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PAWSD discusses fluoride in water

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors briefly discussed fluoride in drinking water at its meeting on Feb. 13.

PAWSD stopped putting fluoride in the local water supply in 2005.

"The state has contacted us, and they would like to give us a presentation on the pros and cons of flourizing the water," PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey said. "We do not put fluoride in the water. I have no wish to put fluoride in the water. I told the state I'll be happy to sit through their little spiel."

Board members Glenn Walsh and Gordon McIver both noted that putting fluoride in drinking water is a contentious issue.

McIver explained when he was running for the PAWSD board, he received several "over the top" phone calls from people against putting fluoride in the water.

■ See Fouride A8

On to State!



Nine Pagosa Springs High School wrestlers set out for Denver Wednesday morning for the state wrestling tournament, which begins today and runs through Saturday. Pictured are, top row: Will Aucoin, Skyler Hill, Erik Wyman, Dylan Tressler and Brae Bergdolt. Bottom row: Cameron Lucero, E.J. Monterroso, Dustin Clark and Trevor Torrez.

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Dispatch board discusses long-term move

Center impacted by flooding

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The dispatch center is one step closer to being relocated.

Members of the Dispatch Executive Management Board have explained the current dispatch center is an inadequate facility due to lack of security, location and proximity to neighboring businesses that produce toxic fumes that waft into the facility.

Further complicating the facility issue for dispatch, on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 18, the dispatch center flooded, according to dispatch board chair Connie Cook.

"Water was pouring into the center," Cook said.

Cook explained that a failure stemming from a communal bath-

■ See Dispatch A8



Dr. Mitch Wilkinson poses with his two horses, Lucky and Blacky, at his home in Pagosa Springs. Wilkinson has traveled around the world in search of horse DNA to prove that certain breeds are genetically unique.

SUN photo/John Finefrock

D-N-Neigh

Searching for centuries-old horse DNA to save dwindling species

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Dr. Mitch Wilkinson is on the hunt for horse DNA in an attempt to save two species that have dwindling numbers: the Spanish colonial horse and the North American curly horse.

If Wilkinson can prove these horses are genetically unique, he may be able to reclassify them and help protect them.

Wilkinson's search has taken him around the world, from remote parts of Patagonia in Argentina to parts of Europe and Canada, all in the search for ancestral horse DNA to compare to modern horses.

The Curly Horse Project

Wilkinson is part of The Curly Horse Project, which seeks to unwind

■ See Curly A8



SUN photo/John Finefrock

Lucky, a North American curly horse, has a unique curly coat due to a genetic mutation.

Town considers new legal counsel

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

This evening's Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting is slated to include a discussion about the town's attorney services.

The discussion stems from last week's work session and special meeting in which the council and selected town staff members interviewed potential attorneys and firms.

In December 2019, council opted to put out a request for proposals

(RFP) for general legal services, which it last did about three years ago.

Council's attorney of 28 years, Bob Cole, of Collins Cockrel and Cole Law Firm, did not submit a proposal, leaving the town to find new legal representation.

The town received seven responses to its request, with the council opting to interview all of the interested attorneys and firms.

Those interviews took place on

■ See Counsel A8

Commissioners, court staff talk game plan for courthouse construction

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The county commissioners continue to move forward with constructing a new courthouse that is expected to cost between \$4.1 and \$4.9 million.

On Tuesday, at the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners' work session, Sixth Judicial District Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson and other court staff discussed the project with the county commissioners.

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 three county commissioners have expressed recently they want to move as fast as possible on getting construction started, citing they want to maximize grant funding opportunities and because of the state mandate for the county to have a courthouse.

Architect Brad Ash outlined the time frame of the project:

- Sketch plans for the courthouse are expected to be submitted to the Town of Pagosa Springs by March 24,

■ See Courthouse A8

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EDITORIAL

Students benefit when community gets involved

You never know what is going to fill up an editor's email box in any given week.

This week, we were pleased to find an email from Keith Bruno with an article written by his wife, Kelle, about Pagosa Peak Open School's Bird Festival.

With the help of school music teacher Perry Harper; the presence of a live peregrine falcon named Dooley, along with its handler, Pat Jackson, from the St. Francis Sanctuary and Wildlife Rehabilitation Center; assistance from Audubon Rockies bird enthusiast Keith Bruno; funding from Foundation for Archuleta County Education (FACE); and a fantastic turnout of parents and family members, the festival and study of birds was deemed a huge educational success.

Another notable email this week was from Principal Chris Hinger about Pagosa Springs Middle School's Science of Snow Day.

Last Friday, fifth-graders ventured to Mary Fisher Park and Reservoir Hill for a unique lesson in science.

Eric Deitemeyer, director of the Wolf Creek Ski Patrol, taught students about the signs and symptoms of avalanche activity, beacon location and tested the stability of the layers of snow.

Jordan McMahan and Mercedes Siegle-Gaither created an activity about predator/prey dynamics and winter adaptation that allow creatures to survive in our mountains.

Keith Bruno taught students how to measure the snow water equivalent, identify layers and interpret the "history" of the snowpack, and more.

Herb Grover led a hands-on learning station about tree aging, identification, forest structure and forest health.

Volunteers from the Weminuche Audubon Society took students on the Great Backyard Bird Count, where students identified bird data for a global-wide bird census.

What valuable lessons for youth growing up in our mountain community. We wish we had had leaders such as science teacher Chris Couch and Audubon volunteer and event coordinator Keith Bruno back when we were in fifth grade.

Last month, Ursula Hudson emailed an article about munchkins making meatballs at Seeds of Learning.

Culinary chef, native Pagosan and mother Nikki Macomber gave Seeds children a cooking lesson on how to make authentic meatballs using a recipe straight from Italy.

On a regular basis, parents and community members share their expertise in unique lessons from art and music projects to science and naturalism. Seeds children are exposed to experiences that spark inquiry and broaden perspectives.

One of our favorite articles recently was submitted by Pat Hasenbuhler regarding the donation of \$1,000 by the San Juan Stargazers Astronomy Club for the StarLab fund.

Teachers Debbie Moore and Anita Hinger have been working for over a year to raise \$49,000 toward the purchase of a mobile planetarium with a 360-degree spherical projection to point out objects in the night sky.

The StarLab planetarium will offer an interactive experience, bringing astronomy and STEM curriculum to the students in our community.

These dedicated teachers, along with other volunteers, have worked for over a year to raise 50 percent of the \$49,000 to purchase the StarLab through grants and private donations.

You can help by bringing your donation to either Pagosa Springs Middle School or Pagosa Springs Elementary School, or mail a donation to the Archuleta School District designating the donation for the StarLab fund at P.O. Box 1498, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Also supporting the StarLab is the Scholastic Book Fair coming to Pagosa Springs Elementary School March 2-13. The theme is Wish Upon a Star-Lab Book Fair! The proceeds from the book fair will contribute to the fund-raising efforts.

Parent volunteer Lisa Scott submitted an article this week about the book fair and the The Stars of Fine Arts Family Night, which will be held March 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. The Partners In Education Committee will organize the activities for the evening and will also provide a delicious, nutritious and fun homemade dinner. Additionally, artwork created by students of all grades will be on display and many items will be available for bidding in a silent auction.

We have plenty of reasons to celebrate the students, staff and volunteers at our local educational institutions.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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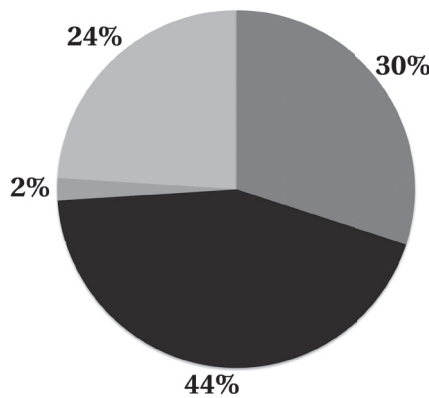
Where are your favorite potholes?

Poll results (83 votes)

- Downtown — 30 percent
- Pagosa Lakes — 44 percent
- Aspen Springs — 2 percent
- Other — 24 percent

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LOOKING BACK



From the Dec. 4, 1980, Pagosa Springs SUN. CONTEST WINNERS — The three winners in a recent poster contest in the mid-school, which was sponsored by the San Juan Soil Conservation District, are, left to right: Danny Wirth, third; Karen Shive, first place; and Rachele Jacobson, second place. The posters were submitted to the state contest and Rachele's poster placed fourth in the state contest. Mrs. Susie Madrid, the school sponsor, said that about 20 sixth graders participated in the contest and that many fine posters were entered, making for difficult judging.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 20, 1920

Mrs. R.E. Shiles, manager of the new hotel to be opened shortly in the Sullenberger building, has appropriately named her new establishment, "The Metropolitan Hotel." The hotel furniture will be shipped from Denver this week, the bedding having already arrived.

School will re-open Monday, February 23, provided the furnace repairs are completed, otherwise as soon as possible. Listen for the bell.

It is thought the Stockmens & Merchants new bank building will be completed within a month.

Joe Martinez has been confined to his home with the "flu" for several days.

Charles Day and wife, of the Journal, are able to be up after a severe tussle with the flu.

Clarence Potter, who has been flirting with the "flu" for several days, is now on the mend.

"Doug" Garvin has hied him to the hills again. He says they have a strong antidote for the "flu" at Silverton, and he intends to partake.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 23, 1945

The posies this week to Geo. Young Sr., who celebrated his 81st birthday anniversary on Valentine Day, February 14th and to J.B. Joy who celebrated his 80th birthday anniversary on February 16th. Both of these gentlemen are hale and hearty with a pleasant outlook on life. May they both have many happy returns of their natal day.

The local Selective Service Board, consisting of John Stevens, J.B. Hersch and Joe Belarde, tendered a letter of resignation to state headquarters last week. It is understood the resignations were made with the hope of bringing about clarification of various rulings and of the Tydings amendment. The resignations had not been accepted as of Thursday morning of this week.

The elk have played havoc with West Carlin's hay this winter. Mr. Carlin placed flares around the stacks last week, and for 24 hours, he thought he had the elk out-witted. But they soon returned and brought all their relatives — and now they leap right over the flames.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 19, 1970

Several meetings have been held in recent weeks by a group of citizens interested in forming a land use study and planning committee for the town and county. The most recent was held last Wednesday at which time the group agreed to organize and name officers. Glen Edmonds was elected chairman and Mrs. Eldon Gibson was elected secretary. Members of the committee are: Jim Frahm, Jim Watkins, W.H. Diestelkamp, Farris Breedlove, Lillian Gibson, Glen Edmonds, Bill Lynn, Harold Schutz, Bill Seielstad, Ron Shaw, Ray Macht, Jack Peterson, Bert Hyde, J.C. Wood, Bob Curvey, General Gordon Saville, James Larsen, Dr. Martin Miser, Mary Cloman, Dodo Gale, Herb Browning, John Trilisch, Carl Edwards, and Arch Toner. The organization has as its purpose a study of the resources and facilities of the county, desires of the residents for future planning and development, and suggested plans for achieving the goals desired. Each member is familiar with some particular phase of the present county establishments, businesses, and organizations.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of February 23, 1995

Coach Bunk Preuit made official Monday a decision he reached during the Christmas break when he announced he will not return as head coach of the Pirate program. With his resignation, Preuit ends a career as a high school basketball coach that spans more than 20 years. Preuit is a graduate of Pagosa Springs High School; he played basketball for the Pirates, participating in one state tournament with a Pagosa Team. He went on to play basketball at Fort Lewis College in Durango. He began his high school coaching career in 1967 as an assistant coach at Farmington (N.M.) High School, where he worked for five seasons. In 1978, Preuit returned to teach and coach at his high school alma mater. Preuit will not leave the faculty. Teaching will continue to be top priority for Preuit, a history instructor at the school. "I love the classroom," he said, "and I'll keep teaching until I retire."

WHY DOES DREARY OL' WINTER LAST SO LONG?

Letters



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'Words have meaning'

Dear Editor:
One of the things that those on the political left of this nation really dislike is being stuck with a Constitution that carries its own meaning in the words with which it is written. The left prefers a "Constitution" that is a "living document" and flexible in its meaning rather than accept the meaning the text of the Constitution itself conveys. The left likes Supreme Court justices that believe that the meaning of the Constitutional text should change with the times and mean whatever they think it should mean in order to make the text of the Constitution conform to whatever prevailing cultural views are normative at the time.

This errant view is bolstered at the university level when left-ist professors teach that no text of any kind can be understood as it's authors intended it. For them, this goes for the U.S. Constitution as well as the Holy Bible. They believe and teach that since the original intent of any text cannot be adequately understood, then the reader is free to understand the text in anyway he chooses. This view of textual criticism, known as Critical Theory, finds its roots in the Marxist Frankfurt School of Sociology in Germany in the 1930's, and has been fully embraced in virtually every university in our nation. It's goal is to destroy any notion of anything being absolutely true and to establish a society in which morality is whatever we decide it is.

How is this applied? For example, terms in the U.S. Constitution like "high crimes and misdemeanors" can't really mean actual crimes, but can mean anything the left thinks it should mean. It means that in order to understand the clear legal terms employed in the Constitution you have to ask others like the liberal Atlantic or Newsweek, or Time Magazine what they mean and to accept their subjective meanings as though they were absolutely true.

I have a news bulletin for the left: Words have meaning, and the meaning can be understood. Of course, the political left in this nation does not want to hear that simple truth. So, it simply can't be allowed to stand when nominees to the Supreme Court promise to make their judgments based on the text of the Constitution "as written". They'll resort to any action to include the personal destruction of such nominated individuals

as occurred in both the Clarence Thomas and Brett Kavanaugh hearings without even a second thought. If a President is elected who believes that the Constitution is meant to be interpreted using the actual words of the Constitutional text, then any action to destroy the man is justified. For the left, the end justifies the means. Truth cannot be permitted to be understood as actual truth.

I would encourage you to use the ballot mailed to you this week to elect candidates for every office who understand that words have meaning, and the meaning can be understood.

Richard Bolland

'Railroaded by the Dems'

Dear Editor:
My articles of impeachment:
1. Thinking about running for President: thought crime.
2. Running for President: abuse of power.
3. Winning an election.
4. Being inaugurated.
5. Doing the job of acting like a real President for the people instead of using the machinery of government for taking more rights and resources from the people as was the standard of Obama and is the standard process of Pelosi, Schiff, Waters, Nadler, and Schumer: a true old time lynch mob in fascistic communist clothing.

6. Exposing the truly corrupt: CNN should play both the Biden and Bolton audios 10,000 times before the election to justify its FCC license.
7. For being the real whistleblower.
8. For attempting to restore the citizens' rights: third world judges notwithstanding.

9. For donating his pay to charity: representing himself only.
Since Schiff's articles were manufactured and his witnesses were deficient and defective he expected the Senate to bail him out. The American people have been impeached and railroaded by the Dems.

Sincerely,
John Feazel

Firearms issues

Dear Editor:
I picked up a copy of the Denver Post last Saturday — don't worry, Terri, I'm sticking with the Sun — and read a story about the increasing level of murders of teenagers by teenagers in the Denver area. The same story is true in other places. Where do teenagers get guns? Probably on the street illegally but some come from their homes where firearms are not kept properly and children are not taught safety practices related to firearms. When our kids see the "villain" blasted on video games and the get up and fight again, what are they supposed to think?

If you have a firearm and you don't know how to keep it safe, call the police or sheriff's department and ask for help. Don't pick it up, just leave it where it is and make that call. You are not committing a crime by having a legal firearm. In general, illegal firearms are machine guns unless you have a permit and rifles and shotguns with short barrels, less than 16" for rifles and 18" for shotguns — overall length must be 26" or longer. There are so many safety devices for firearms, many of which are relatively inexpensive, and people willing to assist you, that there is really no excuse for a firearm "accidentally" discharging. Some of the best training for firearm safety is the training for a concealed handgun permit. You don't have to get the permit or buy a firearm, just learn the safety rules.

More about firearms. When Britain was being bombed by the Germans in World War II and there was concern about an invasion of German soldiers, the Home Guard was formed. Many were World War I veterans. There were not sufficient firearms for the Home Guard. Many Americans sent their firearms to England. No charge; most were not returned. No one expected them to

be returned. Americans were happy to help.

There is no easy answer to firearms issues. I am not opposed to a background check for any firearm purchase I may make. Beyond that, I will leave the rest of that subject for another day.

Sincerely,
William L. Hubbard

Humanities crossroads

Dear Editor:
2019 produced two noteworthy items of massively huge proportions; one being a true boon for humanity, the other it's diametric opposite. Humanity is at a very unique junction.

First, the bane of society: the wireless 5-G energy system is a grand example of 'smart, but not wise' for it seriously depletes our bodies natural bio-electric life force energy. It produces a huge increase in microwave radiation, eventually, everywhere and continually. The issue being it's extremely short wavelengths. This negatively impacts all life. Eventually, these radiations will have an irreversible affect on our bodies with disruption of the autonomic nervous system (particularly the Vagus), circulatory, digestive and immune systems, plus a chronic low grade depression and sluggish mental state. (reference: Dr. Gabriel Cusens - M.D.-M.D.(H), D.D.)

Documents of protest have already been signed by 4,800, scientists, 2,800 medical doctors, 2,000 environmental organizations, 770 beekeepers, plus 200,000 others. This worldwide appeal calls to the world governments, United Nations, World Health Organization, European Union etc. to stop deployment of millions of 5-G antennas on Earth and 50000 satellites. The 5-G industry says it's O.K. For some strange reason I'm reminded of cigarette ads and commercials of the 1950's which claimed that cigarettes are good for you.

So, please dear neighbor do your own research and feel into it. As a concerned planetary citizen and as a moral obligation, this material is presented for your evaluation and education. There are many fine people working in this industry. No judgement for they may not be

aware of the particulars of the 5-G energies, plus they feel they are truly helping their communities. The 'big-rub' is that most people simply want to be hooked up to their various 'magic' devices. Totally understandable, however, we need to harmonize the needs of humanity with the laws of nature.

Speaking of the laws of nature, humanities boon finally presented itself when on 6/28/2019 Salvatore Cesar Pais filled a patent for an anti-gravity flying black triangle craft (TR-3B) on behalf of the U.S. Navy. It's interesting to note that Salvatore means savior and Pais means country or nation. In August of 2019 the U.S. Navy declared an anti-gravity hybrid air and underwater craft (HAUC) is an operable, fully functioning device. On 9/16/2019 the U.S. military announced that U.F.O.'s exist (Wow, for decades I thought it was the effects of Michigan swamp gas we were all seeing) On 9/26/2019 the U.S. Navy published a patent for a "free energy" compact fusion reactor which can generate a trillion watts for a thousand watt input. Add on a room temperature super conductor and you have a very busy summer for Salvatore and the Navy. (reference David Wilcock). Of course it may take awhile to see into our daily life, however, this is a monumental public first step.

Non-polluting energy systems utilizing nature's brilliance for our world - what a concept. This can occur when humans comprehend feelingly the way nature works.

Jai Joseph Klarl

Bullies For Trump

Dear Editor:
Two kindergartners in Utah told a Latino boy that President Trump would send him back to Mexico, and teenagers in Maine sneered "Ban Muslims" at a classmate wearing a hijab. In Tennessee, a group of middle-schoolers linked arms, imitating the president's proposed border wall as they refused to let non-white students pass. In Ohio, another group of middle schoolers surrounded a mixed-race sixth-grader and, as she confided to her mother, told the girl, "This is Trump Country." From the Wash-
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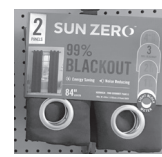


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Trump's words, mindlessly chanted by his followers at campaign rallies, have been wielded by students and school staff members to harass school children across the country. Will we say "hats-off" to the bullying? Or will we take the dumb hats off long enough to pay serious attention to what the rally rhetoric is saying to our kids?
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Here's why we should be concerned. Naming an "enemy" was Hitler's first political step. Calling the press "the enemy of the people" was step two. Holding incendiary, hate-laced rallies was step three. And, sadly, organizing youth groups called die Hitlerjugend to promote his racist agenda was one of the steps as well.

Let's reclaim the goodness and decency of America before the evil that overtook Nazi Germany takes hold here. It could happen. Just look at what's going on in some of our schools.

Sincerely,
K. Muth

'What is time or love to you?'

Dear Editor:
What is the length of a human life? One hundred years ago, the average span was 45 years. Today, in the Year of Our Lord 2020, it's nearly double that. To a baby a few minutes old, 85 years is an enormous span of time, incomprehensible to the little one.

To this earth 85 years go by like a speck of dust in a hurricane.

To the Universe, with no beginning or end, there is no time. And yet all time is a mantel wrapped around it's shoulders.

So what is time to each of us this very day? Here. Now. Where we live. When we live. It's a space where we get up, wake our children, get them and ourselves ready to dash out the door, make the bus, or get to work — on time. And run like the dickens until all are safely back in bed.

With all that perspective in view, time may seem like a frenzied blob of gobbledy goop.

Today, what does time mean to me? I'm 64 and 1/2 years old. I married at the age of 20. Sandy was 19. We were married for 41 years and had two precious children. One was killed, one remains. Sandy died in 2016 after struggling for 14 years with breast cancer. I'm not at all sure what time is. I guess it's relative.

What did "time" mean to the survivors of Hitler's Auschwitz, let alone for those who died?

Twenty years from now what will time mean to us who survive this "Age of Trump"? What will life be like then, for us, our children, maybe our grandchildren? In the swirl of us v's them, right v's wrong, good v's bad, or Republican v's

Democrat, why should we hate and fight when Love is what really matters most?

We are born. We will die. In between we do stuff. I've been through some tough times, maybe you have too. I intend to learn to love more through those unbearable times, through all my times, while on this Earth. I think that's the meaning of life.

I think learning to love, with gratitude and acceptance of others, is what our time on earth is for. I've not always gotten it right. I don't get it all right now. I will not always get it right in the future. I'm just a student giving life my best shot (at least on the good days), and learning as I go.

Understand, Its not all gloom for me. Because of my hard times, I laugh more often than ever. I couldn't survive without humor. It's one of my greatest treasures.

How about you? What is time or love to you? Even if we've never met, we're part of each other. We share the same air, the same Earth, this same time. Let's be generous with our love — and our time.

My love to you (as often as I can manage),
Mitch Nielsen

Crisis, no crisis

Dear Editor:
The main stream press and our "climate scientists" have been hyping global warming/climate change (and now, climate crisis and even climate catastrophe) for the last thirty years, as another disaster for which mankind is responsible. It has not happened, because it is just nonsense dreamed up by college professors. They do this periodically to obtain money from the Federal Government and Industry to fund their graduate programs, a good cause, and crisis sells, but this one got out of control. Poor old carbon dioxide, needed by plants, and ultimately us, is the evil.

The hue and cry is that carbon dioxide has increased by 40% since the 1850s, called the pre-industrial level. However, the total, including the 40%, is still only 0.04% of the gasses in our atmosphere, something to watch but hardly a crisis. Also, it should be noted that the pre industrial level was the lowest in the last 500 million years. Indeed, the late Carboniferous period ice age began with carbon dioxide at 3 times current levels. So I think it is time for a new crisis ... any ideas? How about arsenic, at least we don't need that for our sustenance.

My neighbor was cleaning out old magazines and showed me a copy of National Geographic, dated February, 1990. There is an article about "acid rain", remember that one. It says; "... Lake Huron's Georgian Bay and Muskoka Lake. All that water and much of it is sick from acid rain. More than 14000 Canadian lakes are nearly fishless". Well, there must have been a miraculous comeback, because there are hundreds of Fish Camps in that area currently.

Richard Riethmiller

Dead horse

Dear Editor:
OK, I'm tired of the regurgitation of material concerning the attempted impeachment of President Trump. Let's move on, it's over and President Trump was acquitted, found not guilty, no matter what the charges were. Any return to it will be considered Double Jeopardy. Is this going to turn into another volley of the type of protests that followed President Trump's election to office? One has to wonder if our law makers actually learned that this kind of activity doesn't work when the the party of the seated President controls the Senate, the ultimate decider of guilt. Didn't this country's law makers learned a lesson from the attempted impeachment of Ex-President Clinton, who, by the way, was obviously guilty of a felony. That action didn't go through because the Democrats controlled the Senate. Why did the Democrats this time think that the same process would work with a Republican President with a Republican controlled Senate. With this kind of action one has to wonder who paid for the process? Is there a way that we can sue the Democratic party for what it cost the tax payers, when it was obvious from the start that it would fail? Is the attempt of the Democratic party to smear President Trump any different than what they accused him of doing against ex-Vice President Biden? Give it a break, let's get on with the next election. If you don't think President Trump is doing a good job then vote him out of office, and put someone else in.

I'm tired of the on and on discussion on something that just can't be changed outside of the election.

Doug Roberts

Read the Constitution

Dear Editor:
I must say, I get a real laugh out of people who denounce the "propaganda of the right" while mindlessly engaging in the propaganda of the left. A recent example concerns the ludicrous claim that you do not need a crime to impeach.

Rather than go through the noise of right vs left, what do you say we go to the source? I know, that's not fair to the anti-constitution crowd but it is the only honest way to find the truth.

Article Two, Section Four of our founding document says:

"The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors."

Pretty plain and straightforward. Treason, bribery, high crimes, misdemeanors. All are crimes.

It does not add "I don't like your language" as a reason to impeach. Or "Our candidates suck so we

need to take you out" or "wrong party" or "because we feel like it" or "You had no business winning the election we tried to rig!"

To claim you don't need a crime is to ignore and abandon the plain text and meaning of the Constitution. Of course, many see the Constitution as an obstruction to their utopian dreams. So ignore and abandon is high on their list. Be that as it may, if you want to know the truth, read the Constitution. It says what it means and means what it says.

Barry Smith

Every voter is responsible

Dear Editor:
It is time, over the coming months, to take our "politics" seriously, to listen to those whose lives are spent keeping us safe. Every voter in this country is responsible for the government we have. It saddens me to hear some say, "I'm not into politics". Yes, sometimes it is boring, sometimes it is ugly, but it is the system that governs our democracy and "politics" is a responsibility of all. Due to the increased influence of "bad" money, our democracy is being challenged from within, such as I have never seen in my long life-time. Money can be either good or bad, depending on how it is used. "One nation under God" requires all to live with integrity, which appears to have gone by the wayside. What a shame? What is happening to our young generation when they see folks living immoral lives held in high esteem and even rewarded, simply because money matters more than morality? Let's consider once again these heart-felt words of wisdom, written by a local soldier just before he lost his life in Iraq:

"I'm an American citizen and it's the American Army and Marine Corps in Iraq getting shot at. I want to make sure that my government does things right —morally right, legally right, and acts in ways that are not detrimental to the long-term good of the United States. If through ignorance or apathy, we do something stupid, we all pay the price because we agree to the system by accepting its benefits. The things my government does or fails to do can get me killed and because I am the government, it will always be in part my fault, And yours. And everyone else's too".

Let's end our tribal ways. We are not Afghanistan. We are Americans, which gives us the freedom to think for ourselves and to vote our conscience. Let's accept our "duty to country" as we thoughtfully consider our leaders for the coming years. I ask the question of all: Does the patriotism, integrity and personal values of those we elect pay honor to those who have sacrificed everything in defense of our government's decisions?

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San Juan River Village Metro District seeking board members

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Following several special districts requesting nominations for director positions last week, the San Juan River Village Metro District has announced it is also looking for directors to serve on its board.

The district is looking for three directors to serve three-year terms and two directors to serve two-year terms following an election on May 5.

Eligible electors of the San Juan River Village Metro District who are

also interested in serving on the board can get a Self-Nomination and Acceptance (SNA) form from the district's designated election official (DEO), Cynthia Purcell, at P.O. Box 551, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or 946-8385.

If the DEO determines that an electors' SNA form is not sufficient, the elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to Feb. 28.

The deadline to submit an SNA is by the close of business on Feb. 28.

Early submittal is encouraged as the deadline will not permit curing

an insufficient form.

Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the DEO by the close of business on March 2.

An application for a mail-in ballot shall be filed with the DEO no later than the close of business on May 1, except that, if the applicant wishes to receive the mail-in ballot by mail, the application shall be filed no later than the close of business on April 28.

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Town takes step forward with Yamaguchi South planning

By **Randi Pierce and John Finefrock**
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs is looking at creating a master plan for the property that formerly housed its sewer lagoons.

The property, known as Yamaguchi South, is located on South 5th Street and sits adjacent to Yamaguchi Park.

The Pagosa Springs Town Council discussed the topic at its meetings on Jan. 23 and Feb. 4 in considering a request for proposal (RFP) for design and engineering consultants.

The town is looking to create a master plan for about 21 acres of the 26.5-acre site, which reserves about five acres near the town's pump station and wet well for the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSSGID), according to agenda documentation used at the meetings.

The town received a \$25,000 Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Planning Grant for the project, which is anticipated to cost about \$75,000 and is included in the town's 2020 budget.

At the town council meeting on Jan. 23, some members of the council expressed concern that the RFP was using 21 acres at Yamaguchi South entirely for parks.

"I guess the RFP is a little concerning to me in that it's so park centric," said council member David Schanzenbaker. "That's 21 acres of land there ... Are we prepared to add 21 acres of parks to our maintenance schedule?"

Schanzenbaker explained that the council needs to stay "wide open" on this project, and he encouraged other council members to "keep the vision a little broader."

Council members Tracy Bunning and Nicole DeMarco and Mayor Don Volger also expressed support for "softening" the language on the RFP to allow the 21 acres to be used for other things than just parks.

"I think in an open space that parks are important and we're definitely going to need more as we grow," Bunning said, "but I'm not totally convinced the highest and best use of that acreage is just for parks."

"I'd say the highest and best use of that property is what the community most desires," said council member Mat deGraaf, echoing a point made by DeMarco that she'd like to get more community input on the project.

Phillips summarized the direction town council had given town staff.

"I think what we're hearing is you'd like us to broaden the language of the RFP and also I will confirm with DOLA that a change

of scope is permitted under the agreement that we have, we have already accepted the grant but I will see if I can change that. I don't think there will be a problem with it," she said.

Staff then brought the RFP back for council to again consider on Feb. 4, with Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis indicating that staff had made the changes to make the RFP more open-ended.

Bunning, however, stated that he felt the RFP needed more work if the town desires anything other than parks, recreation and open space.

Phillips asked Bunning to identify where the RFP indicates that, with Bunning noting references to parks and open space, that the proposals are set to be submitted to Lewis and "the whole tone."

Phillips suggested that the section of the draft RFP that outlines previous survey results on potential uses of the property could be taken out, and proposals could be submitted to Phillips instead of Lewis.

deGraaf noted he didn't have the same feeling from the RFP that Bunning did, and Matt DeGuise noted that he hopes any firm hired by the town would use public meetings to decide the direction instead of coming in with an agenda.

Volger noted he also didn't have a problem with it and noted he is looking forward to the public pro-

cess and idea.

The council ultimately voted 5-0 to approve the RFP with the changes discussed.

In other business at its Feb. 4 meeting, the council:

- Voted to pay back the PSSGID \$22,750 in sewer capital investment fees waived for the Rose Mountain Townhome project.

- The project is a 34-unit multi-family, low-income housing project located along Hot Springs Boulevard that is slated to begin being built this spring.

- Approved Ordinance 925 upon second reading, designating 444 Lewis St. as the town's 16th local historic landmark.

- Approved the second reading of Ordinance 928 upon second reading, vacating a portion of the 5th Street right of way adjacent to 703 S. 5th St. to accommodate the new town shop being built at the site.

- Approved Ordinance 928 upon second reading, adopting a municipal investment policy.

- Approved, while sitting as the PSSGID board, the purchase of odor control equipment for two pump stations along the PSSGID's pipeline to the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District campus.

The purchase cost of the air scrubbers and aerators will be \$156,086 plus freight.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Feb. 20

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

Friday, Feb. 21

Los Pinos Fire Protection District community meeting regarding upcoming mill levy election. 7 p.m., Mt. Allison Grange, 2622 County Road 329.

Monday, Feb. 24

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners lunch and meeting with Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council. 11 a.m. (includes travel time), tribal administration building, 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County ad-

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

Joint town/county work session. Noon, Boss Hogg's, 157 Navajo Trail Drive.

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

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

Wednesday, Feb. 26

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

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District and San Juan Water Conservancy District joint work session. 2 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

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

Thursday, Feb. 27

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

Monday, March 2

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.

Tuesday, March 3

Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Wednesday, March 4

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

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

Region 9 welcomes new board members and officers

By **Stephani Burditt**
Special to The SUN

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado (Region 9) has announced new officers for 2020.

William Tookey, San Juan County administrator, was elected to his third year as chair; Todd Starr, Archuleta County at-large member, was elected vice chair; Dan Fernandez, Dolores at-large member, was elected secretary; and Colleen O'Brien, La Plata at-large, was elected treasurer.

Several new board members were also approved at the January board meeting. New board members include: Ken Charles, town of Dolores; Ben Burkett, city of Cortez; and Colleen O'Brien, La Plata at-large.

The new members join the Region 9 Board, which is comprised of 26 members — 17 representatives from the local governmental jurisdictions and nine members from the private sector. The Region 9 Board meets quarterly. For more information, please call 247-9621 or go to www.scan.org.

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Outdoors



Elk population addressed at public meeting

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a public meeting on Feb. 6, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) representatives gave a presentation to interested citizens on herd management plans, as well as the various issues facing elk populations.

CPW Area Wildlife Manager Matt Thorpe described a herd management plan as something that creates objectives and guides management of a population over a 10-year period.

"It sets up those objectives. What are the targets are we going to try and manage towards?" Thorpe said.

The herd management plans try to balance the biological carrying capacity of the land as well as social desires, Thorpe noted.

Another goal of the herd management plan is to identify any issues or strategies to meet objectives, Thorpe explained, adding that the herds are based on data analysis units.

Those units are broken up into three smaller units, Thorpe explained. One unit is E-24, which encompasses Utah, Cortez and Dolores. The other is E-30, which consists of Hermosa and the Animas River.

The final unit, E-31, is from Durango to Wolf Creek, Thorpe explained.

"The way we design these units is basically all of the life stages of the elk, they can do it all in that one spot," he said. "There's actually three different herd management plans that we're working on simultaneously."

Currently, CPW is working on its herd management plan, and part of that process involves coming up with new objectives, CPW Terrestrial Biologist Brad Weinmeister explained.

Part of the process is also taking comments from paper surveys at meetings and online surveys, he explained.

Once those comments are collected, a draft plan will be created and available for review in April or May, he explained.

A final draft plan will then be submitted to the CPW Commission in July.

Elk populations and issues

Weinmeister described the early 2000s as the "good days of hunting."

"We had peak numbers of elk. Our populations were above objective," he said.

At that time, there were more either-sex licenses and late cow seasons, he explained, adding that this was to lower the population.

Since then, late cow seasons have gone away, cow licenses have decreased and either-sex licenses have changed to bull licenses, he noted.

"We've been doing this for the past nine years and the population hasn't responded like we had planned. It's still not rebounding as well as it could or should," he added later.

Some of the issues that the elk populations are facing include things such as predation, loss of habitat and calf numbers, Weinmeister explained.

In regard to predation, black bears were specifically noted as a threat to the elk population, according to Thorpe.

"I would say anything with teeth and claws is going to have an impact with animals," he said. "Some of the studies show that, especially those first two weeks, those calves are particularly susceptible to predation."

Healthy populations do not see

much of an impact in regard to predation, Thorpe explained; however, populations with low numbers see that effect more.

"At some point you've reached critical mass where you have so few animals where really every cow matters or the calf matters," he said.

Thorpe explained that, in an effort to mitigate the black bear threat, bear licenses are available to most anyone who wants to purchase one.

Another predator to elk populations is the mountain lion, Thorpe noted.

"Those relationships between predator and prey are complex," he said. "There are no easy answers."

The development and loss of habitat for elk is also an issue, both direct and indirect loss specifically, Thorpe added later.

Elk are forced to leave an optimal habitat to areas with poorer forage, Thorpe explained.

Additionally, elk have increased activity levels and have less time to feed and rest with the loss of habitat.

This leads to decrease in body condition and the health, survival and reproductive success of the animal, Thorpe explained.

According to Weinmeister, Colorado is the seventh fastest-growing state in the nation, and Archuleta County leads all other local counties in a five-year growth rate with 14 percent, leading to more potential exurban development.

Other factors

Outdoor recreation also plays a role in elk population, with 70 percent of Coloradans participating, Weinmeister explained.

There are approximately 39,000 miles of trails in Colorado; that is expected to increase by about 10 percent over the next six years, he

added.

"Something to keep in mind from the studies is that elk do not become habituated to hikers, bikers or OHV [off-highway vehicle] use," he said.

Energy development across the state can also affect elk populations, Weinmeister noted.

"Each well pad is about 3.5 acres of direct habitat loss," he said. "You throw in some roads and increased traffic and stuff and you get some of that indirect loss."

Invasive weeds such as cheatgrass, houndstongue and various types of thistle can also play a role, he added later.

Climate issues such as droughts, and severe winters are also issues, Weinmeister noted.

"From what I see, I think droughts have a bigger impact on elk and deer populations than what these hard winters do," he said.

In each of the three units, calf populations have dropped each year since 2003, he explained.

Forty calves per 100 cows is about the average, he explained.

"This year is the lowest calf numbers we've ever seen," he said. "For this area, for E-31, our calf-to-cow ratio was 21 calves per 100 cows. We're less than half the number our long-term average is."

In some areas there were fewer than 20 calves per 100 cows, he added later.

CPW as a whole is not trying to "pass judgment" on urban or energy developments, Thorpe explained.

"It's not saying any of these things are good or bad. We have to consider that they are impacts," he said. "One of the roles that we have as Parks and Wildlife is to try and offer ways to either minimize or mitigate the amount of impact."

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Elk archery licenses limited, must be obtained via draw

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Due to dwindling elk populations, hunters looking to hunt in the region will have to obtain their archery elk licenses via a draw.

According to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Area Wildlife Manager Matt Thorpe in an interview on Monday, CPW determines, on a statewide basis, a big game season structure.

"That's sort of the overall framework for how big game hunting is going to be administered for a five-year period," he said.

The most recent big game structure was set up in 2019 and Thorpe noted that the CPW Commission considered limiting all archery licenses across the state.

"Kind of at the last minute they decided they didn't want to go that way, but they did ask if there were any herds or units that had either biological or social issues that had been identified," he said.

Thorpe explained that CPW had identified units in the southwest corner of the state as having these issues.

"All of these elk herds, there's three within our area, but the one for Pagosa, that herd, technically we're still within our population objectives, but we're at that lower end," he said. "And despite making some pretty substantial cuts to licenses for cow harvest, our population is still on that downward trend."

Additionally, there were also concerns raised about the increase in archery participation and whether or not that would cause crowding, Thorpe noted.

"Our units kind of fit both criteria. There is a biological concern and there's also a social concern with crowding and the quality of the hunt itself," he said.

The licenses themselves will be obtained through a draw process, with applications due on April 7, Thorpe explained.

"They are also going to be sex-specific. So, hunters will either put in for bull license or antler license or an antler-less or cow license," he said. "They are also going to be restricted geographically."

Specifically, the licenses will be restricted to the three units in the Pagosa Springs area, Thorpe explained.

Those units are units 77, 78 and 771, he described.

Those geographic restrictions are already in place for rifle and muzzleloader seasons, he noted.

The problem at hand

Thorpe explained that this issue is not just seen in this area of the state, but in elk herds in the southern third of the state and even in northern New Mexico.

"It's definitely concerning for us," he said.

Twenty years ago, the common thought was the elk populations would rebound quickly following hunting season, he explained.

"What's interesting is we haven't seen that. We've been making these cuts to the cow harvest over the last 10 to 12 years and the populations aren't rebounding as quickly as we would have liked," he said. "In some cases we're still kind of flatlining as far as that trajectory of the population."

This issue has not been this bad before, according to Thorpe.

"Historically, elk populations started rising, probably in the '70s, and they sort of continued to get higher and higher," he said.

In the early to mid-2000s, CPW was administering these same herd management plans, Thorpe explained.

"That's why the herd over there by Pagosa, technically, we're in the population objective that was set when that plan was developed back in the late 2000s," he said. "As we've actually reached that number, that target number we thought we all wanted, people want more elk than that. That's

the general perception that's been out there."

In regard to public comments, Thorpe explained that there have been a variety of responses to elk archery licenses being restricted to a draw.

"I would say that, all in all, my perception is that most people have been understanding of the issue," he said. "I think most people are understanding and accepting of why we're doing it."

Draw process

Hunters looking to get an elk archery license will need to apply in early April, Thorpe explained.

Those applicants will then find out the results of the draw in early June, Thorpe noted.

"Basically, you list what your choices are," he said.

In the past, over-the-counter elk archery licenses could be picked up at any of CPW's license agents and that license was good for a variety of units across the entire Western Slope, Thorpe described.

"Whereas now, with the new system, they will have to apply for a new license and then they also have to pick where they want to hunt and what sex do they want to get," he explained further. "It's different, but I think most people probably, at least residents, I think they all hunt deer. So it's not a totally foreign concept."

Through the draw process, hunters can put in their preferences in order, he explained.

"If they don't get their first choice, then they can put in to

get a different license for a second choice," he said.

Thorpe explained that there are a variety of management schemes or goals that CPW looks to accomplish depending on the unit.

"We definitely have some units that have sort of a trophy management style, where the number of licenses available is severely restricted," he said. "The reason that they do that is that allows for more big bulls to be out there and available."

That sort of system is not what CPW is trying to instill here, Thorpe explained, which leads to some misconceptions.

"We understand that there's impacts to people because they are having to draw, but we're not trying to make it like a trophy unit where it takes five or six years of applying before you're going to be successful and draw a license."

Thorpe explained he believes there will be plenty of licenses available in the first year of the draw.

"Over time we'll start to cut those licenses back to address the crowding issue," he said.

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Learn how you can volunteer at Chimney Rock open house

By Susan Yalom
Special to The SUN

I am a volunteer for Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) and one of the best parts about volunteering is the variety of activities a volunteer can do.

As a retired teacher, I enjoy working with children at the monument. So I serve, with other very dedicated volunteers, on the Education Committee. This committee develops interpretive materials and activities to enhance the experience for all ages when visiting Chimney Rock. Our committee has developed a quarter-mile nature walk around the picnic area. We have worked with the Forest Service staff to produce display banners about early Native American life here. Members of the Education Committee also developed the Junior Archaeologist workbook and badges that are available to young visitors during the summer.

But probably the most important, and rewarding, service we provide is School Week at Chimney Rock. This event runs before the monument opens and is dedicated to welcoming class field trips from our area. This season,

School Week is May 4-7 and May 11-13.

These seven days allow classes to come without interfering with the public activities when the site opens on May 15. The CRIA office staff handles reservations from teachers and arranges the schedule. There are also volunteers available to visit classes and provide pre-trip information.

We can accommodate as many as 90 students each day. They receive tours of the site and have opportunities to try activities such as throwing the atlatl, rock art, weaving, tree-ring dating and others. Last season, 20 classes came, totaling 550 students. We had elementary and middle school groups from Pagosa Springs, Durango, Monte Vista, also charter and home-school groups. There is no charge for an educational group; CRIA provides funding for needed materials.

School Week at Chimney Rock is successful because of the volunteers who help. Last season, we had 23 volunteers, some coming every day, some coming once or twice as their schedule allowed. It doesn't require any special training to help, so new volunteers are welcome to come. Anyone who has some time and likes to work with children can participate.

This is just one of a variety of ways to volunteer at the Chimney Rock National Monument.

Please come to the open house at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library on Feb. 20 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. to find out more about opportunities for volunteering at Chimney Rock National Monument. There are many different volunteer positions that CRIA must fill for the season, including mesa hosts, cabin hosts, maintenance team volunteers and tour guides. Stop by and enjoy desserts and talk with our enthusiastic volunteer team.

CRIA offers a great, in-depth training program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers. This year, volunteer training will take place on April 24 and 25 at Chimney Rock National Monument and the Pagosa Springs Arts Council Event Center at 197 Navajo Trail Drive.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at Chimney Rock National monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest. For more information, see the CRIA website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133.



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Area snowpack levels drop slightly for second straight week

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Since last week, local basins have seen a 6 percent decrease in their levels, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins have a current snowpack total of 96 percent of median this week. Last week that total was 102 percent of median.

This week, the Upper San Juan site is 82 percent of median. Last week it was 92 percent.

At the Wolf Creek summit, reported snowpack totals are 89

percent of median, down from last week's 92 percent of median.

Local snowpack could see a slight increase in totals as the National Weather Service is forecasting a 30 percent chance of snow showers tomorrow night for Pagosa Springs.

The NWS also notes a slight chance of snow through Sunday for Pagosa Springs.

On Wolf Creek Pass, the NWS indicates a 40 percent chance of snow tomorrow night; that chance increases to 80 percent by Saturday and 90 percent on Saturday night, then falls to 40 percent by Sunday.

Other snowpack reports

The Upper Rio Grande Basin is 102 percent of median. Last week, it was 107 percent of median.

At the Arkansas River Basin, snowpack totals have fallen 5 percent since last week. This week snowpack levels are 116 percent of median. Last week they were 121 percent of median.

A 1 percent increase was reported for the Yampa and White River basins as snowpack totals went from 120 percent of median to 121 percent of median this week.

The Laramie and North Platte

River basins increased 3 percent since last week, going from 117 percent of median to 120 percent of median this week.

The South Platte River Basin remains at 131 percent of median this week.

At the Upper Colorado River Basin, a 1 percent decrease was reported as snowpack totals fell from 121 percent of median to 120 percent of median this week.

The Gunnison River Basin is currently 100 percent of median. Last week, it was 102 percent of median.

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Multiple burglaries reported at residence near Navajo Lake

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Two burglaries were reported at a residence near Navajo Lake in late January, prompting more patrols from Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) deputies.

An ACSO incident report explains that an ACSO deputy was dispatched to a residence on County Road 975 following the report of a burglary on Jan. 31.

Upon arriving at the residence, the reporting party showed the ACSO deputy the area that had been broken into, noting that the house had been previously burglarized.

The reporting party explained that the suspects had come in through the southern gate of the property.

According to the incident report, the chain that had been around the southern gate had been cut by what appeared to be a small set of bolt cutters.

There were also impressions from a vehicle on the premises, according to the incident report.

The reporting party explained that an electric heater that was worth about \$50 was missing from a well house, according to the incident report.

Additionally, a latch on the garage had been pried off with a tool, the incident report noted.

Items missing from the garage included a \$2,000 wire-feed welder, a \$300 two-tank electric air compressor, a \$500 countertop tool box and tool set, a \$200 outdoor speaker and a \$200 battery impact driver set, the incident report describes.

There were two sets of footprints that were described within the incident report as being, "a set of cleat style tread pattern, and another that was a boot style pattern."

A shed on the north side of the garage was also broken into, according to the incident report, but the reporting party was not sure if anything was missing.

In the garage there was a trash can of things that had been collected from the garage, according to the incident report.

Inside the trash can there was some clear hose and random belongings, which the reporting party explained had not been there previously.

There were also footprints around a camper near the home, to the east of the garage, the incident report notes.

That trailer had been broken into the last time a burglary had

occurred at the property, according to the incident report.

Inside the trailer there were items that "had been moved," the incident report describes.

Neighbors to the south and north of the property were spoken with, but neither reported seeing anything suspicious, the incident report explains.

The reporting party later informed the ACSO deputy on scene that a trailer on another section of the property to the south had been broken into, as well, according to the incident report.

That trailer was also broken into last time, but this incident was not reported, the ACSO document notes.

The trailer on the southern portion of the property belonged to a friend of the reporting party, the incident report explains.

On the ground in front of the door of that trailer, a small hammer, knife and screwdriver were found, the incident report explains.

The door of that trailer had pry marks on it and inside there was a shoe print on the counter and a waffle maker that had been disturbed, the incident report notes.

The owner of the that trailer explained that the pry marks were



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Feb. 11 in an all-day work session.

Those interviewed were: Kim Perdue of Southwest Water and Property Law LLC, David Liberman, James Garrett, Charlotte Yochem, Mike Green, Clayton Buchner, and Todd Starr of Cunningham Swaim.

Each interview lasted about 45 minutes and included both general and attorney-specific questions from the council members and town staff.

Following the work session in which the candidates were interviewed, the council held a special meeting to discuss each person's framework for looking at the candidates and each person's top candidates.

Two finalists came out of that special meeting: Southwest Water and Property Law, and Buchner.

However, those finalists left council and staff with additional questions due to the nature of Buchner's

proposal.

The RFP outlined the need for general legal counsel, including in-person attendance at council meetings, other meetings with council and staff as needed, responding to inquiries from the town officials and staff; and providing a minimum of one day per week (or eight hours total) within Town Hall for office hours.

The RFP sought costs for the above, as well as an hourly rate for items beyond the minimum requirements.

Southwest Water and Property Law, which is a firm of Perdue and Jeff Kane, who serves as the town's water attorney, proposed an hourly rate structure.

Those hourly rates are as follows, per the firm's proposal: \$245 per hour for Kane and Perdue, \$130 per hour for paralegals, \$185 per hour for special counsel Maya Kane.

The firm, which is based out of

Durango, also proposed invoicing mileage at the IRS's standard rate of 58 cents per mile, and printing and copying at cost.

Buchner, who currently serves as the town's municipal court judge, explains in his proposal, however, that the town is likely to need an attorney's services for more than is included within the town's RFP.

Buchner's proposal notes that, at his hourly rate of \$150 and his calculation of 47 hours per month outlined in the RFP, the town would be looking at about \$84,600 per year.

The proposal also states prior to the above estimate, "However, based on the nature of services described in the RFP, it is evident that 47 hours per month is insufficient time to capably provide the scope of services required."

Buchner estimates in his proposal a minimum of 15-20 hours per week in excess of the minimum require-

ments, "and such estimate does not include hours for unknown and impending litigation and other pressing legal matters."

The proposal then estimates that, for 27 hours per week, \$194,400 for the year "for barely over a half-time equivalent employee."

The proposal continues, "This is not a practical fee for the Town, especially considering this is the minimum estimated fee."

After explaining that, Buchner's proposal outlines a salary fee proposal of \$144,000.

"I strongly believe that the Town Attorney should be fully committed and retained to provide legal services for the Town of Pagosa Springs. In order to provide the services required, I would have to dedicate my time and energy solely to the Town of Pagosa Springs, giving up multiple, lucrative current and future revenue streams that conflict with the role as town attorney," the proposal states.

Buchner's proposal further states that the town would then no longer need to spend money on special legal counsel or Employers Council (an employment law firm the town contracts with), and that, after stepping down as municipal judge (which it states he would do if given the attorney position), he could also take on the role of town prosecutor.

The proposal notes Buchner would agree to a single contract covering the town attorney and town prosecutor requirements for \$175,000 per year.

Due to that proposal, the council directed staff to assess the proposal and whether more time from the attorney would be necessary.

The agenda brief for tonight's meeting states, "At this time, staff does not recommend creating a full time employee position. This would require offering benefits, creating a job description, etc. Staff recommends that the town enter into an Independent Contractor Agreement. The amount of work, scope of services, compensation, etc. can be set out in the agreement, but the firm or individual would not be considered an employee of the town."

The brief further notes that Town Manager Andrea Phillips discussed legal services needs with all depart-

ment heads, noting that needs vary from day to day and week to week.

"At this time, staff feels that an attorney could be utilized roughly 20-30 hours per week on average, between Council meetings and the scope of services attached. This could grow in the future as the needs of the Town evolve. In 2019, an average of 54 hours/month were used with Collins Cockrel and Cole," it states.

The brief later notes that staff recommend re-evaluating the idea of combining the town attorney and town prosecutor services at the end of the year.

The town's contract with the current town prosecutor ends at the end of the year, it notes.

The briefs further explains that staff recommends retaining the town's water law attorney and Employers Council.

It notes that \$130,000 is budgeted for 2020 for the town attorney for the town and Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District (PSS-GID) budgets.

Budget and costs

The town and PSSGID budget for legal costs in several areas.

The town's 2020 budget includes \$115,000 for contract and as-needed attorney services (the town is contracting with Cole's office for as-needed work).

In 2019, the town spent \$165,297 on legal fees. In 2018, the town spent \$144,155, while that total was \$110,681 in 2017.

The town has also budgeted \$4,000 in 2020 for special legal counsel for things such as code defense. In 2019, the town paid \$1,220 for special legal counsel. In 2018, the town spent \$1,694 and, in 2017, spent \$6,763.

The town also budgets for a geothermal water attorney, currently Jeff Kane. This year, \$2,000 is budgeted. In 2019, the town paid out \$46. In 2018, the town paid \$5,057. In 2017, the town paid \$231.

The PSSGID budget includes \$15,000 for legal services in 2020, with that fund going toward contract and as-needed legal services (the town attorney). In 2019, the PSSGID paid \$19,173. In 2018, that figure was \$48,490. In 2017, it was \$47,029.

The annual subscription for Employers Council is budgeted at \$4,837 in the 2020 budget. In 2019, the cost was \$ 4,364. For 2018, the first year the town used the firm, the cost was \$4,696.

The finalists

According to Southwest Water and Property Law's proposal, "Kim Perdue and Jeff Kane have practiced civil law in Colorado since 2009 and 2011, respectively."

The proposal notes that Jeff Kane has "broad experience in matters respecting water infrastructure and regulatory issues, derived from his representation of local governmental and private entities in a range of civil and regulatory matters, with an emphasis on water rights, water infrastructure, and real property concerns, as well as his pre-law career as an engineer and scientist."

His resume outlines that he received a Bachelor of Science in engineering from Brown University in 1997; a master's in civil and environmental engineering from the University of California, Berkeley in 2003; did doctoral work in the Department of Geography at the University of British; and obtained his law degree from the University of Oregon School of Law in 2011.

Of Perdue, the proposal states, "Kim offers a depth of experience in civil and local government practice, having served as an Assistant La Plata County Attorney from 2016 to 2019, and also having consulted with and defended local government districts in regulatory and employment cases."

Perdue's resume outlines that she obtained a double degree in comparative literature and rhetoric from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a mater's in social sciences from The University of Chicago in 2003, and a law degree from the University of Colorado Law School in 2009.

Buchner's resume indicates that he obtained a bachelor's degree in engineering from Southern Illinois University in 2003 and a law degree from Northern Illinois University in 2006.

He also currently serves as a U.S. Army judge advocate general.

Courthouse

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which could set a public hearing on the project as soon as April 14.

- Major design review will be submitted to the town on April 7, which could set a public hearing for April 28.

- Construction drawings will be completed in June.

- Construction is anticipated to begin in August, though Ash noted that is a best-case scenario.

"So, we'd still have another winter of transports?" asked Commissioner Ron Maez, referencing that the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office will still have to transport inmates from the county's new jail, slated to open this summer, to court in La Plata County.

Ash indicated yes.

"Better than two winters," Commissioner Steve Wadley said.

Wadley's term as county commissioner ends at the end of the year. He explained in a phone call Wednesday that he hopes to get the courthouse "started, with a plan to finish it" by the time his term ends.

Court staff have previously expressed that a three-courtroom design, with a community room, is ideal for court operations, which will cost about \$4.9 million.

Discussions at the meeting revealed that, as the county is still piecing together grants and assessing how much money from its Strategic Reserve Fund it is willing to spend

on the courthouse, the commissioners may approve a two-courtroom design initially, without a community room, and ask the Colorado Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission for another grant to help pay for the third courtroom and community room.

Ash floated the idea of designing the courthouse with two courtrooms, but "shelling in" the third courtroom and community room until money can be found to complete building those rooms.

Wadley explained the three-courtroom design with a community room is the ultimate goal.

"We've got to do all three and a community room. All we have to do is look around at these half-assed buildings that we've started and stopped, like the 1980 addition [to the old courthouse] and everything else," Wadley said. "We're committed to doin' it right."

Currently, the county has the following funding available for the project:

- \$1.9 million from an Underfunded Courthouse Facilities Commission grant.

- About \$650,000 in the county's Justice System Capital Fund.

- Hogue reported that the county still has about \$100,000 from a previous underfunded commission grant that can be used for the project. Maez noted in a phone call Wednesday this has not been confirmed.

- The county will apply for about \$1.5 million in Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grants, according to County Administrator Scott Wall.

- About \$4 million sits in the county's Strategic Reserves Fund, though it is unclear how much of that the commissioners would be willing to use to build a new courthouse.

Hogue said that the state will pay for "every piece of furniture in there and all the technology" after he submits a capital request.

He also explained that next year he'll apply for a court security grant that could fund all the cameras, security monitors, X-ray machines, and a magnetometer, which is used for measuring magnetic forces, among other items.

"It's kinda like orchestrating a concert that we're just gonna have to get everything to fall right in place," Maez said of the construction timeline and securing additional funding sources.

"We can't lose any time," Wadley said.

"We've lost enough time already in the past," said Maez.

The commissioners are set to discuss the courthouse project with court staff at their work session on March 10.

Ash estimated that the courthouse could be in use by May 2021. john@pagosasun.com

Dispatch

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room in the shopping center that houses dispatch caused about two-thirds of the facility to flood.

Cook explained that, around midnight, dispatch was relocated to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and that emergency communications stayed in continuous operation during the entire event.

Emergency Communications Director Kati Harr confirmed Wednesday afternoon that the dispatch center was still operating out of the EOC.

Cook explained that she and Harr, in addition to other emergency personnel, were responding to the flood event until about 2 a.m. Wednesday morning.

She further reported no equipment was damaged.

Relocation talks

On Feb. 12, the Dispatch Executive Management Board held a special work session to discuss relocating dispatch.

The focus of the work session was to discuss terms of what it could cost to move the dispatch center to the former home of Norma and Fred Harman III.

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

The proposed plan shows the dispatch center occupying about 1,200 square feet of the 4,195-square-foot home, with the sheriff's office occupying the rest.

The residential home would have to be remodeled to accommodate dispatch and the sheriff's office.

Many different numbers have been thrown around over the past year on what it would cost the dispatch board to pay for the remodel and relocate to the Harman house from its current facility.

Some board members have expressed frustration over the past few months at the lack of specificity coming from the county's Finance Department.

At the Feb. 12 work session, Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman, vice chair of the board, reported that he met with

the county and a new option is on the table: The county has offered to lease the Harman house space to dispatch for \$2,500 a month, with most utilities included.

"I really am kind of thrilled with where we're at right now with this new option," said Pagosa Springs Town Manager Andrea Phillips. "It feels a lot less confusing ... It seems cleaner to me. Even though it's obviously more than we're paying now, we're getting a better space and I think more security in terms of being co-located with [the sheriff's department] ... It feels cleaner that we're not contributing to a building that we're not sure if we're gonna own."

A previous option floated by the county was for the dispatch board to pay \$213,000 to contribute to the remodel costs.

"I agree," said Pagosa Fire Protection District (PPFD) Chief Randy Larson. "This is something I can sell to my board."

The dispatch board pays about \$1,500 per month for the lease for the current dispatch facility. The lease ends in September.

Woodman explained that most costs for the remodel would be covered by the county, but things like wiring the building for dispatch, which is required to have a backup generator, will be paid for by the dispatch board.

"The county as a landlord, for lack of a better word, is gonna provide what's commonly known in the commercial world as a 'white box,'" Woodman said. "We're gonna give you, this is it, here it is, now any upgrades and updates that you would normally do when you move into any building would be borne the responsibility of the entity."

Woodman and a few other board members indicated they would be happy with a 10-year lease.

"Some people raised the issue of like, 'What is the duration of this? How long is this gonna be? Is this building gonna exist for five years then we're gonna have to do this all over again?'" Woodman said. "So it's like, OK, we know that by the time the county goes and puts this kind of money into this building it's not

gonna disappear in five years, that's just not gonna happen. And as we all know, I'm learning about this — temporary in Archuleta County might be 20 years, I dunno. So it's gonna be here for a while."

The dispatch board is comprised of members associated with the four entities who utilize and fund dispatch: the town, the county, the fire district and the hospital district.

The amount each entity pays is based on a three-year average of calls routed to each agency by dispatch.

The county pays about half, the town pays about 36 percent, the hospital district pays about 12 percent and the fire district pays about 4 percent, according to Harr.

The dispatch center's annual budget is about \$1 million.

The dispatch board has not yet voted to move dispatch to the Harman house and is expected to consider the terms of the lease in the upcoming months.

A final version of the lease is being drafted by Archuleta County.

Fire board discusses Harman move

On Feb. 11, the evening prior to the dispatch board work session, dispatch board member Don Peterson explained his understanding of dispatch relocation options to the PFPD Board of Directors, of which he is also a member.

Peterson reported that the most the county could spend on the remodel is \$287,000 and there was a rough estimate the work would take about six months to complete.

Board chair John Thompson stated, "\$287,000 isn't gonna scratch the surface on that."

Thompson also noted he thinks the remodel work will take more than six months.

Peterson also reported that, at a previous dispatch meeting, he suggested that the county lease the Harman house to dispatch, though was unsure if that was an option being considered by the county.

Peterson also noted that another

Fluoride

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"That's a interesting topic," he said.

"It's an interesting and scary topic. I have no wish to go down that path," Ramsey said, adding, "If we started running fluoride, when you're gonna put that in there, the guys have to be in full body suits and respirators. It's nasty."

Asked for comment on the fluoride issue, San Juan Basin Public

Health's (SJBPH) Brian Devine, Water and Air Quality Program manager, sent the following statement via email: "SJBPH supports the evidence-based practice of public water providers distributing water with the optimal levels of fluoride for public health. For some water providers, that means adding fluoride to drinking water, for others in naturally highly-fluoridated areas, it means removing it. Optimal levels of

fluoride strengthen growing teeth in children and protect tooth enamel from plaque in adults, leading to less tooth decay. This means lower lifetime health costs and improves the opportunity for everyone to live a healthier life. These benefits led community water fluoridation to be named one of the top ten public health achievements of the twentieth century by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

Curly

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the mystery of the origin of curly-haired horses.

"Of this particular type of horse, there's only about 800 worldwide ... They're known as an American curly horse or Bashkir," he said.

Wilkinson is close to proving that the genetic mutation that causes the curly hair is unique to North America.

"We have not found this gene anywhere else in the world and it came from the American wild horse herds," Wilkinson explained.

Wilkinson noted there's one more place he needs to look for this unique gene: Tajikistan.

"I'm trying to get samples out of Tajikistan of the Lokai horses there that possibly could have this," Wilkinson said. "If those come up negative, then there is every reason to believe then these horses are unique to North America and were created in North America by a chance mutation in the wild horse herds."

Wilkinson explained how a curly horse gets its curly hair.

"They have a mutation on a keratin gene on the 11th chromosome and, to put this in perspective, KRT stands for keratin ... and there are several hundred keratin genes, and the change in just one nucleotide, one DNA base in this critical place causes this horse to go from being a straight horse to a curly horse. Just a single one out of millions," Wilkinson said.

Wilkinson owns two curly horses, Lucky and Blacky, who stay in a barn and a fenced pasture at his home in Pagosa Springs.

"There is a better-than-even possibility that the horses that you see out in the barn are unique because of this gene to North America and it is a mutation that happened by chance and wasn't imported,"

Wilkinson said during an interview at his home.

Wilkinson explained that curly horses are popular because they're hypoallergenic and people that are allergic to other horses are not allergic to the curly horses.

He noted the curls have affable personalities and do extremely well in cold weather.

"They routinely survive 60 below zero," Wilkinson said.

The Spanish Horse Project

Wilkinson also explained his involvement with The Spanish Horse Project, which uses late medieval horse DNA to establish genetic links to modern horses in the southwest United States, Mexico and Argentina.

Wilkinson likened the project to a horse version of 23AndMe, a popular genetic ancestry service.

"The purpose of this project is to find the genetics of the original Spanish horses that were brought to the New World," Wilkinson said. "To do this, we need to find the archaeological remains of these horses and find their DNA, and then compare that with modern Spanish horses and the mustangs that we find here."

Wilkinson explained he's trying to get a sample of a horse skeleton that was buried by nuns in Mexico in 1670 to get DNA samples to compare it with modern horse DNA.

"We just need to get the Mexican government to cooperate and get somebody to go in this big warehouse and find the dang box," said Wilkinson.

Wilkinson said that "mustang" is a broad term for "wild horse."

"The mustang advocacy groups and the government agencies in charge of managing the mustangs — both parties treat mustangs as if they're all the same and they're not," Wilkinson explained. "Some

are very unique, some may be only found here and there's no others on the planet and they're down to some critically low numbers and that's a problem."

Wilkinson likened the area around Pagosa Springs and Santa Fe as "ground zero" for the spread of Spanish horses into the area.

Wilkinson explained that in 1680, indigenous Pueblo people rebelled against Spanish colonizers. More than 400 Spaniards were killed, over 2,000 colonizers fled, and many horses became property of the Native Americans.

Tribes traded their excess horses to other tribes throughout the years and cemented the spread of the Spanish horses in the southwest and spearheaded the rise of "horse culture," according to Wilkinson.

"We need to find the DNA of the original Spanish horses so we have something to compare with the ones that we think are descended from the Spanish horses," Wilkinson said, adding, "We've got genetic samples on those now. And again, there may be only 15 or 20 of those left. We're talking about verge of extinction on most of these animals."

Wilkinson stressed his efforts are about conservation. "We need to identify the genetics so that people that are trying to conserve them know how to breed them successfully," he said.

He added, "Horses have been around 30 million years and their genetics have to be flexible and adapt to different situations very easily or else they wouldn't have been here this long, they would have died out along time ago. Horses are extremely adaptable genetically."

To learn more about these projects, go to the International Curly Horse Organization website at IHCOCurlyhorses.com or send an email to office@curlyhorses.org.

PAWSD discusses affordable housing, geothermal heating

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

Affordable housing and geothermal heating were topics of discussion at the Feb. 13 meeting of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board.

Developer Jack Searle was in attendance at the meeting, as the board considered a "Model Result Extension" for River Rock Estates, a development Searle is involved with.

PAWSD had run a model to ensure that the existing infrastructure at River Rock was adequate for the development.

PAWSD requires a developer to begin construction on a project within six months after a model is run unless an extension is granted.

The board voted to extend the construction requirement for one year.

The meeting's agenda also included a resolution about adopting fee waivers for affordable housing projects.

Though the board decided to table that discussion and vote to its next meeting, board member Glenn Walsh and Searle had a back and forth about fees and affordable housing in the local community.

Searle explained that the River Rock project initially considered putting some affordable housing units in the development, but ultimately scrapped the idea because it wasn't economical for the developers.

"PAWSD changed the way that you counted for townhomes and that was a big deal," Searle said.

Rory Burnett, who works with Searle, explained in a follow-up phone call that PAWSD used to calculate equivalent units (EUs), specifically for multifamily developments, by the number of fixtures in a home to determine EUs for a project and has since changed the policy.

"What they changed to — is let's say there is a fourplex. The first one would be counted as one EU, the next three are half EUs," Burnett said.

Burnett estimated that PAWSD's fees for the River Rock Estates project jumped from about \$80,000 to about \$500,000 with the policy change.

Burnett stressed this was an estimate, but did not provide specific numbers by press time Wednesday.

Searle also explained at the meeting that additional costs for the River Rock project, like the Town of Pagosa Springs mandating that the developers build a 10-foot wall because of the floodplain around the San Juan River and PAWSD's policy decision all played into the decision not to pursue affordable housing in the development.

Searle and Walsh also discussed affordability of housing for people in the community at various AMI levels, which stands for area median income.

One person at 100 percent of AMI is \$47,700, according to the 2019 Colorado County Income and Rent Tables.

"In general, I think this whole affordable housing thing needs to be looked at, because even if you get to 100% [AMI] there's really no relief for the developer," Searle said, adding, "I think that 80-120 percent AMI need help as well. Those are the people out there workin' restaurants and, you know, retail shops and on and on and on, and that's a big part of our economy ... and it's like, where's the help for them?"

"It's no mystery what the average wage is for service employees who are the majority, you know, employees in this community," Walsh said, adding, "Your average service job is \$13, \$14 dollars an hour, you're struggling — and you got a few kids, you're struggling to hit 60 percent of AMI."

"There's no way to make it at \$13 an hour if you've got two kids," Searle

said. "And even rent, rents around here, how do you find something much cheaper than \$800 a month?"

"When you take a look at actually, average hourly wage in our biggest industries, it's pretty grim," Walsh said.

Searle explained that for his affordable housing project behind the Best Western uptown, separate from the River Rock Estates project, he's asking subcontractors to reduce their rates to bring the housing prices down.

"We'll be lucky to bring those in at much less than \$200,000, probably [\$200,000] to \$220,000. You have all these fixed costs that you have to overcome... That's why people want to build bigger, because you can spread that over a lot more square footage," Searle said.

"I came on the board because PAWSD really did get in the way of development when we were charging anywhere from [\$21,000] to \$35,000 for a single-family home and we've worked hard to bring down our fees so that they're competitive," Walsh said, adding, "I just don't think what we've arrived at with our multifamily [fees] is unfair on anybody. It's massively cheaper than almost anybody in the state of Colorado."

"I would like to be able to build housing that people can afford in this community, true workforce housing ... This is the kind of thing that people need, in order for our community to thrive and advance, we need to have this type of housing and how are we going to come up with the incentive and the programs to make sure that we have this housing in the future? ... I know we're all working on it, I welcome it, and I would like to be a part of it," Searle said.

Geothermal heating

The board also discussed, without making any decisions, setting policy for lakefront property owners to be

able to use geothermal heating and cooling for their homes.

"What this involves is setting policy for people who have lakefront property and want to use their lake access to provide heating and cooling for their homes by way of a ground-source heat pump, using the lake as the heat source," board member Gordon McIver explained.

McIver initially tried to recuse himself from the discussion, as he works as a geothermal contractor, but PAWSD Manager Justin Ramsey suggested he stay as he knew the most about the topic and because no decisions would be made.

McIver explained that other ways to utilize geothermal cooling and heating are to dig or excavate a lot of trenches, or drill to utilize the heating and cooling properties of the earth.

McIver noted that using a lake is the cheapest method.

"The reason why people opt for a ground source or geothermal heating and cooling system is for lowering — drastically lowering — their utility bills, although some people, their motivation is also to have as little environmental impact on the planet as possible and a geothermal system is documented to have the lowest environmental impact on the planet," McIver said, adding, "Compared to burning natural gas or propane you have about a 65-70 percent reduction in utility cost by using a geothermal system."

McIver noted that some people have propane bills that range from \$600-\$800 per month.

"To be able to reduce that by 65 to 70 percent is a big deal," he said.

McIver explained that he is hoping that PAWSD and the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association set uniform policy on geothermal heating so it can expedite getting the systems approved instead of getting each system approved one by one.

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Dispatch

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option was for the participating entities to contribute \$213,000 toward the remodel, though he noted that all plans were still up in the air.

Multiple dispatch board members could not confirm whether the \$213,000 would have been on top of the \$287,000 put up for the remodel by Archuleta County, noting how previous options proposed by the county were unclear and confusing.

"The problem with that is it's basically dispatch buying into the Harman house, paying for some por-

tion of the remodel, yet we wouldn't own any stake in the house, so we're kinda throwing our money away," Peterson said.

Larson explained a special meeting of the dispatch board would be held the next day, which he hoped would answer some questions and quell some of the confusion.

"Another special meeting has been called for tomorrow, and hopefully, hopefully, we'll get some of the answers that we're looking for. And if not, I'm not sure where to go from there, because we're getting backed

into a corner, you know. It's going to take planning and it's gonna be time-consuming, not only to get the work done, but to make the arrangements to move," Larson said. "It's not like we're moving somebody's grandmother from house to house, we're moving a dispatch center and it's going to take a lot of planning to do that ... Keeping all the systems in place while we make the move. It's not something that's going to be done next week."

Larson said of the costs to move dispatch that "there's just so many

unknowns out there right now" and that dispatch is "at the mercy of the county."

Larson praised Harr and Cook for their work.

"Kati and Connie both have been doing a fantastic job, none of this is on them. They're doing everything they possibly can, especially Kati, in being our dispatch manager is doing a fantastic job of trying to stay ahead of everything. The bottleneck is not at the dispatch office," Larson said.

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The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over week: 102.

Feb. 10 — Missing property, Eagles Loft Circle.

Feb. 10 — Under investigation, Bastille Drive.

Feb. 10 — Harassment by phone or computer, Caddy Circle.

Feb. 11 — Unlawful ownership of vicious dog, animals running at large, Roxanna's Court.

Feb. 12 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, County Road 982.

Feb. 13 — Fraud by check-other method, criminal impersonation, County Road 302.

Feb. 14 — Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, County Road 975.

Feb. 14 — Improper registration, drove vehicle without insurance, drove vehicle when license suspended, Talisman Drive/U.S. 160.

Feb. 14 — Violation of restraining order, U.S. 160.

Feb. 16 — Second-degree bur-

glary, all other thefts, Squaw Canyon Place.

Feb. 16 — Criminal mischief, all other thefts, Lakeside Drive.

Feb. 16 — Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, criminal mischief, County Road 119.

Feb. 16 — Warrant arrest, South 8th Street.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 86.

Feb. 12 — Warrant arrest, North 5th Street.

Feb. 12 — DUI/careless driving, Pagosa Street.

Feb. 14 — Obscene conduct, Pagosa Street.

Feb. 14 — Careless driving, County Road 600.

Feb. 14 — DUI/open container, U.S. 160.

6th Judicial District Court:

Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

Feb. 10 — Deonta D. Williams, assault 2-strangulation, eight years Department of Corrections, total fines and costs — \$503.50

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Jan. 30 — Richard T. Yake, no insurance-driver, five counts of careless driving resulting in injury, careless driving resulting in death, five counts of child restraint not used, 60 months probation per count of careless driving resulting in injury, 60 months probation for careless driving resulting in death, total fines and costs — \$4,525.50.

Feb. 12 — Craig M. Box, speeding 20-24 over limit, total fines and costs — \$279.50.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Clayton Buchner

No report.

Water production increases

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

From Feb. 7 through Feb. 13 of this year, total water production was listed at 10.64 million gallons, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

The Snowball water treatment plant produced 3.50 million gallons and the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 7.14 million gallons.

In that same time period last year, water production totaled 9.43 million gallons.

From Jan. 31 through Feb. 6 of this year, total water production was listed at 9.90 million gallons.

In an interview on Tuesday, Ramsey explained he is not sure of the reason behind the increased water production.

Since last week, one local lake has seen an increase in its level.

This week, snow water equivalency (SWE) is listed at 19.5 inches. Last week it was 19.1 inches.

The precipitation average increased from last week, going from 23.7 inches to 25.2 inches this week. chris@pagosahun.com

Volunteer firefighters needed

By Pagosa Fire Protection District
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) is actively seeking volunteer firefighters. An entry-level firefighter academy is scheduled to begin in April.

The fire academy will instruct students using nationally recognized Firefighter I curriculum along with the hands-on skills required to successfully meet the job requirements of firefighting.

No experience is needed to apply.

Applicants must be over 18 years old, have a current driver's license, live in Archuleta County, must pass a background check and be able to obtain a Colorado Fire Fighter I certification within six months of completing recruitment academy.

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Sports

WRESTLING



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Pirate Wil Aucoin overtakes his opponent during the regional wrestling tournament on Feb. 13. Aucoin finished third at the tournament and is competing at the state tournament beginning today.



Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

Dylan Tressler raises his arm in glory after a victory at the regional wrestling tournament last weekend. Tressler took first at the tournament by pinning his opponent in the first-place round in less than a minute.

Nine Pirate wrestlers qualify for state tournament

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Nine Pagosa Springs High School wrestlers qualified for state by placing in the top four at the regional tournament on Feb. 21 and 22.

Trevor Torrez, Erik Wyman, E.J. Monterroso, Dylan Tressler, Brae Bergdolt, Cameron Lucero, Dustin Clark, Wil Aucoin and Skyley Hill are all wrestling at state for the Pirates beginning today.

"It's been really fun," coach Dan Janowsky said of the season. "One of the most rewarding things about coaching, you just see kids making progress, workin' hard, addressing their weaknesses. Our group has done a great job this year. And by group, I mean, coaches to wrestlers, all the way down."

Clark (160 pounds) placed first at the regional tournament by pinning all four of his opponents.

Wyman (120) took first by pinning his quarterfinal and semifinal opponents and then winning by technical fall (wrestling's mercy rule) after he rocketed to a 16-1 lead in the match.

"It shows a real superiority between him and his opponents," Janowsky said of Wyman's victory.

Bergdolt (145) took first with a pair of pins and win by forfeit in the championship match due to injury.

Lucero (152) took first, pinning his first two opponents in less than two and a half minutes and winning his first-place match by major decision 10-1.

Tressler (138) took first after he pinned his opponent in the first-place match in less than a minute.

Hill (220) placed second after pinning his first two opponents and then losing the final match to Bayfield's John Foutz.

Janowsky explained Hill is hungry for one more chance to face Foutz at state.

Aucoin (170) placed third at regionals, losing to Alamosa's Hunter Smith in the semifinal round and

"It's been really fun," coach Dan Janowsky said of the season. "One of the most rewarding things about coaching, you just see kids making progress, workin' hard, addressing their weaknesses."

winning his next two matches to secure third.

Trevor Torrez (113) took fourth at the tournament.

Monterroso (132) took second, which included a spirited match against Alamosa's Colton Liddell that went into not one or two overtime periods, but three.

Janowsky explained that Monterroso persevered to "get that tough win," ultimately beating Liddell 3-1 in the third overtime period.

"It sure lit a fire and we got some

momentum going," Janowsky said. "Wrestling is a funny sport because momentum is such a part of it, even though each guy goes out one at a time, there should be no momentum from the guy that wrestled before him. Why that works is a bit of a mystery to me."

Monterroso came in second at the tournament to advance to state. Janowsky explained he is happy for the wrestlers, but doesn't want to get too excited because focus and determination are still needed for the state tournament.

"I don't wanna feel too happy about it, but at the same time that was a breakthrough for this group of kids," Janowsky said of the regional tournament.

As a team, the Pirates won the regional tournament, scoring 239 points, ahead of Alamosa with 210 and Moffat County with 163.5.

Now hoping for a 3A team championship, Janowsky explained that, historically, the Pirates have fallen behind Alamosa at the state tournament in the past.

"That's one reason why we haven't gotten more regional championships, because we're always just a step behind those guys," Janowsky said.

Janowsky stressed that the Pirate wrestlers can't get too far ahead of themselves during or while preparing for the state tournament.

"It's not wise to think too far ahead, and I talk to our guys about that and I think it's something they buy into," Janowsky said.

Janowsky noted wrestlers need to think about one match at a time and not get caught up in the

enormity of the state tournament as a whole.

"The toughest, smartest version of you, that's all you are concerned with. Bring that and, if that's not enough, well all right then. We'll live, the sun will come up," Janowsky said. "Let's bring our very best selves to the fight and we can live with the results if we can do that."

The following are the individual season match records of the nine wrestlers who qualified for state:

- Lucero, 32-1.
- Bergdolt, 40-2.
- Tressler, 32-3.
- Wyman, 41-5.
- Hill, 34-7.
- Monterroso, 23-8.
- Aucoin, 26-11.
- Clark, 21-11.
- Torrez, 19-14.

Lucero won the state championship last year in the 145-pound weight class. He'll try for the 152-pound title this year.

Of 3A schools at this year's state tournament, the schools sending the most wrestlers are Alamosa and Jefferson High School sending 10 wrestlers each.

The state tournament begins today at 10 a.m. at the Pepsi Center in Denver.

The tournament continues Friday and Saturday, with championship matches to be held Saturday evening.

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Photo courtesy Patricia and Kelly Miller

Shane Miller, 2018 graduate of Pagosa Springs High School, made his college pitching debut for the Garden City Broncbusters earlier this month. Miller pitched in four games between Feb. 6 and 9 and retired all seven batters faced, including striking out two.



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BASKETBALL

Pagosa to conclude regular season at home against Bayfield tonight

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The No. 28 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team could not even up the season series with the league-leading No. 7 Alamosa Mean Moose (15-4 overall, 10-0 in league play) on Feb. 14, falling at home by a score of 57-49.

Alamosa got off to a quick start on offense in the first quarter, outscoring Pagosa 21-12.

In the second quarter, the Pirates outscored the Mean Moose 14-12 to make the halftime deficit 33-26.

The third quarter saw Pagosa outscore Alamosa 13-10, but Alamosa came right back to outscore Pagosa 14-10 in the fourth.

Kyler Hammer led the Pirates in scoring with 15 points; Hammer also added three rebounds, two assists and a team-high two steals.

Mason Snarr added 10 points, a team-high nine rebounds and four assists. Mitch Lewis also finished with 10 points, as well as three

rebounds.

Both Ryan Lewis and Aidan O'Donnell contributed seven points each.

Ryan Lewis added six rebounds and three assists, while O'Donnell added three assists.

Pagosa shot 75 percent from the free-throw line against Alamosa, converting six of eight attempts.

The Pirates finished with 12 turnovers against the Mean Moose.

"We gave up twenty one points in the first quarter and that really hurt. It was an uphill battle after that but the kids never gave up and got back into the game," coach Randy Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN.

Pagosa was able to cut Alamosa's lead to three late in the game, but a few untimely errors cost Pagosa a chance of getting any closer, Sorenson explained.

"The kids played hard and their attitudes were good. Alamosa is a good basketball team and you need to play well all four quarters to beat them," he wrote.

Pagosa was able cut down on its turnovers in the first half, but the Pirates turned over the ball nine times in the second half, Sorenson noted.

The Pirates also gave up some offensive rebounds to the Mean Moose that allowed for some second-chance points, he added.

The loss drops Pagosa's record to 8-10 overall, which includes a 3-6 record against Intermountain League (IML) opponents.

Despite the loss, Pagosa remains in fourth place in the IML standings, behind Alamosa, Centauri and Cortez.

Pagosa has fallen one spot in the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) standings since last week, going from No. 27 last week to No. 28 this week.

The RPI standings help determine postseason seeding.

Senior Night and league tournament

To conclude the regular season, tonight, Feb. 20, Pagosa will play host to the No. 55 Bayfield Wolverines (3-15 overall, 2-7 in league play).

Varsity action is set for 7 p.m. Pagosa previously defeat Bayfield on Jan. 31 by a score of 70-33. The Pirates will then look toward the IML tournament and the possibility of taking part in a play-in game Tuesday evening, depending upon the outcome of this week's regular-season league games.

Monte Vista will host the IML tournament this year.

Tournament games are scheduled for Feb. 27 and Feb. 29 with opponents and game times to be determined.

"We need to have a good week of practice and get ready for Bayfield on Thursday and for the IML Tournament next week. We especially need to keep working on rebounding on the defensive end and taking care of the basketball," Sorenson wrote. "We feel like we can play our best basketball of the year coming down the stretch and that we can win games if we fix some of our mistakes."

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Kyler Hammer goes up for a bucket against the No. 7 Alamosa Mean Moose on Feb. 14. Hammer finished with a team-high 15 points, but the No. 27 Pirates could not even the season series against Alamosa, losing 57-49.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate Aidan O'Donnell gets a shot off over an Alamosa Mean Moose defender during the Feb. 14 matchup between the two Intermountain League foes. The Mean Moose defeated the Pirates at home 57-49, taking the season series. Pagosa will close out the regular season tomorrow night at 7 p.m. against the Bayfield Wolverines at home.



Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week
Mia Shoffner
Basketball



Favorite subject: Math & Science
Comments from coach Wes Lewis: "Miah is a senior and has been in our program for the last four years. Miah knows and accepts her role on our team. Whenever she is needed whether it be in a game or practice situations she's always

got a great attitude and does whatever is asked of her. She's always very encouraging to our younger players and very supportive of her teammates on the varsity. she's a great kid and a joy to be around and an exceptional teammate."

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Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week
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to stay fit for her favorite sport, Track and Field, Lexie started off not knowing much about swimming and is now one of our best breast stroke swimmers. We hope she continues to swim as we believe with her committed work ethic, State competition is in her future."

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BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates fall prey to Mean Moose

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates basketball team logged its first league loss of the season on Feb. 14, falling prey to the Alamosa Mean Moose 33-29.

The Lady Pirates, who sit fourth in this week's rankings and sixth in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI, which helps determine postseason seeding), are now 14-3 on the season and 8-1 in the Intermountain League (IML).

Pagosa built a lead early in the game, outscoring Alamosa 14-7

Alamosa turned the tables in the second quarter, outscoring Pagosa 11-4, leaving the teams tied at 18 at the half.

Alamosa bested Pagosa by one point in the third quarter, scoring five points while allowing four, and outscored Pagosa 10-7 in the game's final quarter.

"Give Alamosa some credit, they're a really good defensive team and, obviously, they were good defensively tonight," coach Wes Lewis said after the game. "We didn't help ourselves out any. We had some opportunities we didn't capitalize on."

Lewis noted the team missed "in the neighborhood of" six to eight easy shots, which left a lot of points on the floor.

He added, "We gave up ... eight offensive rebounds, had 15 turnovers, and with all that being said, we still were in a chance to win at the end."

The coach noted it was "frustrating" that the team ran different plays to get looks, then didn't finish those shots.

"I thought there were some times our shot selections were a bit questionable, and I didn't think we did a great job defending the dribble drive," Lewis said. "I think another thing ... you've got to give Alamosa some credit for — they had some kids hit some 3s that usually don't. I think they had four different kids hit a 3 ... That was a big boost for their offense."

The coach continued, "It was a game I'm a little disappointed in, but I don't take anything away from Alamosa. They're a really good team and well-coached and, you know, you gotta show up and play and make some plays. And, we didn't tonight."

Lewis later noted the team's mental capacity in the game wasn't where it needed to be.

The game was the first since December of 2008 that Alamosa, who sits ninth in the rankings and eighth in RPI, has defeated Pagosa.

Hailey Griego led the Lady Pirates in scoring in the game with six points. She complemented that with eight rebounds.

Adelyn Dozier and Taylor Lewis each scored five in the game. Dozier also recorded a steal, and Lewis had five rebounds, four assists, a block and three steals.

Molly Graham and Teagan Stretton each put up four points in the game. Graham also had a rebound, and Stretton had three rebounds and an assist.

Kori Lucero added three to her team's total in the game, also notching a rebound and a steal.

Elsa Lindner put up two points in the game, pulled down three rebounds, and had two assists and a block.

The team made five of six attempted free throws in the game.

"Unfortunately, we just didn't get to the line very much," the coach noted.

This week, the Lady Pirates will wrap up the regular season.

The week's action will begin tonight at 5:30 p.m., when the Lady Pirates welcome the Bayfield Wolverines to town to close the book on regular-season league play.

"We need to go take care of business with Bayfield first and foremost. We've got the chance to win the league and that's important. We need to win our league and take care of Bayfield at home, and then we'll follow up ... with a tough road game at Ignacio," Lewis said.

Pagosa currently sits atop the IML, followed by Centauri (8-2 in league, 17-2 overall) and Alamosa (7-3 in league, 15-4 overall). Bayfield is 8-10 overall on the season and 3-6 in IML action, landing them in third.

Montezuma-Cortez follows Bayfield at 2-7 in IML play and 4-12 overall, and Monte Vista sits last with an 0-9 IML record and 2-15 overall mark.

Then, tomorrow night, the Lady Pirates will head to Ignacio to take on the 2A Lady Bobcats.

The Bobcats are 13-5 on the season and sit at the No. 14 team in the 2A classification.

"Bayfield's playing really well. I know their record doesn't show it, but Bayfield's playing very well," the coach said Friday. "So we're going to have two tough ones next week and we need to make sure we show up Monday ready to go back to work."
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SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Hailey Griego puts up a shot while teammate Adelyn Dozier looks on during the first half of Pagosa's loss to the Alamosa Mean Moose on Feb. 14. Griego led the team with six points in the game.



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Randi Pierce

Pagosa's Teagan Stretton goes up against a trio of Mean Moose during Pagosa's 33-29 loss to the Mean Moose on Feb. 14. With the loss, the Lady Pirates are now 8-1 in league play and 14-3 overall this season.

Frozen Foot Fiesta to include fat bike and snowshoe races

By Annie Sewell
Special to The SUN

DUST2 is partnering with the Wolf Creek Trail Blazers to host its fourth annual Fat Bike race on Forest Service Road 725 on Wolf Creek Pass, also known as Old Wolf Creek Road, on Saturday, Feb. 22.

This year, our race is part of a day-long outdoor Frozen Foot Fiesta featuring outdoor games, a snowshoe race and award ceremony at The Springs Resort and Spa. All participants will receive a free one-day pass to the springs.

Fat bike race registration opens at 8 a.m. and the race starts at 9 a.m. There will be hot beverages and free cinnamon rolls for all participants.

General admission is \$25, members are \$20 and under 18 are \$15.

There are 4.5-mile and 10-mile courses.

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Education

Pagosa Peak Open School presents Bird Festival

By Kelle Bruno
Special to The SUN

Project-based learning took flight at Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) on Feb. 12.

Kelle Bruno's first- and second-grade class has been studying different parts of bird bodies and their functions to answer the question, "What makes a bird a bird?"

Students began their inquiry in December and wrapped up their study with a celebration of learning that took place at PPOS.

The Bird Festival included six interactive tables with educational posters written and illustrated by the students; the first- and second-graders performed a bird-themed musical they wrote with the guidance of school music teacher Perry Harper, the artist in residence and conservatory instructor at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

The event included a live peregrine falcon on-site named Dooley, along with his handler, Pat Jackson, from the St. Francis Sanctuary and Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

Visitors to the festival were given the opportunity to dissect an owl pellet and attempted to identify the bones they found. Students were able to show what they have been learning as they guided their guests to the different tables where



Photo courtesy Eddie Abbott

Project-based learning takes flight with a Bird Festival at Pagosa Peak Open School on Feb. 12. Students wrapped up their study of birds with a celebration of learning.

they could make a mold of multiple kinds of bird feet with play dough, experiment with different tools and bird food to understand how beaks are adapted to a specific diet, and get their face painted by a PPOS sixth-grader to resemble their favorite bird. Students also illustrated note cards that were available for sale by donation, the proceeds of which went to Audubon Rockies.

This bird study would not have been possible without the support

from bird enthusiast and community naturalist Keith Bruno, from Audubon Rockies, who came into the class multiple times to share his expertise with the students. As part of this unit, Keith Bruno worked with the second-grade students to write a bird of the week article about golden eagles that was printed in The Pagosa Springs SUN's PREVIEW section.

Another key support to the success of this project was from the

Foundation for Archuleta County Education (FACE). Keith and Kelle Bruno co-wrote a grant for funds to create an educational bird trunk and received \$1,200 from FACE to build a trunk full of hands-on materials that can be used in classes of all ages to learn more about birds. The trunk includes silicone molds of bird feet, a kit for owl pellet dissection, replicas of bird skulls ranging in size from a golden eagle to a hummingbird, bird identification and story books, and even an ostrich egg. The trunk is available for free to all educators in Archuleta County. Please contact Keith Bruno at keith.bruno@audubon.org if you would like to share the trunk with your students.

The Bird Festival was a great success with a fantastic turnout of parents and family members. PPOS has a focus on project-based learning, a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to a complex question, problem or challenge. The Bird Festival was an example of how project-based learning engages students through hands-on inquiry, solicits input from community professionals to share their knowledge on a given topic and involves family members in student learning.



The Golden Apple Award winners at Pagosa Springs Elementary School are Vicki Hujus and Becky Johnson. They were chosen by other staff members for going above and beyond in all they do.



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Service Academy Information Days planned throughout the state

By Kayla Turnbow
Special to The SUN

Four Service Academy Information Days will be conducted in Colorado during the months of March and April.

These events provide the opportunity for parents and students to join representatives from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.; the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.; the U.S. Naval

Academy, Annapolis, Md.; the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn.; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y., for an information session regarding the academy and ROTC/NROTC application process, attending a military academy or ROTC/NROTC, and serving as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Armed Forces.

This is also an opportunity to hear from representatives of the congressional delegations about how they can assist students gain a nomination to a service academy, which is complex and can start as early as the junior year in high school.

The four events are:

- March 7, 1 p.m., in Alamosa at Adams State University, McDaniels Hall Classroom MCD 101, 208 Edgemont Blvd.
- March 9, 7 p.m., in Fort Morgan at Fort Morgan High School, 709 East Riverview Ave.
- April 18, 10 a.m., in Denver at Denver South High School, 1700 E. Louisiana Ave.
- April 25, 1 p.m., in Pueblo at Pueblo Centennial High School, 2525 Mountview Drive.

The military service academies are federally funded institutions. All students receive a full scholarship including tuition, room and board, and complete medical coverage.

The events are free and open to the public.



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The Pagosa Springs High School Drama Club rehearses "Crying Out," its student-directed one-act play. The club will present the play two more times, on Feb. 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. at the high school.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Teen mask event today and family-friendly fundraiser games on Sunday

By Carole Howard
SUN Columnist, and the library staff

Today, Thursday, Feb. 20, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. sixth- through 12th-graders are invited to join us to make and decorate masks. Masks come in all styles, from carnival to steampunk to superhero. Just bring your imagination — we'll provide the supplies. Then this Sunday, Feb. 23, a fun Lanes and Links family-friendly community event takes place from 1 to 4 p.m., when your library will be transformed into a miniature golf and bowling center for one day only. The cost is \$10 per person or \$30 per family, with tickets sold at the door. All net proceeds from the event will support the library's programs and resources.

Delayed opening
Your library will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26, due to our regular monthly staff meeting.

Tax and census help
Tax forms and instructions are available at your library. Visit pagosalibrary.org/taxinformation for more details and useful links.

As well, library computers and staff are available to help you access the online census questionnaire. Households will begin receiving an invitation to respond to the 2020 Census in mid-March.

Teen book club tomorrow
Friday, Feb. 21, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the free teen book club, seventh- through 12th-graders will be talking about "This Song Will Save Your Life" by Leila Sales and enjoying snacks. Stop by the library to pick up a copy.

After-school club tomorrow
The after-school club for first-through fifth-graders will take place tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 21, from 1:45 to 3:30 p.m. It takes place on the second, third and fourth Friday of every month.

Participants will engage in literature-based science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) learning activities and work up to an exhibition on the first Friday following each three-week session. Registration is required by calling us at 264-2209 or dropping by the library.

LEGO Club Saturday
Kids ages 6-12 are invited to

bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — this Saturday, Feb. 22, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club.

Tween gaming
Free gaming for fourth through eighth grades is next Monday, Feb. 24, from 4 to 5 p.m. Enjoy X-box 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Computer classes
These free classes twice a month will help you learn a useful technology skill or application. No registration is required. On Monday, Feb. 24, from 1 to 2 p.m., you will learn how to effectively create a simple resume using Microsoft Word and learn useful tips that will help you in your next job search. Contact Brad at the library if you would like to request a class about any computer topic.

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. 26, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Spanish conversation
Next Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 3 to 4 p.m., practice your Spanish with others to help you increase your fluency at this free informal session. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Previous attendance is not necessary. No registration is required.

Las clases son dos veces por semana
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Family storytimes
Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Saturday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts

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Books on CD
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How-to and self-help
"Brain Wash" by Drs. David and Austin Perlmutter explores how modern culture threatens to damage our health and offers a plan for healing. "Successful Aging" by neuroscientist Dr. Daniel J. Levitin offers a practical plan to make the most of your 70s, 80s and 90s. "Your Body in Balance" by Dr. Neal D. Barnard is a guide to the new science of food, hormones and health. "Maximize Your Medicare" by certified financial planner Jae W. Oh explains how to qualify for benefits, protect your health and minimize your costs.

Other nonfiction
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Mysteries, suspense and thrillers
"Last Day" by Luanne Rice follows a detective trying to solve the murder of a woman whose mother was taken. "A Divided Loyalty" by Charles Todd features Scotland Yard inspector Ian Rutledge. "The Museum of Desire" by Jonathan Kellerman is an Alex Delaware and Milo Sturgis mystery. "Dead to Her" by Sarah Pinborough is a suspense story focusing on a woman who married into old money.

Novels
"The Authenticity Project" by Clare Pooley tells of a traveling green notebook that brings six strangers together.

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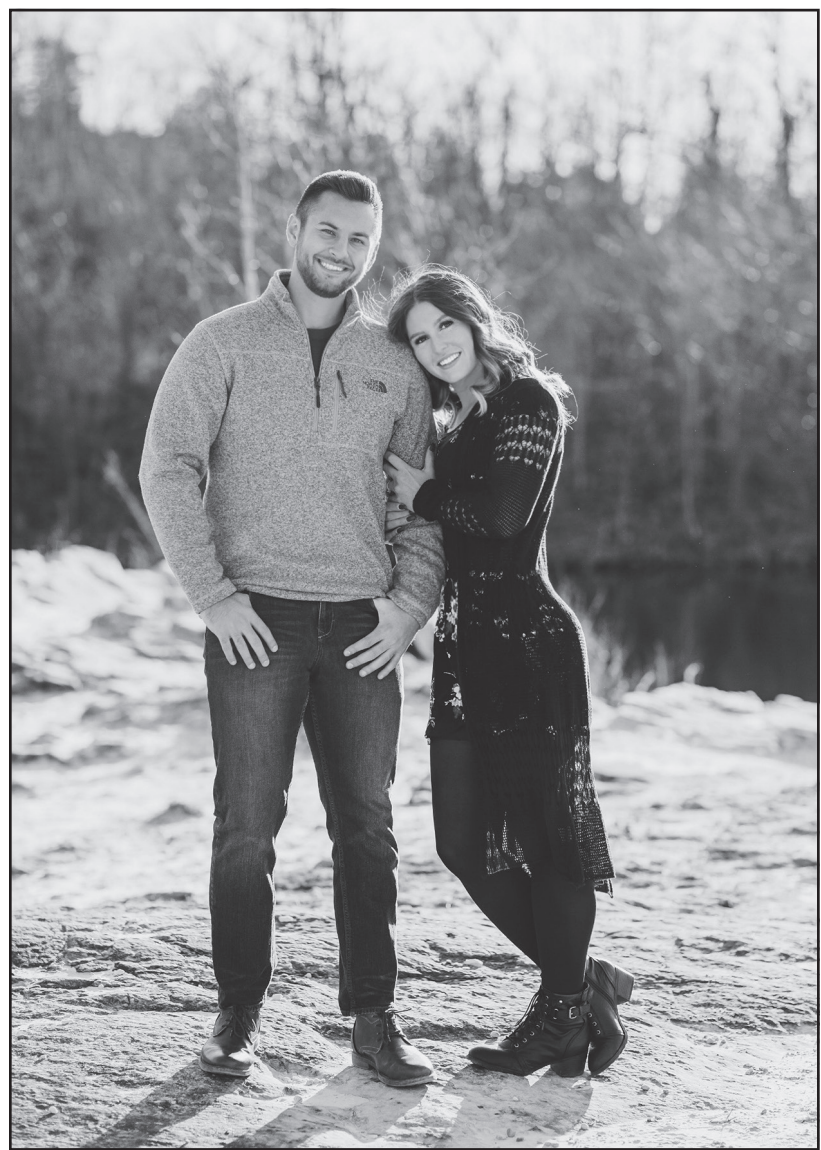
Assisted living continues to expand

By Kay Kaylor
SUN Columnist

At San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA), I have two main part-time roles. I advocate for residents in extended care and assisted living residences as the region's lead long-term care ombudsman. I also am a Senior Medicare Patrol and State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor. Information on the many aging and care concerns will be included here. With people living longer and the aging population increasing, designers of senior living options are expanding services while focusing on person-centered care. For example, assisted living residences try to achieve a more homelike environment, but can range in size from three to 200 bedrooms. Assisted living homes attract people who need some support to remain safe and somewhat independent. Residents have their own bedroom and often bathroom, with a shared living room and communal dining area. Typical services

include various levels of personal care, supervision, meal preparation, housekeeping and laundry, an exercise or therapy room, social activities and medication assistance. The average resident is older than age 80, staying for about two years. Depending on location and type of care, costs might range from \$4,000 to \$7,000 or more monthly, so it is important to find out the pricing levels in a residence. In Region 9, which includes five counties, 10 assisted living homes are licensed by the state of Colorado. Only a couple have some rooms for people who qualify for long-term-care Medicaid, with the majority requiring private pay. Medicare as a health plan does not cover living in long-term care homes, except for temporary medical rehabilitation. Specific insurance policies can cover such care. SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare. For further information, please call 264-0501 or send an email to leadombudsman@sjbaa.org.

Celebration



Derek and Kitzel Farrah would like to announce the marriage of their daughter, Megan Farrah, to Luke Schroeffer. Luke is the son of Scott and Stephanie Schroeffer, of Washington, Mo. There will be a ceremony and reception in Pagosa Springs on Aug. 22. The couple will reside in Washington, where Luke will work in his family's insurance business and Megan will attend Goldfarb nursing school.

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Outstanding Principal Balance \$371,146.38
Pursuant to CRS §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, PAGO SA 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, PAGO SA 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

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-103 FORECLOSURE
SALE NO. 2019-014
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) Billie G. Helms and Rose M. Helms Original Beneficiary(ies) Centennial Savings Bank FSB Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Date of Deed of Trust October 21, 1993 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust October 26, 1993 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 21701469 Original Principal Amount \$27,500.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$8,074.06 Pursuant to CRS §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.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 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
Published in: The Pagosa Springs SUN
Published January 30, February 6, 13 and 20, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking a bid for a Planning, Design & Engineering Consultant Firm for future development of 21 acres of land. Please visit the town website: www.pagosapings.co.gov and click the invitation to bid tab for details of the project. Published February 13 and 20, 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: **BERKELEY DANIEL VINCENT** 351 SOUTHWYCK HOUSE CLAREWOOD WALK LONDON SW9 8TT UK **BERKELEY DANIEL VINCENT** 96 OAKRIDGE DRIVE PAGO SA SPRINGS, CO 81147 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of November 2013, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

INA GROUP LLC the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: **Lot 16 of Block 3 in Aspen Springs Subdivision No. 3, according to the plat thereof filed for record July 6, 1971 as Reception No. 74567, being an Amendment of the plat of Aspen Springs Ranch Subdivision No. 3 filed on April 9, 1971 as Reception No. 74284.** Account Number: R0035396 Schedule Number: 569312202003 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2013-02913 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to INA GROUP LLC That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2012 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of **BERKELEY DANIEL VINCENT** for said year 2012 That said INA GROUP LLC on the 9th day of January 2020, 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 INA GROUP LLC

On the 24th day of June 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 17th day of January 2020 /s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published February 13, 20 and 27, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-103 FORECLOSURE
SALE NO. 2019-016
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On December 13, 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) CSB Investments, LLC Original Beneficiary(ies) John D. Voden and Marsha L. Wilson-Voden Current Holder of Evidence of Debt JCY Trust dated December 20, 2017 Date of Deed of Trust March 17, 2017 County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust March 17, 2017 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21701469 Original Principal Amount \$444,000.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$429,807.95 Pursuant to CRS §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.

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A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
(NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
OF PAGO SA SPRINGS SUN)
32-1-804.1; 32-1-804.2, 1-1-104(34), 32-1-905(2), C.R.S. **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, and, particularly, to the electors of the San Juan River Village Metropolitan District of Archuleta County, Colorado. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an election will be held on the 5TH day of May, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 3-year terms and 2 directors will be elected to serve 2-year terms. Eligible electors of the San Juan River Village Metro District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO): Cynthia Purcell PO Box 5551 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 970-946-8385 cynthia@sanjuanrivervillage.com If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at any time, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2020. The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on **Friday, February 28, 2020** (not less than 67 days before the election). Earlier submission is encouraged as the deadline will not permit curing an insufficient form. Affidavit of Intent to Be A Write-In Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on **Monday, March 2, 2020** (the sixty-fourth day before the election). **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, an application for a mail-in ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on **Friday, May 1, 2020**, except that, if the applicant wishes to receive the mail-in ballot by mail, the application shall be filed no later than the close of business on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020**. San Juan River Village Metropolitan District Cynthia Purcell - Designated Election Official Signature Published February 20, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE CONCERNING PROPOSED CHANGES TO NON-RATE CONSTRUCTION AND CONNECTION FEE STRUCTURE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing of the Board of Directors of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) has been scheduled for Thursday March 12, 2020 at 5:00pm. The purpose for the hearing will be to receive public comment on proposed changes to the non-rate construction and connection fee structure. The Public Hearing will be held at the District's administrative office located at 100 Lynn Avenue, Pagosa Springs, Colorado. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PAGO SA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT, PAGO SA AREA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT. By: /s/ Jim Smith Chairman, Jim Smith Published in: The Pagosa Sun Published on: February 20, 2020 Published February 20, 2020 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

SENIOR NEWS

Register now for AARP Smart Driver course

By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN Columnist

The AARP Smart Driver course, offered by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's first and largest refresher course designed specifically for drivers age 50 and older. For more than 35 years, the course has taught 16 million drivers proven safety strategies so they can continue driving safely for as long as possible.

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. 21, at 1 p.m.

VITA tax preparation

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be returning to prepare federal and state income tax returns at no charge. The 2020 dates are Feb. 22 and March 14, by appointment only. The gross income limit this tax season is \$54,000. Please call 264-2167 for more information or to make an appointment.

History (Book) Club

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

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

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

Facilitated by Jim Van Liere, the group meets the third Wednesday

of every month.

The next History Club meeting is March 18 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.

The next health and wellness date will be Feb. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Memberships

Senior Discount Club Memberships are now offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch. If you are a senior (60 years and older), for only a \$4 suggested donation, you are eligible for a hot meal, drink and a salad prepared by our kitchen staff.

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$8.50 each.

Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 20 — Beef goulash, roasted cauliflower with red peppers, steamed asparagus with lemon, milk, salad bar and carrot cake.

Friday, Feb. 21 — Pork ribs, milk, caramelized butternut squash, cornbread salad, salad bar and Mississippi mud pie.

Monday, Feb. 24 — Crunchy baked catfish with tartar sauce, green beans with new potatoes, yellow squash casserole, milk, salad bar and blueberry cream cheese pie.

Tuesday, Feb. 25 — Chicken and pork sausage gumbo, rice, green chili corn pudding, milk, salad bar and bread pudding with pecans.

Wednesday, Feb. 26 — Beef brisket, macaroni and cheese, oven-fried okra, milk, salad bar and strawberry pie.

Thursday, Feb. 27 — Pork carnitas, squash calabacitas, charro beans, milk, salad bar and flan.

Reservations and cancellations are required. You can make a reservation at 264-2167 by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you would like to dine in the Community Cafe at the Senior Center.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always attend. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days.

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BWI returning to border to aid asylum seekers

By Michael Morgan and Casey Crow
Special to The SUN

Beyond Words International (BWI), a locally based nonprofit providing humanitarian aid, psychosocial support and healing arts programming, is returning in early March to Matamoros, Mexico. This will be its third trip to the border.

BWI is working to serve asylum seekers who are awaiting processing along the U.S./Mexico border. The three primary goals are to provide comprehensive support through humanitarian aid, legal aid, and education and healing arts programming.

What is the current situation?

When BWI first sent a team to Matamoros, Mexico, in October 2019, there were more than 1,500 asylum seekers stranded at the border. Very few aid organizations were present to provide support for hundreds of families. At that time, BWI partnered with Team Brownsville, a local volunteer organization situated just across the border in Brownsville, Texas, to provide food, clothing for the upcoming winter, art supplies and a medical tent established in the camp to serve the needs of the asylum seekers 24/7.

Since that initial trip, the number of asylum seekers in Matamoros has grown. At this time, there are more than 2,500 in the camp. Hundreds of cases of kidnapping, extortion and sexual assault have been reported in the settlement. Families struggle to afford food when it is not provided by volunteers. Conditions continue to be unhygienic and dangerous, with many forced to bathe in the filthy Rio Grande.

According to BWI President Casey Crow, "At BWI, we realize that immigration and asylum are incredibly polarized, complex topics we are struggling with as a nation; however, from a humanitarian standpoint, we don't believe anyone should be forced to live in such inhumane conditions. The stories in Matamoros are absolutely heartbreaking—children drowning in the river, families fleeing brutal gang violence and dashed hopes of a safe home. Our goal is to lessen the suffering of men, women and children who are no different than you and I."

International awareness has grown in recent months and there are now a number of organizations present on the ground attempting to provide basic needs to the growing camp population. However, much more assistance is needed.

What is BWI's purpose for this trip?

BWI's primary focus is providing humanitarian aid, legal aid, and education and healing arts programming.

Humanitarian aid: BWI is fundraising to purchase emergency supplies for asylum seeker families, including warm clothing, medicine, diapers, baby formula and other desperately needed items.

Legal aid: Currently, less than 1 percent of asylum cases are successful. Many asylum seekers are unaware of their chances of being approved or what is required of them. Confusion and misinformation regarding the asylum process is a significant problem. Our goal is to work with immigration advocates, attorneys and translators to ensure that asylum seekers have access to important information such as



Photo courtesy Paula Jo Miller

A team from Beyond Words International is planning to return to Matamoros, Mexico, to provide humanitarian aid, legal aid, and education and healing arts programming to asylum seekers at the U.S./Mexico border.

application requirements, information on court dates and hearings, legal representation and translation services in their area.

Education and healing arts: BWI is collaborating with a variety of organizations and individuals to support education and healing arts programming for asylum seeker children who currently have limited access to regular schooling and extracurricular activities. Our team will partner with local organizations to provide healing art, dance and educational programming. Giving children a safe space to learn and express themselves can make a tremendous impact on their development as they navigate such a traumatic experience in their young lives.

How can you help?

In order to support our work, we are looking for volunteers to help with our projects at home and abroad. We need assistance with or-

ganizational development, fundraising, grant writing and advocacy. We also need artists, teachers, mental health professionals, Spanish speakers, and anyone willing to jump in and lend a hand.

If you are interested in being involved, attend our meeting on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. at 31 Shooting Star Drive in Timber Ridge or contact us at beyondwordintl@gmail.com.

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Science of Snow Day

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Pagosa Springs Middle School fifth-graders headed outdoors Friday for the school's annual Science of Snow Day. Students learned about avalanche science, snow science, winter adaptations, tree science and took part in the Great Backyard Bird Count.



Students participate in Science of Snow Day events

By Chris Hinger
Special to The SUN

Last Friday, Pagosa Springs Middle School fifth-graders ventured outside the classroom to Mary Fisher Park and onto Reservoir Hill for the fourth annual Science of Snow Day. Students rotated through five different stations manned by volunteers to enhance their learning experience.

Eric Deitemeyer, director of Wolf Creek Ski Patrol, engaged students in learning about the signs and symptoms of avalanche activity, beacon location and tested the stability of the layers of snow.

Jordan McMahon and Mercedes Siegle-Gaither led an engaging learning activity about predator/prey dynamics and winter adaptation that allow creatures to survive in the San Juan Mountains.

Event coordinator Keith Bruno taught students how to measure the snow water equivalent, identify layers and interpret the "history" of the snowpack, determine the crystal structure, and ultimately taught students about how important our snowpack is to our economy.

Herb Grover led a hands-on learning station about tree aging, identification, forest structure and forest health.

Finally, numerous volunteers from the Weminuche Audubon Society led groups of students on the Great Backyard Bird Count, where students identified birds along the Riverwalk and collected legitimate data for the global-wide bird census.

This wonderfully successful day of outdoor learning was made possible through the efforts of Chris Couch, fifth-grade science teacher, and Keith Bruno, Audubon volunteer and event coordinator.

Reading: 'The most important subject taught in elementary school'

If you think you've heard enough about reading and you're OK with the fact that only 40 percent of our third-graders are reading at grade level, stop reading right now. If, on the other hand, you're concerned that so many children cannot read at grade level and you're bothered that 70 percent of those incarcerated in our prisons are reading at a fourth-grade level, read on.

Before we get into remedying the reading problem, let me summarize what is happening in the legislature and state board meetings.

First, the legislature has already dropped 62 bills that relate specifically to education. These bills include Behavior Analysts in Public School (HB-1058), Sixteen-year-olds Voting in Local School District Elections (HB-1149), Safe and Healthy Learning Environments for Students (HB-1238), Administration of Inhalers for Respiratory Distress (HB-1283), and Excused Absences in Public School for Behavioral Health (SB-014). These bills come before the State Board for a vote of support. We can either vote for, against or continue to monitor the bills. At this point, most of the bills are being monitored because they haven't passed through their committees or are lacking a fiscal note.

Another activity of the board is to evaluate and make decisions on schools that had been on priority improvement or turn-around status. Two Denver high schools, Manual and Abraham Lincoln, were voted by the board to become innovation schools, where hopefully with more flexibility they will improve. HOPE Online Learning Academy Elementary schools were voted to be closed.

Now, back to reading, which I believe to be the most important subject taught in elementary school. A short explanation for teaching reading is found in the Simple View of Reading. Reading comprehension is the desired outcome of decoding words and language comprehension.

Decoding X language comprehension = reading comprehension

If students cannot decode printed English, they cannot understand it. If students cannot comprehend spoken English, they cannot know written English. Recognizing a word quickly and accurately is essential for comprehension. If you're spending too much time trying to figure out a word, the understanding of the text will be challenging.



Joyce Rankin
State Board of Education

Learning how to teach the evidence-based science of reading in the classroom is not easy. It takes time and dedication by district and school leaders with an earnest desire to ensure that every student can read proficiently by the third grade. Teacher education courses are currently being evaluated by the Department of Education.


Next month, I'll introduce you to the Reading Wars or why we haven't been teaching according to the READ Act. Meanwhile, keep your eye on House Bill-1288, amending the READ Act so that districts will post their reading curriculum on their school website. How is reading being taught at your school?

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Lanes & Links for the Library

Sunday, Feb, 23 • 1-4 p.m. • Ruby Sisson Library



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Lanes and Links for the Library set for Sunday

By Cindi Galabota
Special to The PREVIEW

Save the date and join your friends for Lanes and Links for the Library this Sunday, Feb. 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. at your Ruby Sisson Library.

For one day only, your public library will be transformed into a miniature golf and bowling center. Entry to the event is \$10 per person or \$30 per family. All net proceeds from the event will support the programs and resources at your Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

Challenge your skills or challenge a friend in a nine-hole game of the library's version of miniature golf with the course winding throughout the library. Maneuver through a wild west town, avoid the lake and sand traps, carefully pass through the whispering

windmill and more.

Step into the Turner Reading Room at the library to try your hand at 10-pin bowling down the lanes between the bookshelves. Three lanes will be available for bowling with pinsetters on hand to set your pins after each bowl. The bowling at your Ruby Sisson Library may not be like the bowling alleys of your youth, but you will still have a ball supporting your public library.

When not golfing or bowling, be amazed by magic tricks and balloon animals and enjoy snacks at our concession stand. We at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library envision mountains of opportunity to inspire ideas, enrich lives and create community. To learn more about this event, please call Cindi Galabota at 264-2209 or email cindi@pagosalibrary.org.

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Tuesday

Pagosa Brewing Company: Open Mic hosted by Emily, 6 p.m.

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15th annual Backcountry Film Festival

By Michael Restivo
Special to The PREVIEW

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The 15th annual Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival will show in Pagosa Springs on Friday, Feb. 21, at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse. All proceeds will benefit the Colorado Mountain Club as a nonprofit.

Funds raised at each screening stay in the local community to support human-powered recreation and conservation efforts, winter education and avalanche/safety programs and to raise awareness of winter management issues.

Produced each year as a celebratory backcountry community event by the Winter Wildlands Alliance, the 15th annual Backcountry Film Festival film lineup is full of snowy, cinematic adventure sure to inspire both the local backcountry and general communities. Winter Wildlands Alliance is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving winter wildlands and a quality human-powered snow sports experience on public lands.

By partnering with groups like the Colorado Mountain Club at a local level, the Winter Wildlands Alliance raises funds for these groups and communities through the annual Backcountry Film Festival national tour. All funds raised directly benefit local projects and programs that perpetuate access

and stewardship of public lands.

Adventure, environment and climate, youth outdoors, ski culture — you’ll find it all in this award-winning lineup. Films in this year’s program include:

- “Can’t Ski Vegas” — Joey Schusler, Ben Page and Thomas Woodson.
- “Drawn to High Places” — Elise Giordano and Outdoor Research.
- “Endless Winter: Chapter 1” — Nikolai Schirmer.
- “Khutrao” — Agreste Chile.

• “Leave Nice Tracks” — Marius Becker, Dan Cirenza and Kyle Crichton.

• “A Climb for Equality” — Caroline Gleich.

• “Colter’s Route” — Sawyer Thomas, Riis Wilbrecht and Dynafit.

• “Backflippers” — Luigi Delarole.

• “Climate Change in the Kennels” — Denali National Parks.

• “Peak Obsession” — Cody

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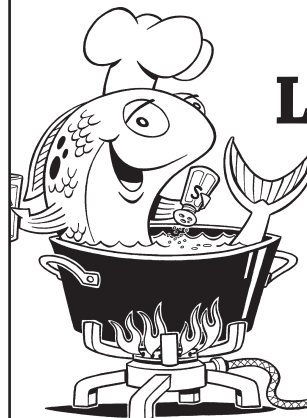
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Tuesday's free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is open to all ages and ability levels.

Hand-drumming class slated for Tuesday

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. 25, at noon. The purpose is to pro-

vide 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.

"Both my lifelong nursing career and my own personal life experiences help me see so many applications for well-being and healing via drumming," said Dayle Huffman, who has worked in the fields of home care assistance and occupational health.

In recent years, Huffman has been devoting herself to hosting drumming circles in Ohio through an organization she created to disseminate the benefits of hand-drumming. Residents of Ohio who benefit from Huffman's drumming programs are indeed fortunate to

have her living there.

In Pagosa, we have enjoyed having her and her husband, Tom, at our hand-drumming classes when they vacation here. This year, she traveled from Ohio to Colorado with an authentic African djembe, a frame drum and other instruments.

"Drumming is for everyone with a heartbeat," she said. "I can't stay away from my drums. I learn a new technique that surprises me and I am hooked even more. The learning is never-ending. What fun I am having learning so much about myself in such a positive way!"

For more information about the hand-drumming class, call 731-3117. The Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave.

Festival

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Townsend and Bjarne Salen.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the screening beings at 7 p.m.

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San Juan Stargazers to host a telescope clinic, study winter sky Feb. 27

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

The San Juan Stargazers' regular monthly meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 27, in the Visitor Center conference room located at 105 Hot Springs Blvd. The meeting will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. sharp. Hot drinks will be served starting at 6:30 p.m. for social time as we gather.

Before our meeting, at 6 p.m., we will have a telescope clinic, which is an opportunity for anyone from the community to bring a telescope they got as a gift or purchased, either recently or in the past, to the Visitor Center for members and telescope experts to help either diagnose a problem or explain how the telescope can be used.

We have some competent members, one who built his first telescope at the age of 12, who can offer expert advice. The only requirement is to call the club number, 335-8286, to reserve the time of a telescope expert. When you call, please try to have the name, model and a little information about your telescope so we can get the right person to help you.

There is no charge for our help and you do not have to become a member, but we will welcome you if you decide to join a group of such caring and smart people who also have a sense of humor and a lot of fun playing with telescopes and astronomy.

At the meeting, our first item will be a report from our newly

formed StarLab Fundraising Committee. We are helping the school district and Anita Hinger, science teacher at Pagosa Springs Middle School, who has been gathering money for a StarLab which is a portable planetarium to benefit all 1,636 students of our school district. It is an outstanding multi-functional \$40,000 science system that includes programs in astronomy, weather, plate tectonics, geology and other areas. Many of our members are intent on raising more money since it is such a worthy project.

The main program for tonight is from the series of Great Courses called "Our Night Sky." There are both video and written lessons titled "The Winter Sky." It tells the story of the birth, life and death of stars. A most interesting example is the large red giant Betelgeuse that is near the end of its life. Fortunately, it is not near enough to Earth to be a threat, but when it dies, it will be a spectacular sight in the night sky.

If you have been thinking of coming to one of our meetings or learning to use a telescope, this will be the best time to begin. We are setting up exceptional telescope training this summer. The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association has gotten grants that can be used for training, probably by the astronomy department at Fort Lewis College and from a group that has

a regular astronomy program in Westcliff, Colo. There will be a lot going on, including 10 star parties at Chimney Rock National Monument from May to September. There will be many opportunities for learning and practicing.

New people are always warmly welcomed at our meetings. I hope you can join us to add this new dimension to your life. We welcome everyone who has an interest in learning more about our amazing universe.

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

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Two performances left of Drama Club's 'Crying Out'

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Teenage life is full of pitfalls: drugs, alcohol, suicide and unexpected pregnancies. Just saying "no" isn't always enough. With an innovative style that combines different scenes with a chorus, the play "Crying Out" addresses drug abuse, teen sexuality, male responsibility in pregnancy, communication and other current issues.

A powerful dramatic piece, spliced with humor and utilizing

ensemble roles, it has provoked extensive discussion after every production. Such is the description of the Pagosa Springs High School Drama Club as it presents "Crying Out," rated PG, by Matthew Hunt, a one-act play.

The play is student-directed by Sydney Mitchell and features Hunter Swinehart, Alex Rountree, Blaize Guterrez, Ana Perea, Myles Roque, CeCe McSwain, Caroline Foster, Carole Smith, Hannah Rockensock and Sara Laucius.

"Crying Out" was the winner

of the Texas Educational Theatre Association Playwriting Award. Nineteen years ago, in 2001, it was presented by the then PSHS Drama Club winning several awards in competition.

The 2020 cast has been working hard to bring Pagosa a strong and powerful rendition of this extraordinary one act. "Crying Out," produced by Sean Downing, opened on Feb. 15 and offers two performances, on Feb. 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. at the high school. We appreciate the support of our young actors.

St. Patrick's Irish Festival set for March 14

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

If you are an artisan, a member of a local nonprofit group, a maker of spices, soaps or want to get information to the public about your organization, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church has a great opportunity for you.

On March 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the church's newly enlarged parking lot will be transformed into a site for celebrating St. Patrick's Day, offering free space for vendors to sell their wares, the route for the world's shortest St. Patrick's Day parade, free food, Irish dancing,

World Day of Prayer 2020 set for March 6

By Linda Holt
Special to The PREVIEW

Women, men and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer on March 6.

This year, the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe call us to worship considering the words "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk." With these words as backdrop, we are invited to learn about Zimbabwe's history and rich cultural diversity.

The World Day of Prayer 2020 program is based on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given (John 5:2-9a). Jesus asked, "Do you want to be made well?"

■ See Prayer on next page

free concerts, a snowman building contest, a fly-tying and casting class, a book sale, face painting and more.

This is St. Patrick's fifth year to host this celebration and each year brings more fun and new events.

"When the town decided to discontinue the downtown St. Patrick's Day parade, our church members went to work to provide the community a family-friendly event to help them enjoy the day. It is, after all, our church's patronal feast day," said Fr. Doug Neel. "Each year the event has grown with more events and more and more people coming to join in the fun."

Participants dress up in their most outlandish St. Patrick's Day attire. Dogs (on leash) are invited to the event and, often, are wearing the most festive costumes of them all.

"We invite folks to join our parade as well," said Neel. The parade route stretches from one end of the parking lot to the other

and includes the traditional St. Patrick's float featuring St. Patrick himself accompanied by children who want to ride on the trailer. (Parents are encouraged to ride with the younger ones.)

In addition, there will be a large fire truck and a festive trash truck. The parade will be led by St. Patrick's bagpipe band and the Irish-like dancers. Others who wish to join the parade may line up at 11:20 a.m. on the north end of the parking lot. If you want to provide a float, please call the church office and let us know.

For more information on how you or your organization can participate, call the church office at 731-5801 and ask for Lynne McCrudden. If you reach the voice-mail, please leave a message and she will call you back. Vendor spaces are free, though vendors will need to sign up and provide their own tables, chairs and tents. St. Patrick's is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.



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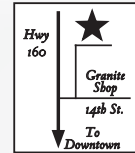
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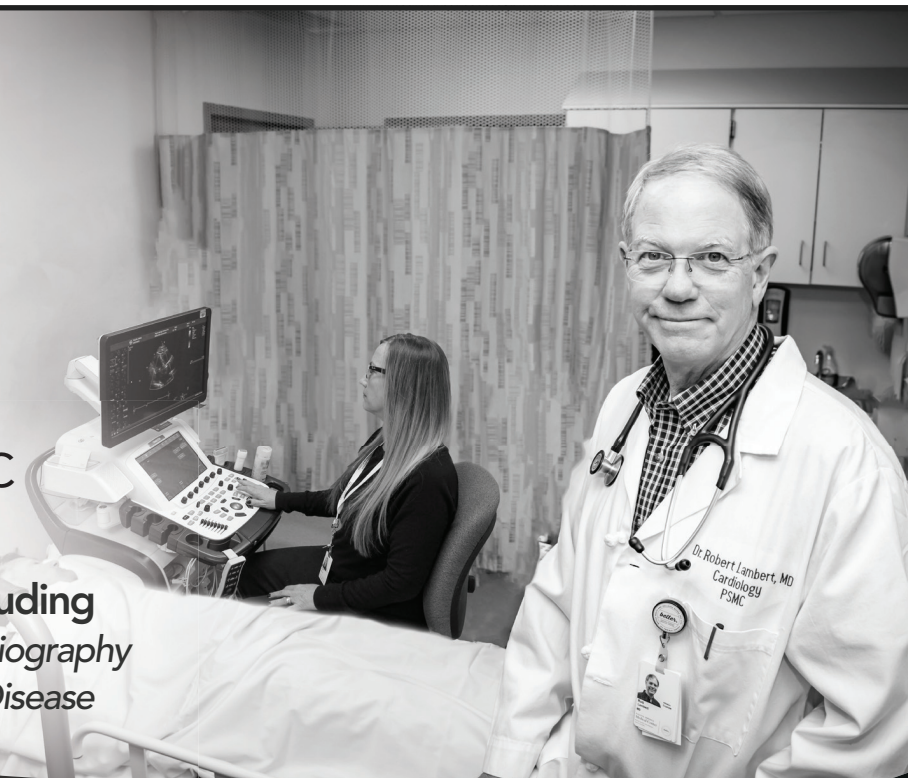
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Second annual Rotary Ice Melt Contest underway

By JoAnn Laird
Special to The PREVIEW

Ah, those winter doldrums are setting in. A simple cure for that, while having fun from the comfort of your easy chair, is entering your best guess in the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club's second annual Ice Melt Contest.

In cooperation with the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA), last year's contest proved to be a community favorite while being very profitable for three entrants.

Simply put, this is a contest of precise timing. These crafty Rotarians will take a huge drum with clocks attached to it and set it on the now-frozen Lake Hatcher. As

we head toward March 15, the lake will thaw, the drum will fall through the ice, the clocks will stop working and that will signal the date and time to end the contest and award the winners.

The top three guesses, closest to the date and time the clocks stop, will win \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second place and \$500 for third place. Tickets for your guesses are \$5 each, \$20 for five, \$40 for 10 and \$100 for 30. That's a darn-good return on your money.

Get your tickets to make your predictions soon, as the ice will historically melt before March 15. Contact any Rotarian or get tickets through the PLPOA administration office, PLPOA Recreation Center, Chamber

of Commerce, Choke Cherry Tree, or Ski and Bow Rack. Online purchases can be made at www.pagosapring-rotary.org. Before the clock drops, all tickets must be in turned in to be counted.

All proceeds will go toward the Rotary Scholarship Fund for Pagosa Springs High School graduates. Rotary has proudly funded over \$20,000 a year, for over 20 years, to deserving students.

Here's a chance to possibly win serious money for your upcoming summer adventures and, more importantly, help our local youth with higher education. Do you think March 3 at 3:06 p.m. will win? Or maybe March 11 at 11:23 a.m. Or ...?

Prayer

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"Rise! Take your mat and walk," said Jesus.

Our sisters from Zimbabwe are taking Jesus' encounter to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. The action verbs in Jesus' command suggest that we should not be afraid to act on the word of God. God is offering us the steps for personal and social transformation.

This year's service will be held on March 6 at 11:30 a.m. at John Paul II Catholic Church.

Babysitting is available if you let us know in advance. The building is handicap accessible.

After the service, there will be a potluck. Please bring a salad to share.

Invite your friends, family and communities of faith to join the women of Zimbabwe in prayer and song to support ecumenical efforts toward justice, peace and healing. The annual offering supports the work of World Day of Prayer USA and helps meet the needs of families in Zimbabwe and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence and injustice.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. World Day of Prayer was founded on the idea that prayer and action are inseparable in the service of God's king-

dom. Each year, a different country's committee serves as the writers of the World Day of Prayer worship service. And, each year, we are called to action in response to the concerns raised by the writer country.

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Wish Upon a StarLab Book Fair coming to elementary school

By Lisa Scott
Special to The PREVIEW

Families, teachers and the community are invited to attend the Scholastic Book Fair coming to Pagosa Springs Elementary School March 2-13. The event will be during school hours in the school library and the featured theme is Wish Upon a StarLab Book Fair.

The Stars of Fine Arts Family Night will be held March 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. The Partners In Education Committee (P.I.E.) will organize the activities for the evening and will also provide a delicious, nutritious and fun homemade dinner. Additionally, artwork created by students of all grades will be on display and many items will be available for bidding via silent auction.

The proceeds from this book fair will go toward the ongoing fundraiser to purchase a StarLab for the school district. The StarLab is a mobile planetarium with a 360-degree spherical projection to point out any object in the night sky. This interactive experience brings astronomy and STEM curriculum to the students of Pagosa Springs schools without leaving campus.

Teachers Anita Hinger, eighth-grade science, and Debbie Moore, first grade, have been working for over a year to raise the \$49,000 necessary to purchase the StarLab. To date, they have raised 50 percent of the funds necessary through grants and private donations. The proceeds from this book fair will contribute to the fundraiser.

The Book Fair is an exciting time for students at the school, as it is a fun and gratifying way to increase interest in reading for pleasure. Additionally, there will be a classroom competition for decorating the classroom door with the StarLab theme and voting will take place during family night.

Students love showing their families the decorations and the book fair items they have their eye on. This event promotes reading as an essential activity to keep learning skills sharp and to engage the imagination.

Individuals attending the book fair can also help build individual classroom libraries by purchasing a book for a teacher through the Classroom Wish List Program that is highlighted within the book fair.

Students visit the book fair with their class to preview the books for sale, especially the new releases. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available and there is always a huge supply of bargain items as low as \$1.99. Students also view the "Author DVD," supplied by Scholastic, which fea-



Photo courtesy Lisa Scott

Levi Denton would like to invite you to the Wish Upon a StarLab Book Fair at Pagosa Springs Elementary School March 2-13 during school hours. This event promotes reading, the love of books and engaging the imagination. Proceeds from this book fair will support the fundraiser to purchase a StarLab for the school district.

tures authors discussing the books they wrote with kids in mind.

The elementary school has been hosting a book fair since 1982. The school hosts one book fair per semester and the proceeds are taken in the form of Scholastic dollars and books for the school library. Scholastic dollars enable the school to order a vast array of educational supplies at a considerable discount.

The book fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including newly released

titles, award-winning titles, children's classics, beautiful hardback books, interactive software and book titles from more than 150 publishers. There are products for all age ranges and many excellent gift ideas.

The community is invited to attend the book fair as a shopper or volunteer during book fair hours as the event is hosted in the school library and staffed by volunteers. For more questions or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.



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Sisters in Song, a community women's chorus, will begin rehearsals on March 3 at Community United Methodist Church from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Community women's chorus, Sisters in Song, to begin rehearsals March 3

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

The community women's chorus, Sisters in Song, is gearing up to begin another fun season of singing.

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir is inviting women in Pagosa Springs who love to sing and would like to perform in a concert along with the Girls Choir to come be a part of the Sisters in Song women's choir.

The chorus is in its fourth year of existence after successful years of performance. The group will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, March 3, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church. The choir will continue to rehearse each Tuesday until its performance on May 7.

The concert theme is "Back to the Roaring '20s," chosen to complement the year, 2020. This year, the Sisters in Song will perform quality choral music that was popular in the 1920s and music written by well-known composers of this favorite musical decade.

The 1920s was the decade that marked the beginning of the modern music era. The music recording industry was just beginning to form and a myriad of new technologies helped to create the way music was made and distributed. Music of this decade featured jazz, dance bands and Broadway.

The Sisters in Song group was formed in 2016 to give the Girls Choir an opportunity to sing with women in our community. At the end of the rehearsals, the ladies had enjoyed singing so much, they wanted to continue.

"I am always excited for this venture to give the girls another musical

experience and the opportunity to sing with a women's chorus. It is a great experience for the girls, one that we all enjoy," said Girls Choir Director Linda Parker. "Pagosa is full of wonderful musicians and I am grateful that they are willing to share their time and their talent with the girls. Music is a lifelong skill and what better way to show the girls that this is true than to experience it with women who have sung throughout their life? Most of the women are not career musicians, but they continue to enjoy music. Some of the ladies who sing with us tell me they haven't sung since high school, but still love singing and being a part of a choir."

Participants in the women's chorus need no prior experience.

"Only a love of music and singing are needed to be a part of this group," Parker went on to say.

However, to help offset the cost of music, there is a \$15 fee for the choir and the ladies purchase a top to wear for performance.

"This is a short-term commitment (only 10 weeks), so I'm hoping we'll have many of our ladies come and sing," she added.

If you would like to sing in a women's chorus and perform some great music, mark Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church (on Lewis Street) on your calendar.

For more information, please call Parker at 264-1434 or email her at singpagosa@gmail.com. You're sure to have a great time sharing

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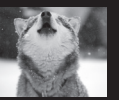
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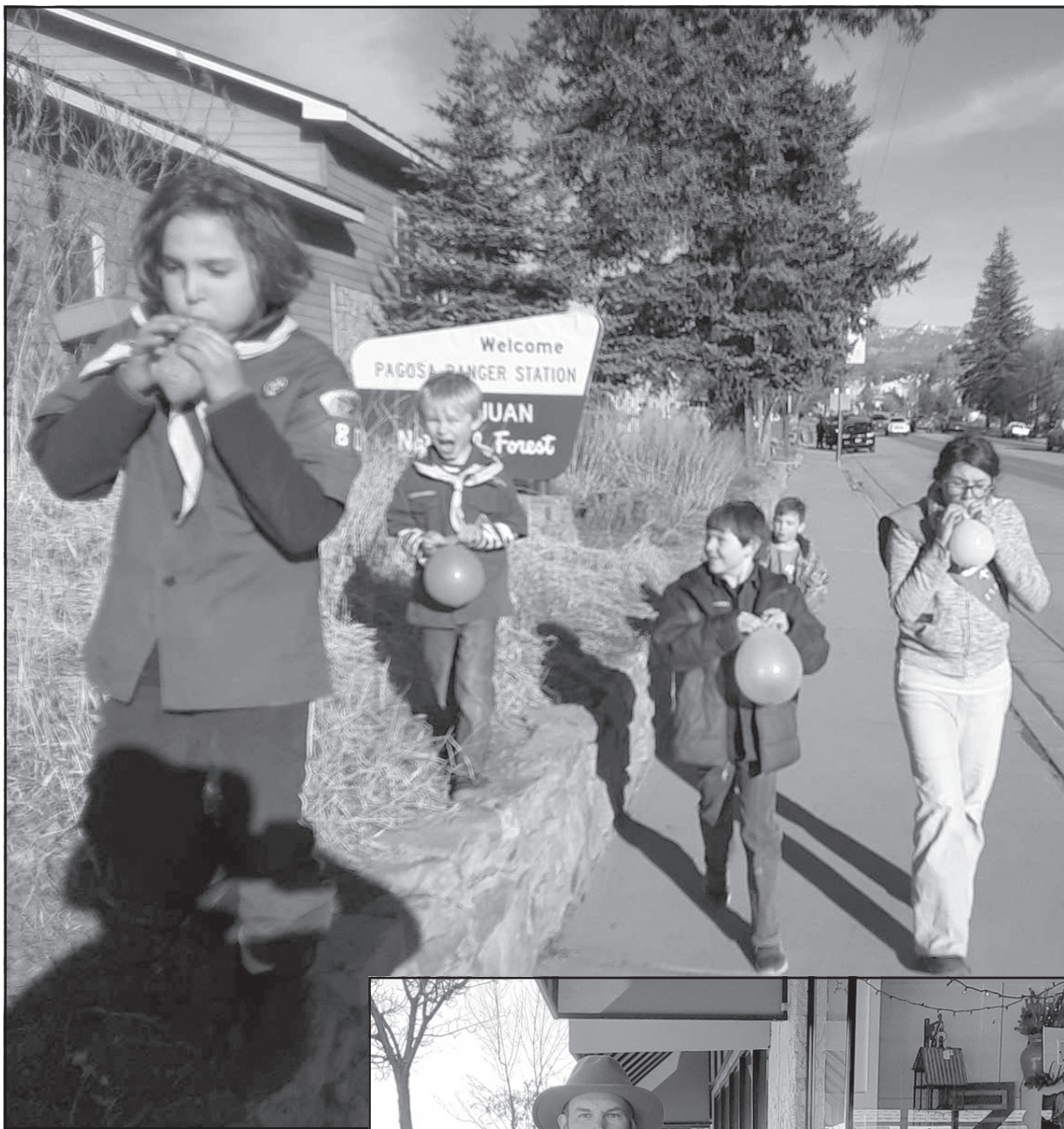


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Earth Day celebration being planned

By Jonathan Dobson
Special to The PREVIEW

This year's Earth Day celebration will be held at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's (GGP) Geodesic Dome Greenhouse site along the San Juan River on April 19 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

It will include live music, featured speakers, a one-hour town forum on the global climate crisis, food and craft vendors, craft activities for children and, hopefully, a presence contributed to by important members of our community like you.

We are all in this together. Please consider erecting a booth, free of charge, at our event this year, to be held at the GGP and adjoining Centennial Park grounds. This will be an alcohol-free event, held rain or shine.

Contact Jonathan Dobson at 507-0754 or dobsonsolar@gmail.com with questions and to arrange how you can help make this a memorable event.



Photos courtesy Jonathan Dobson

The Bear Cubs and one Girl Scout (third-graders) and leader Jonathan Dobson canvassed town recently, walking 2 miles and inviting businesses to be part of the Earth Day celebration being planned for April 19 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site. The event will be outdoors, rain or shine, and will feature music, arts and more.

“When Israel was a youth I loved Him...”

- Hosea 11:1

Hosea is a most unusual love story. He is told by God to marry a harlot and she gives birth to three children. When she returns to harlotry, God tells Hosea to go to her again and show his love.

God pictures for Israel how much He loved her. Israel is called from sin and serving idols to follow God. Yet Israel often returns to their former ways. God's amazing love is witnessed in Hosea 11 as He continues to care for Israel though God's people often went back to idols. When God's compassions are kindled he cannot execute his fierce anger.

God's love is no less for us today. We sin and fall short in our relationship with God. But God's love stands. When we return to Him, He will always take us back no matter what condition in which we find ourselves.

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Answers: A. wellness B. fit C. exercise D. diet

To still, steal or steel

Moonshine on the Blanco — Heaven forbid! You can tell when winter has gone on too long and cabin fever is setting in. My Sweet Al is watching TV shows about moonshine and bootleggers.

He contends that he's an outside person, but it's too cold to be out and about. For now, winter has him socked in with socks up in his recliner. He's lost and not sure what to do with himself.

Captivated by the backwoods people, he left the television blaring and ran to tell me that they made over \$1,000 in illegal moonshine in one day. The sheriff was chasing them and the county competition was growing hostile and stealing customers.

"Surely, he is not thinking about making moonshine."

His new pastime, an American docudrama television series, is about the people who produce illegal moonshine in the Appalachian Mountains. The new season promises that Tickle may return from his imprisonment to try and pick up his partnership with Tim.

Yes, I said that right. My Sweet Al is now hooked on the "Tickle and Tim Show."

Our son came in the front door and said, "Why is the trapdoor open? Who is under the house?"

"I think your dad is looking for Ball jars. He's going to try his hand at moonshining. He asked me to Google moonshine recipes."

I was joking as to why my Sweet Al was under the house, but based on his new viewing habit, my curiosity was piqued. To my amazement, I was shocked to find an online recipe for apple pie moonshine. Then I found a pie ala mode brew. In fact, my one search brought up over 50 recipes giving step-by-step instructions on how to make things like white chocolate moonshine, and tart cherry pie moonshine.

Throw in a can of whipped cream and maybe I'm the one who has found a new hobby.

Over the years, I've come to know that my Sweet Al needs to stay busy. And, the busier he is, the sweeter he gets — or maybe it's me who gets sweeter. Al has always

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



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been interested in house painting. Maybe I can teach him how to paint on canvas as a way to deal with the long winter season. Then again, teaching him to paint could drive me so "crazy" that I would cut off my ear like Vincent van Gogh.

Van Gogh, the artist who was known for painting "The hundred faces of Van Gogh," was one of the most prolific self-portraitists of all times. Not because he liked looking at himself; he used portrait painting as a method of introspection to help himself develop skills as an artist. Unfortunately, tempers flared while working for another artist name Gauguin. In a fit of rage, Van Gogh turned his razor on himself and severed part of his left ear.

Maybe I just need to be silent and let my Sweet Al enjoy his Appalachian reality TV. Besides, his stories were entertaining and likely added more dimension than the show's actual B-roll footage.

Final brushstroke: Sometimes we just need to let a sleeping dog lie. NASCAR season is here, so I'm

betting story time will change from brew and stills to steel and wheels. At any rate, I've bookmarked a new online recipe tutorial just in case it's me who can't handle the long winter season. If you can't find me, know I'm under the house with my can of whipped cream.



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The water boy wrestler

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

When February rolls around, that month when wrestling and basketball are coming to a close, I often find my mind slipping back to my athletic days in high school.

I recently found myself reminiscing about the first high school wrestling tournament I ever participated in. It was a junior varsity

(JV) tournament. Our small school had a JV wrestler for every weight except heavyweight. Thus, with 11 wrestlers, one water boy, and our coach, we headed to a nearby town for an all-day tournament.

We called our water boy Curly, or Sheep, because of his tightly curled hair, and he definitely was not a wrestler. But he had the two qualities needed in a good water boy: he

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Wrestler

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 could carry water, and he could tell stories better than anyone. When we would come back from our wrestling meets, he would twist the most mundane match, where we were facing a very inferior opponent, into a tale where it sounded as if we were going up against an agitated Godzilla and coming out conquerors.

His persona was that of a giant marshmallow. His physique was the same. When Coach approached us from the meeting where they determined the ordering of the wrestlers in the tournament, he was excited.

“Curly,” he said, “no other team has a heavyweight, so I am putting you in, and you can win team points for us by default.”

“But, Coach,” Curly protested, “I don’t have a wrestling uniform.”

“No problem,” Coach said. He turned to me. “Howard, you’re the next biggest wrestler. You will have to hurry to the locker room and switch your uniform to Curly.”

“But, Coach,” Curly complained, “it will be all sweaty.”

“Besides,” I added, “my wrestling uniform is half the size of Curly.”

“What a bunch of whiners,” Coach retorted. “I could open a distillery as much as you guys whine. A little sweat won’t hurt you, Curly. And Howard, you find a way to stuff him into that suit if it kills you.”

There was no arguing with Coach, so after my first match, I ran for the locker room. Coach had already sent Curly there, and he was undressed and waiting. I flew out of my uniform, and we started pulling it up around him. It took Frank, Lenny, and me, along with Curly, to stuff him into it. We were tugging the uniform and poking parts of him in, like trying to stuff a king-size pillow into a couch-cushion pillowcase. We finally got most of him in the uniform, but he was still sticking out all over. The uniform looked like someone had painted it on, and it wasn’t a very good paint job.

As I scurried into my other clothes, Curly started to complain. “I can’t move in this thing. If I do, I’m sure I’ll tear something.”

“You better not!” I said.

“I meant me!” he grunted.

“Just take little, itty-bitty steps,” Lenny, our 98-pound wrestler, suggested.

“I’m not walking out there like a stupid ballerina,” Curly argued.

Just then, the second call for Curly came on the intercom. A third call and he would be disqualified. Suddenly, Coach appeared and bellowed like a bull, and Curly minced his way out of the locker room with us behind him. As Curly walked gingerly onto the mat to have his hand raised for the default win, the crowd roared with laughter.

The next two rounds went similarly. After each round, I could feel my uniform getting looser. In the late evening, when the two lines were formed for the final championship match opponents to shake hands, something interesting happened. A huge heavyweight wrestler, somewhere close to the size of a Mack truck and looking like a Neanderthal, lined up across from Curly. He was from the host team, and, as such, had not had to appear for his default hand-raising.

Curly became frightened. He turned to Coach and pointed at the other wrestler. “I’m not going to wrestle him!”

Whether Coach knew all along there was another heavyweight wrestler, we will never know, but he was absolutely defiant. “You wrestle him and die like a man, or I’ll take care of you myself!”

To be continued.

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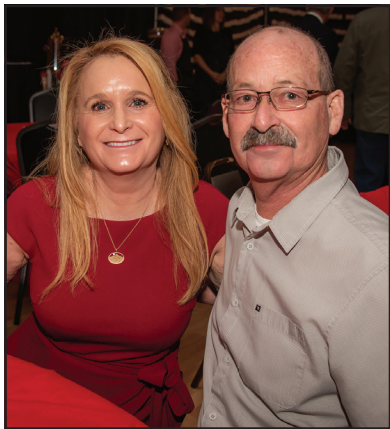
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ASPIRE'S FLY ME TO THE MOON MYSTERY BOX PARTY

Photos courtesy Jeff Laydon

Scene ... Valentine's Day at Aspire's Fly Me to the Moon mystery box party. The evening offered live music by Bob Hemenger, dancing, dining and the chance to purchase mystery boxes. One mystery box contained an all-expenses-paid trip worth \$6,000.





Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Feb. 20

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.

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.

Chimney Rock National Monument Open House. 12:30-1:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Stop by and enjoy desserts and conversation with our volunteers. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133.

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.

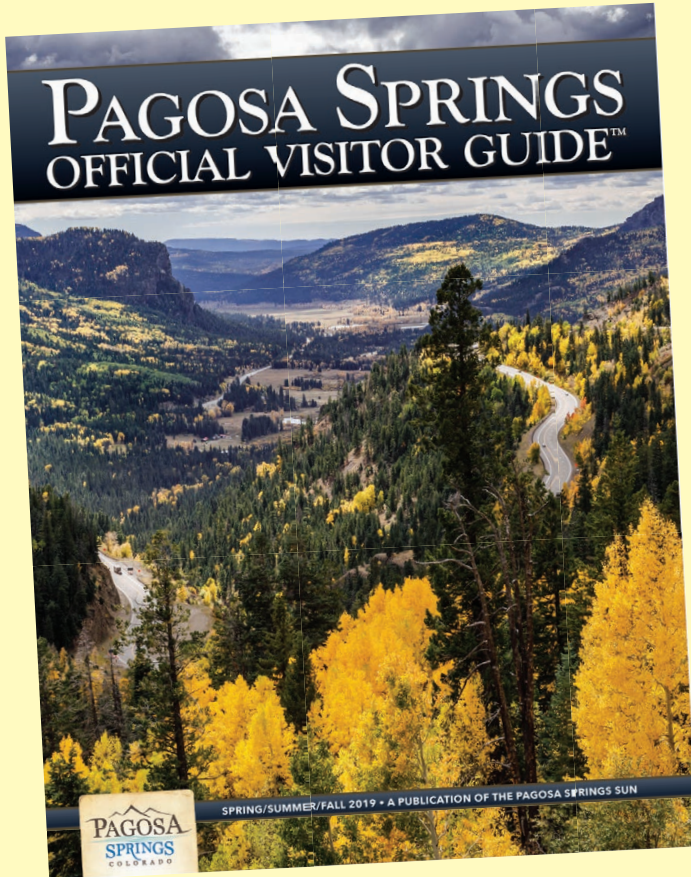
PALS Adult Education. 2-7 p.m., Sisson Library. PALS can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Southwest Organization for Sustainability. 3:30 p.m., Visitor Center conference room. Everyone welcome. For more information, call Phyl Daleske at 731-4589.

Mask-Making. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 6th-12th grade. Join us to make and decorate masks. From steampunk to superhero to carnival, masks come in all styles. We'll provide the supplies. Just bring your imagination. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Pirates Girls' Varsity Basketball. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Bayfield High School.

New Thought Center: Movie. 6 p.m., New Thought Center, 3505 W. U.S. 160. We will be showing "Tomorrowland." For more information, email PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 309-6067 or visit [See Calendar on next page](http://www.Pago-</p></div><div data-bbox=)



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Pagosa Pirates Boys' Varsity Basketball. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Bayfield High School.

Friday, Feb. 21

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.

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.

Teen Book Club. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in 6th-12th grade. Join us for snacks and lively discussion of this month's book, "This Song Will Save Your Life" by Leila Sales. Stop by to pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Springs High School Drama Club Presents 'Crying Out.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Teenage life is full of pitfalls. This play addresses drug abuse, teen sexuality, male responsibility in pregnancy, communication and other current issues.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Homebuyers Education Class. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Tired of renting? Join our Homebuyer Education Class. Learn what it takes to become a homeowner and gain access to local down payment assistance programs, real estate, inspection and home maintenance. Space is limited. To register, visit www.

homesfund.org.

DUST2 Fat Bike Race. 9 a.m., Wolf Creek Pass, Forest Service Road 725. Registration and check-in 8:15-8:45 a.m. Fun for all ages and abilities, \$25/adults and \$20/18 and under. There will be prizes for first place adult male/female, first place under 18 and best costume. For more information, call 398-1168 or go to www.dustx2.com.

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

Meditation and Dharma Discussion. 10 a.m., Pagosa Universalist Unitarian Fellowship, Suite B-15, 70 Greenbriar Drive. All are welcome.

Crafting Club. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and sharing ideas. This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with others who enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

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: Collage-ify This. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Ex-

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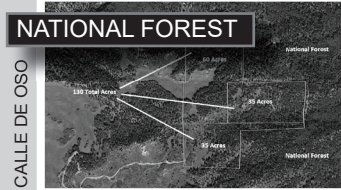
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Beyond Words International Informational Meeting. 4-6 p.m., Timber Ridge Clubhouse, 31 Shooting Star Drive. We are looking for volunteers to help with our projects at home and abroad. We need assistance with organizational development, fundraising, grant writing and advocacy. For more information, attend or email beyondwordsintl@gmail.com.

Pagosa Play Place: Murder Mystery Fundraiser. 6 p.m., Best Western Pagosa Lodge, 3505 U.S. 160. Heavy appetizers, dessert, silent auction, cash bar. Tickets are available at Eventbrite or Pagosa Play Place, \$45 general admission or \$55 for royal VIP.

Pagosa Springs High School Drama Club Presents 'Crying Out.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Teenage life is full of pitfalls. This play addresses drug abuse, teen sexuality, male responsibility in pregnancy, communication and other current issues.

Sunday, Feb. 23

Mt. Allison Grange Bunco Party. 1 p.m., Mt. Allison Grange. A community Bunco and potluck get-together. For more information, email mtallisongrange@gmail.com, Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mtallisongrange/>, or call Yvonne at 799-3064.

Lanes and Links for the Library. 1-4 p.m., Sisson Library. A family-friendly event for the whole community. For one day only, the library will be transformed into a nine-hole miniature golf and four-lane bowling center. Entry to the event is \$10 per person or \$30 per family. For more information, call Cindi Galabota at

264-2209 or email cindi@pagosalibrary.org.

Stories to Tell Us. 2-3:30 p.m., Best Western Pagosa Lodge Overlook Room. An open group of individuals meeting each week to tell their life stories to one another. There are no age restrictions or prior writing experience required. Weekly topics are found on the Stories2TellUs.com website so attendees can come prepared.

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.

New Thought Center: 'New Moon Drumming Circle.' 6 p.m., New Thought Center, 3505 W. U.S. 160. For more information, email PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 309-6067 or visit www.PagosaNewThought.org.

Monday, Feb. 24

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. 9:15-11:15 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

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 After all?
- 5 Number for one
- 9 Gives the axe to
- 14 "That hurt!"
- 15 Boisterous play
- 16 Unaccompanied
- 17 Something in the air
- 18 Manage somehow
- 19 Battle bravery
- 20 Awfully dull
- 22 Blackbeard, e.g.
- 23 Take the wrong way?
- 24 Ski race
- 26 1996 presidential hopeful
- 28 Starbucks staffer
- 32 Be a pain
- 35 Murphy Brown star
- 37 Within reach
- 38 Meadow sounds
- 40 Plain as day
- 41 Lysol target
- 42 Capri or Wight
- 43 Like most wedding cakes
- 45 Ballet dance step
- 46 Wood finish
- 48 Side by side?
- 50 Whitaker of Hollywood
- 52 Moolah
- 56 Plain awful
- 59 Ornamental climbing vine
- 61 Up and _____
- 62 High school subj.
- 63 Horse gait
- 64 Boxer's quest
- 65 Tolstoy heroine
- 66 Place for an ace
- 67 Anesthetic of old
- 68 Lab procedure
- 69 Like the Sahara

DOWN

- 1 Pillages
- 2 Check the books
- 3 Something to settle
- 4 Sewing kit item
- 5 Chevron competitor
- 6 Hotel amenity
- 7 Urge onward
- 8 Tarzan extra
- 9 Jesus, for some
- 10 Causing worry
- 11 Bubbly drink
- 12 Maritime speed
- 13 Moistureless
- 21 Messy one
- 22 Window box, e.g.
- 25 Anomalies
- 27 Dance class attire
- 29 Escape slowly
- 30 Fictional plantation
- 31 Kind of race or dealer
- 32 Egyptian bird
- 33 Skin reaction
- 34 Curly cabbage
- 36 Word from the Beaver
- 39 Colonists' quest, maybe
- 44 Financial worry
- 47 Linger aimlessly
- 49 Queen of Soul
- 51 Sty dwellers
- 53 Slip-up
- 54 Garlicky sauce
- 55 No longer in mail or crime
- 56 Word before final words?
- 57 Final words?
- 58 Tim of "The Hateful Eight"
- 60 Louver piece
- 62 Cave dweller

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Gung Hay Fat Choy! On Jan. 29, local Pi Beta Phi alumnae and their husbands gathered at the Shanghai Restaurant to celebrate Chinese New Year. Standing left to right: Bob Hart, Penny Hart, Bob Scott, Don Tennant and Bob Howard. Seated left to right: Marilyn Chipps, Lisa Scott, Carole Howard, Mary Bailly and Paula Tennant. This is the Year of the Rat in the Chinese lunar calendar, which says that rats have a shrewd instinct for business, good money management skills, and are sensitive and considerate in love and relationships. Other notable people born in the Years of the Rat are George Washington, Mozart, Shakespeare, Charlotte Bronte, Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Affleck, Eminem and Prince Harry.

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Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Wellness Clinic. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Held by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Computer Class: Resume Writing.

1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn how to effectively create a simple resume using Microsoft Word, and learn useful tips and suggestions that will help you in your next job search. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Incredible Years Parenting Class.

5:30-8 p.m., Seeds of Learning. A free opportunity offered to anyone who wants to build positive relationships with their children, needs more effective discipline, or would like new ideas to help their children learn and grow. This class is created for families with children between the ages of 2 and 8 years. A free dinner will be offered for the entire family and child care will be provided at no cost. For more information and to register, call Michelle

Carpenter at 946-0664 or Lynne Bridges at 264-5513.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Chi Energi. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A variety of movements and stretches to create energy for the healing of our mind, body and soul.

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m., Dorothy's Restaurant. Lunch will be \$12 and we love for you to bring friends. Please RSVP at 946-1895 by Sunday, Feb. 23.

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.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in 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.

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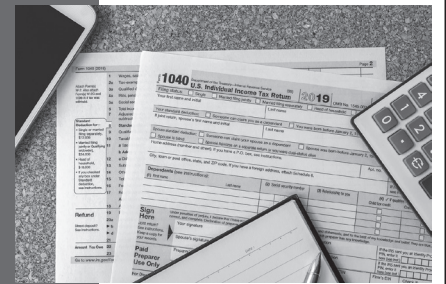
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Wednesday, Feb. 26

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: Around the World with Cindi Galabota. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Cindi offers us a chance to explore new places through artifacts and toys from many different cultures. Storytime is a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Ash Wednesday Contemplative Service. Noon-2 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

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

Spanish Conversation. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Our conversation hour will help you increase fluency by speaking with other Spanish language speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Jelly Beans After School Fun Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. All ages welcome. For information, call 903-8104.

Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. 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.

Vinyl Night. 6 p.m., Riff Raff on the Rio, 356 E. Pagosa St.

Americana Project Concert. 6-8 p.m., The Springs Resort. The students will be performing a mix of cover and original music.

Study on Biblical Feasts. 7 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Are you interested in learning about the biblical/Jewish festivals? Come join the fun as we study these appointed times. Hosted by Rabbi Gene Dwinell. Call 946-5262 or email ahavatadonai@gmail.com for more information.

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. 27

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.

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.

New Thought Center: 'Balance Body and Organs with Soft Tissue Manipulation: with Dr. Scott VanderWall, D.C.' 6 p.m., New Thought Center, 3505 W. U.S. 160. For more information, email PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, call 309-6067 or visit www.PagosaNewThought.org.

San Juan Stargazers. 7-8:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Hot drinks will be served starting at 6:30 p.m. for social time. Before our meeting at 6 p.m., we will have a telescope clinic for anyone from the community to bring a telescope so experts can help either diagnose a problem or explain how the telescope can be used. The main program is from the series of

Great Courses called "Our Night Sky." For more information, visit www.sanjuanstargazers.org, email sjstargazers@gmail.com or call 335-8286.

Friday, Feb. 28

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.

Literary Ladies Book Club. 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. We will be discussing "Fascism, A Warning" by Madeleine Albright. Stop by to pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Lenten Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m., Catholic Parish Hall, 445 Lewis St. Fee. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Event Center Grand Opening. 7-10 p.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Dance featuring Tim Sullivan. Tickets are \$10, available at the door, with a cash bar benefitting the Sullivan Foundation for the Arts.

Saturday, Feb. 29

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

Family Storytime: Leap Around. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Come celebrate Leap Day with us by joining in some leap-full activities. Join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Storytime is a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

The Annual Heartbeat Ball. 6-10 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. Join the PSMC Foundation for a '70s party fundraiser. Advance tickets purchase required, \$50. Contact the PSMC Foundation at 507-3811.

Sunday, March 1

Stories to Tell Us. 2-3:30 p.m., Best Western Pagosa Lodge Overlook Room. An open group of individuals meeting each week to tell their life stories to one another. There are no age restrictions or prior writing experience required. Weekly topics are found on the Stories2TellUs.com website so attendees can come prepared.

High Country Squares Dances. 3-5 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Dances are the first and third Sunday of the month. Richard Berry calls Mainstream and

Plus dances. Contact Steve Keil at 731-0044 for information and venue changes.

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.

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The snow was so deep the Colo-

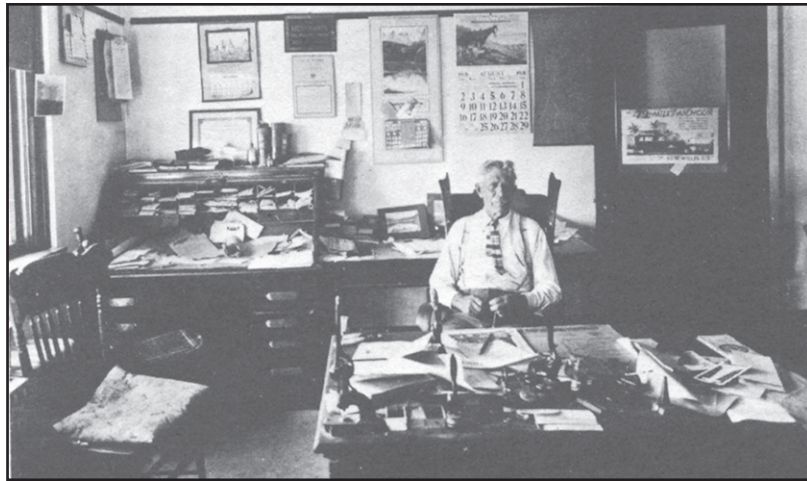


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Fil Byrne, shown here as county judge in the late 1920s, came to Pagosa Springs in 1878, where he served as the first school teacher and in many other public offices throughout the coming years until passing away in 1932.

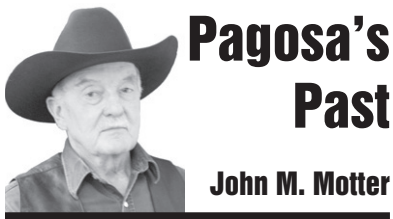
Naturally, it took awhile for the county to clear county roads so residents and school buses could get through. I don't know how many school kids were disappointed because they had to stay home.

Shifting scenes but sticking with winter weather, I received a considerable education about cold weather car care after moving here from Southern California, where I had lived for several years. I moved here because I'd obtained a job with State Parks and selected Navajo Lake State Park as my choice of where I wanted to work. I'd pretty well settled in and rented a home for my family at Tiffany, east of Arboles in the Ignacio school district.

Winter was approaching as I ate breakfast, kissed the wife goodbye, and went outside to crank up the old GMC pickup and drive off to work. I pushed the starter button on the

dash. Silence. After trying to jump start it without success, I decided to walk and strolled out onto the highway bound for Arboles. Soon a local, his name was Phelps, pulled up beside me, rolled down his window and called through a cupped hand. "Hey! Whatcha doin' walkin' out there? Don'tcha know it's 23 degrees below? Climb in. I'll give ya a ride."

I soon learned to put an electric heater on my engine oil dip stick and a number of other ways to get along in freezing weather, including wrapping the household water pipes, not to mention the prelude of how to weld copper tubing. Far from the bottom of the list was sealing all of the openings under the house so skunks couldn't snooze underneath our living quarters. Incidentally, it's not very smart to use a metal spring trap to get rid of skunks.



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

rado Department of Transportation plowed U.S. 160 through town by pushing it into the center between lanes. They removed the new pile by filling a dump truck using a front-end loader and hauling the snow to an empty field outside of town where they dumped it. They then returned to town for another load. The dump truck couldn't keep up and the pile on U.S. 160 got higher and higher. When I pulled from a side street onto U.S. 160, I couldn't see over the pile of snow to know if a car was approaching from the opposite lane. Cars coming down those lanes couldn't see across to the cars going the opposite direction.

The San Juan River reached flood levels downstream below town. Navajo Lake filled and filled until the upstream end of the lake was backing up the Piedra and San Juan Rivers. The water covered the boat ramp at Navajo Dam and folks were worried the water would spill over the dam creating the lake and maybe rupture the dam, flooding the agricultural land below.

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New Thought presentation: ‘No Boundaries: The Divinity of the Soul Has No Limits’

By **Lisa Burnson**
Special to The PREVIEW

“You are a divine creation, a being of light. You are beloved, a miracle, a part of perfection.” — Dr. Wayne Dyer.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, Feb. 23, at 10:30 a.m. for our presentation: “No Boundaries: The Divinity of Your Soul Has No Limits.” Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure.

Divinity is the fundamental essence of all people. It is the spirit within. Once awakened to the divine aspects of ourselves, we are aware of the divinity in others, and we are able to promote divinity in

the world around us.

Also on Sunday, Feb. 23, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., we invite all who enjoy sharing their writing with others to join our writing group for “Stories To Tell Us.” More information can be found on the website: Stories2TellUs.com.

Upcoming events

Thursday, Feb. 20, 6 p.m.: Movie: “Tomorrowland.”

Saturday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m.: New Moon Drumming Circle.

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.: Band practice. Musicians and singers are encouraged to join.

Thursday, Feb. 27, 6 p.m.: “Balance Body and Organs with Soft Tissue Manipulation” with Dr. Scott VanderWall, D.C.

Prosperity class beginning soon. Please call NTC for more information regarding 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).

Take my hand

By **Allyn Schuyler**
Special to The PREVIEW

When I was in elementary school, I read a story in a children’s publication while in a doctor’s waiting room. People my age will remember this colorful little magazine because they were all over any public place where children had to sit still.

To the best of my memory, the story was about a little boy who had been hit by a car. He languished in a hospital in critical condition and heard the salvation story from a visitor. Before he went to sleep that night, he asked the nurse to prop his forearm up with pillows so if Jesus passed by his bed, he would not be overlooked.

As you may have guessed, the boy went to heaven that night. My little girl’s heart and mind were severely affected by this story. Death, and all its seriousness, shook me to my core. I never forgot the impact this story had on me and can still picture the small, limp wrist in the sweet illustration.

Fast forward years later as I left a swimming pool with my precious 4-year-old boy. Preoccupied with looking around, he distractedly stepped off the edge into the deep end and down he went. I was right beside him when it happened and watched him bob right back up like a cork. I reached down and grabbed his little upstretched hand and pulled him, wide-eyed and sputtering, back to safety.

Why I thought of these two recollections recently, I cannot say. But as I reflected on these memories and my life, I saw a connection with raised hands.

When I worship, I often find my hands extended toward the sky. In this posture, I sense the Light of

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Heaven shining on my face and I focus on my closeness to God. I reach out, as if any moment He might clasp my hands and draw me up.

Most of the time my hands are lifted up in praise, but there have also been times I reached out to the Lord in anguish.

In my long, full and blessed life, I have experienced many trials. Difficulties I felt it impossible to recover from. Suffering where I was drowning in despair. Distress so desperate I couldn’t even find the words to pray.

But, while often I could not remember the appropriate scripture, or found myself unable to share my pain with my family or closest friends, I did remember to reach out to Jesus. And never once did He pass me by. Never once did He not snatch me back to safety. Never once did He fail to take my hand and draw me nearer to Him — again.

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Psalms 63:4: “So I will bless You as long as I live;

“I will lift up my hands in Your name.”

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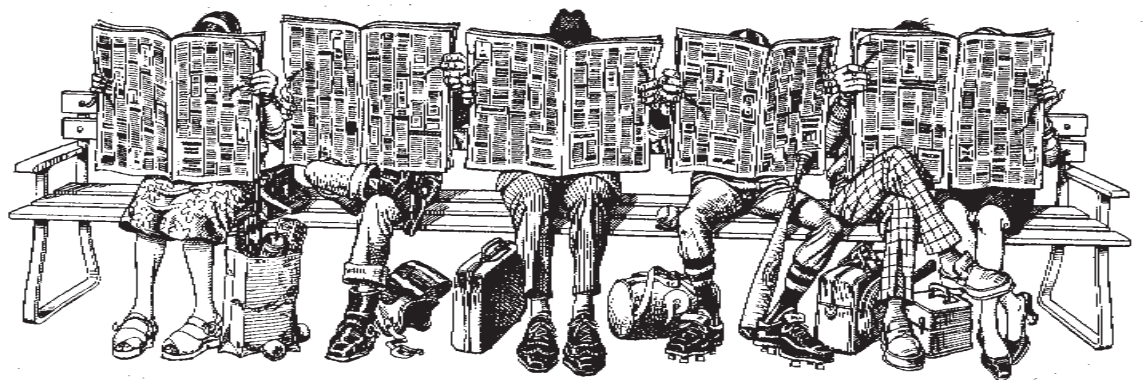
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UUs to ask existential questions

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

This Sunday, the Rev. Christine Robinson will return to the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) after too long of an absence to speak on the topic “Freely Spiritual, Lightly Religious.”

She encapsulates her message as follows: “We UUs live in a world which is increasingly ‘Spiritual but not Religious.’ What does that mean to us and how can we serve the folks who think of themselves this way and what is this ‘spiritual’ thing, anyhow?”

A “trending topic” indeed. About a quarter of U.S. adults (27 percent) now say they think of themselves as spiritual, but not religious, up 8 percentage points in five years, according to a Pew Research Center survey conducted between April 25 and June 4, 2019. There’s more. In January of this year, the global research firm YouGov listed “being more spiritual” as one of America’s top 10 New Year’s resolutions. Pre-

sented with these survey questions, how would you answer? Are you interested in big questions? Join us this Sunday.

Robinson will spend a good part of Sunday with us; first the service, followed by a gathering of the fellowship to consider our period of transition from minister-lead to lay-lead. She will help us envision the future and explore its possibilities. PUUF members and friends are invited to attend for some creative thinking, and lunch from 12:15 to 2:30 p.m.

Robinson is retired after 29 years serving as the senior minister of the First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque, N.M. Previously, she served the UU Fellowship of Columbia, S.C.

During her lengthy tenure, First U developed a replicate model for large-church outreach by reaching out to small groups of Unitarian Universalists scattered throughout New Mexico and bringing these groups into fellowship with First U. Robinson remains active in ministry by guest preaching, consulting, leading board retreats and the like. She

delivered the 2008 Berry Street Essay, “Imagineering Soul,” to the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association and she is the author of three books, each offering a re-imagined model of small group ministry.

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 PUUF, visit pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.

Learn about Little Dresses for Africa Friday evening

By **Greg Schick**
Special to The SUN

Dr. Greg Schick and wife Dena, with help from Jane Parker, director of Pagosa Family School, will host an educational and informative program about Little Dresses for Africa (LDFA).

Rachel O’Neill, founder and director of LDFA, will present the program at the Archuleta County Extension building at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21. The extension building is located at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds on U.S. 84.

LDFA started as a simple effort to provide dresses for and honor the little girls of rural villages in Malawi, Africa. The program has evolved into so much more. In addition to the distribution of dresses to the girls, boys receive shorts and sometimes baseball caps, which they love. The program has evolved into offering relief to the communities through clean water, new wells, education and food distribution to the widows who have lost husbands, largely due to the high incidence of AIDs in Africa.

Visits are also arranged to the overflowing orphanages so that help can be given to the babies in what ever manner may be appropriate. LDFA has a central distribution center to handle the dresses and other material and food that is given out throughout Malawi.

Malawi is not the only country that receives this help as distributions are made to 87 countries throughout the world. More than 6 million dresses have been distributed.

The program started in 2008 and has always been under the direction

of O’Neill, who is based out of the Detroit, Mich., area.

In 2011, an NBC special highlighted LDFA on national TV and really gave a boost to the organization. That program is how Dena Schick found out about LDFA.

Dena Schick became involved in 2011 by making dresses for the program and took her first trip to Malawi in 2015. She came home very excited about the mission and told Greg Schick how interesting, educational, sad and uplifting it

was and insisted that he go on the next trip. They have since been to Malawi three more times. It truly has been an incredible experience and they would like to share their travels and stories with the community.

Everyone in the community is welcome to attend as we believe it will be an enlightening experience and well worth your time. Refreshments will be served and questions will be answered after the main program and slideshow.

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Decoding Delph's diaries: Volunteers needed to transcribe Colorado water history

By Robin Young and Jenna Allen
PREVIEW Columnist

Extension Viewpoints

If you can decipher century-old cursive handwriting, Colorado State University Libraries needs your help.

The Water Resources Archive is launching a pilot project to crowd-source transcriptions of three diaries written by Delph Carpenter, an influential water lawyer, state senator and river commissioner in Colorado in the early to mid-1900s.

Considered the "Father of Interstate River Compacts," Carpenter kept daily diaries which chronicle his activities over 15 years during the height of his career. He is best known for writing, negotiating and promoting the 1922 Colorado River Compact, a seven-state agreement on the allocation of water rights in the Colorado River basin that remains in place today.

The pilot will run through April 30, with volunteers transcribing

the diaries through a popular online transcription platform, From the Page. If the pilot is successful, the remainder of Carpenter's 14 diaries will be transcribed in the same way to make a significant piece of Colorado water history more accessible to modern researchers.

Handwriting challenge

Carpenter's loose, cursive handwriting combined with sometimes cryptic notes and sentences have made reading the diaries a challenge for researchers.

"Handwritten text can be difficult to read and impossible to electronically search. With transcription, both are easier," said

Patty Rettig, water archivist at the Libraries. "Transcribing Carpenter's diaries will make them more accessible and searchable, which is critical for researchers who need primary sources related to Colorado history, water law and policy, or natural resource management."

After editing by library staff, transcriptions will be freely available on Mountain Scholar, a digital repository for academic entities in Colorado and Wyoming, including

Colorado State University.

With nearly 700 handwritten pages to transcribe, volunteers can transcribe as many or as few as they are able.

"Every little bit counts. We couldn't do this without volunteers giving their time and effort," said Rettig.

For information on how to volunteer, visit the Libraries' website: <https://libguides.colostate.edu/waterhistory/transcribe>. Ques-

tions about the pilot project may be directed to Rettig at patricia.rettig@colostate.edu.

CPR and first aid classes

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

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 loggerhead shrike.

The loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*) is a robin-sized bird with a large head relative to its body size (hence the name loggerhead), gray back, whitish throat and chest, and black mask. They are known as voracious predators capable of harvesting prey almost equal to their size.

Their bills are particularly well adapted to capturing large insects or to severing the spinal cord of small vertebrates. They are also well-known for impaling their prey on thorns, sharp twigs or barbed wire for later consumption. Stashing prey in this way is an adaptation that allows caching food to survive periods of scarcity and that allows toxins in some insect prey to break down before the shrike finishes its meal. Recent fledglings exhibit interesting behaviors of attacking inanimate objects and impaling leaves or other objects on thorns, as if practicing the feeding strategies that they will perfect as adults.

Their favored habitat is open woodlands, shrublands and grasslands, where they are often spotted on fence posts or power lines. Loggerhead shrikes breed from central Colorado to southern portions of Canada, so they may be found in our area year-round or during their migration. A closely related species, the northern shrike, may be found in southern Colorado during the winter months.

Population numbers have declined sharply over the past several decades, in large part because of increased use of pesticides and habitat alteration, earning them threatened or endangered status in some areas. Their potential for recovery is strong if these threats to their survival are mitigated.

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



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