School to present February's 'Coffeehouse Night' Feb. 6

By Alison Beach
Special to The PREVIEW

We will be hosting our third "Coffeehouse Night" at Pagosa Peak Open School on Feb. 6 starting at 6 p.m.

The event will include music and poetry by a collection of performers, including Shane Lane, Debbie Tucker, June Marquez, Laurie Brinkmann, Keith Bruno and Chris Couch, Ursala Hudson and Leah Ballard. The performance will take place in the school auditorium in the Parelli Building, 7 Parelli Way near the

Walmart.

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and homemade baked goods will be available for purchase.

Suggested donation: \$10 individual or \$20 for a family. The donation cover charge will include a bowl of tasty gumbo.

All donations and profits from drinks and baked goods will benefit Pagosa Peak Open School, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Pagosa Peak Open School is a tuition-free public charter school serving Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County.

Spaces available for upcoming homebuyer education class

By Matt Morishige
Special to The PREVIEW

The HomesFund still has plenty of room in our upcoming Homebuyer Education class on Feb. 22 at the Ross Aragon Community Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and will be having another class on April 4 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As a nonprofit, we have to depend on the community to help us get the word out about the homeownership services we provide. Topics covered in class include: budgeting and debt, credit, insurance, lending, real estate,

and home maintenance/energy efficiency.

This class makes the home buying process clear and less stressful by helping you:

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- Understand purchase contracts so that you know what to expect throughout the home-buying process.

If you would like to register, you can visit www.homesfund.org, and any questions can be directed to 259-1418, ext. 1.

By taking the class you will also open up access to our "Down Payment Assistance funds" and learn how "One on One Pre-Purchase counseling" can help achieve home ownership.

Mystery

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doing business as Pagosa Play Place, is Pagosa's only indoor playground. The Pagosa Play Place is a nonprofit organization that operates solely on volunteers and community support. A year-round climate-controlled, indoor playground, the Play Place offers

a safe and clean environment for individuals, children and families to learn, explore and grow.

Our daily operations, enrichment programs and special events are funded through our annual Murder Mystery fundraiser. You can support pagosa youth and their families by being a part of the

murder mystery mayhem and exciting evening by joining us Feb. 22.

Get your tickets by stopping by the Pagosa Play Place, 2839 Cornerstone Drive #3, Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Eventbrite by searching Murder Mystery Fundraiser Pagosa Springs, or by calling (626) 241-6462.



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High school announces 'Matilda the Musical'

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

The Performing Arts Department at Pagosa Springs High School is thrilled to announce its spring 2020 musical, "Matilda the Musical," by Roald Dahl, based on the 1988 children's novel.

The production team cast 41 students in this fun and fanciful show. Cast as leads and supporting leads in "Matilda" are: Hannah Rockensock, Sydney (Simon) Mitchell, Olivia Craig, Ethan Mazur, Grace Thompson, Ella Hemenger, Vinnie Carranza, Jacob Miller, Kaeden Thomas, Hayden

Kiker, Nina Smith, KC Yeneza, Jordan Milioto, Maya Nasralla, Gracelyn Kiker and Cole Reis.

"Matilda" will play mid-March; watch for more announcements.

The production is produced, directed and choreographed by Dale Johnson with musical direction by Dan Burch.

New Thought to hear 'Conscious Self-Evolution'

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

"Evolution is the passing of spirit into form, the coming forth of spirit into manifestation. Evolution is the awakening of the soul to a recognition of its unity with the Whole." — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living this Sunday, Feb. 2, at 10:30 a.m., when our congregant speaker will be Theresa Howard, RScP, a Science of Mind practitioner. Her topic will be "Conscious Self-Evolution." Howard believes that since evolution is happening to all of us, we might as well consciously participate and have input as to what we evolve into.

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

We welcome people of all religions, cultures, races and lifestyles to our services, where we celebrate the Science of Mind and positive thinking.

Our community of affirmative-minded people share joy, laughter and awareness of connection to spirit, and our ability to co-create a life of infinite possibilities.

We will have spirited live music.

Meditation circle

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

permitting.

Upcoming events

Thursday, Jan. 30, at 6 p.m.: Movie: "Co-Creating At Its Best" with Dr. Wayne Dyer and Esther Hicks.

Saturday, Feb. 8: "Opening Your Heart to Highways of Spirituality." Time to be determined.

Sunday, Feb. 9: "Academy Award Gala." Time to be determined.

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.: Band practice. We invite musicians and singers to join in our band.

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UUs to explore a pagan holiday

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

Interesting word, “pagan.” Is it someone who holds beliefs and engages in practices and ceremonies that are not Christian? A heathen? Or is it someone who is without any religious beliefs at all? An atheist?

Interestingly, these words are offered as synonyms in some dictionaries. A more inclusive view would say a pagan is someone who follows anyone of a wide variety of traditions (or paths) that emphasize reverence for nature and a revival of ancient polytheistic religious practices.

As Unitarian Universalists, we seek wisdom from all of the world’s religions. This Sunday, Michael Demchak, a member of our fellowship, will help us in our search by introducing us to the pagan holiday — Imbolc.

Imbolc is a celebration of creative female energy, of pregnancy, birth and fertility. Traditionally celebrated on Feb. 2, it honors the Goddess Brigit (also referred to as Brigid or Bride) and her many attributes associated with this celebration. This is the right time

of the year for setting intentions and planning goals for the seasons ahead. We will join Demchak as he reviews the history, traditions and symbolism of Imbolc. He will also share what the holiday means spiritually on a personal level and how this time corresponds to the wheel of the year.

Demchak was raised with a Unitarian Universalist background for most of his childhood in Connecticut. He moved to Denver with his family in 1976 and began attending the Mile High Church of Religious Science. He studied computer science at Metropolitan State College, but pursued other careers including pharmacy technician, accounting and facilities management.

In 2006, Demchak helped facilitate a weekly intentional dance with live musicians and a spiritual emphasis. In 2007, he became active in a pagan meet-up group and helped it grow into Living Earth Church, where he co-created many circles and events as a Pagan priest. He also created and was the music director of an annual pagan music festival from 2009-2011. Demchak has been an ordained minister since 2008

and has officiated several weddings and handfastings. He enjoys camping, four-wheeling, skating, music, reading, photography and nature. He now lives in Pagosa Springs with his daughter, Katie, and is a member of the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Our fellowship offers each individual support in our unique spiritual path and an opportunity to participate in positive social and environmental action. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

Religious Exploration (RE) classes are held on the third and fourth Sundays and continue through to May. For more information about RE, contact Anna Ramirez at afrancis@hotmail.com.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Join us. For further information about the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, visit pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.

Cut the cord or comb the desert

“I know, I know.”

“No, you don’t know. If you knew, you wouldn’t keep doing it.”

This was a weekly conversation between my Sweet Al and our daughter before she moved to Pagosa. She’d leave late on Friday night and would drive from Albuquerque to Pagosa. She didn’t want to leave the family and would hang around, then drive back on Sunday night to Albuquerque, arriving at 2 in the morning.

Al would tell her again, “Don’t leave at 10 o’clock at night. It’s not

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



safe. Don’t go the back way. Why? It’s dangerous, it’s snow-packed and few cars are on the road at that time of night.”

“I know.”

Al and I would look at each

other and shake our heads. She either doesn’t know or isn’t listening.

There were many times when we would receive a call from Dulce, Stone Lake or the teepees outside of Cuba: “Daddy, I hit a horse. I ran off the road and I’m stuck. Would

■ See Lane on next page

Better is a dish of vegetables where love is than a fattened ox served with hatred.

- Proverbs 15:17



Valentine’s Day will soon be here. It is a day in which love is spoken and shown in many different ways.

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Lane

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you come get me? Can you bring some gas? I'm almost out."

"A horse? We told you not to go that way. Why didn't you gas up before you left? You know better."

"I know. When will you be here? I'm waiting for you in the car."

"I'm leaving now." My Sweet Al would step into his boots, pull on his coat and look for a chain and a full 5-gallon can of gas. He would say to me as he was leaving, "I guess she didn't listen."

This has been an ongoing conversation between Al and our youngest daughter her whole life. He cuddles her and now she, in turn, cuddles him.

It goes both ways. This week I was reminded of the bond between a mother and son. Although when a son is done being cuddled, he will go or do whatever he wants. Believe me, I gave my share of mollycoddling to our son back in the day. And, then he left — moving to another country.

We try to protect our children from themselves, but, inevitably, they will do the things that make sense to them.

A friend emailed me an SOS recently: "Please pray for my son and his friend. We think they are lost in the Arizona desert, somewhere north of the Mexican Border. They went to scout locations for their next movie shoot, took an unmarked road and are now stuck in a ravine somewhere. I imagine that they are being surrounded by rattle snakes, bad weather and maybe even the Mexican Cartel."

Not only were these two young men confronting the elements of the wild because of poor decisions, they now had their must-save-them protective mama bears on heaven's alert.

The two mothers had been on the phone with the sheriff, state police and Border Patrol, searching

for clues to the boys' whereabouts. They had their bags packed and were ready to go, about to put themselves in unknown territory to find their sons. They were going to brave it all to bring their boys home to safety and wrap them in comfort.

On the phone with authorities, they convinced the Border Patrol to send a helicopter out to hover

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over the desert floor. They even had first responders on foot looking for them. The boys were eventually found, miles from their car without coats or a clue as to where they were. They were safe and sound. Their expensive movie cameras and equipment went unharmed, but were no match for the cost their mothers were willing to spend to

find their sons.

Knowing these two moms, had the boys run in to a cartel, my money would have been on the mama bears. Meanwhile, their husbands went to bed and slept through the intense night that followed.

We love our children, but need to let them be who they need to be. That may mean that they need to run away to where they feel they need to be. It could also mean that they will continue to make questionable decisions, never learning from what they have done.

Final brushstroke: We don't want to see our children hurt. But, if they never learn how to address their own cuts and scrapes, those will fester when we are not around. We pack our children in cotton, put a dollar in their pocket, then make excuses why we can't let them go. There comes a time, however, when we have to cut the cord and see what happens. Otherwise, we deserve to be up all night searching the desert or on call to put gas in their car until they are 60.

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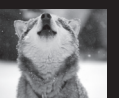
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My heart's prayer

By Sami Fortin
Special to The PREVIEW

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When we come to you, we give you praise for you are sovereign over all the earth and know what's best for us. You have already seen into our future and prepared the way. Plus, you have stationed angels around us to keep us from stumbling. Thank you for giving us all we need through your riches in Christ Jesus.

Lord, I ask that all who might read this would be filled with your spirit, that you would anoint them with the oil of joy, your peace would surround them and they would enjoy resting in your presence. Pull us out of our complacency and move our hearts to obey your call. You have not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. You've given each of us a measure of faith; let us take that up and give you praise, for you are worthy.

So many are hurting in this world, many living in confusion and not believing that you have good plans for us. Help us to live our lives with eyes wide open, to express your love to others. Help us to believe in your goodness and to see our blessings, to even name them one by one, for in so doing, we will defeat the enemy of our soul. Let us testify of every good thing you have ever done or are in the process of doing. Turn our eyes away from the things of this world and ourselves, so we can focus on you and the Kingdom to come.

It is by your word that we discover truth and it is your truth that draws us to you. We grow weary of the lies that bombard us each day and we long to be sanctified by your truth. Thank you, Jesus, for praying for us and those who believe through your message and our testimony.

Your prayer is that we would all be one, single-minded, trusting that your word is truth. Help those who struggle with the truth by blocking the lies of the enemy. Let them know you have given them the glory the Father had given you. Fill us with the same love you have received and let us make your

A Matter of Faith

name known among the nations. Help us to see that believing in you and sharing your love is what will change our world. Let us come back to our first love and put you back in our government, our schools, our churches and our homes. We truly ask for revival, but one heart at a time would be good, too. Let us choose today, putting you first, setting down our choice of distraction to pick up your word and soak our spirit in your words of love and joy. Don't let it stop there; let it be like a tumbleweed

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2	6	7	8	1	9	3	4	5
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Social Security fraud alert from inspector general

By Kay Kaylor
PREVIEW Columnist

At San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA), I have two main part-time roles. I am a lead long-term care ombudsman, advocating for residents in extended care and assisted living residences in the region. I also am a Senior Medicare Patrol and State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor.

Information on the many aging and care concerns will be included here.

Following up from last week's article, the inspector general from Social Security sent out a fraud advisory Jan. 8 about fake documents from phone scammers. People have reported receiving emails with attached letters and reports that appear to be from Social Security or the Office of the Inspector General. The email letters may have official letterheads and government language to convince victims they are legitimate and to comply with their demands. However, they may have misspellings and grammar errors.

This variation of the widespread phone scams may begin with a robocall or live caller pretending to be a government employee. They may claim your Social Security number, account or benefits have a problem or have been stolen. The caller may threaten arrest or legal action or even offer to increase your benefits, protect your assets or resolve the identity theft. As noted before, they often ask for payment with a gift card, wire transfer, Internet currency (such as Bitcoin) or a prepaid debit card.

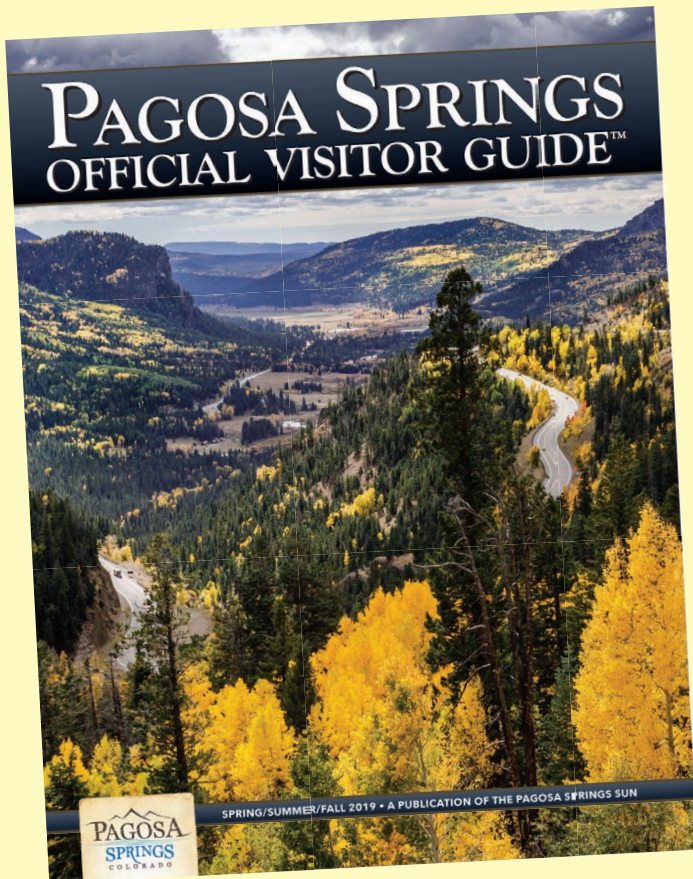
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that picks up speed as it rolls along and picks up others in distress. Let us be the ones to bring joy into another's life by being a helping hand with whatever is needed.

Father, my heart's prayer is for your children and my children so they may know you and the joy of being in relationship with a God that is always looking after their every need. I know it's hard; I've seen the best struggling to believe and, yet, when we finally humble ourselves, we find out how amazing and wonderful you are. Oh, why do we wait? Make today the day of rejoicing. Let them know today, "From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing be upon your people."



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Bird of the Week



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Highly social pinyon jays arrive in large, noisy flocks. They have evolved in an interdependent relationship with the pinyon pine. The trees provide the nuts that are a staple of their diet and, in turn, the birds disperse the large, wingless seeds over long distances. When cones are abundant, each bird may store thousands of seeds in caches located underground or in tree cavities. The small percentage of buried seeds not eaten are the source of new trees.

One of the earliest nesting passerines in North America, when food is abundant, they begin nesting in early February. Fledglings of the flock are gathered in a large group known as a creche, where somehow parents recognize and feed their own chicks. Individuals usually remain with the flock they are born into.

Pinyon jays are entirely dusky blue with the exception of whitish coloring on the chin. They are crestless with relatively short tails and long, pointed bills. Lack of feathering over their nostrils allows them to probe sticky pine cones without covering feathers with sap. Pinyon jays closely resemble the scrub jays found in Pagosa Springs. A trip to the pinyon-juniper forests of the Navajo Lake area is the closest place to find them in our area.

Pinyon jay numbers have experienced one of the steepest declines of any bird in North America, around an 80 percent loss in the last 50 years. Fueled by climate change, long-term drought is killing pinyon pines as are forest management policies which clear pinyon-juniper forests for cattle grazing.

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

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Shoulder surgery and a souvenir

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

After finding out there was a bullet in my arm, I hoped that was what was causing the pain in my arm. I figured that if a bullet was removed, there would be less trauma and healing than if it was torn ligaments. But I was to have no such luck. The doctor told me there was indeed a bullet in my arm, like the MRI technician had said, but it wasn't causing me any problems. The real problem was that I needed a rotator cuff repair.

We looked at available surgery dates. I wanted to get it done before Christmas so I would have more time to heal before going back to work in January. But I needed to move the harp for my daughter until Dec. 22. That only left Dec. 24 for the surgery date. I had the nurse schedule it. Later, when I met with my family, I let them know.

"Can we have Christmas on the 23rd?" my daughter asked. "If we have it on Christmas right after you have had your surgery, you will probably be grouchy. I'd rather not have my father be grouchy on Christmas."

I told her I didn't think I would be grouchy, but agreed to celebrate Christmas on the 23rd, anyway. It ended up being a nice day. We opened presents and then invited another daughter that lived close by to bring her family and join us when we went out to eat. We scheduled it so her husband could come from work during his lunch hour. It was fun.

The next day, as I headed to the hospital, I must admit that

all I could think about was when I was 45 and my tonsils were removed. For two hours before being wheeled back, I was in a room where the broken TV could not be shut off and was locked onto a channel that played only Barney reruns. By the time they came to get me, I was feeling like, "Just shoot me now!"

However, this time the room I was put in for surgery preparation didn't even have a TV. I was OK with that. Many people came in to

And I'm not admitting that I was grouchy. But my daughter was probably smart to have had us celebrate Christmas on the 23rd.

take my vitals and talk to me about recovery. Four of them asked me which shoulder was being operated on. When I told them it was my left, they marked it with a marker.

As the fourth person made his mark, I said, "Don't you trust the other three people who marked it already?"

He laughed. "A person can never be too careful."

After he left, I told my wife Donna to hand me a marker.

"Why?" she asked.

"I think I ought to put marks all over me just to confuse them."

She did not think that was even funny and made sure there were

no markers anywhere in the room. She said that removing my access to markers was her part of being careful.

Eventually, I was wheeled into the surgery room.

The anesthesiologist leaned over me. "It will take about 10 minutes for you to fade off to sleep."

Ten minutes, nothing. I was out almost instantly after he said it, and if I said anything past that point, I want to make it clear that I can't legally be held responsible for it. The next thing I remember was having someone patting me, calling me by name, and asking me how I was doing.

"Did you get the number?" I groggily replied.


"Of what?" she asked.

"Of the license plate of the truck that hit me."

I heard my wife laugh. "I think he's going to be fine."

And I'm not admitting that I was grouchy. But my daughter was probably smart to have had us celebrate Christmas on the 23rd.


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A Course in Miracles Study Group. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

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.

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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.

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Friday, Jan. 31

Mosaic Mirror Frame Workshop. Belvedere Arts Studio and Gallery, 2363 Eagle Drive. Multiday workshop. Call 731-1619 for details. The cost is \$275, plus \$35 materials fee.

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Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Saturday, Feb. 1

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Call 264-4152, ext. 521 for more information.

Archuleta County Genealogical Society. 11 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. The topic will be "How did you get started in genealogy and what re-

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Kissing pair
- 5 Gold measure
- 10 Burn the midnight oil
- 14 Up for the job
- 15 Get used (to)
- 16 Coolant carrier
- 17 Financial assistance determiners
- 19 Basilica feature
- 20 Take up space
- 21 Chicken breast, e.g.
- 23 Type of tide
- 25 Stuffing ingredient
- 26 Withdraw, with "out"
- 28 Throaty
- 31 Tap trouble
- 33 Head lock?
- 34 Can't forgo
- 38 Operatic star
- 39 South African village that's an anagram for "a lark"
- 41 Translucent gem
- 42 Get a whiff of
- 44 Take the bait
- 45 Love potion's number
- 46 Containing pus
- 49 Cornfield cry
- 50 Carpentry tool
- 52 Evans or Earnhardt
- 54 Immortal
- 57 Kind of bean
- 60 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
- 61 Type of expenses
- 63 Move about
- 64 Bathroom item
- 65 Pastrami purveyor
- 66 Lug
- 67 Shore bird
- 68 Chevron competitor

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- 1 Crippled
- 2 Alpine goat
- 3 Mournful
- 4 Have a feeling
- 5 Do-it-yourself-er's purchase
- 6 Over again
- 7 Hemsworth racing flick
- 8 Well-spoken
- 9 Lab worker, at times
- 10 Lizard in a Culture Club song
- 11 Tripper's landlord
- 12 Evaluate, as ore
- 13 Bump into
- 18 Just for men
- 22 Pizzazz
- 24 Hockey disk
- 26 4:1, e.g.
- 27 ___ and proper
- 29 Cause of concern for an aviophobe

- 30 Bring up the rear heart
- 32 Throb, as the heart
- 35 Earthquake hot spot
- 36 Comedian Carvey
- 37 Large number
- 40 Libraries do it
- 43 Drunkard
- 47 Take pleasure in
- 48 Runner's goal
- 50 Quartet member
- 51 Addiction
- 53 Hamilton or Hunt
- 54 Off one's trolley
- 55 Melee memento
- 56 Missile housing
- 58 Soft rock?
- 59 Hodgepodge
- 62 Cub Scout group

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to food service.

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Answers: Orders

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sources did you find helpful?" This will be a group discussion, so bring your laptops. Visitors are encouraged to attend.

Family Storytime: Poetry Palooza. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Produce a variety of different poems with us. 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. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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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. This week's assignment is to write about your brothers and sisters. Bring your story to share with us and we will share ours with you. See the website for more details, stories2tellus.com.

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, Feb. 3

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.

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Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Hand and Foot Card Game. 2 p.m., Senior Center.

Weminuche Audubon Society. 3 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Visitors are welcome. To request changes to the agenda, contact Jean Zirnelt at 731-2985.

Tween Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For those in the 4th-8th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

LGBTQ Support Group. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. A support group to help youth and young adults from age 16 to in their 20s under the leadership of Ana M. Sancho Sama, Ph.D., licensed psychologist.

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 information and to register, call Michelle Carpenter at 946-0664 or Lynne Bridges at 264-5513.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

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.

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.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

History of Valentine's Day Art Class. 1 p.m., Senior Center. No art skills needed. No materials needed. Just come and have fun. We will be learning the history of Valentine's and making valentines.

Home-school Social Hour. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Stop by to visit with fellow home-school families, discuss curriculum and learning opportunities and look through resources while the kids participate in crafts and other activities. Josie, your early literacy librarian, is eager to collect ideas on how to serve home-school families in our community. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group. 2 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church. For more information, call 731-3597.

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.

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

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens 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, Feb. 5

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

able 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

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Frank and Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

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Red Hat Meeting. 11:30 a.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant.

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

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.

STEM Program. 4-5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School. For those in the 5th-8th grade. The Archuleta County Extension office in conjunction with 4-H/AmeriCorps is offering a free STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) program. 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, become a bridge engineer and more. To register, call 264-5931.

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

The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group. 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025

for further information.

Vinyl Night. 6 p.m., Riff Raff on the Rio, 356 E. Pagosa St. Bring your vinyl selections or enjoy ours.

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

Thursday, Feb. 6

Hai Chee. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

Pagosa Stories. 10 a.m., Sisson Library. We will be joined by the education coordinator at the Southern Ute Cultural Center in Ignacio. This presentation will focus on stories of Pagosa and the Pagosa area. Open to listeners of all ages.

A Course in Miracles Study Group. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

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.

Guest Speaker. 11:45 a.m., Senior Center. Guest speaker from Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

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

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Pagosa Peak Open School Presents Coffeehouse Night. 6 p.m., Pagosa Peak Open School, 7 Parelli Way. The event will include music and poetry by a collection of performers. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and baked goods will be available for purchase. Suggested donation is \$10 individual or \$20 for family.

Pagosa Pirates Boys' Varsity Wrestling. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife: Elk Management. 6:30-8 p.m., Archuleta County Extension office. Colorado Parks and Wildlife is seeking public input on updating the management plans for the elk herds. Public input provides guidance to wildlife managers who attempt to balance the biological capabilities of the herd and its habitat with the public's demand for wildlife recreational opportunities. These herd management plans drive important decisions which include the license setting process as well as strategies and techniques to reach population objectives. Call 248-0855 for more information.

San Juan Outdoor Club. 6:45 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Lauren Ward, emergency preparedness and response coordinator, and Lorena Dawson, health equity coordinator from San Juan Basin Public Health will present "Emergency preparedness through the Equity in Emergency Preparedness (EEP) program." EEP works to engage individuals in La Plata and Archuleta counties to help understand their risks when it comes to disasters and provides resources and tools to prepare for any incident. There will be a Q&A and review of the emergency supplies discussed at the end of the presentation. Light refreshments at 6 p.m. Guests welcome. For more information, visit sanjuanoutdoorclub.org.

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Moonrise Cross-Country Ski Social. Sunset, Cloman Park. For more information, email PagosaNordic@gmail.com.

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Meditation and Dharma Discussion. 10 a.m., Pagosa Universalist Unitarian Fellowship, Suite B-15, 70 Greenbriar Drive. All are welcome.

Learn to Cross-Country Ski Clinic. 10 a.m.-noon, location to be announced. Skate ski and classic cross-country ski lessons. For more information, email PagosaNordic@gmail.com.

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Clue: Provides assistance

B. 8 9 3 15 18

Clue: Place to eat

C. 25 18 13 8 9 17 25 9 19 8

Clue: Serves food

D. 13 18 25 1 18 25

Clue: Waiter

Answers: A. service B. table C. restaurant D. server

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By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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To register, visit aarp.org/find-acourse. The Pagosa Springs Senior Center staff will be glad to help you register.

Due to popular demand, the Senior Center is hosting another class on March 27 from 1 to 5 p.m. For reservations, call (970) 462-9613.

Euchre

Euchre is a card game invented around 1860 played in partnerships with a deck of 24, 28 or sometimes 32 standard playing cards. It is the game responsible for introducing the joker into modern card packs.

The group will meet on Fridays at 1 p.m. The next game is Friday, Jan. 31.

Next free art class at the Senior Center

A free art class will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 1 p.m. No art skills are needed, no materials are needed — just come and have fun. We will be learning the history of Valentine's Day and making valentines.

The instructor will be Denise Fisk, former art teacher in Iowa.

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 supplement

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tal 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. 30 — Turkey tetrazzini with noodles, caramelized butternut squash, Italian green peas, milk, salad bar and cherry cream cheese pie.

Friday, Jan. 31 — Beef brisket sandwich, potato salad, bacon green beans, milk, salad bar and butterscotch brownie.

Monday, Feb. 3 — Lemon chicken, loaded baked potato, broccoli salad, milk, salad bar and peach cobbler.

Tuesday, Feb. 4 — Sliced ham, black-eyed peas, asparagus roasted with walnuts, milk, salad bar and cornbread with butter.

Wednesday, Feb. 5 — Turkey sausage soup, green peas, buttered corn, milk, salad bar and Key lime pie.

Thursday, Feb. 6 — Beef meatloaf, milk, cauliflower mashed with gravy, green beans with almonds, salad bar and cherry cream cheese pie.

Reservations and cancellations are required. You can make a reservation at 264-2167 by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you would like to dine in the Community Cafe at the Senior Center.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always attend. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days.

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AL-ANON meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in the Parish Hall. www.al-anon-co.org.

A.A. PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES GROUP winter hours beginning on Tuesday, December 19, beginning at 6p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Charlotte (970)903-9690.

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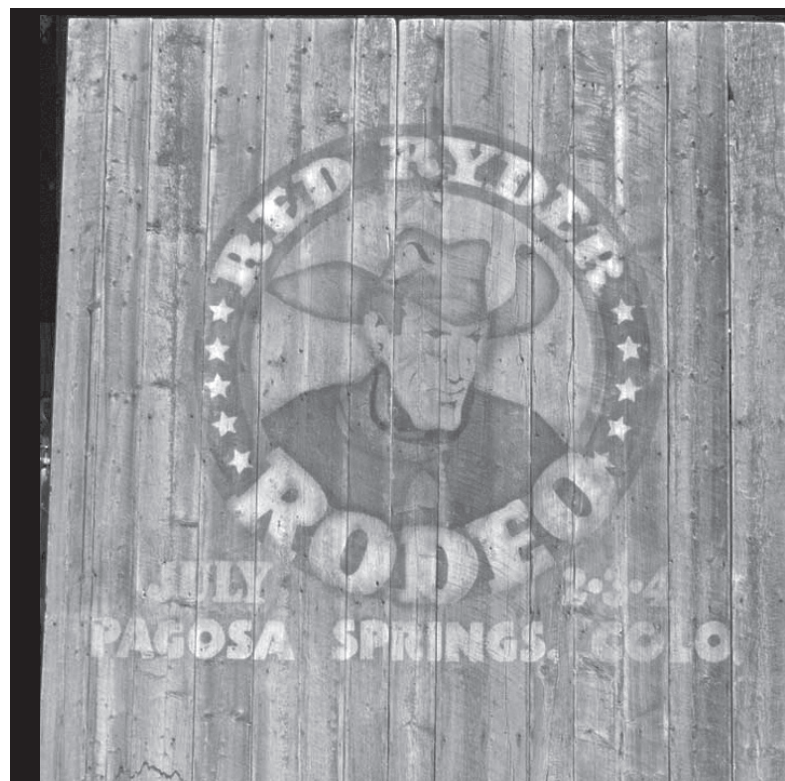
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