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Ballots going out soon for March 3 presidential primary

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Election season is upon us, with presidential primary elections and caucuses taking place across the country in the coming months.

Colorado's presidential primary is set for March 3 this year, with 17 Democrats appearing in that party's primary and six Republicans appearing on that party's ballot.

The primary will be held via a mail-ballot election in Colorado.

Beginning Monday, Feb. 10, the Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder's Office will begin mailing ballot packets to every active voter who is registered in Archuleta County.

All active, registered Republican, Democrat and unaffiliated

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Town council candidates announced

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The slate of candidates for the three Pagosa Springs Town Council positions up for grabs on April 7 has been named.

The candidates are (in alphabetical order): Rory Burnett, Julian Caler, Mat deGraaf, Bill Hudson and Shari Pierce.

All three seats are for a four-year term on the council and have a two-term limit.

Registered electors of the Town of Pagosa Springs will begin receiving ballots for the April 7 election after March 16.

Town Clerk April Hessman explained that an elector must be registered to vote at their current address and have lived there for at least 22 days prior to the election to vote.

Voter registration information can be updated or you can register to vote by visiting www.govotecolorado.com or going to the Election's Office, located at 449 San Juan St. in the downstairs of the courthouse (accessible from the rear of the building).

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Photos courtesy Jenna Gannon
Pagosa Springs High School Art Department students placing first and receiving Gold Keys in The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are, top photo, Kristina Moore; middle photo, Nicole Bartz; and, bottom photo, Grace Thompson.

Art students earn top awards

By Jenna Gannon
Special to The SUN

This year the Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Art Department submitted 17 works of art to The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Four works of art placed first in their category and will receive a Gold Key award. These awards can be likened to winning state in a sport competition.

PSHS winners this year are: Kristina Moore, 12th grade, two Gold Keys in painting; Grace Thompson, 12th grade, Gold Key in painting; and Nicole Bartz, 11th grade, Gold Key in painting.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are

■ See Art A8



Commissioners, court staff discuss expediting courthouse construction

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The county commissioners may expedite the time frame on beginning construction on a new courthouse in a move to maximize the amount of grant funding they can obtain for the project.

On Tuesday, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), Sixth Judicial District Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson, Sixth Judicial Court Executive Eric Hogue and other court staff discussed the project at the BoCC's work session.

The BoCC was previously considering a courthouse, with three courtrooms and a community room, at a price of \$4.9 million plus architect fees and other "soft costs," such as contingency funds.

On Tuesday, the BoCC and court staff proposed eliminating one courtroom and the community room, which would bring the cost of the facility to \$4.1 million plus architect fees and other "soft costs."

In an interview Wednesday morning, BoCC chair

Ron Maez outlined the county's available funds to complete the project, which include:

- \$1.9 million from the Underfunded Courthouse Commission, an award that stipulates the county must secure all the funding for the project to receive the award and was the largest amount ever awarded by the commission.
- \$650,000 sitting in the county's Justice System Capital Fund.
- Applying to other grants through the Department of Local Affairs (DoLA) totaling about \$1.5 million and asking the underfunded commission for more money later this year.

Maez explained that one option could be to pay for the remaining \$1.6 million or so, plus architect fees, from the Justice System Capital Fund, then use DoLA and underfunded grants to "backfill" that cost later this year and early next year.

There is about \$4 million in the county's Strategic Reserve Fund, according to the county's 2020 budget.

■ See Courthouse A8

Notice of Claim filed following Archuleta County inmate suicide

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story contains graphic content.

A Notice of Claim has been filed by the widow of Saul Hernandez-Delatorre, an Archuleta County inmate who committed suicide while in the custody of the La Plata County Sheriff's Department on May 26, 2019.

Hernandez-Delatorre was being housed in the La Plata County Jail as an Archuleta County inmate due to the fact Archuleta County does not currently have an operational jail.

The Notice of Claim was filed on Nov. 22, 2019, according to county documentation.

"Essentially a notice of claim

is a prerequisite to filing a lawsuit and sometimes a notice of claim is filed but a lawsuit is not for whatever reason," County Attorney Todd Weaver wrote in an email, adding that in this instance it had to be filed within 182 days of Hernandez-Delatorre's death.

"If a notice of claim is not filed with the appropriate governmental body within that time frame, any claim is forever barred," Weaver wrote.

Weaver added that a wrongful death lawsuit can now be filed within two years of the date of death, or until May 2021 in this instance.

The Notice of Claim outlines the events in the days leading up

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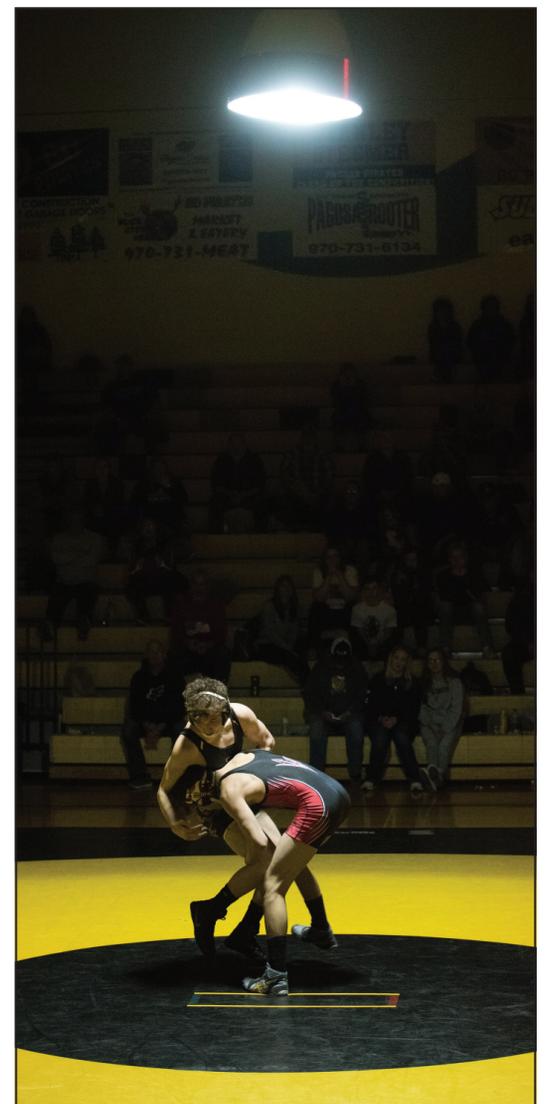
Next week's broadband forum to review current, future projects

By Jason Cox
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Broadband Services Management (BSM) and Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation will host a forum to share information about current and future broadband projects slated for Archuleta County on Feb. 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the

Ross Aragon Community Center. The forum will inform the public about ongoing broadband efforts in the county in 2020 and beyond.

The forum will include a question-and-answer session with BSM managers Jason Cox and Eric Hittle to allow for discussion and feedback from the public about community broadband projects.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Trevor Moore, no stranger to the wrestling spotlight, faces an opponent during a home match against Durango High School on Friday. Moore kicked off the event with a victory on the way to the Pirates' 60-15 thrashing of the Demons.

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EDITORIAL

Wash your hands

With cold and flu season and the outbreak of 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), it is imperative to be diligent and take the steps necessary to protect yourself.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) reminds us to do what our mothers have been telling us to do for years:

- "Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub.
- "Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing.
- "Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- "Getting a flu shot if you haven't gotten one this year."

Another warning is to avoid consumption of raw or undercooked animal products. You should handle raw meat, milk or animal organs with care to avoid cross-contamination with uncooked foods, as per good food safety practices.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring the outbreak, which was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Cases have been identified in a growing number of other international locations, including the United States.

As of Wednesday, nearly 500 people in China had reportedly died from the

coronavirus and the number of confirmed cases of infection rose to more than 24,000. Outside of China, there have been an additional 159 confirmed cases of the virus and 1 death.

The good news is that, also as of Wednesday, 2019-nCoV is not spreading in any community in the United States. Closer to home, three cases have been investigated in Colorado, with all of those confirmed negative for novel coronavirus.

"While we understand that new viruses like this can be worrisome, the risk of novel coronavirus for Coloradans is currently low," reads the "Official Talking Points" released by the CDPHE regarding the 2019 novel coronavirus last week.

Those talking points also remind that there are many kinds of coronaviruses that are currently circulating in the state that cause respiratory illness:

- "Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing illness in people and others circulating among animals including camels, cats and bats.
- "Some coronaviruses are common and regularly cause illness in the U.S. in the fall and winter. These viruses spread through coughing or sneezing, much like the flu. Symptoms may include: fever, cough, and/or shortness

of breath.

• "Rarely, animal coronaviruses can evolve and infect people and then spread between people, such as has been seen with Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). These viruses have caused outbreaks internationally and have been known to cause severe illness.

• "It is too soon to know how severe 2019-novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is compared to other coronaviruses or how easily it can spread easily between humans."

Though the current risk to most of us is low, the CDPHE is prepared to respond.

"We spent significant time preparing for Ebola cases during the large outbreak in West Africa in 2014-2016, even though risk to Coloradans was low and Colorado never had a case," reads the CDPHE report. "We are working closely with CDC and organizations across the state to ensure our response is proactive, strong, and collaborative."

Stay up to date by visiting the CDC's website at cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov.

In the meanwhile, stay vigilant, and do what your mother says.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 6, 1920

Edwin Crowley fell in the river and came very near washing under the ice. Fortunately John Graham was near enough to pull him out.

All the ice houses are well filled with ice. So much more than usual has been put up that it must be the Chromoites are preparing to keep cool while they count the money they get when we all strike oil.

All soldiers, sailors or marines who served honorably between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and who are interested in organizing a post of the American Legion in this county, are requested to assemble at the district court room in this city on Wednesday evening, Feb. 18th, at 8 p.m.

A new partnership has just been formed by E.A. Byrne and J.T. Chambers, to be known as the Archuleta County Real Estate Exchange. As the name implies they are prepared to handle the real estate business of the county and are starting out right by placing an ad in the Sun, which you will find elsewhere in this issue.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 9, 1945

Gov. John C. Vivian has proclaimed a state of emergency in Colorado until the state's quota of WAC medical technicians has been met. Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, alone, needs five platoons of the medics at once. Women recruited for this extremely important service, that of taking care of the men who have been wounded fighting for us do not need previous training. They will be trained by the army. Casualties are being returned from overseas at the rate of 20,000 a month. There are many single young women in the community whose services are urgently needed. If you are physically and mentally fit, you are sadly needed — ENLIST NOW!

Herbert Loucks is the new night clerk at the Los Banos Hotel. Charles F. Rumbaugh and Wilber Neely left Tuesday evening for Denver, where they are on business concerning the telephone company.

We have just seen the advanced showing of 1945 bathing suits. There really is a shortage in some materials, at some places, if the new suits can be used as criterions.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 5, 1970

January set a record of sorts on Wolf Creek Pass this winter. Curtis Strain, snowplow boss there, said that total fall for the month was nine inches with .46 inches of moisture. This record hasn't been equaled in the past 30 years on Wolf Creek. The lowest snowfall recorded in the past 15 years for the month of January was in 1961 when only 19 inches fell during the month. Last year the snowfall for January totaled 133 inches. Average is 70 inches without the fall this year. With that low amount figured in the average drops to 61 inches.

A good basketball game is on tap this Friday at the gymnasium. The Pagosa Pirates will meet Ignacio. This year Ignacio has defeated Pagosa twice. In some years the scores were reversed. Regardless of the final outcome of the game basketball fans always see a good game when the two teams meet. They seem to bring out the best in each other and basketball is the order of the day. No stalls, no lackluster performances, just basketball all the way.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 9, 1995

Citing their desire to see the creation of a local access channel on the Pagosa Vision cable television system, town trustees Tuesday urged that a mediation process begin to hasten completion of a contract between the cable franchise holder and a group attempting to put the channel on the system. Local residents Mike Delyria and Harry Vanmatre appeared before the trustees to explain their plans for a public access channel and to express their frustration in the attempt to deal with the cable company. Delyria and Vanmatre told the trustees they wish to provide a high-quality, local-origination channel for the cable system. They showed the trustees a videotape illustrating the type of programming quality they will seek to achieve. They said the local-origination television has effective applications for advertisers and promoters seeking to reach tourists in the Pagosa area. "We don't want to show someone's home movies," said Vanmatre. "We want to create a product everyone can be proud of."

WHADDYA THINK?

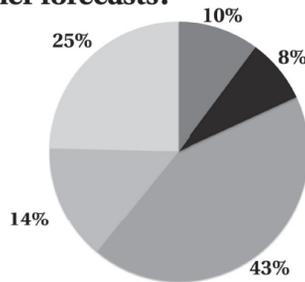
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LOOKING BACK



From the December 18, 1980, Pagosa Springs SUN. POLICE FORCE — Members of the Pagosa Springs Police Department now on duty are, left to right: Bob Lancing; Chief of Police Tracy Bunning; new officer Don Volger; and Charlene Lancing. The department now has four full time police officers.



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.

Talk about lies

Dear Editor:
Mr Bolland is quite proliferate in repeating the right wing's propaganda. Every one of his letters parrot the lies and misrepresentations that make up the daily diet of Conservative media. Most of his rantings are so much drivel as to not warrant responses. However, his last letter contained a falsehood that cannot be ignored.

He asserted that it is a "lie" when Democrats say one does not need to commit a crime to be impeached. I would suggest Mr. Bolland do a little research before he makes such an accusation. I googled "does a crime need to be committed to be impeached" and found a trove of articles that explained that the answer is "No". There are articles from the Brookings Institute, Snopes, Time, The Conversation, Lawfare, USA Today and many other respected outlets. There is even an article in "the Atlantic" from 1867 by C. M. Ellis written before Andrew Johnson's impeachment in 1868.

To believe Mr Bolland's assertion would be to ignore hundreds of years of Common Law in both England and later the United States. Impeachment was being used by the States during the Continental Congress era and by Great Britain. During that time "misdemeanors" was used in the colloquial sense to mean "bad behavior". Framer, Alexander Hamilton, in Federalist Paper 65 spelled it out. A President could be impeached for "abuse or violation of public trust" and is "related chiefly to injuries done immediately to society itself". Another Framer and one of the first Supreme Court Justices, James Iredell noted that if the President is to obscure or withhold information from Congress, that could also be a violation of the impeachment clause. Neither Hamilton nor Madison, another author of the Federalist Papers, ever mentioned that a "crime" needed to be committed.

Besides, before the Constitution was ratified there were no Federal Statutes. Even AG Barr, in 2017, said that a crime was not necessary for one to be impeached.

If Mr Bolland wants to talk about lies, how about discussing a few of the over 16,000 that the current occupant of the White House has told during the past 3 years.

Dave Butcher

Kobe Bryant legacy

Dear Editor:

As part-time Pagosans for 15 years and primarily Los Angeles residents, we would like to share a story about Kobe Bryant, who was a huge part of the LA sports culture as well as a popular national sports figure. My cousin Susy Ruddle managed the Bungalows at the Mauna Lani Resort on the Big Island of Hawaii for over a decade. At \$4,000.00 dollars a night, the Bungalows catered to and served the rich and famous of the athletic, entertainment, business and political world. I asked her a number of years ago, "Who was the most surprisingly worst guest and who was the best?" I won't share the worst but surprisingly the best was Kobe Bryant. She said he was fun, gracious, generous and great to the staff. That is the kind of legacy that says more than all of his athletic accomplishments.

Chuck and Janet Chillingworth

'There will be a day of reckoning'

Dear Editor:

First, I want to thank you for printing the very well-written and factual letter by Richard Bolland last week. It was a great letter of being to the point. President Trump has in, what ... roughly 39 months, volunteered his services basically without pay, taken daily death threats to him and his family, and had to deal with corrupt criminals here in our own government and abroad, the enemies of America (here and abroad) and much more; all the while bringing back our sadly abused and almost destroyed military, U.S. companies that left for overseas for economics during Obama — thus bringing back and creating over 6 million jobs for Americans. It has brought our unemployment to the lowest rate in 50 years — with Hispanic and African American employment both at historic highs. Our economy, which was in the toilet after Obama with people losing homes left and right, is now strong and flourishing. People feel safe to build again and borrow. And any wise person knows the strongest deterrent to attack is having a strong military. Americans have started respecting themselves again and better, the other nations, even our enemies have a healthier respect for the U.S. They may still hate us, but they respect us, as shown with nations like N. Korea. I can't even list all this Pres. has done for this country and patriotism in such a short time. Most folks can't even pay a car loan off in 39 months. But to bring a country back from the brink of destruction? All this time, instead of working to help this country, the Democrats have done everything short of actual murder, to stop and destroy Pres. Trump. They have shown their true, ugly colors — not only to Americans, but to the world. Is evil driven by lust of wealth and hunger for power? Evil is never satisfied, and that's why we need the Hand of God in this country. There will be a day of reckoning for all the backroom whispered plots and evil plans. Soon, I hope.

Peg Ellis

Force PAWSD to provide service

Dear Editor:

To whom this concerns,
I would really like to know why the PLPOA hasn't gone to bat for the property owners in the water and sewer district to force PAWS to provide service to the landowners within their district? It's like the tail wagging the dog. Is PAWS in charge of growth in Pagosa Spring?

I've owned property on Trails for over a dozen years, just about 100 ft from water/sewer line and PAWS wants to charge 50k to have the lines extended. The gas company extended the line all the way to the highway without cost to me.

PAWS has effectively decided who will and who will not get services, yet my taxes get paid to them each year. Taxation without representation.

Effectively, PAWS decides who can and cannot build in Pagosa. Not the town, not the building department, Not the PLPOA.

There are many of us land owners who would like to be able to use our land to build our single family dwellings, but PAWS has tied our hands. I've had my house plans drawn up for a dozen years. I've been as patient as I can be awaiting our local authorities to finally act on behalf of it's tax paying citizens. Do we have to appeal to state authorities to get something done?

The Town council, building department, and PLPOA should be outraged. I know that the landowners are. Do something.

Julie Gordon

Rollback of NEPA

Dear Editor:

The Trump administration recently announced its proposed rollback and rewrite of our bedrock environmental protection law, the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). Colorado Wild Public Lands (COWPL) would like to encourage the community to learn more and take action regarding the importance of maintaining NEPA in its current form.

COWPL is a 501(c)3 Colorado organization, dedicated to the protection of public interest and integrity of our public lands, with a focus on proposed public to private land exchanges. NEPA is the key tool that allows us to do our work. NEPA requires public input and detailed analysis of proposed actions affecting public lands, e.g. Forest Service or BLM lands.

In general, the administration's rollback proposal would allow more projects (e.g. extraction activities) to occur without NEPA review, and when reviews are required, they'd be cursory, with less opportunity for public involvement. Fewer alternatives to a proposed action would be studied and cumulative effects would not be considered. Tighter required timelines would limit opportunities for accurate scientific study and public comment.

These rollbacks appear to only have negative consequences compared with the scientifically informed and publicly accessible process that NEPA has provided over the last fifty years, resulting in better decisions for local communities' health and safety as well as for the environment.

Please take a few minutes to learn more at <https://ceq.doe.gov/laws-regulations/regulations.html> and make your voice heard at <https://www.regulations.gov/> for Docket ID No. CEQ-2019-0003 by March 10. Also stay tuned for further events and information from Colorado Wild Public Lands at <http://coloradowildpubliclands.org/>

Thanks for your consideration on this important legislation that affects us all.

Suzanne Jackson
Contract Staff for Colorado Wild Public Lands

'Amen'

Dear Editor:

With regards to Sami Fortin's Matter of Faith "heart prayer" printed in the Jan 30, 2020 issue of the Sun, all one can say is simply, Amen — and thank you.

In deep appreciation,
Joan Kelley, former full time Pagosa Resident
Gardner, Kansas

Reasonable gun legislation

Dear Editor:

I have felt quite troubled by

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Letters

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some recent experiences.

I've been looking for an opportunity to be of service here in our community of Pagosa. I've met with a fine organization called "Pagosa Builds", good local people who're helping our youth and local industry develop to mutual benefit. (These great folks also organized the "Sledz on Rez" event during our successful and enjoyable "Winter Fest.")

So I went to the Pagosa Springs HS to meet with the woodworking instructor, to tour their program and facilities. As a Custom Finish Carpenter, it feels like a great mutual fit, volunteering in this Vocational Education Program. I'd love to benefit these young folks and contribute to our community's growth.

I was rather shocked to find locked doors and security measures established. Well I get it. We do need to protect our youth and staff. But it struck me as akin to prison security. I felt like I had suddenly stepped into a foreign land wedged inside our peaceful, beautiful, mountain valley.

Volunteering required I fill out an application including a background check and fingerprinting. I suppose this seems reasonable for the conditions we face, but its heartbreaking to me that we now live under the daily dark shadows of mass shootings, murders, and bloodshed in our schools, places of worship, and shopping malls.

I even feel apprehensive giving out my personal info when I email my congresspersons. I feel threatened by our own Government. Scared of my own government? Why should I feel vulnerable to my United States Government?

It's become quite apparent that in the last few years, we can't trust the current administration with its advocacy of exclusion and pitting groups of Americans against each other sometimes in violent ways. I never thought such regression from Democracy would happen here in America.

As I've peered into the darkness of history, my eyes stunned at the horrors human nature is capable of, it tells me this is a time that "We the People" need to be engaged. The time for complacency and slumber are gone. If you hope for protection and safety then you and I must, act. If Trump's bitterness, hate, division, disrespect, and crimes against our Constitution are not reined in, it'll grow more cruel, more destructive, more entrenched. But we can turn this around with determination fueled by love and compassion for one another.

So how about some reasonable gun legislation? The school is right to be protective. If Mitch McConnell, would stop holding up piles of legislation that the house has already sent, so they could be fairly voted on, we'd be getting somewhere.

How about you give your Con-

gressmen a call? Just do it, it's so important. I don't like political stuff, I've been quite confused by it all. But I owe my involvement, to my family, friends, Pagosa, & a healthy American Democracy. Please help. We all need each other. Our country needs us.

Mitch Nielsen

Defending America

Dear Editor:

In the 1/16 Pagosa Sun, I wrote an editorial condemning Iran's actions in the killing of thousands of people in the Mideast including hundreds of Americans. I correctly noted the decades long practice of Iranian mobs chanting "Death to America" and holding signs calling us "The Great Satan." In the 1/23 Sun, Mr. Anthony Steventon responded to my editorial about condemning Iran's murderous actions by saying "to condemn such actions we can start with our own country and its long history of slavery." Huh? Can Mr. Steventon really mean we can't condemn Iran's killing of hundreds of Americans because we once had slavery in our country? What an absurdity. No American alive today supports or condones our country's past use of slaves. Newsflash to Mr. Steventon: Recognizing it evils, the president of our great country abolished slavery 157 years ago.

Mr. Steventon then goes on to denigrate our electoral system saying that we have pretend elections and that "once every four years the American people become invisible." Huh?

Newsflash to Mr. Steventon: For over two centuries the "invisible" American voter has elected liberals, conservatives and people of different racial backgrounds be they black or white. These democratic elections allow us to choose who we want to lead our great nation as opposed to Iran which Mr. Steventon so glowingly writes about. In Iran, there is no democratic election of their supreme leader, who has maintained complete control of the country for decades. This type of dictatorship, of course, leads to violent abuses of human rights as seen by the recent killing of innocent Iranian protesters by their government. Is this the kind of country any thinking American could admire?

Alas, Mr. Steventon appears to very unhappy with America and its institution of government. In light of this, one wonders why he continues to live here.

Charles Newton
Highlands Ranch

Scouting BSA

Dear Editor:

February is the birthday month of Boy Scouts of America. Many do not understand recent changes made to accept girls into the membership and thus, the organization is now called "Scouts, BSA". Yes,

this is quite a change but as with all things good, changes occur over time.

Parents of scouts requested that their girls have the opportunities offered by the program through the many badges to earn, especially the prestigious "Eagle Scout" award, which has proved to be a big asset on a job application. Scouting is about earning and attaining goals. In addition to the "ladder to Eagle" are the advantages to enjoy the challenging outdoor activities offered at the many national camps around the country. Experiencing Scouting builds self-confidence that leads to strong leadership skills with integrity — yes, with integrity.

What many folks do not understand is that, if girls wish to become a "Scout", there must be a separate Scout Troop for girls. They are not integrated into a Boy Scout Troop, thus the experiences enjoyed by boys does not change. If younger girls wish to enjoy the Cub Scout Program, they must have separate Girls Dens within the Pack. So, Moms and Dads, if your girls wish to enjoy "Scouting", you need to find some committed leaders — training is available.

Thanks to the Methodist and Episcopal Churches for sponsoring our Scout Units here in Pagosa — all are welcome, Scouting is non-denominational. Happy Birthday to our Scouts and special thanks to their dedicated leaders.

And, yes, all are loved.

Patty Tillerson

A powerful read

Dear Editor:

I like to read. I read some things for fun, some things for personal interest. I read some things because friends have recommended them to me, and some things because I hope, by reading them, I will be inspired to become a better person. I recently read a book that falls into the last category. Not only did I find the book inspiring, it impacted me sufficiently that I think it might inspire you, too. So by writing this letter I recommend that book to you.

The title of the book is We Were Eight Years in Power, by Ta-Nehisi Coates (2017, One World books). It grapples with the issue of race in the United States, not only as a historical matter but as an issue that continues to form dangerous cracks and fissures in the ground of American society. To read Coates' book is to look directly at one of the most terrible legacies of American culture, assess it honestly, and begin to think about how we and our children might repair the breaches.

As a follower of Jesus Christ I am called to love my neighbor as myself. Love has the intrinsic quality of seeing the suffering and plight of our neighbor clearly so as then to be of service. In spreading out under the sun the continued plight of people of color in the United States, this book equips me — and,

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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

**To the Electors of Archuleta County, Colorado,
in accordance with the provisions of
Section §1-5-205 C.R.S.,
notice is hereby given that a
Presidential Primary Election
will be held in Archuleta County,
on Tuesday, the 3rd day of March, 2020.**

Eligible Voters: All Active Registered Democratic, Republican and Unaffiliated voters.

Attention Unaffiliated Voters: If you have not declared a party preference, you will receive two (2) ballots in your mail ballot packet. You **MUST** only return one (1) ballot in order for your vote to count.

Mail Ballots: Beginning on February 10, 2020 the Archuleta County Clerk & Recorder will send a mail ballot packet to every Active voter who is registered in Archuleta County. To be counted, mail ballots must be returned to and in the hands of the Archuleta County Clerk & Recorder no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, March 3, 2020. **Postmarks do not count.**

Polling Locations: Beginning Monday, February 24, 2020 the Election's Office located at 449 San Juan St. (behind the courthouse), will serve as the official Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC). The VSPC hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from February 24 through March 2, 8:00 a.m. – Noon on Saturday, February 29 and 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Election Day, Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

Drop-Off Locations: You may also drop-off your voted ballot at the Election's Office located at 449 San Juan St. (behind the courthouse), between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning February 24th. Tuesday, March 3rd it will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The County installed a secure ballot drop-box which will be open 24/7 with video surveillance from February 24th through 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, March 3, 2020. It is located outside on the sidewalk in front of the courthouse.

The following are the official nominations that will be voted on at the Archuleta County, March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

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- (02) Pete Buttigieg
- (03) Tulsi Gabbard
- (04) Bernie Sanders
- (05) Elizabeth Warren
- (06) Amy Klobuchar
- (07) Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente III
- (08) Michael Bennet
- (09) Marianne Williamson
- (10) Deval Patrick
- (11) Michael R. Bloomberg
- (12) Robby Wells
- (13) Andrew Yang
- (14) Joseph R. Biden
- (15) Tom Steyer
- (16) Rita Krichevsky
- (17) John K. Delaney

President of the United States (Republican)

(Vote for One)

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Letters

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I hope, us — to better love our fellows. Give it a read. I'd love to hear what you think.

Emrys Tyler

Housing article response

Dear Editor:

I feel a need to respond to last week's article named "Town work session to focus on housing". I am the Executive Director of Pagosa Housing Partners (PHP). We had a contract with the town to the end of 2019 to provide information to the community and assist with identifying long-term funding strategies for housing, among other objectives. In November several areas were identified as possible options for town's consideration. The one addressed in the article was using 10% of tourism funds

(nearly and \$800,000 budget) to be set aside for a workforce housing fund. This is not intended to be the only revenue source, but one that could be accessed quickly. The Workforce Housing Fund would be controlled by a committee and funds distributed for such things as helping all housing agencies to expand their services, purchase of land, preparation of existing land for building and other projects specific to housing. Small grants here and there won't provide the long-term money needed to address our problems. So many sources need to be explored.

Some of the respondents in last week's tourism meeting showed a complete lack of understanding of PHP's mission and the overall problem our community faces with housing. As one stated he "doesn't believe we have a housing crisis" and another that "PHP

is looking for a funding stream for themselves" and that funding housing "would cause the county to re-evaluate its partnership with the town". Please let those words sink in for a minute.

Tourism has been the most successful element of our community thus far; 24% of the jobs in this community are tourism related: lodging, restaurants, retail, etc. However, this does not include the personnel needed by both the Town and County to support tourism yearly: expanded police, firefighters, EMT's, medical support, etc. Tourism is the economic blood, thus far, of our community. It is funded by the Lodger's Tax with funds coming from both the Town and County by way of taxing visitors who use lodging facilities. No one is challenging the great job that has been done. I personally don't want to take away from

tourism, but instead ask them to step up and help support those that make tourism successful, the workforce, which is the critical part of its success. The nexus between increased visitors and the people needed to support the industry and the housing available to that workforce is strong. Tourism is not the only group needing to step up: businesses, medical, school, government, and individuals can all make a difference in this crisis through donations of land, funds, or time.

If you have a housing problem, please don't sit back and let things happen around you. Decisions are being made without your involvement. You can come to any town or county meeting and speak at the beginning for a few minutes without any agenda needed.

Lynne Vickerstaff

State health department says the risk to the general public is low for novel coronavirus in Colorado

By Jessica Bralish
Special to The SUN

State public health officials from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) say the risk to the general public is low for novel coronavirus in Colorado.

At the same time, state officials continue to investigate possible cases of the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in patients with respiratory symptoms and travel history to China. The department is preparing for a swift response if the virus is found in the state. To date, Colorado has no confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus.

The CDC has investigated three Colorado cases so far, all with travel history to China. All of those patients have tested negative.

"At this time of year, there are many causes of respiratory illness in Colorado and around the globe," said Dr. Rachel Herlihy, state communicable disease epidemiologist, CDPHE. "It's understandable that people may be worried about the appearance of a new virus, but the health risk to the general public in Colorado remains low."

State health officials went on to say that it's normal in situations like this to have cases under investigation because health care providers are being extra cautious looking for symptoms and members of the public have a heightened awareness of the situation.

"This heightened level of caution and awareness among the health care community and the general public is what we want,"

said Tony Cappello, Ph.D., division director, Disease Control and Public Health Response, CDPHE.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that have been associated with respiratory illness such as fever, cough and shortness of breath. These viruses spread through coughing or sneezing, much like the flu.

Symptoms of coronavirus infection may include fever, cough and/or shortness of breath and usually appear within two to 14 days. Anyone experiencing these symptoms, who also has a recent history of travel to China, especially Wuhan City, should first call a health care provider, urgent care or hospital for instructions before going to a clinic or emergency room.

People who are worried about this, or any respiratory virus, can protect themselves by practicing everyday actions:

- Wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing.
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Stay home if you are sick.

To learn more about the 2019 novel coronavirus, including symptoms and prevention, visit the department's 2019-nCoV Web page, which also includes a link to outbreak data from the CDC. People who have general questions about 2019-nCoV can call CO-Help at (303) 389-1687 or (877) 462-2911, or by email at COHELP@RMPDC.org, for answers in English and Spanish.

Obituary

Lois Norris

Lois Norris was born Lois Marie Groehler to Arthur and Villa Groehler in Kelliher, Minn., on Aug. 2, 1935.

She and her husband, E.L. "Jack" Norris, enjoyed living and working in many countries such as Ecuador, Saudi Arabia and Nigeria before settling in Pagosa Springs upon their retirement in 1980. Lois was an EMS volunteer during the 1980s and, later, worked for many years for the Archuleta County School District as a bus driver; she loved the kids she drove and found her job very fulfilling.

Lois was a passionate, life-long equestrian. Her life was never complete without her horses. She enjoyed hunter/jumper, faux fox hunting and stadium jumping when she was



younger, and leisurely trail rides as she grew older.

Lois had a great many friends whom she cherished. Her home was always open for a cup of coffee, a bite to eat or just a visit.

Lois lost her long battle with Alzheimer's on Jan. 28. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jack Norris, and daughter Janelle "Gidget" Norris. She is survived by her children Blue Norris, Lisa Norris, Laura Stewart/Robert Stewart; grandchildren Skyler Moran, Jade Hughes/Greg Hughes, Zackery Shivers and Chrystal Snow/Charles Martinez. She is also survived by her great grandchildren, Hevon and Helianno Martinez, and Mikey and Jenna Hughes.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Lois' caregivers Sonia Aragon, Melissa Snow, Peylin Snow, Courtney Swan and Amber Church. Because of each one of these wonderful people, Lois was able to stay in her home surrounded by her family through her Alzheimer's journey. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to the Archuleta County Humane Society or The Alzheimer's Association (<https://act.alz.org>). There will be a celebration of Lois' life at the American Legion, 287 Hermosa St., Pagosa Springs Colo., on Feb. 8 at 11 a.m.

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Service

Benny Lohman

The Benny Lohman Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m. at Restoration Fellowship, 264 Village Drive.



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Business

Each completed census brings \$2,300 to our state

By **Mary Jo Coulehan**
Special to The SUN

The 2020 Census will consist of only 10 questions. It should take less than 10 minutes to complete, and the outcome will affect our county and the state for the next 10 years.

Each completed census brings in approximately \$2,300 to the state of Colorado for programs that we need in Archuleta County; programs such as Head Start, school lunch programs, business loans, highway planning and construction, Medicaid and more.

Over 55 federal programs rely on the census count. It is vital that every person be counted in our

community.

You do not need to own a home or be a permanent resident. Filling out the Census requires that the community that you are living in more than half of your time (50 percent plus one day) constitutes the community in which you would fill out the Census. It is important that our seniors, infants and toddlers are also counted. They will not be toddlers forever and the count affects their programs for the next 10 years.

Archuleta County has developed a Complete Count Committee comprised of individuals and organizations that are working to get as many people counted as possible in Archuleta County. In the next few

months, this group of people will be speaking at various meetings and presenting at events.

If you are interested in participating with the committee, please contact Mary Jo Coulehan at 264-2360. If you would like one of the committee members to address your group, organization or board, please contact Coulehan so the speaking engagement can be scheduled.

Many employees may not have the opportunity to access the Internet to complete the survey. Complete county members will have access to laptop tablets and we would be able to come to your place of business to assist your employees in completing the survey.

If you would like to schedule some time for members to come to your place of business to allow your employees to complete the survey in total confidentiality but with assistance, please contact Coulehan.

The Ruby Sisson Library also has trained staff available to help you with online access to the survey. Your engagement in the 2020 Census is critical for our community. There will be multiple ways that you can respond to this completely confidential survey. Utilize the resources available to you.

For questions concerning the census, how your business can get involved or the community engagement piece, contact Coulehan at 264-2360.

Home financial prep, mortgage assistance topics at next CommunityTalk

By **Lynne Vickerstaff**
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Housing Partners will host HomesFund — an education, advisory and assistance nonprofit serving Archuleta County — at CommunityTalk on Feb. 10 from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street.

HomesFund's focus is "building diverse and resilient communities by supporting the development of affordable housing programs, and empowering residents with the financial resources and educational tools to achieve homeownership in Southwest Colorado."

Homeownership can seem like a dream, but preparing now can make all of the difference in navigating the process immediately or over the

next several years.

The subjects to be discussed will include an overview of an in-depth class to be offered later this month. Topics include: understanding what is needed for homeownership, manage housing budgets, saving for a down payment, pros and cons of buying a home, understanding your credit score and how to improve it, mortgage opportunities and more.

HomesFund also offers free homeownership assessment and can help qualified homebuyers in Archuleta County with mortgage assistance of up to \$19,000.

This is a program that can help you get on track to fulfilling your dream of homeownership, offer ways to help keep your home or simply learn new budgeting skills. This is also a great orientation for real estate agents to better understand

mortgage assistance options for their clients.

The full education class will be an eight-hour, in-depth Homebuyer Education Class; the class is free and materials are only \$15. The class will be offered twice over the next few months, once on Feb. 22 and again on April 4, here in Pagosa Springs. Contact HomesFund by phone at 259-1418 or research its website at homesfund.org.

CommunityTalk is an open discussion on housing-relevant topics hosted by Pagosa Housing Partners. The topics and guest speakers change, providing the public with information and resources available in our community.

Pagosa Housing Partners is a local nonprofit supporting education to expand awareness regarding all aspects of our housing challenges and successes. Please refer to pagosahousingpartners.org for more information.

Sales tax revenues continue to climb, up 27 percent in November

By **John Finebrock**
Staff Writer

The November sales tax report for Archuleta County shows a 27 percent revenue increase compared to November of 2018.

The report is disseminated by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

The 27 percent increase amounts to an additional \$265,743 in sales tax revenue compared to November 2018.

The gross amount of the November sales tax revenue is \$966,584.61. The town's share is \$482,688.31 and the county's share is \$483,896.30.

The town and county split sales tax revenue evenly; the difference between the two

amounts is a transfer made for aviation taxes. Sales tax revenues for January through November are about 15.9 percent, or \$1.4 million, higher than the same period in 2018.

The following are variances comparing 2018 to 2019 year-to-date revenue data:

- Retail is up 14.2 percent, or \$717,835.
- Accommodation/food service is up 8.9 percent, or \$142,665.
- Miscellaneous is up 16.4 percent, or \$226,814.
- Manufacturing is up 38 percent, or \$129,887.
- Professional services is up 376.2 percent, or \$76,711.
- Other services is up 46 percent, or \$61,385.
- Real estate/rental is up 16.6 percent, or

\$43,092.

- Construction is up 15.6 percent, or \$28,133.
- Information services is up 18.2 percent, or \$51,009.
- Finance/insurance is up 20.6 percent, or \$2,489.

No sales tax categories were down or lower than compared to year-to-date revenue from last year.

Walton's report notes that the state of Colorado falls sales tax being paid from vendors located out of state, like Amazon or other online retailers, and 3.31 percent of November's sales tax revenue, or \$31,885, was collected from those vendors.

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County plans to reconstruct North Pagosa Boulevard in 2021

By **John Finebrock**
Staff Writer

On Jan. 21, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution that authorizes reconstruction of North Pagosa Boulevard to begin early next year, which could change access points to local businesses along the road.

The resolution states that "the design plans provide for the access road off North Pagosa Blvd. known as Country Center Drive to be permanently closed off."

Archuleta County Public Works Director Bob Perry noted in a later interview that, despite the language of the resolution, closing that road off permanently from North Pagosa Boulevard is just one

option of many for the road reconstruction project.

Country Center Drive is a privately owned road from North Pagosa Boulevard that accesses and runs the length of the nearby shopping center parking lot to Talisman Drive.

Perry explained that the current plans for the reconstruction project have Country Center Drive as a "right in/right out" only, meaning in the future it could only be accessed by turning right on North Pagosa Boulevard and could only be exited by turning right onto the road.

The shopping center has multiple lots that are all owned privately and Perry explained the Public Works Department is

working to schedule a meeting with the property owners, but it's proving difficult to track everyone down.

"The county is willing to work with 'em, but the county is not going to pay the full cost for a private road," Perry said.

Perry explained he wants to talk to the property owners about possibly constructing another access road to the shopping center, beginning on Village Drive and winding around the Camino Real store.

Perry also noted that the current plans for reconstructing North Pagosa Boulevard will remove access from North Pagosa Boulevard to both the Shell and Speedway gas stations.

If the access from North Pagosa

Boulevard to the gas stations is cut off, Perry explained, motorists will have to access the Shell station from Navajo Trail Drive and the Speedway from Country Center Drive.

Perry stressed these are preliminary plans and nothing has been finalized.

Perry called the current four-way intersection between Country Center Drive, Bastille Drive and both directions of North Pagosa Boulevard "a nightmare" and explained the changes will improve safety for motorists.

The reconstruction project on North Pagosa Boulevard is expected to begin in the first quarter of next year.

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LEGISLATURE

House of Representatives recognizes media's role as government watchdog

Raised in a household of newspaper readers, I grew accustomed to absorbing news every night. Those were the days when the newspaper, radio and 5 p.m. news were the only glimpses into the outside world we had. The media was a trusted source of information on to which we could base our opinions.

I have continued reading papers to this day. I read every paper in District 59, get more online and peruse the news thoughtfully. Perhaps through the habit of reading, I am getting pretty good at sorting out news from fluff, facts from fiction.

And I wish more people could do the same.

We celebrated the media last week in the House of Representatives; Rep. Lisa Cutter and I appreciated the media's role as the watchdog on government and the mechanism to show light into the darkest corners.

With the advent of some Facebook stories, right-wing and left-wing resources, and foreign countries posting knowingly fake news, designed to look real, the art of journalism has been stretched thin. We need the journalistic watchdogs as they look critically at the issues, but their reputation is often undermined by the many non-reputable

sources.

As a journalism major, former reporter and journalism teacher, I have seen what understanding the facts and underlying story means when reporting. I understand how when one journalist makes a mistake, it can make all journalists look bad, and how cracking a story and revealing the truth makes the media look healthy again.

Sadly, hundreds of local newspapers have closed within the last 10 years, or reduced their printing schedule or gone online. The number of statehouse reporters in the country has decreased by 35 percent.

Recently, I learned towns without local newspapers have generally higher tax rates. A study put out a couple of years ago, "Financing Dies in Darkness? The Impact of Newspaper Closures on Public Finance," is co-authored by Paul Gao, a professor of finance at Notre Dame's Mendoza College of

Business.

He argues there is a direct relationship between the loss of a local paper and both the higher cost and lower efficiency of government.

"We think," Gao wrote, "the local newspaper plays an important and unique role that cannot be easily replaced by an online source or national news media." His team's research looked at about 1,600 English-language newspapers serving 1,266 counties in the United States between 1996-2015, excluding counties without a local newspaper.

Colorado's Rocky Mountain News was one paper they critiqued. It closed in 2009 and was known to provide thorough coverage of local government issues, including an audit of questionable federal funds allocated to the sheriff's department, local deals surrounding the Denver International Airport and a series of other "handshake deals," the report notes.

The research team looked at how tax dollars were being spent while the paper was being published and then again after the paper had closed. The results showed the News was certainly a watchdog agent. Without it, the spread or yield of newly issued municipal bonds increased by 37 basis points.

Translation? The local government's cost of borrowing money and, therefore, the risk, increased once the paper had gone.

They found the same happened in many cities, including Cincinnati, when the Post closed in 2007.

The costs for bonds can rise as much as 11 basis points after a local paper closes, Gao found, a finding he said can't be attributed to other underlying economic conditions. Researchers looked at the difference in borrowing costs between a county that lost its newspaper with a similarly-sized and neighboring county that didn't. Excluding state bonds, to keep things local, they concluded that higher bond costs correlated with the decline in local investigative reporting.

The civic watchdog seems to have made the difference.

Without subscribers and advertisers to fund the paper, the paper has no reporters. Without reporters, government can cruise along without anyone both watching and reporting, and can quickly escalate.

The issue is particularly acute in rural areas, where residents have often depended on one source for their news; few have access to the trifecta of local newspaper, radio and television.

The study offered no solution, just an outline of a problem. "... we hope this paper raises awareness of the importance of a local newspaper. It's like a public good or an environmental protection. Good to have but, we also recognize, ultimately costly."



Rep. McLachlan's Report

Archuleta County Clerk staff attends winter conference

By Lynn Bartels
Special to The SUN

Running two elections is always a challenge for Colorado's county clerks, but this year they'll be operating a third one, the presidential primary.

Trying to find enough people to work for the presidential primary in March, the primary in June and the general in November — during a tight job market — was one of the issues discussed at the Colorado County Clerks Association's three-day winter conference in Colorado Springs.

Clerks and their staffers turned out in record numbers for the conference, attending workshops dealing with their varied duties, including motor vehicle registrations and document recording, all requiring delivering customer service.

Archuleta County Clerk Kristy Archuleta said the training always helps.

"When we do these sessions, it helps to clear up any confusion we have," she said. "Having open conversation about how other counties handle their daily processes helps us to streamline our own and make them better."

She praised the Colorado Department of Revenue for its classes dealing with motor vehicle registrations.

"It made it beneficial to have the Sales Tax Division there to explain what we should require to



Photo courtesy Lynn Bartels

Archuleta County Clerk Kristy Archuleta, center, and staffers Cheree Henderson and Tomi Bliss during workshops at the Colorado County Clerks Association winter conference.

accept paperwork," she said. "We are not policing the dealerships. It is up to the state to do more training and make sure the dealerships are clear how to process their paperwork."

The county also attended classes on recording documents.

"There have been some struggles between clerks and their assessor's office due to redacting too much information and it makes it difficult for the assessor to be certain they are removing the correct name from ownership," she said. "Statewide changes can help consistency and less rejections of documents."

The conference ended Jan. 22 with a day-long election security exercise, Election Preparedness for Infrastructure and Cybersecurity or EPIC. It was hosted by Secretary of State Jena Griswold, and intended to prepare county clerks and other election officials with various worst-case scenarios that could potentially impact the election process.

Each clerks conference has a theme and this time it was "Back to the Future." During the banquet, when clerks and their staffs finally have a chance to let loose, a number dressed in '80s garb. Scrunchies held up their hair. They donned leg warmers.

The '80s were a different time. Colorado's population at the start of the decade was 2.9 million. Eligible voters participated on Election Day at polling places.

Colorado now has 5.7 million people. Neighborhood polling places are gone, replaced by a mail-ballot system and vote centers. Voters can start voting 22 days before an election, and they can also register to vote on Election Day.

One thing hasn't changed. The path to democracy still leads right to your county clerk's door.

Card of Thanks

Johnson

Very much to my surprise, a couple of weeks ago I received a Citizen of the Year Award at Pagosa Chamber's Gala Celebration. I am used to handing out awards, not receiving them. I am honored to have been nominated and humbled and touched to have won. Thanks so much to those folks who nominated me. Thanks to those who

chose me for this touching honor. Thanks to Mary Jo Coulehan for her endless support and hugs. Thanks to the hundreds and hundreds of dear kids, folks and community that I have been able to meet, work with and love over almost 20 years of performing arts in Pagosa. The stage is my passion; sharing the stage is my dream come true. You all have my heart. Love.

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Courthouse

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Currently, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office is having to transport inmates to La Plata County to house them in La Plata County's jail. The transports will continue once Archuleta County's new jail opens this summer.

"Once that jail opens, the sheriff will be making transport runs two to three times a week to La Plata County for court and there is a definite cost, risk, liability associated with vans running on Highway 160, 120 miles round-trip, three days a week with inmates," Hogue said, adding, "The longer we postpone beginning construction on the courthouse further extends the risk you run in transporting those."

"We're on borrowed time with transports," commissioner Steve Wadley said.

"I hate to say that I agree, but you are. It's not a good scenario. I would be reluctant toward heading

into another winter with transports knowing you don't have an end in sight," Hogue said.

Hogue said that some courtrooms in La Plata County have video technology that would allow for some court proceedings to take place via video from Archuleta to La Plata County, thus reducing the amount of transports, but said not all courtrooms have the technology and it can't be counted on for all court proceedings.

In an interview with Brad Ash, architect of the courthouse project, he estimated construction could begin in mid- to late June, but "that's with everything falling into place."

He also noted that if DoLA provides 25 percent of the funding for the project, the courthouse would have to be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified, which can add cost and time to a project.

Ash explained he has about 40 percent of the construction plans for the courthouse completed and that it will cost \$300,000 to \$400,000 to complete the rest of the design plans.

"What you're gonna find in the market for architectural services for courthouses, jails, whatever, is low end 7 percent, high end 10 percent ... We're at 8 percent," Ash said, referring to his firm's architect fees for the project.

According to Maez, Archuleta County is going to apply for a DoLA grant to cover those design costs, but may pay for the costs from the county's strategic reserves and then backfill it with the grant award if the county receives it.

Wadley noted at the meeting Tuesday that working to begin construction as soon as possible will maximize the amount of grant funding available to the county for the project — a sentiment that Hogue echoed.

"If [the \$1.9 million grant award] is not in use in December, it will get reverted back, it will go back into the pot to be allocated to another county," Hogue said, adding, "I don't think underfunded will give you a second award if you're not under construction for the next year."

The rough plan discussed at the meeting was to begin construction as soon as possible; possibly use strategic reserves to cover costs at first; continue to apply for grants for the \$4.1 million, two-courtroom design; and then ask the underfunded commission for more money to build the third courtroom and the community room.

No decisions were made at the work session.

Maez was cautious about committing to using strategic reserve money at the work session Tuesday, saying he didn't want to "tap out" the fund, but said in an interview Wednesday morning that it is an option, though nothing has been decided yet, and won't be, until a public meeting.

Maez noted the two main reasons for expediting the courthouse project are to keep the \$1.9 million grant award and because a county having a courthouse is required by state law.

Maez explained that court staff "have been very patient" in this

process. "We're coming up on three years that we have not had a courthouse here and I think we owe it to the community to provide the full level of services that we're required to provide" Hogue said.

The Sixth Judicial District and Archuleta County Courts vacated the Archuleta County Courthouse in mid-September of 2017 citing health and safety concerns with the building, and have held court in La Plata County since.

The BoCC is expected to take action on allocating funds for the courthouse in the upcoming months.

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Art

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the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades seven through 12, ages 13-plus.

In 2019, Colorado had more than 6,000 pieces of art from approximately 2,200 students in the program. Submissions are adjudicated and selected works will go on display at the History Colorado Center, Colleen Fanning Art Advi-

sory's Chancery Building and the Sie Center.

Judges look for work that best exemplifies originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Students receiving Gold Keys, Silver Keys, Honorable Mentions, American Visions and Voices Nominations in the spring of 2020 will be celebrated at the regional exhibition and spring awards ceremonies.

Gold Key works are then judged nationally by a panel of creative industry experts to receive national medals, including Gold, Silver, American Visions and Voices, Portfolio Silver with Distinction or Portfolio Gold Medals and special awards.

National medalists will be recognized at the National Ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City in June 2020.

Colorado State Forest Service adds new forester in Pagosa Springs

By Teddy Parker-Renga
Special to The SUN

A new special projects forester with extensive knowledge of forest ecosystems is now available to help guide landowners through the forest management process.

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) recently hired Colorado resident Mercedes Siegle-Gaither to assist with the My Southwest Forest program. She brings a wealth of skills in natural resources and public outreach to this position and plans to begin with a focus on the Pagosa Springs area.

"I can't wait to get involved with the community and local forests to increase stewardship in the area. We have such amazing forests here in southwest Colorado," Siegle-Gaither said. "I feel that taking care of our forest ecosystems is something we can all be a part of. Healthy forests mean healthy communities."

Siegle-Gaither was born in central Wisconsin, where she developed her love for the outdoors and forest environments. She attended the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and majored in biology. While working



Mercedes Siegle-Gaither

toward her undergraduate degree, she studied symbiotic relationships in Belize and plant ecology and management in Australia at the University of Newcastle-Callaghan. Siegle-Gaither attended Mississippi State University to obtain her master of science in forestry, focusing on hydrology and ecology.

After graduating, she worked for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Wyoming and Colorado in the cadastral (land boundaries) and recreation departments.

Siegle-Gaither then accepted a position as the urban and community forestry coordinator for the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture before returning to Colorado to work as a wildlife biology technician for the Southwest Conservation Corps and BLM in Cañon City. As a wildlife technician, she developed a deeper passion for protecting Colorado's forests while backpacking through the Mosquito and Sangre de Cristo mountain ranges, deploying bat detectors and establishing lynx analysis units in coniferous forest habitats.

At the CSFS, Siegle-Gaither will support the My Southwest Forest program, a partnership among the CSFS, American Forest Foundation and Natural Resources Conservation Service designed to help private landowners in southwestern Colorado protect and restore forested lands. Through the program, qualified forest landowners may be eligible for a free consultation with a local CSFS forester.

To learn more about the program, please visit MySouthwestForest.org. Landowners can call Siegle-Gaither at the NRCS Pagosa Springs Field Office at 731-3615.



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 week: 105.

Jan. 27 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Jan. 27 — Information only, Sandstone Court.

Jan. 27 — Criminal mischief, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, crimes against at-risk adult/juvenile-second-degree assault, domestic violence, second-degree assault-aggravated assault-weapon, Aspenglow Boulevard.

Jan. 28 — Criminal mischief, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, crimes against at-risk adult/juvenile-second-degree assault, domestic violence, second-degree assault-aggravated assault-weapon, Aspenglow Boulevard.

Jan. 29 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 700.

Jan. 29 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.

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Jan. 29 — Warrant arrest, Eaton Drive.

Jan. 30 — County warrant, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Jan. 30 — County warrant, County Road 600.

Jan. 30 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Jan. 31 — First-degree criminal trespass, all other thefts, first-degree burglary, criminal mischief, County Road 975.

Feb. 1 — Drove vehicle when BAC .08 or more, possession while under the influence, County Road 600.

Feb. 1 — Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, County Road 600.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 59.

Jan. 26 — Open container, DUI, Eagle Drive.

Jan. 26 — Harassment, Eagle Drive.

Jan. 27 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, operated vehicle without insurance, Pagosa Street.

Jan. 29 — Theft from vehicle, Pagosa Street.

Jan. 29 — First-degree criminal trespass, criminal mischief, North 8th Street.

Jan. 30 — Assault, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Jan. 31 — Vicious animal, South 10th Street.

Feb. 1 — Vehicle displayed fictitious plate, operated vehicle without insurance, San Juan Street.

Feb. 1 — Theft, South 10th Street.

Feb. 1 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Jan. 29 — Aaron L. Smith, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

Jan. 29 — Juth Ann McDonald, vicious dog without injury, total fines and costs — \$76.

Jan. 29 — Marco V. Politi, speeding 25-39 over limit, total fines and costs — \$482.50.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Clayton Buchner

No report.

Inmate

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to Hernandez-Delatorre's death.

The Notice of Claim states:

- On or about May 24, 2019, Hernandez-Delatorre refused to eat any of the three meals provided to him.

- On or about May 24, 2019, Hernandez-Delatorre reported to jail staff that he was having suicidal thoughts and requested to talk to someone who could help him.

"Pursuant to jail policy, Saul was immediately placed on suicide watch" the Notice of Claim reads.

- Hernandez-Delatorre then met with staff from Axis Mental Health, who prepared a safety plan for him, "in which Saul was expected to notify staff if he started feeling like he needed help," according to the Notice of Claim.

- Later that same day, in accordance with the aforesaid safety plan, Saul submitted a "kite" - a written request for assistance by an inmate - to medical staff. However, the entire medical staff were off duty for the Memorial Day weekend and were unavailable to receive the "kite" until the following Tuesday - four days later," the Notice of Claim reads.

- Two days later, on May 26, 2019, Hernandez-Delatorre committed suicide in his cell by hanging himself with a bed sheet.

Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman told The SUN on

Tuesday that standard practice for inmates on suicide watch is to put them in a smock, similar to a hospital gown but made of paper, remove items like sheets or anything that an inmate could injure themselves with, and for jail staff to check on the inmate every 15 minutes.

The Notice of Claim states that a surveillance camera allowed guards to see what was happening in Hernandez-Delatorre's cell, but states "on that day no one was watching Saul through that monitor."

The Notice of Claim states that Hernandez-Delatorre was checked on around 6:30 a.m. and then around 12:15-12:30 p.m. on the day of his death.

The Notice of Claim states that, according to surveillance footage, Hernandez-Delatorre hanged himself at 1:56 p.m. and was discovered by jail staff around 4:30 p.m.

An autopsy confirmed that Hernandez-Delatorre died from asphyxia caused by hanging.

The Notice of Claim states that Hernandez-Delatorre was housed in the F block of the La Plata County Jail and described the routine of the inmates.

"Saul and the entire F Block were on lock-down 23 hours per day every day except Sunday, during which they were on lock-down for the entire 24 hours. Inmates were let out only one at a time during the one hour that they were each

allowed out of their cells each day (except Sunday)," the Notice of Claim States.

"Saul Hernandez-Delatorre's death was the result of a number of acts and omission constituting negligence, including but not limited to negligent hiring, negligent supervision, and violating the special relationship between inmate and jailor in which the jailor has a heightened responsibility for the care of an inmate entrusted to its care and custody," the Notice of Claim states.

According to the law firm Irwin Fraley, La Plata County is the only county named in the Notice of Claim and said it is unclear if a lawsuit will ultimately be filed.

Weaver's "Open Litigation Report," which details Archuleta County's open cases and which was given to The SUN late last month, notes the Notice of Claim was received and all documentation was forwarded to the Archuleta County's insurance company, County Technical Services Inc.

Woodman provided clarification on standard practice for inmates on suicide watch, but declined to comment on pending litigation.

Weaver provided information on the legal time frame for a Notice of Claim but declined to comment further on the case.

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Ballots

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their voter registration, Archuleta voters will receive a ballot by mail, Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta explained in an email to The SUN.

Unaffiliated voters will receive a packet that contains both a Democrat and a Republican ballot unless the voter has previously selected a preference, Archuleta noted.

However, unaffiliated voters may only vote one ballot. If both ballots are voted and returned, neither will be counted, she indicated.

Also, registered voters who are 17 will receive a ballot if they will be 18 by the General Election on Nov. 3.

To be counted, ballots must be returned to the office no later than 7 p.m. on March 3. Postmarks do not count.

What if I don't get a ballot?

If a registered voter does not receive a ballot or needs to update

their voter registration, Archuleta explained they may do so online at www.govotecolorado.com or by going to the county's Election's Office.

You can also register to vote at www.govotecolorado.com or by visiting the office leading up to and including the day of the election.

Voter Service and Polling Center

Beginning Feb. 24, the Election's Office, located at 449 San Juan St. in the downstairs of the courthouse (accessible from the rear of the building), will serve as the Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC).

VSPC hours will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning on Feb. 24. On March 3, it will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Turning in your ballot

Ballots can be returned to the VSPC in person, to the 24/7 secure ballot drop-box in front of the

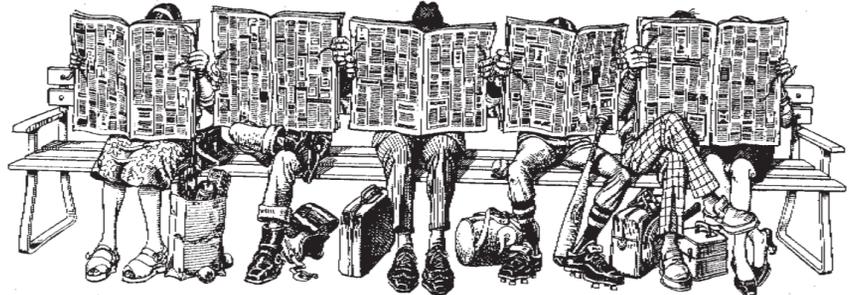
courthouse (which is under video surveillance) beginning Feb. 24, or via mail as long as it is returned by 7 p.m. on March 3.

Presidential candidates

The six Republican candidates for president who will appear on the Republican Colorado primary ballot are: Matthew John Matern, Robert Ardini, Joe Walsh, Donald J. Trump, Bill Weld and Zoltan G. Istvan.

The 17 Democrat candidates for president who will appear on the Democrat Colorado primary ballot are: Cory Booker, Pete Buttigieg, Tulsi Gabbard, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar, Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente III, Michael Bennet, Marianne Williamson, Deval Patrick, Michael R. Bloomberg, Robby Wells, Andrew Yang, Joseph R. Biden, Tom Steyer, Rita Kriechesky and John K. Delaney.

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SJWCD names reps for Running Iron Ranch subcommittee, votes for two URA candidates

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a regular meeting of the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors on Feb. 3, the board nominated a few directors to sit in on a subcommittee related to the Running Iron Ranch and San Juan River Headwaters Project (formerly known as Dry Gulch Reservoir).

Chair Al Pfister and board members John Porco and Doug Secrist were nominated to be on the six-person subcommittee that will also consist of three members of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board.

SJWCD board member Bill Hudson will serve as an alternate for SJWCD's portion of the subcommittee.

This subcommittee was formed as a result of a joint work session between the SJWCD and PAWSD boards on Jan. 23.

At that work session, it was suggested that a subcommittee should be created to craft an intergovernmental agreement between the two organizations regarding the property and determine what should be done when the Weber leases on the property end in 2023 and for a potential reservoir project.

Initially, it was suggested that the subcommittee be a private group that only consisted of two members of the SJWCD and PAWSD boards, but PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh suggested the board be com-

prised of six total people and for the meetings to be public.

A motion to make Pfister, Porco and Secrist the three members on the subcommittee with Hudson as an alternate was approved unanimously by the SJWCD board.

In other business

Also at the Feb. 3 meeting, the SJWCD board briefly discussed who to nominate to be appointed to the Pagosa Springs Urban Renewal Authority (URA) Commission.

The 11-member URA commission is set up to consist of the seven town council members, an elected member of the school board, one person appointed by the county commissioners, one mayoral appointee and one person appointed by the taxing districts that levy taxes within the URA boundaries.

A URA's primary goal is to help redevelopment within the town, and tax-increment funding (TIF) is a common source of funding for specific URA projects.

At a Nov. 25, 2019, work session with special district representatives, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained TIF financing, stating, "As improvements are made, the incremental property values are what is used to generate the tax increment financing, so it's new financing that is generated by the development itself. So, all of the taxing districts will get what they've always gotten, plus inflationary increase. So it's only the amount above that that could be pledged toward TIF."

The Archuleta School District Board of Education opted to not appoint any of its members to the URA commission at a regular meeting on Jan. 14.

The school board cited the URA's structure as its reason and also requested that two school board members be on the commission and that the town not have more than 50 percent representation.

"The community is locked in somewhat of a battle over representation," Porco said during the Feb. 3 SJWCD meeting.

Following brief discussion on the makeup and structure of the URA commission, Hudson suggested that the SJWCD write a letter to the town in support of PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh and Southwestern Water Conservation District board member JR Ford to represent the special districts on the commission.

"Now, legally they only have to allow one," Hudson said, adding that Mayor Don Volger had mentioned at a previous meeting that his appointment could be another member representing the taxing districts.

Both Ford and Walsh are smart in regard to politics and understand the community, Hudson noted.

"Glenn didn't want to do it by himself, but he said if JR Ford was appointed, he would be happy to serve with JR Ford," Hudson said.

Pfister added that Ford would be a more "appropriate" representative for SJWCD because he has knowledge in water and community issues.

"I think we should vote for JR and Glenn, whatever order we decide, as the special district reps. And hopefully, the mayor will use our second choice as his selection for the commission," Pfister said.

Following more discussion, Hudson made a formal motion to send a letter to the town in support of Ford and Walsh.

That motion carried unanimously. Also at the Feb. 3 meeting, following an executive session, the board advised its legal counsel, Jeffrey Kane, to settle various cases the district, along with PAWSD, has with BootJack Ranch.

In a follow-up interview on Feb. 4, Kane explained that there are five cases the SJWCD is a part of.

Two of those cases involve both PAWSD and SJWCD as applicants, while the other three, BootJack Ranch is the applicant, Kane explained.

"The motion that was carried gave me authority to prepare stipulations with certain terms and negotiate with the parties to try and settle the cases," he said.

Also at the Feb. 3 meeting, the SJWCD board elected its officers for the year.

Al Pfister was voted to be chair of the board. He previously served as secretary. Susan Nossaman retained her seat as vice chair.

Porco was elected as secretary after having previously served as chair. Candice Kelly retained her seat as treasurer.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

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

Pagosa Springs Town Council work session: town attorney interviews. 8:30 a.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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 Springs Town Council special meeting regarding town attorney.

4 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board.

4:30 p.m. regular meeting, Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors regular meeting.

6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

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

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

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

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation public broadband forum.

6 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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.

PFPD responds to structure fire in Lake Hatcher area

By Pagosa Fire Protection District
Special to The SUN

On Feb. 3 at approximately 11:55 a.m., an active structure fire was reported on Arbor Drive in the Lake Hatcher area.

Upon arrival, the Pagosa Fire Protection District's (PFPD) first due engine completed a scene size up, noting a residential structure with smoke and flame showing from the roof area. First, arriving units established a transitional fire attack, then converted to an interior attack as additional resources arrived on scene. The fire was contained to the area surrounding the point of origin.

The PFPD responded with four engines, one brush engine, one chief car, one utility vehicle, 11 paid staff members and nine volunteers. One engine from Upper Pine River Fire responded per standing mutual aid agreement; they staged at Station 1 for any additional incoming calls.

The PFPD was on scene for approximately two hours.

The residence was occupied by one adult who exited on their own and was transported via ambulance to Pagosa Springs Medical Center for evaluation. One firefighter sustained minor injuries, was evaluated and returned to duty following the incident. The origin and cause of the fire is under investigation at this time.



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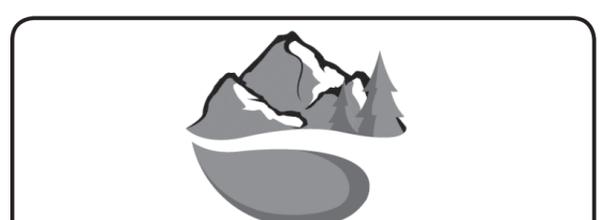
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Sports

SWIM



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Lady Pirate Sorcha Sweeney competes in a freestyle event on Jan. 29 at Adams State University against the 2A Sargent Farmers and 4A Pueblo West Cyclones. The Lady Pirates took first place over both Sargent and Pueblo West in the final regular season meet.

Lady Pirates take first place in final regular season meet

Hope to qualify multiple swimmers for state competition at weekend regionals

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

In the final meet of the regular season, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate team came out on top with 109 total points over the 2A Sargent Farmers and the 4A Pueblo West Cyclones.

Sargent finished with 96 points to come in second, while Pueblo West finished third with 93 total points.

In the 200-yard medley relay, a Lady Pirate squad that consisted of Lynelle Bartz, Megan Greenly, Ivanna Erne and Sierra Liverett took second place out of six teams with a final time of two minutes, 18.33 seconds.

Two Lady Pirates finished in the top five in the 200-yard freestyle event, with Emma Gantt taking fourth out of six swimmers with a final time of 2:52.88 and Olivia Gilbert taking fifth with a time of 3:03.81.

In the 200-yard individual medley, the top two spots featured Lady Pirates as Erne captured first place out of four swimmers with a time

of 2:45.76 and teammate Bartz took second with a final time of 2:51.92.

Liverett and Kali Jury were the next duo of Lady Pirate swimmers to finish in the top five of an event as Liverett took second out of six swimmers in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 31.45 and Jury took third with a time of 32.42.

Coming out on top in the 100-yard butterfly, Gantt finished with a time of 1:22.34, while Nell Taylor took fourth with a final time of 1:46.04.

Both Erne and Jury finished in the top five of the 100-yard freestyle event. Erne took second of six swimmers finishing with a time of 1:02.75 and Jury finished fourth with a time of 1:22.08.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Liverett took second place with a time of 6:57.72, while Gilbert finished third with a time of 8:03.44.

A 200-yard freestyle relay team that consisted of Jury, Taylor, Gilbert and Gantt took third place out of six teams with a final time of 2:15.69.

Taylor took fourth in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:31.45. In the 100-yard breaststroke, Bartz took second with a final time of 1:25.68 and Greenly took fourth with a final time of

■ See Swim A11

BASKETBALL

Pirates split two more league games, rematches with Centauri and Monte set for this weekend

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

For the second straight week, the No. 28 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team split two road games with league foes, defeating the No. 63 Bayfield Wolverines (1-14 overall, 0-6 in league play) 70-33 on Jan. 31 and losing a close one to the No. 25 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers (9-6 overall, 3-3 in league play) by a score of 55-51 on Feb. 1.

Bayfield

Pagosa was able to gain a lead against Bayfield right away as they outscored the Wolverines 17-12 in the first quarter.

The Pirate defense stepped up in the second quarter, allowing just five points while scoring 19 themselves.

In the third quarter, Pagosa outscored Bayfield 12-8, while in the fourth quarter, Pagosa had another offensive and defensive showing, outscoring Bayfield 22-8 to secure the 70-33 win.

Mason Snarr led the charge for Pagosa with 19 points. Snarr also added a team-high 13 rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Ryan Lewis finished with 15 points, 11 rebounds, two assists and

two steals.

Mitch Lewis also finished in double-digit scoring with 10 points. Mitch Lewis also added five rebounds, four assists and a team-high five steals.

Kyler Hammer added nine points for Pagosa while also contributing three rebounds and two assists.

Gunner Dozier contributed seven points, while Aidan O'Donnell added six points. O'Donnell also added seven rebounds and a steal.

Pagosa converted 16 of 19 free-throw attempts, good enough for 84 percent from the line. However, Pagosa turned over the ball 20 times against Bayfield.

"We played really well against Bayfield," coach Randy Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN.

Sorenson highlighted Pagosa's ability to score against Bayfield while also playing solid defense.

"We were very balanced scoring and we rebounded the ball well on both ends. It was good to get a win! We hadn't beaten Bayfield in a while," he wrote.

Cortez

Pagosa could not extend its win streak, however, as Cortez got the

best of Pagosa.

The first half between the two IML foes featured the Panthers outscoring Pagosa 25-24.

Pagosa looked to close the gap in the third, outscoring Cortez 14-10. But, Cortez's offense bounced back in the fourth, outscoring Pagosa 20-13 to seal the 55-51 win for Cortez.

Two Pirates finished with double-digit scoring against Cortez, with Snarr leading the team with 14 points and Ryan Lewis adding 11.

Snarr finished with six rebounds and two assists, while Ryan Lewis pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds to go along with three assists and a team-high two blocks.

Hammer, Mitch Lewis and O'Donnell all finished with eight points against Cortez.

Mitch Lewis added five rebounds, a team-high five assists and a steal to his stat line. Hammer finished with two assists, and O'Donnell added four rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Pagosa shot just 42 percent from the free-throw line, making just five of 12 attempts. The Pirates turned over the ball nine times against Cortez.

Sorenson noted that the Pirates played well and played hard, and

deserved to win against Cortez.

The split makes Pagosa's overall record 7-8, which includes a 2-4 Intermountain League (IML) record.

Pagosa is currently fifth in the IML standings, behind the league-leading Alamosa Mean Moose, Centauri Falcons, Cortez and Monte Vista Pirates.

Last week, Pagosa was fourth in the IML standings.

Pagosa has fallen slightly in the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) standings this week, falling from No. 23 last week to No. 28 this week.

The RPI standings help determine postseason seeding.

League rematches

Pagosa will conclude its current slate of five games away from home this weekend as the team travels to face the No. 2 Centauri Falcons (13-1 overall, 4-1 in league play) on Feb. 7.

Pagosa will then face the No. 34 Monte Vista Pirates (6-7 overall, 2-3 in league play) on Feb. 8.

Varsity action for both games is set for 7 p.m.

Pagosa fell to Centauri earlier this season on Jan. 18 by a score of 52-42. Pagosa defeated Monte Vista on Jan. 24 by a score of 64-45.

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Lady Pirates sail to 6-0 league record

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs now sits atop the Intermountain League (IML) with a perfect 6-0 league record following a pair of league wins in the last week.

The wins leave the Lady Pirates with a 12-2 overall record.

Pagosa is currently the No. 4 team in the Colorado 3A girls' basketball rankings and is the No. 6 team in the Ratings Percentage Index, which helps determine postseason seeding.

Both wins came on the road. Pagosa took to the road Friday, Jan. 31, to take on the Bayfield Wolverines and walked away from the affair with a 49-33 win.

Pagosa outpaced Bayfield 17-10 in the first quarter, though the Wolverines countered by besting the Lady Pirates 8-4 in the second quarter, leaving Pagosa with a three-point lead at half time.

The Lady Pirates built upon that lead in the third quarter by scoring 16 points and holding the Wolverines to three.

Both teams scored 12 in the fourth quarter to give Pagosa the 49-33 win.

Adelyn Dozier led the Lady Pirates with 15 points on the night, which included four 3-pointers. She complemented her scoring with two steals.

Hailey Griego followed with 12

points, as well as seven rebounds, an assist, two steals and a block.

Elsa Lindner put up eight points and logged a pair of rebounds and three assists.

Taylor Lewis and Molly Graham each scored six points. Lewis also had seven rebounds, four assists and a steal. Graham rounded out her stat line with six rebounds, an assist and a steal.

Teagan Stretton put up two points in the game, which she complemented with three rebounds, four assists and a steal.

Pagosa hit 11 of 17 free-throws in the game and turned over the ball nine times.

The next day, the Lady Pirates headed to Cortez to take on the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, this time returning home with a 46-28 win.

Pagosa jumped out to an early lead with a 16-7 first quarter, which they followed with a 7-6 second quarter.

The Panthers outscored Pagosa 10-7 in the third, and the Lady Pirates bounced back with a 16-5 fourth, leaving Pagosa with a 46-28 win.

Stretton led her team in scoring on the night with 12 points, which included a 3-pointer. She also had three rebounds, three assists and a steal.

Griego followed with 11 points.

She also had 12 rebounds, an assist and two steals.

Dozier and Lewis each scored eight in the game. Dozier, with a 3-pointer, also notched a pair of rebounds, an assist and a steal. Lewis tallied four rebounds, two assists and three steals.

Lindner scored two, pulled down four rebounds and had three blocks in the affair.

Graham and Kori Lucero each scored two in the game. Graham also has a rebound, three assists and a steal. Lucero had a rebound

and a steal.

Pagosa hit eight of 16 attempted free throws and turned the ball over 12 times.

The Lady Pirates will continue their tour of the IML this week with trips to La Jara Friday to take on the Centauri Falcons and to Monte Vista to take on that town's Lady Pirates Saturday. Both games will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The Falcons, who are third in both the rankings and RPI, are 13-1 this season, which includes a 4-1 IML

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Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

Wil Aucoin
Wrestling



Favorite subject: Lunch

Comments from coach Dan Janowsky: "The wrestling program is proud to nominate Wil Aucoin for the Triple Impact Athlete of the Week. Wil won 6 matches in competition last week, and was instrumental in our dual meet success against Alamosa. This is the result of steady, unwavering presence in both practice and competition, and his continued effort to address his weaknesses. His willingness to sacrifice to make himself and his teammates better was on display in the practice room last week for his team to see. His efforts last week and throughout his time in the high school program have unquestionably made himself, his team, and the sport better."

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WRESTLING

Pirate wrestling beats Alamosa for second time ever

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

On Jan. 30, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team beat the Alamosa Mean Moose 42-36 for just the second time in Pirate history.

According to coach Dan Janowsky, Alamosa was in the 4A division until about eight years ago and since then has beaten Pagosa every time except once.

Last Thursday was a different story.

Alamosa snatched 12 points right off the bat, with Alamosa's Davion Chavez (113-pound weight class) pinning Pagosa's Trevor Torrez, and Alamosa picked up a forfeit in the 120-pound weight class to go up by a dozen points.

The Pirates' Erik Wyman (126) earned the first points for Pagosa

Springs, pinning Alamosa's Isaiah Avila in about four and a half minutes and making the score 12-6 in favor of Alamosa.

Alamosa took the 132-pound weight class with the Mean Moose's Colton Liddel besting Pagosa's Tommy Barker by technical fall, earning five points for Alamosa and making the score 17-6.

Then the Pirates got rolling. Pirate Dylan Tressler (138) pinned Alamosa's Kodiak Rockcastle in about three minutes, making the score 17-12 Alamosa.

Pagosa's Brae Bergdolt (145) pinned Dante Gonzales in 3 minutes, 43 seconds, making the score 18-17 Pirates.

Alamosa forfeited the 152-pound weight class, putting the Pirates on top 24-17.

Pirate Cameron Lucero (160), who is the returning state cham-

pion, wrestled up a weight from his normal 152 pounds and pinned Alamosa's Brooks Anderson in just under five minutes, giving the Pirates a 30-17 lead.

Dustin Clark (170) lost to Alamosa's Hunter Smith by major decision 8-0.

Smith's victory made the score 30-21 Pirates.

Wil Aucoin (182) took some momentum back for the Pirates, pinning Alamosa's Garret Smith in just 43 seconds, making it 36-21 Pirates.

Alamosa's Zeke Rangel (182) won by decision 6-2 against Pirate Trevor Moore, which netted three points for the Mean Moose, making the score 36-24 in favor of the Pirates.

What mathematically sealed the victory for the Pirates was Skyler Hill's (220) victory over Alamosa's Austin Trujillo. Hill pinned Trujillo in 2:30, making the score 42-24 and sealing the victory for the Pirates.

"Everybody on our bench knew this was it," Janowsky said of Hill's match. "If we pin, they can't beat us."

The Mean Moose won the last two matches, but it didn't matter; the Pirates won 42-36.

Janowsky explained that both teams earned seven wins at the event. However, because the Pirates won their matches by pin, they earned more points than the Mean Moose.

"Our guys did their job, they got six pins and a forfeit for Pagosa, and our guys that are still developing in the upper weights, they wrestled very well, even in losing, they wrestled really, really well and they couldn't be dominated so that our opponent couldn't get bonus points against 'em," Janowsky said, adding, "That was the difference. [Alamosa] didn't get bonus points on the matches they won and we did."

Janowsky, who has coached Pirate wrestling for 29 years, noted that the Pirates are one of two 3A teams to have ever beaten Alamosa. The other is Lamar High School.

"For us, it was just a real strong affirmation of what we're building," Janowsky said.

As of Jan. 31, the Pirates were ranked No. 5 in 3A and Alamosa is ranked No. 3. New rankings are released on Fridays.

Other matches

Then, on Friday, the Pirates trounced Durango High School 60-15.

The Pirates won all but two of the matches they wrestled. Durango scored their other points on forfeits where the Pirates didn't have anyone on the lineup.

Tressler (138) pinned his opponent in less than a minute, as did Aucoin (170) and Bergdolt (145) and Chandler Mazur (126). All beat their Durango opponents by pin in about a minute and a half.

Then, on Saturday, the Pirates wrestled in the Butch Melton Invi-



Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

Pirate Skyler Hill looks to finish off an opponent during the Butch Melton Invitational last weekend. Hill placed third at the event and is 29-6 in matches on the season.



Photo courtesy Heather Miller

Coming up for air, Lady Pirate Lynelle Bartz looks to break ahead of the pack at the final regular season meet at Adams State University on Jan. 29. Pagosa took first place at the meet, which also featured the 2A Sargent Farmers and 4A Pueblo West Cyclones. The Lady Pirates will travel to Grand Junction for regional action at Colorado Mesa University on Feb. 7 and Feb. 8.

Swim

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1:31.92.

In the 400-yard freestyle relay, a Lady Pirate team that featured Liverett, Gantt, Bartz and Erne took first place out of five teams with a time of 4:41.67.

Another Lady Pirate relay team that featured Carpenter, Amelia Laverty, Greenly and Gilbert took fourth with a final time of 6:03.65.

In an email to The SUN, coach Heather Miller explained that all of the Lady Pirates stepped up at the Sargent meet.

Miller highlighted Liverett for having her "best meet of the year."

Specifically, Liverett cut seven seconds off of her best 500-yard freestyle of the year and four seconds off of her personal best 500-

yard freestyle time.

Regionals

Next up for Pagosa will be to compete in the Western Slope Regionals at Colorado Mesa University on Feb. 7 and Feb. 8 at 9 a.m.

In preparation for the conference meet, Miller explained that all of the Lady Pirates will be focusing on their best events.

According to Miller, Erne and the Lady Pirates 200-yard medley relay team is close to a state qualification time.

"The main focus in practice will be swimming fast with great technique. We will be doing equal amounts of race pace swimming and technique work," she wrote. chris@pagosasun.com

Sail

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record.

Centauri's sole loss came at the hands of Pagosa on Jan. 18, with Pagosa defeating Centauri 49-35.

Monte Vista is the No. 47 team in

the RPI standings and is 2-10 on the season and 0-4 in league play.

Coach Wes Lewis could not be reached for comment by press time Wednesday. randi@pagosasun.com

tational in Ignacio.

The tournament formats are different from the dual format, and Pirate wrestlers have about five matches instead of just one like in the dual format.

Wyman (120) placed first at the event, going undefeated in five matches. Wyman is 35-5 on the season.

Bergdolt (145) also placed first, winning his first match by pin in less than a minute and winning his next four to take first place. Bergdolt is 35-2 on the season.

Lucero (152) also nabbed first, winning his first-place match by pin in less than two minutes and going undefeated during the rest of the event. Lucero is 28-1 on the season.

Aucoin (170) placed second in the event, losing the championship match by pin to Farmington High School's Cirrail Allison.

Hill (220), Moore (182) and Barker (132) all took third.

The Pirates as a team took fourth place with 148.5 points, behind Cedaredge with 182 in first, Farmington in second with 179.5 and Aztec in third with 162.5.

Upcoming events

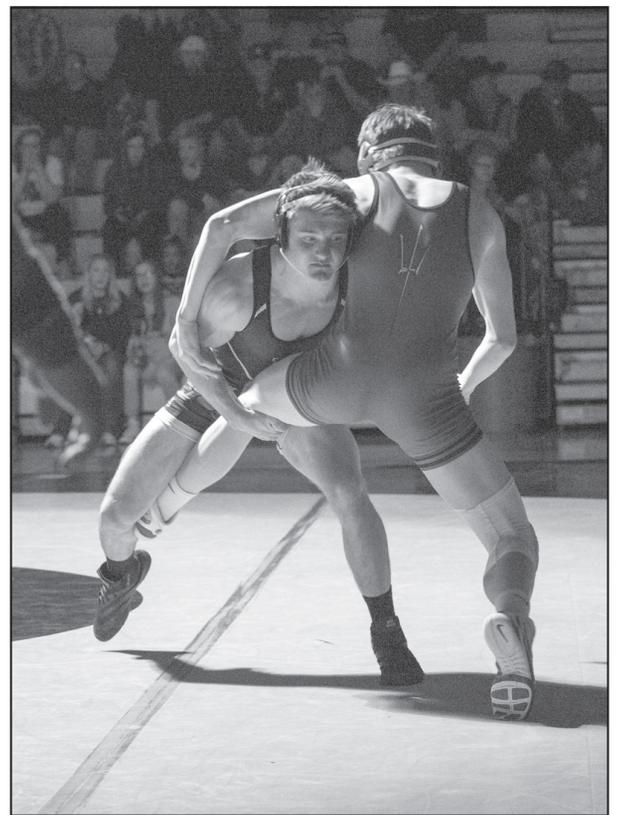
The Pirates are hosting their last two home meets of the season today and Saturday.

The Pirates take on the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers today at 6 p.m. at Pagosa Springs High School.

This event is Senior Night, celebrating the two seniors on the wrestling team, Tay Barker and Dustin Clark.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, the Pirates will host Centauri High School at 10 a.m.

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Brae Bergdolt makes a move on an opponent during the Pirates' match against Durango High School on Friday. Bergdolt pinned his opponent in 1 minute, 24 seconds.



Good luck, Pirates!



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BootJack and PAWSD quarrel over water rights

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) and BootJack Ranch are in water court regarding various opposition of diligence claims.

At the Jan. 16 regular meeting of the PAWSD Board of Directors, PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey explained that BootJack Ranch, in 2018, started opposing PAWSD's diligence on its water rights.

"It costs us quite a bit of money," he said.

Ramsey later explained that, in one instance, BootJack had requested that PAWSD no longer take water from Four Mile if the river levels dropped below a certain percentage during certain months. "I said that's an absolutely ridiculous request. We turn our water off three weeks out of every month. It's idiotic," he said.

On Aug. 2, 2018, the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) placed a call on the San Juan River, which Ramsey explained correlated to BootJack's earlier requests on PAWSD not taking water from Four Mile.

"Those numbers, they did corresponded with that. I think BootJack figures we quit turning the water on, and the water would get to the San Juan, CWCB wouldn't do their call and they wouldn't lose their water," Ramsey explained. "So they wanted us to augment their water rights is what that was for."

According to Ramsey, BootJack Ranch is going after PAWSD's dilige-

gence claims.

"Which is costing us a lot of money, \$31,000 over the last two years," he said. "I think what they're trying to do is they want us to scream uncle, to give them that water so that they can have it in their lake."

What PAWSD has decided to do is oppose all of BootJack's water rights issues, Ramsey noted.

"We're spending too much money. BootJack is spending too much money. They're spending too much money," he said.

Ramsey noted that there will be a meeting with BootJack to see if the two entities can just "leave each other alone."

"The bad news is, I think BootJack has more money to keep hitting us than we have," he said. "They are trying to bleed us on our diligence cases to get more water from Four Mile."

In an follow-up interview on Jan. 23, Ramsey explained that PAWSD has to do diligence every six years on its water rights.

"They are concerned that we don't need all the water that we are claiming," he said. "That's what their opposition is."

Ramsey explained that PAWSD went to the water court previously and explained that it needs 20 cubic feet per second (cfs) from Four Mile, which the court agreed to.

"Now it's called a non-perfected right. We don't use that 20 cfs at this point. Our plan is to use it in the future," he explained.

Until a water right is perfected, PAWSD has to go to water court every six years for diligence to explain

that it will need that 20 cfs either now or in the future, he explained.

"They are arguing that they don't need it. They won't need it in the future and they should lose that right is their argument," Ramsey said of BootJack.

If BootJack were to win its claim of opposition, PAWSD would lose its Four Mile water right, he noted.

"They're not even saying they would need it, because they wouldn't get it. When it goes to diligence, anybody can argue that the person who has that right to it does not actually need it," he said. "They couldn't use it anyway, because it's downstream from where they're at."

According to Ramsey, the reason BootJack has filed this claim opposition relates to water from Four Mile that goes into the San Juan River.

"The CWCB has an in-stream water right. The CWCB is the only entity in the state that's allowed to have an in-stream water right. That goes from I think the 1st Street bridge in Pagosa down to McCabe Creek," Ramsey explained. "If the water level drops, then they can do a call. That's what they did last year."

That call affected BootJack, Ramsey noted.

"So if there is water from Four Mile going into that, their argument would be the call wouldn't happen and there would not be a call on the stream," he said. "The problem with that is, we're 12th in line on the Four Mile. Well before that call ever happened last year, we had already lost our ability to divert water from Four Mile."

There has never been a time

since PAWSD has had the Four Mile water right that it has been able to pull water in the summer, he explained, adding that PAWSD loses that ability in the first part or middle of May.

"I'm not sure if they understand that even if we lost that water right, it really wouldn't benefit them because we lost that right before the CWCB does a call on the river anyway," he said.

BootJack is also disrupting PAWSD's San Juan intake, which according to Ramsey, even if PAWSD lost that right, it still wouldn't affect BootJack.

"Because it's below the CWCB's inflow stream rights," he said. "So what they're arguing is no benefit to them, but you don't have to have a benefit."

According to Ramsey, in water court, you do not have to have cause, and anyone can dispute a water right.

BootJack Ranch representatives could not be reached for comment by press time Wednesday.

Importance of diligence

In a follow-up interview on Feb. 3, Ramsey explained the importance and meaning behind due diligence in regard to water rights.

"When you have a water right you have to use it," he said. "When you first go after a water right, you typically won't have all the infrastructure in place necessary for that water right."

When a water right is first acquired, it is classified as being "non-perfected," Ramsey explained.

"Every six years you have to go to the water court and show that you're moving forward to use those water rights in the future," he said.

A water right becomes "perfected" when the water right owner proves that not only it can use the water right, but also that it is using the water right currently, he explained.

"That's called diligence. You're showing that you're being diligent to use those water rights, and that's where we're at with some of ours right now," he said.

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Local snowpack sees 4 percent decrease

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Since last week, local basins have seen a 4 percent decrease in snowpack, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins have a collective snowpack total of 104 percent of median this week. Last

week that total was 108 percent of median.

An increase of 1 percent was reported at the Upper San Juan site as snowpack totals went from 95 percent of median to 96 percent of median this week.

This week, the Wolf Creek summit is 93 percent of median, up from last week's total of 92 percent of median.

According to the National

Weather Service (NWS), Pagosa Springs has a 30 percent chance of snow on Friday and a slight chance of rain and snow on Sunday.

Wolf Creek Pass has a 40 percent chance of snow today; that drops to 20 percent by tonight. On Friday, the NWS indicates a 50 percent chance during the day that drops to 20 percent by night. On Sunday, a 40 percent chance is forecasted.

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Water production falls 1.37 million gallons

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

From Jan 24 through Jan 30, total water production was listed at 9.80 million gallons, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

The Snowball water treatment plant produced 3.12 million gallons, while the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 6.68 million gallons.

In that same time frame last year, water production totaled 10.19 million gallons.

Additionally, from Jan. 17 through Jan. 23 of this year, water production was listed at 11.17 million gallons.

Three of five local lakes have

seen changes in levels since last week, according to Ramsey's press release.

Hatcher Lake is 5 inches from full this week, or 98.46 percent full, when last week it was 4 inches from full.

This week, Stevens Lake is 16 inches from full, or 95.24 percent full, when last week it was 22 inches from full.

Lake Pagosa went from being full to being 1 inch from full since last week.

Village Lake remains full, while Lake Forest remains 3 inches from full.

Total diversion flows have also remain unchanged from last week, staying at 4.5 cubic feet per second (cfs).

The West Fork diversion is still

contributing 3 cfs while the Four Mile diversion is still adding 1.5 cfs.

Snow water equivalency (SWE) data is currently 18.7 inches. Last week it was 18.4 inches.

The SWE median has also increased from last week, going from 19.1 inches to 19.5 inches.

This week, SWE is currently 95.9 percent of median. Last week, it was 96.3 percent of median.

Precipitation data is currently 19.1 inches. Last week, it was 18.9 inches.

The precipitation median is currently 22.2 inches. Last week, it was 20.9 inches.

This week, precipitation is 86 percent of median when last week it was 90.4 percent of median.

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Charles Martinez to play for Sunday Night Unplugged

By Sally Neel
Special to The SUN

This Sunday evening at 5 p.m., Sunday Night Unplugged will enjoy the contemplative music of the Native American flute presented by local artist Charles Martinez.

Sunday Night Unplugged is a monthly service of music, short readings and silence for meditation offered to the public by St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. It is a time to reflect, pray, meditate, and soak in the beauty of the music and the space.

Martinez, a Pagosa Springs native, has inspired many by the haunting, mellow sounds of his handmade instruments. His reverence for God and creation speaks through each flute, unleashing sounds that seem to depict the mystery and holiness of nature. He plays his own compositions, drawing his listeners into a time of meditation and peace.

"Charles' tunes are not ones that tend to stick in your mind's ear. Rather, his music transports us, enabling us to rid ourselves of the busy thoughts that tend to consume us in our daily lives. It gently guides us to a peaceful place, to a place of

holiness," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's.

St. Patrick's provides a perfect venue for meditation with its floor-to-ceiling transept windows that offer views of the San Juan Mountains and towering pine trees. The altar is beautifully decorated and prayer candles are made available to commemorate special prayers you may wish to offer.

Sunday Night Unplugged is an

opportunity to offer your personal prayers in a setting that is purposefully prepared to help you feel welcome and safe. Many make this service a monthly commitment to enhance their spiritual journey.

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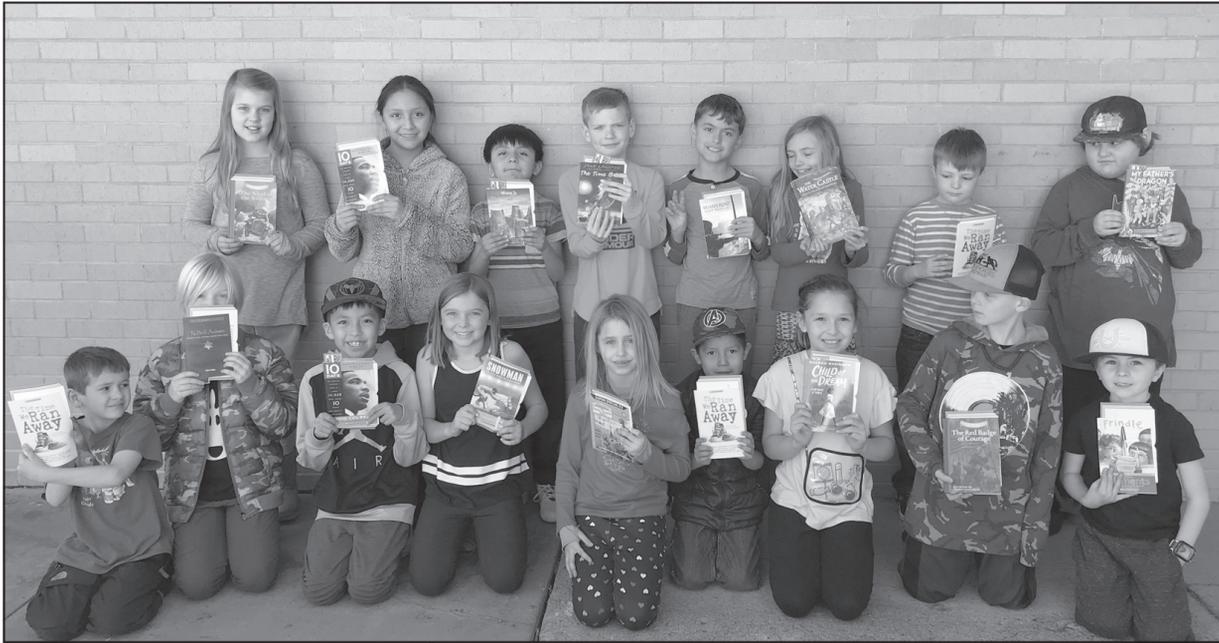


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Pagosa Springs Elementary School congratulates second quarter Accelerated Reader winners. Each student received a new book and bookmark as well as a certificate award for their hard work as super readers. When readers open a book, they open up their minds. Back row, left to right, are: Carrington Smith, Elisa King, Lance Anderson, Hayden Sistrunk, Rylan Ash, Bella Jackson, Tucker Taylor and Brycen Coen. Front row, left to right, are: Jaxon Sherman, Lilly Buchner, Aiden Barber, Summer Goudie, Ireland Head, Quincy Perea, Ahrianna Martinez, Weston Sweet and Bixby Hyman.

Charter school outdoes national average for growth in many areas on NWEA test

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) students, according to a recent report from School Director Angela Crossland, have shown consistent growth in this school year's iteration of the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) test in math and reading.

The report, given to the PPOS Board of Directors at its regular meeting on Jan. 13, highlights the scores of PPOS students on the NWEA test for 2019-2020 in both math and reading.

Math 2019-2020

In the fall of this school year, first-grade students at PPOS had an average score of 153.6 on the math portion of the NWEA test. The national average was 162.4.

In the winter of this school year, PPOS students had an average score of 164.6 on the math portion of the NWEA test. The national average is 173.8.

According to the report, the expected fall-to-winter growth is 11.4, whereas PPOS's is 11 points.

Second-grade students at PPOS scored an average of 176.3 on the math portion of the NWEA test in the fall, while the national average for the fall was 176.9.

In the winter, PPOS students outscored the national average on the NWEA math test 187.1 to 186.4.

PPOS's growth from the fall to the winter on the NWEA math test this year is 10.8 points, while the average growth is 9.5 points.

Third-grade students at PPOS scored an average of 183.5 points on the math portion of the NWEA test in the fall, while the national average was 190.4.

In the winter, PPOS third-grade students had an average score of 195.2, with the national average being 198.2.

PPOS third-grade students saw an 11.7-point growth from fall to winter for the math portion of the NWEA test, while the national growth is only 7.8 points.

Fourth-grade students at PPOS had an average score in the fall of 192.3 on the math portion of the NWEA test, while the national average was 201.9.

In the winter, PPOS students had an average score of 197.7 on the NWEA math test, with the national average score being 208.7.

Fourth-grade PPOS students saw a 5.4-point growth in their NWEA math scores while nationally the average growth is 6.8.

In the fall, PPOS fifth-grade students posted a 204.1 average score on the NWEA math test. The national average was 211.4.

PPOS fifth-graders had an average score in the winter on the NWEA math test of 206.8. The national average is 217.2.

The national average growth for fifth-grade students on the NWEA math test is 5.8 points. PPOS's average growth for its fifth-grade

students is 2.7 points.

In sixth-grade, PPOS students had an average score in the fall on the NWEA math test of 203.7, while the national average score was 217.6.

In the winter, PPOS sixth-graders had an average score of 209.1. The national average score is 222.1.

PPOS's average growth for its sixth-grade students on the NWEA math test is 5.4 points. The national average growth is 4.5 points.

Reading 2019-2020

PPOS first-grade students posted an average score of 155.2 in the fall on the NWEA reading test. The national average was 160.7.

In the winter, PPOS first-grade students increased their average score to 164.4. The national average is 171.5.

First-grade students at PPOS saw a 9.2-point growth from fall to winter in the NWEA reading test. The national growth is recorded at 10.8 points.

PPOS second-grade students had an average score of 171.6 in the fall on the NWEA reading test. The national average score for second-graders was 174.7.

In the winter, PPOS second-grade students' average score on the NWEA reading test was 181.8. The national average score is 184.2.

PPOS saw a 10.2-point increase for its second-grade students from the fall to winter on the NWEA

reading test. The national growth average is 9.5 points.

In third grade, PPOS students had an average score of 184.6 on the NWEA reading test in the fall. The national average score was 188.3.

PPOS third-graders in the winter had an average score of 190.8 on the NWEA reading test. The national average is 195.6.

PPOS saw an average score growth of 6.2 points for its third-grade students on the NWEA reading test. The national average for third-graders is 7.3 points.

Fourth-grade students at PPOS posted an average score in the fall of 189.1. The national average was 198.2 points.

In the winter, PPOS fourth-grade students had an average score of 194.1 points on the NWEA reading test. The national average is 203.6 points.

PPOS's fourth-grade students posted a 5-point growth from the fall to the winter on the NWEA reading test. The national growth average is 5.4 points.

In fifth grade, PPOS students had an average score of 204.1 in the fall. The national average was 205.7.

In the winter, PPOS fifth-grade students had an average score of 208.8 on the NWEA reading test, with the national average being 209.8.

From fall to winter, PPOS fifth-

graders showed an average growth of 4.7 points, while the national average is 4.1 points.

PPOS sixth-grade students posted a 207.7 average score in the fall on the NWEA reading test. The national average was 211 points.

In the winter, PPOS sixth-graders had an average score of 209.5 points on the NWEA reading test, while the national average is 214.2 points.

The national growth average from fall to winter for sixth-grade students is 3.2 points, with PPOS having a growth average of 1.8 points.

Analyzing, interpreting

Crossland explained to the board during the meeting that she is watching trends in NWEA data from last year.

"With NWEA data I really look at two kinds of things. To me the most important thing is growth data. Because a teacher, when a student comes to them, they can't control where they came from, but they can control whether they are making adequate growth," she said.

PPOS students are close in many areas on the NWEA test, Crossland noted; however, there are areas for improvement.

"We will be looking a little closer at the fifth-grade math. And one thing that has happened there is that we have a staffing change

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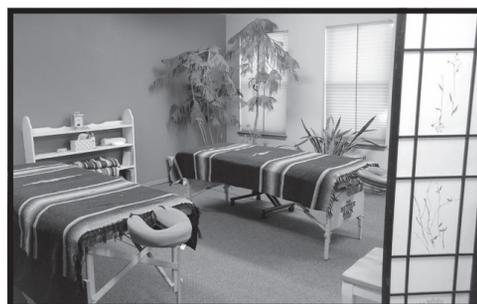
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DrumFIT demonstration

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Pagosa Springs Elementary School students entertain the crowd with a DrumFIT demonstration under the direction of Lindsey Kurt-Mason during halftime of the Pagosa Springs Pirates' basketball game on Jan. 24.





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During a tour of Pagosa Springs High School on Feb. 4, Principal Sean O'Donnell shows members of the Archuleta School District Board of Education the inside of the vo-tech building, where career and technical education classes take place. The tour also featured board members visiting the Pirate Achievement Center and various other classrooms.

School district adopts revised budget for 2019-2020

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The 2019-2020 revised budget for Archuleta School District (ASD) was approved at a special meeting of the ASD Board of Education on Jan. 28.

The revised budget notes that the total beginning fund balance is \$11,830,737, while the total revenues for ASD is \$20,668,063.

The combined total of those two funds is \$32,498,800, according to the revised budget.

The revised budget further notes that total expenditures are \$22,315,223, while total appropriated reserves are \$6,721,346.

Total unappropriated reserves are listed at \$2,584,840.

Total expenditures, appropriated and unappropriated reserves are \$31,621,409 within the revised

budget.

During the meeting, ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson explained that the majority of changes made within the revised budget were minor.

In the original 2019-2020 budget, the beginning fund balance increased by \$1,091,095, from \$8,317,783 to \$9,408,878, Hodgson noted.

"A lot of that was carried forward expenses, things that we had budgeted last January that we thought we were going to take care of by the end of June. It didn't happen, so there are a number of those expenses that are showing in later adjustments here," he said.

Property taxes in the original budget were set at \$7,793,303 but decreased \$1,033,465 to \$6,759,838 in the revised budget.

"There are two reasons for that,"

Hodgson said. "Relative to a lot of other school districts, our property taxes did not raise as much. The state support offsets that decrease with a slightly larger increase."

The district is down 34 students from its projected budget, he noted.

Mill levy override (MLO) property taxes dropped from \$1,700,000 to \$1,457,047, a decrease of \$242,953.

This reflects a board decision made on Dec. 10, 2019, to not charge local taxpayers the \$242,953 set aside for full-day kindergarten following the signing of a bill by Gov. Jared Polis to fund full-day kindergarten.

In the expenses section of the revised budget, there is a \$200,000 increase for a retention bonus for teacher salaries that pertains to the MLO.

"Part of our MLO, we used this

year as a retainage payment that we gave to teachers and staff who returned from last year," he said.

There is also an increase in regard to a retention bonus for employee benefits of \$43,700 that also pertains to the MLO, he noted.

There is an addition to the revised budget of \$54,426 that pertains to a school security disbursement grant, he added.

"So, we have \$54,000 that did not get completed by June 30. So we are now including that in the budget because we paid for that in July and August," he said. "There is \$72,000 for the bus radios. We only received the installation and the training on those around Thanksgiving."

The purchase of Chromebooks and a charging cart is reflected in the revised budget and will cost \$208,000, Hodgson explained.

This will allow the district to order them before the current school year ends and give the district's technology department time to set them all up for the following school year, Hodgson described further.

Included within the revised budget are various capital projects for multiple ASD schools.

In total, these capital projects cost \$196,000 and include things such as air conditioning at Pagosa Springs Elementary School, carpet at Pagosa Springs Middle School and Pagosa Springs High School, and a district-wide system upgrade.

The motion to adopt the revised budget passed unanimously.
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Growth

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that may be affecting some of the students' growth," Crossland said.

Another area that PPOS is looking at is sixth-grade reading, she noted.

"We are working on continuing to make sure that the areas that they are struggling in are continuing to make that improvement," she said.

One of the goals for PPOS in the first semester of school is always academics, but many of its students

had to work on social and emotional learning to the point where academics mattered and the students' attitudes towards academics changed, as well, Crossland noted.

Crossland noted that she was excited that PPOS second-grade students had a higher national average growth score than the national average.

PPOS is looking at grades that have exceeded the national average and looking to replicate some of those practices to other grade

levels, she added later.

"It's so great seeing growth," PPOS Board President Ursula Hudson said.

The growth in math and reading at PPOS is in line with what the growth should be on the national average, PPOS board member Mark Weiler commented.

"There are areas where that statement is not true. I think that those areas where that is not true, we are addressing it," Crossland responded. "I don't want to give out a false impression that in every grade and everything on average we're making the norm, but I would say in the majority of the areas, we are on par with growth to the national average."
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Pagosa Peak Open School sets meeting posting location

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a special meeting of the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors on Jan. 29, the board approved a resolution that designates the posting place for the board's regular meeting notices.

That resolution, Resolution 2020-002, notes that the front door window at the entryway of PPOS, located at 7 Parelli Way, is designated as the public place where notices of the PPOS board's meetings will be posted.

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

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

Connie Cook, Dispatch Executive Management Board Chair



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2019?

As I sat down to begin drafting answers to these questions, I was able to take the time to reflect on what an incredibly successful and full year the Dispatch Executive Management Board had in 2019. I am inspired and full of gratitude for the spirit of cooperation and teamwork this Board demonstrates, as we serve to ensure excellent emergency communications services to Archuleta County residents and visitors. It has been an honor (and quite a learning experience) to serve as Board Chair for 2019, and I am humbled to serve as Chair again in 2020. The emergency communications industry as a whole is seeing a significant push toward streamlining and updating an antiquated system, having substantial impacts on local operations such as ours. With those dynamics at play, there was a lot to be proud of in 2019, with the following accomplishments being my top three:

- The hiring of new Emergency Communications Director, Kati Harr, in June 2019. Kati brought significant operational experience with her from Durango La Plata Dispatch and has demonstrated leadership, integrity and excellence since her first day on the job.
- Completion of a professional equipment/facility assessment to identify acute and future needs and vulnerabilities in the emergency communications center. This assessment has provided guidance for capital replacement planning, updating

vital equipment, and development of updated training and policy for dispatch operations.

- Initiation of an update/review of the original Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the four primary user agencies to fit current needs and expectations of stakeholders. The original IGA was implemented in February 2009, establishing the current structure of emergency communications services in Archuleta County. Over the last ten years, community dynamics and the emergency telecommunications industry has evolved, and it was time for the IGA to follow suit.

What are your three top goals for 2020?

- Approval and implementation of an updated/revised IGA that serves the current needs of all stakeholders.
- Increased revenue from a raise in the E911 Surcharge that will provide additional critical funding for emergency communications equipment and operations in Archuleta County.
- Relocate the emergency communications operations center to a safe, secure and appropriate facility, with a fiscally responsible approach that takes into account the needs of all stakeholders.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

- During the 4th quarter of 2019 all user agencies began reviewing and submitting updates/revisions to the current IGA. These have been compiled into a single draft document that is currently being reviewed by user agencies.

Once all user agencies have had the opportunity to review and provide input on the revised/updated IGA, it will then go to all user agency governing bodies for approval and execution. This is a project that has taken significant coordination and support from the Dispatch Executive Management Board and the Exploratory Subcommittee. Anticipated implementation of the updated IGA is early in the first quarter of 2020.

- The Dispatch Executive Management Board anticipates presenting resolutions of support from each user agency, for an increase to the E911 surcharge, to the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in early 2020. If the BOCC approves the pursuit of an increase, the application will be completed and submitted to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) of Colorado for review/approval by the end of the 1st quarter of 2020. If all approvals are received, we anticipate the additional revenue to begin in the 3rd quarter.

- The Dispatch Executive Management Board is currently assessing the Harman House as a strong potential for relocation, and are actively participating in the design/remodel process with regard to housing the emergency communications center. The Board will continue to assess incoming structural information and fiscal impact as it is available, with anticipated relocation in the second half of 2020, if the site is deemed adequate and appropriate for emergency communications operations.

Kati Harr, Emergency Communications Director



What were your three biggest accomplishments of 2019?

Thanks to the dedicated and hard-working staff who coordinate emergency service response for the community and our first responders day in and day out, there are many accomplishments to be recognized in the past year for the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center. Many of these accomplishments emerged in the face of adversity; I am proud to share that the dispatchers at ACCDC have provided consistent, effective dispatch services to our community members and user agencies despite weathering multiple, unexpected hardships. Some of these difficulties included complete power outages and fiber-line cuts, short-staffing and rollover in management, equipment failures and noxious gas leaks, as well as a recent, devastating ransomware attack. The staff's ability to provide these services during extremely demanding conditions reflects the truth behind ACCDC's new Mission Statement (which can be found in full on the Archuleta County website) that bears the tagline, "Always here, always ready." The creation of this Mission Statement by staff through a series of exercises and workshops was a great success for the center and provides a lodestar for us as we move into the new year. This basic compilation of our aims and goals will be vital as we head into a time of transition with an upcoming facility move as well as a continued migration towards advancing technologies, all of which are occurring under new leadership. To provide support for staff during these changes the process of drafting, creating, training, and implementing fundamental Standard

Operating Procedures has already begun and will continue into 2020. These procedures will ensure continuity across all processes as well as compliance with industry standards and best practices in order to support the continued provision of efficient, skilled emergency communications and dispatch services for the community and user agencies.

What are your three top goals for 2020?

There are many goals in place for our center in 2020. Chief among them is providing nationally accredited, comprehensive Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) training to all dispatchers. These EMD protocols will ensure relevant lines of questioning for callers in order to update our first responders with necessary and accurate information so they may determine the most appropriate medical emergency response. The EMD protocols will also certify our dispatchers to provide clinically proven pre-arrival instructions to callers in order to effect better patient outcome. These pre-arrival instructions will include everything from bleeding control to how to administer an epipen, assisting in delivering a newborn to providing scientifically confirmed, effective CPR instructions to bystanders over the phone. Alongside updating procedures and protocols, dispatch will work to begin updating antiquated, inadequate communications equipment. The highest priority for the upcoming year is replacing end-of-life radio consoles in order to ensure continuity of radio communications with our first responders who rely on the radio as a lifeline while out in the field. Through all of these changes in policy and equipment, strong leadership is a necessity. In order to deliver consistent direction and sup-

port on all shifts, as well as provide assistance with the myriad operational and administrative duties required to keep the center running, a cohesive and committed leadership team will be promoted from within current staff.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

Various conditions are currently in place to ensure we meet our upcoming goals. EMD training has been approved for the 2020 budget and draft cards have been received and are under review by Upper San Juan EMS in order to begin the editing process. Training for dispatch staff is scheduled for the first quarter of 2020 and a provisional line of questioning for all medical calls has been implemented in the meantime. Regarding the replacement of outdated equipment; the capital replacement schedule has been re-drafted to include this need with radio console procurement worked into the schedule for the next year. The bid process has already begun and recommendations have been received from an outside consulting firm concerning which radio consoles are most appropriate, as well as most fiscally sound. Finally, three additional leadership positions have been approved for the 2020 budget and an updated job description to fit the renewed vision for the center's emerging leadership team will be completed by year-end. Positions will be posted and the promotional process completed no later than mid-year, 2020. I look forward with great enthusiasm to continuing to work diligently to support the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center in providing effective assistance to our user agencies and compassionate, skilled services to our community during their times of need.

Commissioners to request increase to 911 surcharge

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners voted to request a \$1 increase to the E-911 surcharge at its meeting Tuesday.

The E-911 surcharge is a monthly fee added to phone lines that is earmarked for entities that provide emergency telephone services, commonly local dispatch centers.

The current E-911 surcharge is \$1.25 per month and the request is that it be upped to \$2.25.

The increase must be approved by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.

Emergency Communications Director Kati Harr spoke to the

commissioners prior to the vote.

Harr outlined that a state mandate that will increase Archuleta County's 911 telephone costs by over \$2,000 per month, the need to replace aging radios and an inadequate dispatch facility are all reasons the surcharge increase was important to boost revenue for dispatch.

"This 911 system that we have now is just not able to move forward probably much past this year; we're almost at the crisis mode," Commissioner Steve Wadley said. "Some solution has to be found and it's not cheap ... We all have to come together and find the best solution. It needs a new home, it needs new equipment and it needs to be funded properly."

"I think we need to support it," Commissioner Ron Maez said. "It's very important to update the equipment. The service has always been there, but you're only as good as the tools you have to work with."

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

Each district gave the county a letter of support for the surcharge increase prior to the commissioners' vote.

For roughly the last year, the Dispatch Combined Executive Management Board investigated ways to raise revenue for dispatch.

A dispatch subcommittee comprised of representatives from

each of the four districts who fund dispatch ultimately recommended the surcharge increase as the best way to boost revenue.

The subcommittee suggested that mill levy increases and property and sales tax increases are not popular with Archuleta County residents, nor with members of the subcommittee.

Subcommittee member Tracy Bunning, who is also on the Pagosa Springs Town Council, noted at a meeting last year the town's budget "lives and dies" on sales tax and noted he was not in favor of a sales tax to boost revenue for dispatch.

Harr has estimated the Public Utilities Commission will take about three to five months to ap-

prove or deny the request.

If the increase passes, anyone who has an Archuleta County billing address for their phone can expect to see the increase on their phone bills sometime this summer or in early fall.

E-911 revenue is not always delivered to the county it's supposed to be, as Dispatch Executive Board Chair Connie Cook learned last year.

Although Cook has had a phone billing address in Archuleta County for years, she learned that her

E-911 fees were being routed to California, where she briefly lived in the past.

In an interview Wednesday, Harr suggested that local residents contact their phone companies to ensure their E-911 revenue is going to Archuleta County.

Dispatch subcommittee chair Greg Schulte explained in meetings last year that phone companies have "zero incentive" to ensure E-911 revenue is being sent to the right place.

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- Proverbs 15:17

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Wednesday	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

The 23rd annual Great Backyard Bird Count will be held Friday, Feb. 14, through Monday, Feb. 17. It's free, it's fun and it helps scientific research.

How you can participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count

By **Becky Herman**
Special to the SUN

The 23rd annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) will be held Friday, Feb. 14, through Monday, Feb. 17. It's free, it's fun and it helps scientific research. Here's how to participate in this annual February tradition that spans the globe.

You can make up your own rules for this bird count. You can be outdoors wherever you choose or you can sit inside looking out the windows. All you really must do is make some simple plans. Decide when and where you want to count, take notes of observations on your smartphone, or a paper list works too. Next, make sure you have a way to submit your data after the count is over. If you already have an ebird account or have registered for another Cornell Lab project such as FeederWatch or Nest-Watch, you can use that information to report your sightings.

Note that you can count for a little as 15 minutes on one day or you can count every day for hours if that suits you. Your own feeders are fine or you can go as far as a wildlife refuge and stay all day — up to you. Feel free to visit several different places. Just be sure to keep careful notes about

where and when you count.

Go alone or with friends. National Audubon encourages experienced birders to take someone along who is learning to identify birds — that sharing of experience and information is called "Pledge to Fledge."

Join members of the local Weminuche Audubon chapter for birding in the Navajo Lake area on Saturday, Feb. 15. Check our website, www.weminucheaudubon.org, for meeting time and place.

If you want to study our local winter birds before the count, see the GBBC website for online guides and ID tips.

This count is especially important because it is becoming increasingly apparent that climate change is affecting the number of species and the number of birds within each species, the times of migration and nesting, and changes in species behavior. Remember that it's important to report your sightings promptly and accurately so that the scientists who study this data can come to correct conclusions.

Contact chapter president Jean Zirnelt at jeanzirnelt@centurytel.net or 731-2985, or Keith Bruno at kbruno@audubon.org or (503) 729-8196.

property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015. That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of HB RANCHO, LLC A PUERTO RICO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY for said year 2015. That said ANDREW GUINN on the 18th day of December 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to ANDREW GUINN On the 27th day of May 2020, unless the same has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 9th day of January 2020 /s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published January 23, 30 and February 6, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 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.) 20902894. 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.

WHEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby 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) 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.

Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
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
By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
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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SALE NO. 2019-014**

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THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT 2 IN LINDSEY SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION FILED ON FEBRUARY 17, 1982 AS RECEPTION NO. 109491. Also known by street and number as: 14705 Highway 151, Arboles, CO 81211. **THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

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By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Eric Croke #46557
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
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**UPPER SAN JUAN HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,** and particularly to the electors of the Upper San Juan Health Service District of Archuleta, Hinsdale, Mineral Counties, Colorado. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a regular election will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. MST. At that time, three (3) directors will be elected to serve three-year terms. Eligible electors of the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) interested in serving on the USJHSD Board of Directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from Heather Thomas, the Designated Election Official (DEO) for the District, at 95 S. Pagosa Boulevard, Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business, 4:30 p.m. MST, on **Friday, 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 DEO not less than 64 days prior to the election (**Monday, March 2, 2020**), by 4:30 p.m. MST.

The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. MST.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be filed with the Designated Election Official of the District at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and the close of business, 4:30 p.m. MST, on the **Tuesday** immediately preceding the election (**Tuesday, April 28, 2020**). All absentee ballots must be returned to the Designated Election Official by 7:00 p.m. on election day.

UPPER SAN JUAN HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT
By: /s/ Heather Thomas
Designated Election Official
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**ALPHA ROCKRIDGE METRO DISTRICT
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 mail ballot 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. If 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 district's 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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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested persons that a Petition For Inclusion of additional real property has been filed with the Board of Directors of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District. The Board of Directors has fixed the day of Thursday, February 13, 2020, at the hour of 5:30 p.m., at 100 Lyn Ave, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, as the date, time and place of an open meeting at which such Petition shall be heard. The name and address of the Petitioner and a general description of the property to be included into the District are as follows:
PETITIONER: Kalei Pitcher
PO Box 5176
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
PROPERTY: RURAL Sec: 31 Twn: 36 Rng: 1W
Lot 1 RURAL Sec: 30 Twn: 36 Rng: 1W
Lot 4 RURAL Sec: 25 Twn: 36 Rng: 1W
Also in the SE 1/4
Commonly known as Parcel # 557930300028 or 4570 County Road 200
Pagosa Springs, CO
All interested parties may appear at such hearing to show cause in writing why such Petition should not be granted. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PAGOSA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT.
By: /s/ Jim Smith
Chairman: Jim Smith
Published in: The Pagosa Sun
Published on: February 6, 2020
Published February 6, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE
ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR DIRECTORS
SAN JUAN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
To property owners within San Juan Water Conservancy District of Archuleta County, Colorado. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** the terms of two seats on the Board of Directors of the District will expire this coming March 21, 2020. The District also has open seats for additional directors. Applications for appointment to the Board of Directors will be accepted until March 7, 2020 for the expiring seats. Applications for open seats may be submitted at any time. Please see www.sjwd.org for more information about the District's mission and activities.
To be considered, you must have resided within the District for one year and must be the owner of real property within the District. Applications are being received for the open board seats on an at-large basis with the objective to achieve geographical representation of the District, in accordance with Section 37-45-114, C.R.S. Please send a letter of interest, a resume, and other information pertinent to your qualifications to:
Archuleta County District Court
Archuleta County Courthouse
P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Also, please send a copy of your application documents to:

Card of Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to the brave group of souls who jumped in the river at the Penguin Plunge to support the Veterans Memorial Park. We so appreciate your support. Thank you to Rocki Mitchell, Charlie Crowe, Richard and Linda Mitchell, Chris Blas, Ty Faber, Tony DeMille and Mont McAllister.

Gratefully,
Karin Daniels, VMPAC

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-klaw.com
Case Number: 2019CV030099

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 situated 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. 77988. Respectfully Submitted this 7th day of January, 2020. Published in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*
First Publication: January 16, 2020
Last Publication: February 13, 2020
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
/s/ Duke Eggleston
Duke Eggleston, #24965
556 Main Ave.
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
Published January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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:
HB RANCHO, LLC A Puerto Rico Limited Liability Company
7 CALLE PROGRESSO
HUMACAO, PR 00791

HB RANCHO, LLC
A Puerto Rico Limited Liability Company
C/O MARIA RIVERA
376 CONDOMINIUM MIRABEL
RINCÓN, PR 00677

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

ANDREW GUINN
the following described property situated in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:
LOT 150 AND LOT 151, PAGOSA TRAILS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74885

Account Number: R012459
Schedule Number: 569930204010
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2016-03883
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefor to ANDREW GUINN
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of H B RANCHO, LLC and HB RANCHO, LLC for said year 2015.
That said ANDREW GUINN on the 18th day of December 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to ANDREW GUINN
On the 27th day of May 2020, unless the same has been redeemed.
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
Witness my hand this 9th day of January 2020 /s/ Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published January 23, 30 and February 6, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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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Account Number: R004276
Schedule Number: 569524409009
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That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent



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Start Date	07/01/19
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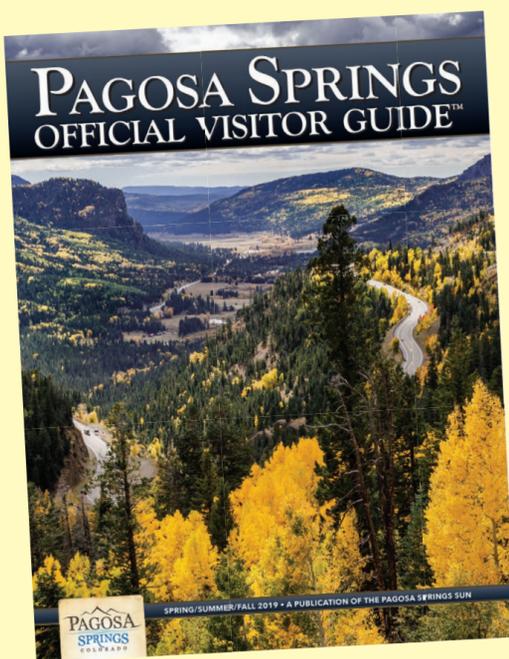
Account Name	Beginning Balance	Tax Collections	Delinquent Taxes	Specific Ownership	Miscellaneous Collections	Treasurer's Fees	Disbursements	Ending Balance
0100 County General	\$13,786,365.25	\$243,690.21	\$474.22	\$271,687.25	\$3,906,566.64	(\$77,770.49)	(\$6,011,225.60)	\$12,119,787.48
0201 Road & Bridge	\$6,777,145.15	\$86,586.99	\$141.39	\$96,534.88	\$3,268,183.14	(\$59,204.81)	(\$3,029,428.20)	\$7,139,958.54
0202 Social Service Fund	\$798,159.05	\$17,325.01	\$32.29	\$19,315.44	\$798,421.42	\$0.00	(\$1,001,740.63)	\$631,512.58
0210 Public Trustee	\$10,522.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$461,360.75	\$0.00	(\$458,806.11)	\$13,076.84
0216 1 A	\$19.07	\$0.00	\$16.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.50)	\$0.00	\$35.22
0217 1 A	\$79,785.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$6,346.40)	\$73,438.91
0219 Combined Dispatch	\$206,681.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$214,285.31	(\$1,081.65)	(\$338,081.56)	\$81,803.96
0221 Conservation Trust	\$475,198.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,387.80	\$0.00	(\$30,000.00)	\$503,586.21
0230 Taylor Grazing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59.59	\$0.00	(\$59.59)	\$0.00
0301 Justice System Capital	\$2,193,798.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$401,428.51)	(\$4,126.47)	\$534,101.18	\$2,322,344.47
0310 Fairfield Settlement	\$522,192.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,552.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$526,744.72
0501 Solid Waste	\$1,444,889.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$624,094.63	(\$6,241.29)	(\$298,382.73)	\$1,764,360.18
0504 Airport	\$464,132.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71,757.75	(\$1,022.64)	(\$161,747.47)	\$373,119.73
0607 Fleet	\$309,515.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,640.03	(\$496.40)	\$70,577.50	\$429,236.74
1340 School District JT 50	\$75,182.99	\$384,217.66	\$609.56	\$459,140.80	\$23,042.22	(\$997.47)	(\$884,783.35)	\$56,416.41
1350 School District JT 50 Bond	\$9,485.20	\$48,441.50	\$89.11	\$0.00	\$2,647.61	\$0.00	(\$60,502.35)	\$161.07
1351 School District JT 50 Mill	\$21,377.87	\$108,210.35	\$0.00	\$114,833.53	\$4,255.92	(\$280.99)	(\$234,481.30)	\$13,915.38
1370 School District JT 10	\$345.74	\$1,507.38	\$0.00	\$762.59	\$70.57	(\$3.94)	(\$2,590.95)	\$91.39
1380 School District JT 10 Bond	\$304.88	\$1,325.96	\$0.00	\$670.86	\$62.09	\$0.00	(\$2,283.39)	\$80.40
1420 School District JT 11	\$1,455.90	\$4,326.05	\$51.16	\$32,030.36	\$118.18	(\$11.14)	(\$34,131.68)	\$3,838.83
1430 School District JT 11 Bond	\$2,701.52	\$8,007.36	\$85.77	\$0.00	\$225.72	\$0.00	(\$11,020.37)	\$0.00
1450 Town General	\$17,527.16	\$8,092.65	\$7.39	\$5,860.46	\$5,044.53	(\$168.81)	(\$35,236.17)	\$1,127.21
1470 Town of PS General Improve	\$6,063.01	\$3,962.19	\$4.37	\$2,432.06	\$160.25	(\$82.50)	(\$12,243.71)	\$295.67
1475 Town of PS General Improve	(\$1.02)	\$0.00	\$5.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.10)	\$0.00	\$4.07
1480 Pagosa Fire District	\$352,006.55	\$131,073.40	\$117.92	\$138,819.54	\$5,061.22	(\$4,087.66)	(\$606,114.50)	\$16,876.47
1490 Pagosa Fire District Bond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.18)	\$0.00	\$6.00
1520 General Water District 1	\$126,782.17	\$37,954.99	\$55.46	\$44,865.07	\$1,519.06	(\$1,185.79)	(\$204,464.87)	\$5,526.09



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Americana Project

Students from the Pagosa Springs High School Americana Project and intro to guitar classes entertained an audience with a variety of original and cover songs during a Jan. 29 concert in the school's auditorium.



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ARTS & LIFE

Pagosa Play Place's Murder Mystery Fundraiser

Pandemonium at the Toga Bash • Feb. 22 • 6 p.m. • Pagosa Lodge



Photo courtesy Justin Treptow

February 6, 2020



Photo courtesy Justin Treptow

Gingo Crownly, dental receptionist, is the peculiar receptionist at Gothica Dental. A constant whistler, Crownly will always grace you with uncomfortable stares and periods of awkward silence during conversation. Gothica Dental is the only dentistry practice in Gothica City, so you'll eventually have to deal with this bizarre individual.

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

■ See Mystery on next page

Thursday

Riff Raff downtown: Terry Rickard, 6 p.m.

Saturday

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

Riff Raff on the Rio: Dustin Burley, 6 p.m.

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

Tuesday

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

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Mystery

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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 germa-phobic. 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, doing business as Pagosa Play

Mountain View Friends host local version of ‘Antiques Roadshow’ on Feb. 13

By Tozi Rubin
Special to The PREVIEW

Mountain View Friends (MVF) will be hosting our version of “Antiques Roadshow” on Feb. 13.

We meet from 10 a.m. to noon for coffee/tea in the Fellowship Hall at the Community Methodist Church located at 434 Lewis St. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Whether a family heirloom passed down or a favored memento acquired while scouring through

■ See Friends on next page

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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Photography Club to meet Feb. 12

By Gregg Heid
Special to The Preview

The Feb. 12 meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be held at 6 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Our speaker will be Doug Coombs on “Creating a signature for digital artwork.”

Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting and presentation at 6:30 p.m. Club members are encouraged to bring up to five photos on a thumb drive to share with the group after the presentation, if time permits.

Coombs will show how to create a signature for your digitally produced photographs and artwork using Photoshop. Such a signature can be stored as a

.png image to be used from any post-processing tool including Lightroom and Photoshop. He will discuss downloading and adding additional fonts to Photoshop, concepts related to font customization, and will demonstrate in real-time creation of a signature and how to use it in Lightroom and Photoshop.

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club promotes educational, social and fun interactions between all who enjoy making and viewing great photography. The club sponsors educational programs and outings to help photographers hone their skills. Membership is just \$25 per calendar year for individuals and \$35 for families. Nonmembers are invited to attend a meeting to learn more about the club. For more information, visit our website at <https://pagosaspringsphotoclub.org/about/>.

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 home-ownership 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:

- Understand the programs offered by HomesFund.
 - Understand your credit score report and how to improve your score.
 - Review your household budget
- See Homebuyer on next page

Friends

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a shop, members are encouraged to bring one or two items that are meaningful or have an interesting story associated with them to share with one another.

Jewelry, art, pottery, ceramics and medals to tools, glassware and everything in between will be of interest to all and may hold unknown value. To help unearth a potential mystery, relay historical relevance or assess potential worth, our guest speakers will be Jamie Miller, treasure broker, and

her assistant, Matt Eldredge.

You may discover that someone else in MVF is a collector of the same type of things you are interested in or, better yet, they want to get rid of something you would love to have. You might finally get the story behind that “treasure” that your family insisted that you keep. Sharing family stories or adventures in obtaining your special item will also allow participants to get to know one another a bit better.

So, dust off grandpa’s pocket

watch or rinse off Aunt Annie’s carnival glass pitcher and plan to share your story at the next MVF monthly gathering. You do not need to bring anything to share; just enjoy the fun.

Call Tozi Rubin at 731-3360 if you have questions.

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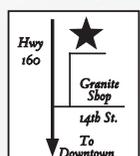
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Photo courtesy Tom Huffman

The local hand-drumming class is open to all ages and ability levels, with no previous experience necessary. The class meets Tuesdays at noon at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse.

Help your brain with Tuesday 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. 11, 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.

Playing a musical instrument is a rich and complex experience that involves integrating information from the senses of vision, hearing, and touch, as well as fine movements.

Neuropsychologist Catherine Loveday is a specialist in the cognitive and neuronal aspects of music

processing. According to Loveday's research, music is a strong cognitive stimulus that reaches parts of the brain that other things cannot, and which can induce positive changes in the brain.

Other research shows that learning to play a musical instrument increases gray matter volume in various brain regions, and strengthens the long-range connections between them.

It's fascinating to learn about how music affects the brain, and how learning to play a musical instrument can improve abilities that are seemingly unrelated.

The hand-drumming class provides easy access into the world of joyful and spontaneous music-making. For more information, call 731-3117. The Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave.

Homebuyer

■ continued from previous page and learn tips to save for a down payment and reduce your debt.

- Learn the pros and cons of buying a home.
- Understand your monthly mortgage payment and closing costs.
- Select the best possible mortgage loan for you.
- 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.

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Rehearsals underway for this spring's 'Matilda the Musical'

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs High School Performing Arts Department is now three weeks into rehearsals and preparation for its 2020 spring musical, Roald Dahl's "Matilda," which will open and play for five performances in mid-March.

Challenging songs, dynamic choreography and a beautiful orchestra pit will be the marks of this delightful and insightful production.

Hannah Rockensock has been cast in the title role for the musical.

Casting also includes Hunter Swinehart, Emma Happ, Caroline Smith, Kaden Hessman, Cheyenne Todd, Nick Voelker, Karissa Foster, Gabe Gallegos, Sophia Raymond, Alyssa Martinez, Arden Blakemore, Mykah Michele, Lauren Peart, Sophie Heidelmeier, Ella Blechman, Peyton Khung, Ellie Perrie and Alanis Sanchez.



Photo courtesy Dale Johnson

Hannah Rockensock has the title role of Matilda in "Matilda the Musical," set to open for five performances in mid-March.

Also invited to be in "Matilda" are three younger veteran acting students, Sophie Martinez, Avonlea

Thomas and Leela Simpson. "Matilda" will be amazing. Watch for more updates.

February is Dating Violence Awareness Month

By Monique Martinez
Special to The PREVIEW

Did you know that 33 percent of adolescents are victims of dating violence? Every 24 minutes, someone in the world is a victim of dating violence. It's not just common in females; males can also be victims of dating violence. Most of the time they don't know or understand that they're in an abusive relationship; they think it is normal or that their partner will change. The following are red flags of dating violence:

- Threatening to hurt or kill you or themselves.
- Not letting you see your family and friends.
- Controlling who you see, where you go, or what you do.
- Blaming you for everything.

- Preventing you from going to school or work.
- Not letting you dress how you want.
- Having really bad anger issues and taking the problems out on you.
- Denying their behavior.
- Calling you names.
- Forcing you to do things you might not want to do.

In the month of February, Rise Above Violence and Youth Rise will support worldwide efforts to raise awareness about dating violence.

Wear Orange For Love Day is Feb. 11. Wear orange to show you support victims and survivors of dating violence. There are a lot of people who are too scared to talk or come out about being in a bad relationship.

If you need to talk to someone, call the Rise Above Violence 24-hour

hotline at 264-9075 or the Teen Text Line at 946-5276.

Look out for Instagram posts from @pshs.youth.rise and continuous awareness and educational information in the month of February.

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I can do my own yard, thank you

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

It seemed the minute I had shoulder surgery and had my arm in a sling, the snow started coming and never let up. We didn't worry too much about it during Christmas break, but in the first part of January, after work and school started again, the snow needed to be shoveled.

A lot of the burden fell on my wife, Donna, but I learned how to shovel snow with one arm. I would grab the shovel below the handle and wrap the handle under my forearm. I found I could shovel snow quite efficiently, though I did have to do smaller scoops.

However, it seemed like we would just finish shoveling from one snowstorm only to have another one hit. I was trying to help all I could, and Donna was concerned that I was not being careful enough with the arm I had surgery on. It was during one of these snow shoveling sessions that she suggested we should get a four-wheeler to push the snow.

"We aren't getting any younger," she said. "And this issue is just going to come back year after year and be more vexing to us."

"Our neighbors have been kind to help us out while my arm heals," I replied. "And a four-wheeler is a lot of money."

She nodded. "I understand all of that. But these types of health challenges are going to happen more and more. I know how independent you are, and you definitely don't want to have to rely on someone to always do it for us."

I had to agree with her, so we started looking for a four-wheeler.

We had never purchased one before, so we talked to all of our neighbors and friends who owned one. They helped us know what to look for in our search. Finally, we narrowed it down to a few, and after some test runs, we bought one.

We had no sooner got it home and my wife and daughters were vying for who got to clean the driveway. I, unfortunately, was not even in the running. I can't run the machine with one hand. I didn't even get to try it out before we bought it.

It wasn't long before our driveway was scraped clean, with the snow pushed into big piles at the side. Areas we don't usually use in the winter were even scraped clean. When Donna came in, I complimented her.

"It really looks good. You are really getting the hang of running that machine."

She let out a disgusted sigh. "Yeah, well, the neighbors did half of it before I even had a chance." She paused a moment, and her eyes lit up. "I wonder if there are any neighbors that need me to clear their driveways."

We talked about it further and came to the agreement that she should get some more practice before she did it for someone else.

"But that's the problem," she said. "If someone keeps clearing our driveway before I can. How am I supposed to get any practice?"

Sunday came, and quite a few people had heard about our new machine and were happy for us. One lady told us she had just sold her four-wheeler. Before Donna could offer to come to help clean

her yard, the lady continued.

"In its place, my husband bought me a little tractor with a scraper and a loader."

"How do you like it?" I asked.

"How should I know?" she replied. "I haven't got to use it all winter. Before I can, some neighbor comes and scrapes my driveway. I'm dying to try out my tractor, but there is nothing left to try it on after the neighbors finish. I want to run out there and say, 'I can do my own yard, thank you,' but they have it done before I even get a chance to tell them. I keep wondering if there is anyone who needs to have their yard cleaned so I can try out my tractor."

I looked at Donna and smiled. She gave me a look that told me not to even say what I was thinking. But we both knew she probably wasn't going to get any extra practice with our new four-wheeler.

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Understanding the other lane

Not many know Doug Gould as the Big Wheel. He is definitely known as the friendliest guy in Pagosa, the one sporting a Navy ball cap.

I met him at lunch one day. He immediately struck up a conversation, telling how he had moved from Taos, N.M., to Pagosa in 2003. The hot springs brought him here.

I asked him what his greatest accomplishment was. I expected something big, dangerous and very personal, but heard something all too familiar.

"I had a 1939 Packard Woody station wagon. There were only 400 of them made and I drove mine with pride."

What is it with guys and their cars? Doug went on to tell me how he had owned 40 different cars in his lifetime. "Not all of them were classics. As for the Packard, it was one of my favorites." He named several others, a 1949 Ford, not chopped, but channeled and sectionaled. Then there was the VW Beetle, decambered (lowered in the back) and a 1958 midnight blue Porsche.

My head spun as I tried to keep up with the conversation. Then my Sweet Al piped in, "Do you still have any of them?"

"I was a fool. I sold my '39 Woody station wagon for the same amount of money that I bought it for, \$500. It's the one that got away. The man who purchased it started a computer business with the sale of it and became very rich."

My Sweet Al went pale when he heard about "the one that got away." Of course, he had his own stories to tell. "I owned a 365 Porsche bathtub back in 1962. I got it up to 120 miles per hour. Consequently, I faced a few judges and paid some hefty fines. I sold it for a new Plymouth. I still kick myself. I will probably never own another Porsche."

They both went silent. Sadness came over their faces as they licked

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



their wounds. They were operating in the same lane feeling the same pain.

I asked Doug, "Why are guys so passionate about their cars? How does a car make a guy feel?"

He answered, "Powerful, successful, and it's a great way to pick up girls."

"Is that what it means for old men to dream dreams and young men to see visions?"

I remember those early Friday nights. My Sweet Al had an audience every time he pulled out of the driveway. Never mind the brakes. His fun didn't stop until he had squealed his tires and pushed passed every other car on the street.

"Back in my day, we'd go out to the end of Eubank in Albuquerque and show off our cars. In 1957, there was a long dirt road that led to Kirtland Air Force Base. All the guys would meet up on weekends for drag racing.

"There was an old guy by the name of Mr. Miller. He was in his 60s and had a hopped up '57 Chevy. He'd race us young guys, leaving us in his dust. The sheriff made trips out there to check up on us every once in a while. He would turn a blind eye to all our foolishness as long as no one was drinking alcohol."

It was a different time then. Fun seemed to be anything where innocence was at play.

Back to my Sweet Al and our new friend, Doug. I sat and listened to the two swap story after story. Eventually, their tales spun down sounding like the purr of the engines they once adored. Two old souls, dreaming

dreams of yesterday, bragging like two young men with visions to share.

I've yet to understand why every monumental story that my Sweet Al shares begins with a story about the car he had at the time. "My first car was a '53 two-door hardtop Plymouth. I bought it with my own money while working at the Piggly Wiggly grocery store. That is when I met Betty. Remember our 1963 Falcon? A tree fell on it and I had to duct tape plastic over the back to make a new window. We had a 1970 gold Cadillac when we moved to Pagosa. Those were the days."

When women talk, they measure time by special events, such as their daughter's wedding or their son's graduation. Everything is pinpointed by moments with family and friends. I can barely remember which car I drove before my current one, but I can tell you everything you could want to know about my children's weddings and the births of my grandchildren.

Final brushstroke: Doug told my Sweet Al that he wanted to join his fan club. I told him that he was already a blue-ribbon member. All it took was giving him a listening ear while he told a car story or two. I guess that is what keeps me and my Sweet Al in the middle of the road together. We both travel in our own lanes, but always next to each other.

Readers' comments

Send your comment to betty@bettyslade.com.

"Your article on Cutting the cord brought up the thought of helicopter parents verses the lawnmower parents. Unfortunately, parents are no longer just flying overhead. Now they are mowing down the grass, clearing the path and going to whatever length necessary to remove obstacles so their kids won't experience adversity, struggle or failure." — EW, Grass Valley, Calif.

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Mushrooms: an overview

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

Extension Viewpoints

Mushrooms belong to the kingdom fungi and have more in common with animals than they do plants. Plants are autotrophs, meaning that they make their own food source, while fungi and animals are heterotrophs; we need to eat another organism in order to survive. The cell walls of fungi are comprised of a protein called chitin, which is also utilized to create the exoskeletons of insects. The higher classification contains more than just mushrooms and includes mold and yeast as well.

What is commonly referred to as the mushroom is actually only a small portion of the overall organism. Mushrooms have root-like structures called mycelium that are made up of cells called hyphae. When you are hiking and break open an old log and see the white cottony strands, you are looking at mycelium. Mycelium spread outwards searching for food, which is why circular structures of mushrooms, called fairy rings, can be found. The purpose of a mushroom is reproduction and they are analogous to the flowers of a plant.

Mushrooms and fungi serve many environmental roles, largely

by breaking down dead material, but they also aid in the uptake of nutrients by plants. The roots of plants are not that efficient at gathering nutrients from the soil and many need a mycorrhizal fungal partner. The fungi help the plant transfer nutrients in exchange for sugars. Mycorrhizae can actually link multiple plants together.

Enterprising humans have also found many ways to use fungi in medicine, food and fermentation. Penicillin is derived from fungi, which was discovered by Alexander Fleming when he observed its antibiotic properties inhibiting bacterial growth in a petri dish.

In the culinary world, mushrooms can be used to make oils, sauces, add texture or star in a dish. In fact, some mushrooms can be cultivated at home, while more prized varieties have to be found in the woods. Foraging for mushrooms should not be undertaken by anyone without experience, as many edible mushrooms can be

mistaken for lethal species. Immature amanitas look similar to puffballs, but the former can kill you.

To learn more about mushroom foraging, attend a local mushroom festival, like those held in South Fork and Purgatory in mid- to late August. Remember to always cook wild mushrooms prior to eating.

You can grow culinary mushrooms at home as well, and kits can be purchased online. For beginners, there are spray and grow kits, but those wishing to branch out can inoculate logs or grow bulk using monotubs. Whenever eating a new mushroom variety, be sure to eat only a small portion as they can cause different reactions in different people.

Ethan Proud is the Archuleta County Weed and Pest Supervisor, and enjoys foraging and growing mushrooms as a hobby.

Upcoming events

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

Feb. 11: The 36th annual Beef 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

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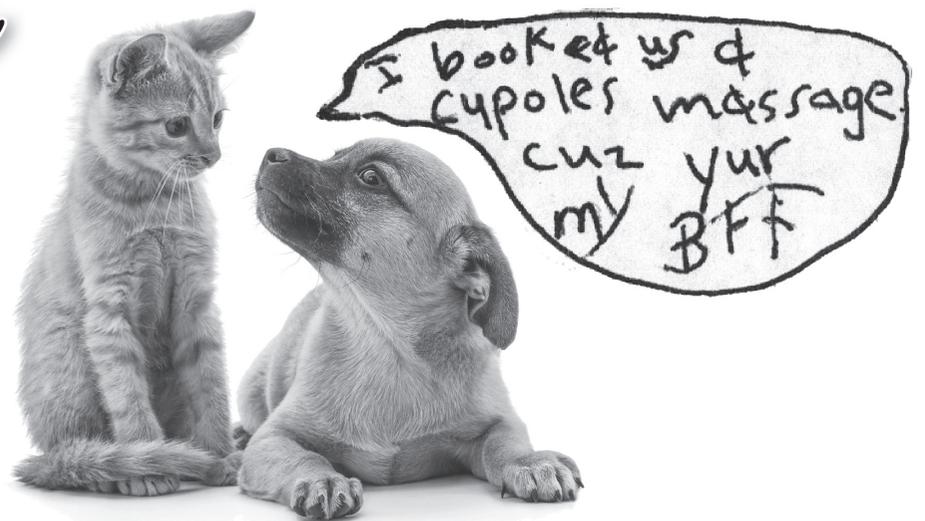


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AARP Smart Driver Course set for March 27

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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Why take the course?

More than nine in 10 course participants report changing at least one key driving behavior for the better as a result of what they learned in the course and over eight in 10 participants felt that information they learned in the course has prevented them from being in a crash. Plus, you may be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completing the course, so consult your insurance agent for details.

AARP membership is not required to take the course.

The classroom course costs only \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers.

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, Feb. 7, at 1 p.m.

VITA tax preparation

VITA will be returning to prepare federal and state income tax returns at no charge as part of the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The 2020 dates are Feb. 22 and March 14,

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by appointment only. The gross income limit this tax season is \$54,000. Please call 264-2167 for more information or to make an appointment.

History (Book) Club

Are you interested in reading and talking about history with others? If so, please join us and bring your ideas and experiences as we continue a history discussion group at the Senior Center. The discussions will cover many historical subjects based on the preferences of the group. Please come and bring your friends who might also be interested.

In the fall, the History Group began its study of English history and how it influenced America.

The essence of the discussions concerning England is what America adopted and what it rejected regarding England's form of government and culture.

Facilitated by Jim Van Liere, the group meets the third Wednesday of every month.

The next History Club meeting is Feb. 19 at 1 p.m.

Health and wellness

The Senior Center is continuing the pilot program which expands health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

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.

The next health and wellness date will be Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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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

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UUs to explore how we love

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

For many people, the month of February has come to be synonymous with Valentine's Day. Saint Valentine was a Christian priest who was imprisoned, tortured and executed by the Roman Emperor Claudius on Feb. 14, 269.

Little is known about his life, but it is said that he defied the order of the emperor by secretly performing Christian weddings for couples, allowing the husbands involved to escape conscription. According to legend, Valentine cut hearts from parchment "to remind these men of their vows and God's love," giving rise to the widespread use of hearts on Valentine's Day.

During this Sunday's service, Avalon Haykus of our fellowship will talk about love and its role in

our lives. How do we give and receive love both as individuals and within our community? The New York Times bestseller "The 5 Love Languages" by Gary Chapman will contribute to our exploration, providing us with clues about how to fill our "emotional love tanks" and giving us concrete ways to nourish ourselves and others.

Avalon Haykus MA, CHT, received her master's degree in psychology from Antioch University. As a psychotherapist in private practice, she specialized in the use of hypnosis to help clients heal emotional trauma and access higher states of consciousness. She owned and taught state-approved professional certification trainings in hypnotherapy until retiring in 2012.

Avalon is a past president of the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist

Fellowship. She has also served as lay minister, youth religious exploration teacher and worship committee chair. She feels grateful to be a part of the progressive and inclusive religious community that is 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.

Get into some good trouble

By **Emrys Tyler**
Special to The PREVIEW

Early in his ministry, Jesus returns to his home town to teach. He announces that he has come on behalf of God to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind and freedom to the oppressed. People get very excited about this. Then Jesus warns his hearers that they will not actually accept his teaching and that these good gifts of God will be delivered to people outside the traditional boundaries of God's blessing.

A Matter of Faith

At this point, the people become incensed at Jesus and attempt to throw him off a cliff. Jesus escapes, but his ministry begins to rankle the authorities more and more until they finally have him executed. (Read this episode in The Gospel According to Luke, chapter

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Menu

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Friday, Feb. 7 — Tuna melt, milk, sweet potato fries with smoked paprika, cream of zucchini soup, salad bar and baked apples with pears.

Monday, Feb. 10 — Pork and green chili stew, sautéed cabbage, roasted Parmesan green beans

with pine nuts, milk, buttermilk biscuit with butter and salad bar.

Tuesday, Feb. 11 — Turkey Rachel sandwich, roasted sweet potatoes, broccoli/cheese soup, milk, salad bar and pumpkin muffin.

Wednesday, Feb. 12 — Shrimp and grits, squash medley, sautéed spinach with mushrooms, milk, salad bar and poached pears.

Thursday, Feb. 13 — Chicken-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, glazed carrots, milk, dinner roll with butter and salad bar.

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Faith

■ continued from previous page 4, verses 16 and following.) As a result of his prophetic challenge, Jesus spends the rest of his earthly life in varying degrees of trouble.

In February 2018, NPR's Story Corp broadcast an interview with John Lewis, congressman from Georgia and iconic leader of the American Civil Rights movement. During his decades fighting for civil rights for blacks in the U.S., Lewis was beaten, arrested and jailed, along with thousands of others. His mother, meanwhile, would tell him over and over again just to stay out of trouble. Lewis would respond that he was getting "into good trouble, necessary trouble." He still tells people, "We need to get in good trouble."

What's "good trouble?" Trouble that comes to us because we stand up and speak out against that which is "not right, not fair, not just," Lewis said. "Get in good trouble."

Jesus got himself into trouble by taking grace and mercy outside the bounds. He offered forgiveness to sinners and belonging to outsiders. He challenged unjust leadership and institutions. He did good works even when the legal experts said it was wrong. These are the best reasons to get into trouble.

It is easy to stay out of trouble: to stay quiet, keep our heads down and mind our own business. It often looks like prosperity and comfort come most to those who just

stay out of trouble. I suppose Jesus could have stayed out of trouble.

But love demands good trouble, just as justice demands the non-violent work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Lewis and so many others. Jesus' announcement of grace to the outsider confronts us with the question: Are we getting into good trouble?

The people around Jesus' country needed the good news that Jesus offered. They needed to be invited into the reign of God that Jesus brought with him. They needed mercy, healing and justice, even if it meant disturbing the comfort of the people in a privileged position. Who around you needs mercy, healing and justice? Who needs someone to speak up for her, to stand up for him, to bring justice to them? Who loses out when everything just stays the way it is?

Answer those questions and then get into some good trouble.

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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.

Southern Ute Cultural Center: 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.

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

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

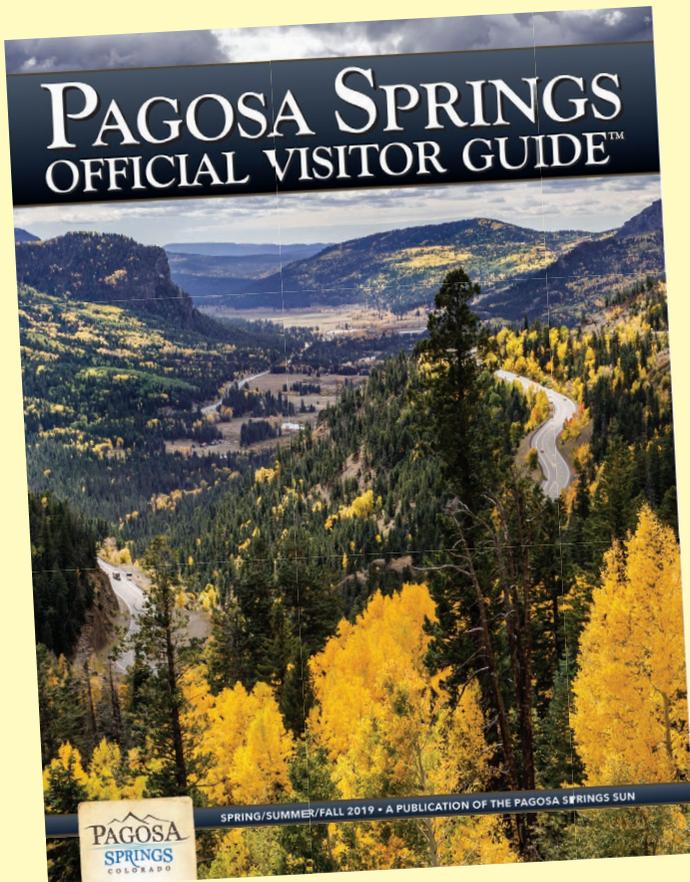
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PALS Adult Education. 2-7 p.m., Sisson Library. PALS can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

New Thought Center: 'Spiritual Journey to Egypt.' 6 p.m., New Thought Center, 3505 W. U.S. 160. Local author and astrologer Julie Loar will present a slideshow. For more information, email Pagosa-CommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 309-6067 or visit www.PagosaNewThought.org.

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
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ting. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Montezuma-Cortez High School.

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.

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'The Texas Homecoming Revolution of 1995.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Friday, Feb. 7

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

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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

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

Euchre Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

After the Bell. 2-3 p.m., Community Center. Ages 9-12. Come to the

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

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.

Moonrise Cross-Country Ski Social. Sunset, Cloman Park. For more information, email PagosaNordic@gmail.com.

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'The Texas Homecoming Revolution of 1995.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Saturday, Feb. 8

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

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 9:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. A tea party luncheon will follow the meeting. Everyone is welcome and may dress for the occasion.

Pagosa Pirates Boys' Varsity Wrestling. 10 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Centauri High School.

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.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Family Storytime: A Rose for You. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Roses are red and fun to make, so come and try. We will give you a few different takes. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'The Texas Homecoming Revolution of 1995.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Sunday, Feb. 9

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'The Texas Homecoming Revolution of 1995.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

High Country Squares Dances. 3-5 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Richard Berry calls both Mainstream and Plus. Visitors are always welcome. For information, contact Steve Keil at stevekeil128@gmail.com or 731-0044.

New Thought Center: 'Academy Award Gala.' 4:30 p.m., New Thought Center, 3505 W. U.S. 160. Academy Awards viewing.

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predictions, live music, silent auction and catered meal. For more information, email PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 309-6067 or visit www.PagosaNewThought.org.

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. 10

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

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network. 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call Beverly at 264-2064.

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

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

PALS Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equiva-

lency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Time for Tots. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Ages 2-3. This is a new program offering a great time for toddlers to socialize and participate in fun, hands-on activities. Parents or Guardians must be present and involved. We will have singing, music, reading, crafts and plenty of free play. The cost is \$20 for the class. Call 264-4151, ext. 232 or 233 for more information.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.
Bridge for Fun. 1 p.m., Senior Center.
Hand and Foot Card Game. 2 p.m., Senior Center.

Computer Class: Basic Excel. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Excel spreadsheets allow you to easily store, organize and modify data. Learn the basics of Excel (such as inserting text, basic formulas, Autofill and more) by creating a personal budget. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Sample Heart Screening Presentation. 2:15 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School. Ralph Maccarone will be conducting a presentation and sample ECG in advance of the Feb. 14 screenings available to 8th-graders.

Knitting Club. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th grade through adult. Bring your knitting, crochet or needlepoint projects and hang out with other crafters. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Housing Partners: HomeFund. 5:30-6:45 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lew-

is St. An education advisory and assistance nonprofit serving Archuleta County. This is a program that can help you get on track to fulfilling your dream of homeownership, offer ways to help keep your home or simply learn new budgeting skills. Visit pagosahousingpartners.org for more information.

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.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 11

37th Annual Beef Cattle Symposium. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84. To register, call 264-5931 or email robin.young@coloradostate.edu before Feb. 7. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch and materials.

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.

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Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Archuleta County Republican Women. Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. Amanda Sanders, the NRA-ILA grassroots field coordinator, will be discussing the 2020 elections.

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.

Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church library. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Vets for Vets at 507-3005 for more information.

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.

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join our book club. We will discuss Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo" by Zora Neale Hurston. Visit pagosalibrary.org/book-clubs or call 264-2209 for more information.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

English as a Second Language. 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

New Thought Center: Band Practice. 6:30 p.m., New Thought Center, 3505 W. Hwy. 160. We invite musicians and singers to join our band. For more information, email PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 309-6067 or visit www.PagosaNewThought.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Archuleta Nonprofit Coalition. Axis Health board room. The organization's goal is to meet monthly bringing expertise and discussion to help nonprofits collaborate and thrive in a community with limited resources.

For more information, contact Neil Umali at 264-4483.

37th Annual Beef Cattle Symposium, Financial Management Strategies. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84. To register, call 264-5931 or email robin.young@coloradostate.edu before Feb. 7. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch and materials.

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

Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children ages 3-5 years old. Includes Bible time, songs, crafts, games and more. For more information or to register, call Frank and Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

Family Storytime with Diann Tator. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Music and movement and ASL with Diann Tator. Diann helps us practice our American sign language and gets us up and moving with a fun-filled music and movement program. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

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

Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Our speaker will be

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Doug Coombs, who will speak on "Creating a signature for digital artwork." Coombs will show how to create a signature for your digitally produced photographs and artwork using Photoshop. For more information, visit <https://pagosaspring-photosclub.org/about/>.

Vinyl Night. 6 p.m., Riff Raff on the Rio, 356 E. Pagosa St. Bring your vinyl selections, or enjoy ours.

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

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. 13

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.

Mountain View Friends. 10 a.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. We will be hosting our version of "Antiques Roadshow." The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. You're invited to bring a treasure or two to share. Call Tozi Rubin at 731-3360 for more information.

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.

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

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

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

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

Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 6th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Broadband Forum. 6-7:30 p.m., Community Center. A forum to share information about current and future broadband projects slated for Archuleta County. Co-hosted by the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation and broadband services management office, the forum will inform the public about ongoing broadband efforts in the county in 2020 and beyond, as well as bring projects currently underway up to date. The forum will include a question-and-answer session.

New Thought Center: 'Open Heart Ceremony.' New Thought Center, 3505 W. U.S. 160. For more information, email PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 309-6067 or www.PagosaNewThought.org.

Friday, Feb. 14

23rd Annual Great Backyard Bird Count. You can make up your own rules for this bird count. You can be outdoors, wherever you choose, or you can sit inside looking out the windows. Go alone or with friends. Take note of observations.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Throws in
- 5 Rhombus or rectangle
- 10 Yellowstone, for one
- 14 Guitar part
- 15 December ditty
- 16 Medicinal herb
- 17 More than suggestive
- 18 Under construction
- 20 Washington Monument, e.g.
- 22 "The Thorn Birds" novelist McCullough
- 23 Telescope part
- 24 Tapping sound
- 25 Big club?
- 27 Shredded
- 29 Text alternative
- 32 Old what's-___-name
- 33 Built-out window
- 35 North Pole workers
- 37 Sparkle
- 39 Sub detector
- 41 Hot rock
- 42 Taxi ticker
- 44 Be silent, in music
- 46 URL ending
- 47 Humdinger
- 49 Clock part
- 50 Barley brew
- 51 Nonpoetic writing
- 53 Splinter group
- 55 Create a stir
- 58 Kids' racers
- 61 High spirits
- 63 Medical remedy
- 64 Desertlike
- 65 Ill-gotten gains
- 66 Prayer's end
- 67 Anagram for "user"
- 68 Floor it
- 69 Pundit's piece

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- 2 Cheerless
- 3 Slow down
- 4 Fashion sense
- 5 Tailor's tool
- 6 Ketcham of the comics
- 7 Fly ball's path
- 8 Four-legged friend
- 9 "Freaky Deaky" author Leonard
- 10 R.J. Reynolds brand
- 11 Direction at sea
- 12 Memorization method
- 13 Peachy follower
- 19 Feather in one's cap
- 21 Quite fond of
- 24 Like The Who's wasteland
- 25 "Excuse me..."
- 26 Paparazzi target
- 28 Barrel of laughs

- 30 Donald's first wife
- 31 Carpenter's device
- 34 Fancy edging
- 36 Fill to the gills
- 38 Ocean current
- 40 Thought out
- 43 Like the boondocks
- 45 Arduous journey
- 48 Bottom-line figures

- 52 Sting operation
- 54 Tree for chocolate
- 55 A bit cracked
- 56 Wise one
- 57 Sacred bird of the Nile
- 58 Former V.P.
- 59 Sloth's home
- 60 Sam Cooke song, "You ___ Me"
- 62 NHL surface

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to vision.

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Answers: Ivis

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tions and make sure you have a way to submit your data. For more information, contact Jean Zirnheld at jeanzirnheld@centurytel.net or call 731-2985.

Free Heart Screenings for 8th-Graders. Pagosa Springs Middle School. Who We Play For and Pagosa Springs Rotary Club will be conducting a free ECG Heart Screening for Pagosa Springs Middle School 8th-graders. The screenings will take place during physical education classes. For more information, contact Ralph Maccarone at 317-0371.

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

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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

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

CONNECT After-School Club. 1:45-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 1st-5th grade. Participants will engage in literature based science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.), learning activities and work up to an exhibition at the end of the session. Registration is required. Call 264-2209 for more information and to register.

Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Please check in at the front desk. Everyone will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a

free legal clinic via computer link for parties who have no attorney. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran's benefits and civil protection orders. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Anti-Valentine's Lock-in. 5-7 p.m., Sisson Library. For those ages 12-17. Call 264-2209 for more information, www.pagosalibrary.org.

Date Night at the Potter's Wheel. 5-7 p.m., Belvedere Arts Studio and Gallery, 2363 Eagle Drive. Call 731-1619 for details. The cost is \$125 per couple.

Pagosa Pirates Girls' Varsity Basketball. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Alamosa High School.

Aspire Presents Fly Me to the Moon. 6-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Valentine's Day Getaway Raffle/Party fundraiser for Aspire Medical Services and Education. Tickets are \$75 each and include delicious and unique food stations, desserts, a drink ticket, dancing and live music. As part of the evening fun, Aspire will also sell mystery boxes that contain a prize in each box. Each of the boxes contains the ultimate golden ticket where you get to choose one out of four paid trip selections. Mystery boxes are \$25 a box or five for \$100. For more information, visit <http://aspirepagosa.org/valentines-night-party> or contact Kristi Smith at development@aspirepagosa.org or call 264-5963.

Pagosa Pirates Boys' Varsity Basketball. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Alamosa High School.

Saturday, Feb. 15

23rd Annual Great Backyard Bird Count. You can make up your own rules for this bird count. You can be outdoors, wherever you choose, or you can sit inside looking out the windows. Go alone or with friends. Take note of observations and make sure you have a way to submit your data. For more information, contact Jean Zirnheld at jeanzirnheld@centurytel.net or call 731-2985.

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

Family Storytime: Circulatory Science. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. The heart is a fascinating organ that does a lot for your body. Come and learn about the circulatory system with some activities and experiments. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.

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Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

knees in the snow and ice to activate the front wheel part of your four-wheel drive system. All of this, you know, while you're prayin' that the next car that comes slippin' and slidin' down the highway doesn't crash into the rear part of your anatomy that doesn't even have a bumper guard. I guess the best part of that job was, you were already in a good position to pray.

I don't know how many times as I approached Wolf Creek Pass, a blinkin' red light pointed out a sign requirin' snow tires and/or chains. You could also have nail-like studs driven into the tread to increase traction.

The word studs reminds me of the years I worked at the truck stop that used to greet diesel-burnin' trucks on U.S. 160 east of town. There were some pretty tough studs drivin' those 16-wheelers. The trucker would pull up to the diesel pumps in his 16-wheeler,

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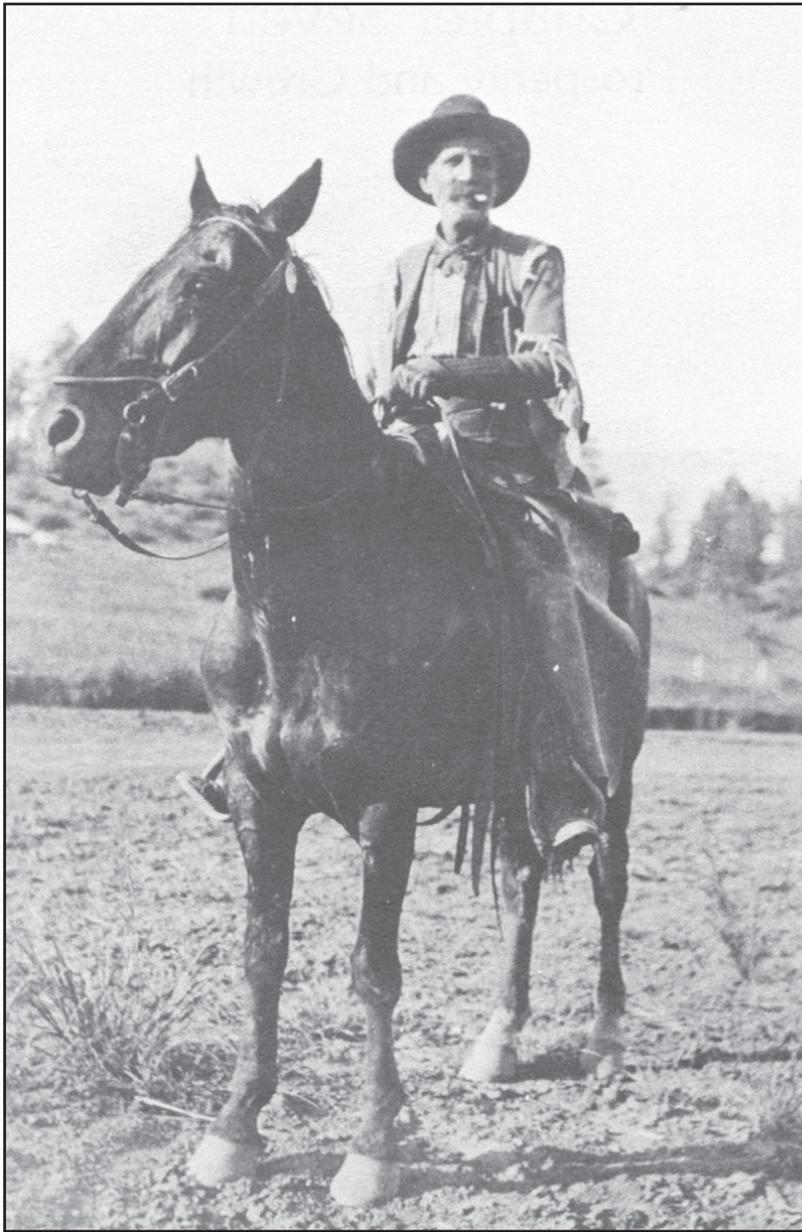


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One of my favorite pioneers was Henry Gordon. As a young man, Gordon fought in the War Between the States. He died in 1934 at the age of 101 in Pagosa Springs after spending the last years of his life ranching.

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Top 10 checkouts of all time at the New York Public Library

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Since the New York Public Library's founding in 1895, millions of books have been checked out by patrons of all ages. To honor the library's 125th anniversary, staff evaluated key factors to determine the most borrowed books ever. Here is their list:

1. "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats: 485,583 checkouts. In print since 1962, this beautifully illustrated story of a child enjoying the simple magic that snow brings to



his city is one of the library's most popular books every year.

2. "The Cat in the Hat" by Dr. Seuss: 469,650 checkouts. Instantly popular when it was first published in 1957, this book is a perennial first checkout for a youngster as

parents remember it fondly and want to read it to their children.

3. "1984" by George Orwell: 441,770 checkouts. This book has been a regular on high school reading lists since its publication in 1949. The recent popularity of dystopian fiction such as "The Hunger Games" increased interest in this classic of the genre.

4. "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak: 436,016 checkouts. Often praised for showing children how cope with their emotions, this award-winning book

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turn off his radio, growl "done been through a mess a snow, take care of 'er. I'm gettin' me a cup."

Take care of her meant fill the diesel tanks. On the average, the tank held from 200-300 gallons when full. While the tank was filling, I'd grab a 3-foot iron rod and thump the tires looking for flats. Low tires had to be filled and flat tires repaired. Repairing an iron-rimmed truck tire is serious work, especially outside in freez-

ing weather.

The truck stop was open 24 hours a day and that was a good thing. Town folks visited the truck stop evenings for a hamburger, shake and fries after going to a movie. I have an idea many a wedding proposal was made in a truck stop restaurant booth.

It was also a good place to down a bacon and eggs breakfast in the morning, and during lunch hour, you could catch up on the town's latest gossip. While work-

ing there, I got to know more than I should about almost everybody in town.

Best of all, for me the truck stop was a three-shift-a-weekend part-time job. My full-time job was typing and building ads at The Pagosa SUN for Glen Edmonds. That's where my local newspaper career started. The truck stop job bought me a decent car and helped me get out of debt. Not to mention I became a pretty good source of what was the latest news in town.

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To everyone who adopted an animal from our shelter, volunteered,
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Best Valentine's Wishes to all for a joyful and fulfilling 2020!



Library

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bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — this Saturday, Feb. 8, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club.

Computer class

Monday, Feb. 10, from 1-2 p.m. covers basic Excel spreadsheets. No registration is required.

Knitting Club for teens and adults

On Monday, Feb. 10, this free club meets from 4 to 5 p.m. for fourth-graders to adults. Bring your knitting, crochet or needle-point projects. If you don't know how to knit, come anyway and we'll get you started on some of the basics.

Ruby's Book Club

Our free book club for adults — now known as Ruby's Book Club — meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles.

On Feb. 11, we will discuss "Baracoon: The Story of the Last 'Black Cargo'" by Zora Neale Hurston. Stop by to pick up a copy. Light refreshments will be served. No registration is required.

Teen gaming

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

Teen role-playing

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

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.

Nonfiction

"Tracking the Wild Coombs" by Robert Cocuzzo is a biography of the legendary skier Doug Coombs. "Super Human" by Dave Asprey offers tools to help you age slowly with more energy and brainpower. "The Impossible First" is a memoir about his recovery from a tragic accident to his solo crossing of Antarctica by Colin O'Brady.

Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

"Hindsight" by Iris and Roy Johansen features an investigator with unique skills because she was blind for the first 20 years of her life. "Agency" by William Gibson, who firm coined the term cyberspace, is a sci-fi thriller heavily influenced by current events. "A Longer Fall" by Charlaine Harris is the second book in the Gunnie Rose series about life as an alternate U.S. "Mr. Nobody" by Catherine Steadman is a psychological thriller that begins when an unidentified man is found almost dead on a British beach. "Big Lies in a Small Town" by Diane Chamberlain features a mural in a small town that hides secrets. "House on Fire" by Joseph Finder features PI Nick Heller.

Other novels

"A Long Petal of the Sea" by Isabel Allende follows two young people as they flee the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War. "Dear Edward" by Ann Napolitano follows a 12-year-old sole survivor of a plane crash. "When We Were Vikings" by Andrew David MacDonald follows a 21-year-old unlikely heroine who is a Viking enthusiast.

Essays

"Erosion" by Terry Tempest Williams writes about the continuing assault on America's public lands and the erosion of our commitment to democracy, science, compassion and trust.

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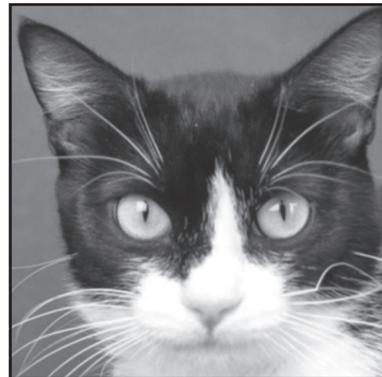
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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR part-time work? Mountain Pizza and Taproom is hiring part-time cooks and cashiers. Apply in person 175 Pagosa Street. Alyssa.

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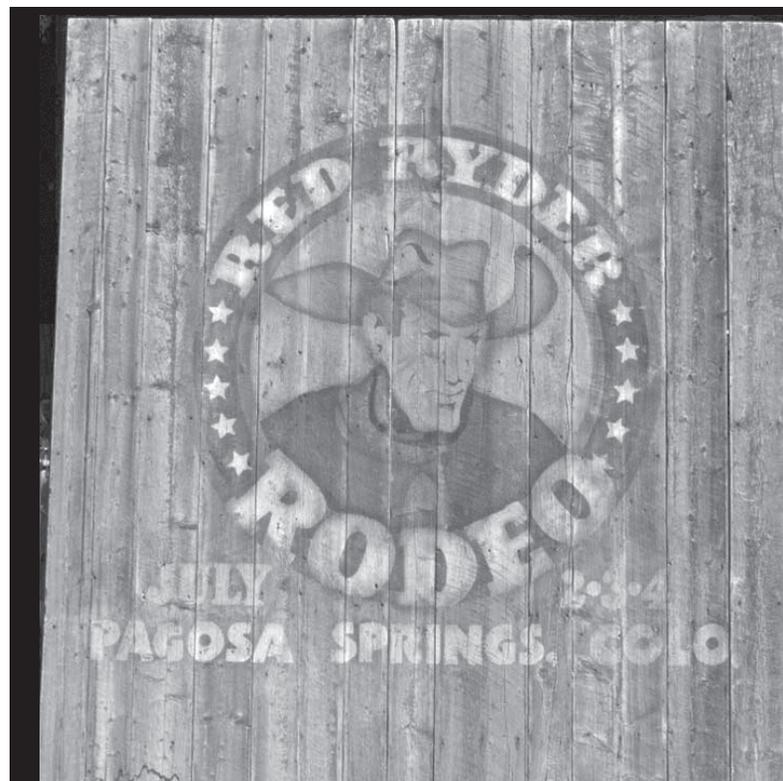
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New Thought topic: ‘Awakening Your Heart to New Spiritual Dimensions’

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

“The practice of being on a spiritual path is about surrendering to love as often as possible.” — Gabrielle Bernstein.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, Feb. 9, at 10:30 a.m. We will be acknowledging Heart Health Month with our presentation: “Awakening Your Heart to New Spiritual Dimensions.” Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure.

There will be no “Stories To Tell Us” on Sunday, Feb. 9, due to Oscar night events. See website: www.stories2tellus.com for information. Call 309-6067 for Oscar night ticket information.

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to our services, where we celebrate the Science of Mind and positive thinking.

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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, Feb. 6, 6 p.m.: Local author and astrologer Julie Loar will present a slide show: “Spiritual Journey to Egypt.”

Sunday, Feb. 9, 4:30 p.m.: “Academy Award Gala.” Academy Awards viewing, predictions, live music,

silent auction and catered meal.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.: Band practice. We invite musicians and singers to join in our band.

Thursday, Feb. 13: “Open Heart Ceremony.” Time to be determined.

Prosperity Class will begin soon. Please call NTC for information about these events.

About us

NTC is a New Thought center

based on fostering living a spiritually centered life and promoting the philosophies of the Centers for Spiritual Living and the Agape Centers. NTC honors all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the Divine.

We welcome local talent to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Have a hand in making a difference. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

NTC events are held at 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of the Best Western Lodge (elevator available).

Request a concentrated affirmative mind treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052; or calling (505) 604-5031. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought).

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week’s Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the ferruginous hawk.

These are hawks of open grasslands of the west. The largest of the buteo hawks, they have a wingspan of 53-60 inches and can be 20-26 inches long. The females can be twice as large as the males. The light color morph is by far the most commonly observed.

When seen in flight, these hawks have a white tail and belly and mostly white wings. When soaring or gliding, the wings will be held in a shallow dihedral. The legs are feathered all the way down to the feet, and when folded in flight, form a rust-colored V. The only other raptors with feathered legs are golden eagles and rough-legged hawks.

When perched, the back of these hawks appears mostly rusty brown. The rare dark morph still has the white, unbanded tail and white flight feathers that contrast with the dark wing linings, but it is rusty dark brown above and on the belly. There is quite a bit of marking variation between immature and adult ferruginous hawks.

When hunting, these hawks are able to hover and stoop (dive down) from great heights to catch their prey, mainly rodents and snakes. Ferruginous hawks are uncommon in Archuleta County, but have been seen in winter on Trujillo Road in areas of prairie dog activity.

The number of these magnificent hawks has been declining in past decades due to loss and fragmentation of grasslands resulting from agriculture and development.

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