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Stolen guns, credit cards and drugs recovered in burglary investigation

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A burglary at a home on County Road 600 led to local law enforcement making four arrests of individuals with stolen guns, credit cards and drugs.

According to an incident report from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), the burglary is believed to have occurred on Feb. 1.

The next morning, around 7:47 a.m., a local family noticed items in their bedroom that had been moved. After a closer look, the family noticed that numerous items were missing from their bedroom. These items included firearms, credit cards and

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Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Medical Center

Pagosa Springs Medical Center CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb poses with a sign at the facility urging anyone who suspects they may have come in contact with coronavirus to not enter a medical facility, but instead call to arrange to receive care.

Coronavirus: Public Health Emergency Operations Plan in place

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

COVID-19, or coronavirus disease 2019, has been splashed across headlines across the globe for several weeks now, with the United States now experiencing spread.

Since surfacing in China, COVID-19 has been transmitted person to person, with cases now confirmed in 76 countries as of Wednesday morning.

In the U.S., 80 cases had been reported as of Wednesday morning, with those occurring in 13 states.

As of press time Wednesday, no cases had been confirmed in Colorado.

To help lead the local emer-

gency response to COVID-19, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) has activated its agency Public Health Emergency Operations Plan, which includes working with area medical providers to manage any potential cases.

"SJBPH is working to ensure the health and safety of people in Archuleta and La Plata counties should COVID-19 impact our region. The agency is leading the emergency response to COVID-19 by following its Public Health Emergency Operations Plan, which includes specific plans for pandemics and communicable disease containment. SJBPH is conducting its response by utilizing its internal

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Unofficial results: Trump, Sanders win in Archuleta County

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Archuleta County voters voted with the bulk of their fellow Colorado voters in Tuesday's presidential primary, according to the unofficial results released Tuesday night.

On the Republican side, voters at the county and state levels voted in favor of Donald J. Trump. A total of 2,672 Republican ballots were cast in the primary in Archuleta County.

On the Democratic side, voters in Archuleta County favored Bernie Sanders, who was quickly projected to win in Colorado. A total of 1,841 Democratic ballots were voted in Archuleta County.

Archuleta County's voter turnout was 45.56 percent, according to the Colorado Secretary of State's Office, with 4,936 votes cast from the 10,833 registered voters in the county.

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Republican party caucuses on Saturday

By Deborah Van Gundy
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Republicans will caucus on Saturday, March 7, at 10 a.m.

There is a separate caucus location for each precinct:

- Precinct 1 at the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.;
- Precinct 2 at Lewis Street office, 450 Lewis St.;
- Precinct 3 at the Archuleta

- County Extension center, 344 U.S. 84;
- Precinct 4 at TARA Community Center, 333 Milton Lane, Arboles;
- Precinct 5 at Pagosa Brewing and Grill, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd.;
- Precinct 6 at the Senior Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.;
- Precinct 7 at Restoration Fellowship, 264 Village Drive.;
- Precinct 8 at the American Legion Hall, 287 Hermosa St.

Registration will begin at 9:30

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Photo courtesy Beth Tollefsen

When will the salad bar be planted? This elk was spotted enjoying the sunshine and munching on some Gambel oak near Pagosa recently. Elk are herbivores capable of consuming diverse diets of grasses, forbs and shrubs.

County to get appraisal for 449 San Juan St. property

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

At their meeting Monday, the Archuleta County commissioners voted to get an appraisal on the courthouse property at 449 San Juan St.

The meeting was moved to Monday to ensure the commissioners' meeting room could be used as an emergency polling place, if needed, during the primary voting on Tuesday, according to County Administrator Scott Wall.

During the meeting, the commissioners and staff entered an executive session called for the purposes of "determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing

negotiators, in connection with a potential sale of the 449 San Juan Street building and possible real property acquisition," as the meeting's agenda stated.

After about 15 minutes of meeting privately with Wall and County Attorney Todd Weaver, the three county commissioners reconvened the public meeting.

"Mr. Chair, I move that we get commercial appraisal on the courthouse property — what's the address?" Wadley said.

"449," Commissioner Alvin Schaaf said.

"449 San Juan St.," Wadley said.

Schaaf seconded the motion.

"I think it's probably appropriate that we do move ahead and get an

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Photo courtesy Lynell Wiggers

Pagosa Valor Academy students were awarded a \$200 mini-grant from Pagosa Springs Rotary Club to make and ship dresses/britches for children in need through the nonprofit Little Dresses for Africa. Their goal is to make 60 dresses/britches by the end of the school year.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Elections, caucuses and making your vote count

In case you didn't notice, this was an election week.

There was nowhere you could hide from the onslaught of political campaigning, advertising and endless news coverage.

It's only the beginning of things to come this year.

We hope you exercised your right to vote, no matter how anticlimactic Tuesday's presidential primary was. There weren't many options on the Republican ballot, and for those voting on the Democrat side, so many candidates dropped out after the ballots were printed that some people found out their votes didn't count.

We encourage readers to turn your focus to local elections. Caucuses are coming up this weekend.

Archuleta County Democratic Party caucuses

The SUN reported on last week's front page that the Archuleta County Democratic Party will hold its caucuses at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 7.

Precincts 1-3 and 5-8 will caucus at the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Precinct 4 will caucus at the TARA Community Center, 333 Milton Lane in Arboles. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the caucuses start promptly at 2 p.m.

If you plan to attend your caucus, you should ascertain what election precinct you live in. You can find out by going to govotecolorado.com and click on Find My Registration. Enter the requested information on name and birthdate and click on Search. Finally, click on the County and District Information tabs to find your precinct.

Everyone is welcome to go to the caucuses, but only those who meet certain criteria will be allowed to vote. If you live in Archuleta County and were registered as a Democrat on or before Feb. 14, you are eligible. Anyone who turns 18 or became a naturalized citizen after Feb. 14 may participate, if they are a registered member of the Democratic party. Note that if you are registered as unaffiliated, you are not eligible to vote in the caucuses, but you will be able to vote in the June general primary election.

The caucuses serve several purposes: to discuss candidates and issues in an open forum, helping them to make informed choices.

The main intent of the caucuses is, however, to help determine which candidates for the U.S. Senate will appear on the Democratic primary ballot. A preference vote determines how many delegates each candidate will receive.

Those delegates will then be asked to go to the county assembly and convention, where the delegate pool is further whittled down into a group who will attend the state assembly and convention on April 18 in Denver.

Other goals for the caucuses include introducing party candidates for local offices; the selection of precinct chairpersons, election judges and poll watchers; and discussions about ideas to be included in the party's platform. Although the only preference vote will be for U.S. Senate, information about candidates for other offices will be available. In addition, the party has invited the candidates or their representatives to attend the caucuses and speak on their own behalf.

Archuleta County Republican Party caucuses

The Archuleta County Republicans will also caucus on Saturday, March 7, at 10 a.m. Check out the story on this week's front page for more details on that caucus.

It is important to note that Republicans have a county commissioner race happening; at the county assembly. Delegates get to vote on the candidate of their choice, and candidates must get at least 30 percent of the vote to be placed on the primary ballot or 10 percent of the vote to be able to petition on.

Town election

Speaking of local elections, in this week's paper we bring you the Pagosa Springs Town Council Election Tracker to introduce you to five candidates who have thrown their hats in the ring to fill three open council seats.

We encourage town residents to keep informed and vote for the candidates who best fit your vision.

Don't forget that there is power in numbers. When you vote and encourage others to vote, you can make a difference. Your voice, with many others, in unison, will affect the direction of this community when you return your ballot.

Your vote can protect the financial stability of your community.

Registered electors of the Town of Pagosa Springs will begin receiving ballots for the April 7 election after March 16. Don't procrastinate.

Make your vote count.
Terri Lynn Oldham House

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WHADDYA THINK?

What is the most significant factor in the local housing crisis?

Poll results (214 votes)

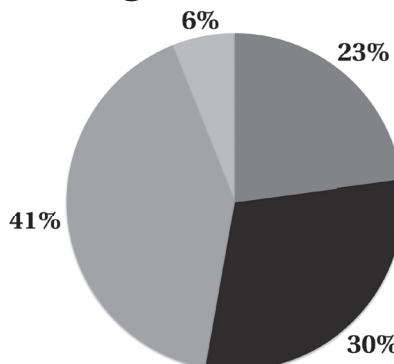
Lack of long-term housing — 23 percent

High rent — 30 percent

Low wages — 41 percent

Other — 6 percent

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LOOKING BACK



From the Feb. 24, 1983
Pagosa Springs SUN.

WELCOME SIGN OF SPRING —
Downtown businessmen were
encouraged by the sight of town
street crews washing, sweeping up
and removing the winter long accumulation
of dirt and gravel from the
paved downtown streets.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

100 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 5, 1920

D.E. Mickey this week purchased the Tompy building on San Juan street from E.E. Hadley, and the latter in turn has bought the building now occupied by him from Fred Catchpole. Mr. Mickey will move his paint shop from its present location to his new purchase as soon as same is vacated by H.E. Williamson, who will soon move his pool hall into the Sullenberger block. Mr. Hadley will next week install his new baking oven and promises many innovations for his bakery goods.

There was never such a shortage of goods as at present. The demand is greater than the supply. We have done our best to anticipate this shortage, having gone to the market and personally selected our stock. Goods are arriving now daily. We have over \$6,000 worth on the road. — Hatcher Hdw. Co.

Lola and Lillie Butler deserve the sympathy of everyone. The are doing all the house work and taking care of their mother who is in a very weakened condition since having influenza and on account of leaving her alone will be unable to attend school.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 9, 1945

Pvt. Wayne Schoonover son of Mrs. Gladys Schoonover, has completed his training and has been graduated from a course in electronics at Chanute Field, Ill. Christoval Quintana son of Mrs. and Mrs. Antonio Quintana of Pagosa Junction, who was invalidated home from Italy after serious wounds a year ago, writes his parents that he is feeling very well now and is an Army patrolman at Florence, Arizona.

Billy Warr left Saturday to return to Harlingen, Texas, after a furlough visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Warr.

R.D. Hott went out to the ranch with his father, Dailey Hott, Saturday, coming in to Pagosa with him Sunday evening. Mr. Hott was unable to make it to the ranch Monday evening, preferring to wait for frozen roads Tuesday morning.

Jerry Willetts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Willetts, has been ill in bed with a severe cold this week, and out of school.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 5, 1970

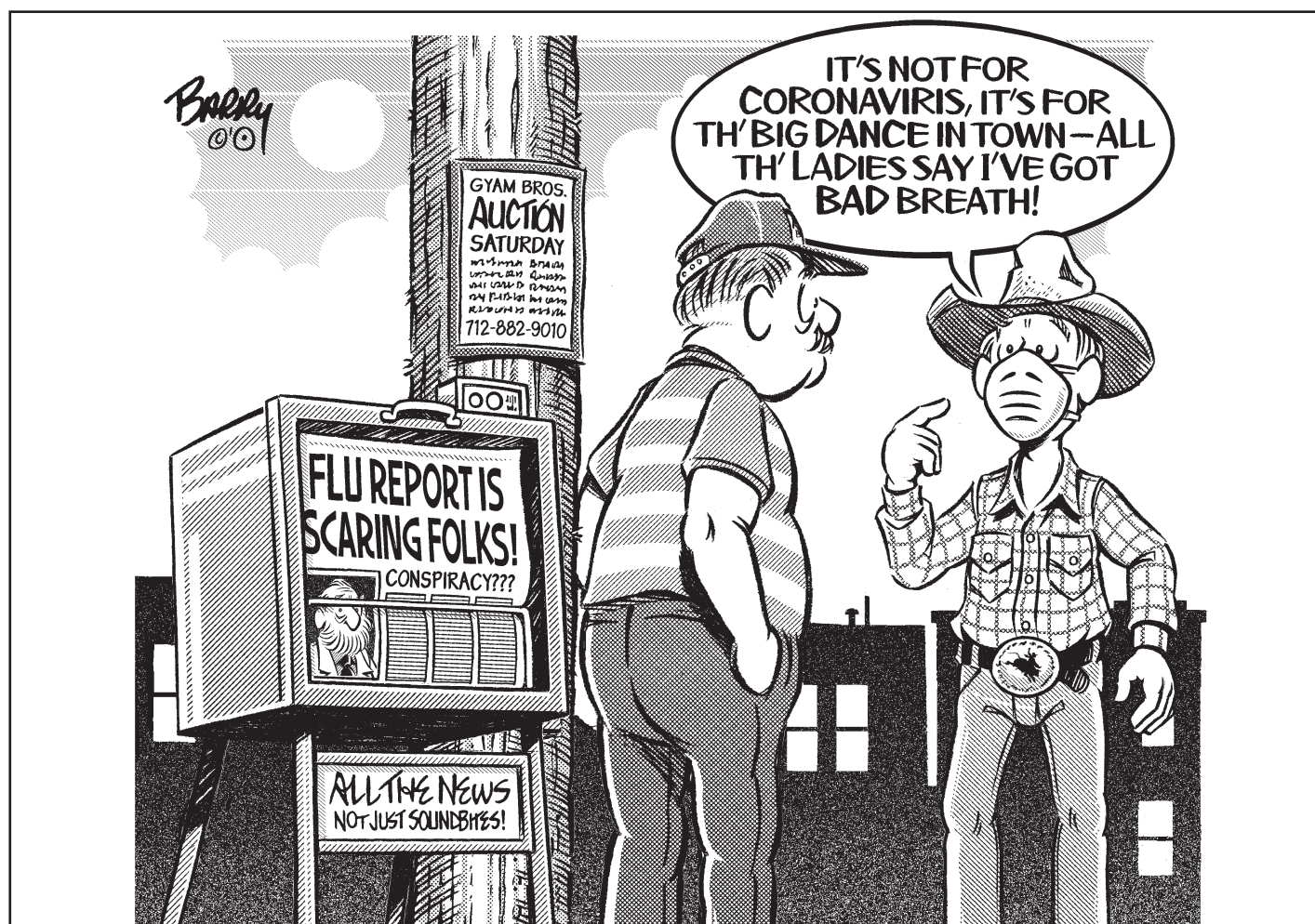
Three officials of Navajo Trails Corp., Gordon Benedict, David Eaton, and Keith Morrow, were here this week and announced that work will start soon on further development of Pagosa. The three men said that engineering crews are due to arrive once weather is such that they can travel over the land involved and work. Shortly thereafter work will start on street and highway pioneering work. The officials said that the exact date of this will depend almost entirely on weather conditions. While here the Navajo Trails Corp. officials met with the county commissioners to file plats of areas where homesite lots are to be sold, and also to file the list of restrictive codes for buildings and structures. Mr. Benedict also said that his company plans to move ahead as rapidly as possible with developments. Engineering, staking of lots, final design on sewage disposal systems, and other matters are to be accomplished before actual building is started.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 9, 1995

With results from a long-awaited Colorado Department of Transportation study in hand, Pagosa Springs officials plan to start changing traffic signage, traffic patterns and speed limits within town boundaries. The traffic study makes numerous suggestions for improvements in town, many of which are in progress or scheduled by the town during the immediate future. A major project will involve replacing and correcting signs within town.

The Department of Transportation study asks the town to change all speed limits in business zones to 25 mph. It asks that residential speed limits be posted at 30 mph. The speed limits are established in Colorado law and the Model Traffic Code, and may not be altered without a speed study completed at the town's expense. Pending any such study, the town will make the required changes, with the town trustees urging strict police control of the residential speed limits.



Letters



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True threat

Dear Editor:
Political strategist Jim Carville called Bernie followers "a cult." MSNBC celebrity Chuck Todd went further, referring to Bernie's entourage as a "brownshirt brigade" — like the violent mobs who supported Hitler. Chris Matthews of MSNBC imagined up Castro and executions in Central Park, saying he didn't know who Bernie supported. Wow. And about the man who graciously campaigned at 40 events for her in 2016, Hillary Clinton said that he is unliked and ineffective.

This orchestrated campaign attacking Bernie Sanders by Wall Street spokesmen is not surprising. It's a threat to them when Bernie insists that every person receive basic needs such as healthcare, education, a decent job, and social justice — daring to call these "rights." He further suggests that in order to secure their rights, working folks should become active politically. Clearly, he is an extremist — but only by American standards.

Besides Hitler, Castro, and cult imagery, what bogeymen are being employed by media pundits? The 1950s McCarthy era created deep-seated fears that are still easily manipulated — so the word "socialist" triggers emotional reactions. And then, of course, there's self-interest. Many "haves" lean toward a moder-

ate candidate to protect what they love: their comfortable status quo. Pushing for the rights of "have-nots" — isn't that a bit extremist?

Why all the efforts to backstab this gentle politician? Because only he represents a true threat to the powerful. They know Bernie can't be bought off. He won't abandon the principles to which he has devoted his life.

Lauri Costello MD
Durango

Democratic Party

Dear Editor:

The 2020 Census has nothing about citizenship, but is loaded up with color-coded racism. This is meant to divide our country and keep it divided.

There should always have been a citizenship question, and no race question; this would be the appropriate division.

The color and nationality, and gender relation of the vote sure makes a difference or these wouldn't have been included: what a way to disenfranchise the citizens. People need to be counted as individuals: not colors, but groups are now what count and are being used as pawns against the individual.

Our Constitution is why our country is the greatest and selectively nullifying it necessarily creates division. This progressive intention lowers our standards to where the citizens can be used, but also to where it matches third world reality. Instead of bringing up the rest of the world Dems see it easier to drag down our country. The Democratic Party has certainly become the party of all hatred, racism, and bigotry, and their strength lies in total division: not diversity.

John Feazel

Hospital experience

Dear Editor:

I'd like to publicly thank Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine at Pagosa Springs Medical Center, led by Bill Webb MD, FAOS for their extraordinary care of me this past Monday.

Monday morning started out normally, until I tripped on a box in my mudroom and crashed and smashed my right patella (knee cap) into the tile floor. At that point my life changed — at least for the next few weeks. My patella was unrecognizable and obviously broken into more than 2 pieces. The pain was excruciating if I tried to move.

From the floor, I called a friend to make sure my dog was taken care of, and called 911. The EMTs and fire department arrived and they eventually loaded me up onto a stretcher and into the ambulance.

I've never broken any bones, and I must admit I was part upset with myself and part scared as I arrived at PSMC ER. I was a mess. X-rays confirmed my patella was in many pieces.

Dr. Webb brought the x-rays

in and explained what needed to be done. He could do the surgery (routine for an orthopedic surgeon) later in the afternoon, and I could go home later. After a lot of questions, I agreed.

I listened to the two anesthetists and asked more questions. I'd never heard of a nerve block, but that was the plan, and it sounded good, combined with lighter general anesthesia than without the nerve block. I'm a baby about general anesthesia, but now I started to relax. (Okay, maybe the IV solution had some magic potents that helped with that as well.)

By the time I rolled into the operating room, I was calm and comfortable with what was about to happen. I woke up easily after the surgery, and felt good. I thanked everyone for making this experience as easy as possible.

It's amazing to me that I had a nasty accident at home, got wonderful ER, post-op care, surgery and recovery, and was sent back home all in the same day by Dr. Webb and his orthopedic team at PSMC. All the various care teams worked seamlessly together to support me. They even smiled at or joined in my occasional meek attempt at humor, considering the circumstances.

Support Pagosa's hospital, PSMC. My experience couldn't have been better.

Cyndy Green

Statute of limitations on sexual assault

Dear Editor:

The reality for sexual assault victims is lifelong. Any policy to eliminate the civil statute of limitations recognizes that the impact of trauma on victims has no timeline, no expiration date, and therefore, neither should a victim's chance at seeking accountability through the courts have a timeline or expiration date. HB 20-1296 Civil Action Statute Of Limitations Sexual Assault was recently introduced to the Colorado Legislature and will allow child sexual abuse and adult victims enough time to make progress in healing so that they may access the civil justice system at the time when they are actually

able to do so.

In reality, this legislation already exists in cases of child sexual assault criminal cases. HB20-1296 honors the same purpose for children and adults for civil court cases. This year, a bi-partisan bill has been introduced to fully eliminate the civil statute of limitations, erasing any timeline survivors have to file civil suits against their perpetrators.

Accountability is necessary because it sends a message that sexual violence will not be tolerated. Colorado has a responsibility to create a system in which more victims choose to report because they believe it is in their best interest. Eliminating the civil statute of limitations will serve the state's overall public safety interests, and support efforts to hold perpetrators of sexual assault — and the institutions that shield them — accountable.

The impact of rape doesn't go away after 6-years (or 2-years). The current 6-year (or 2-year) statute of limitations for civil actions related to sexual abuse sets forth a timeline that has no relation to the dynamics of child sexual abuse or the challenges that victims face in coming forward.

Effective investigation and accountability at every level is key to changing the way our society responds to rape and childhood sexual abuse. Eliminating the civil statute of limitations dismantles the institutional power that shields serial sexual abusers from accountability.

If you agree, I strongly urge every member of our community to contact Representative Barbara McLachlan at Barbara.mclachlan.house@state.co.us or call 303-866-2914 and ask for her support of HB 20-1296. Statute of limitations reform promotes public safety and can hold defendants who are found liable directly accountable to the victim.

Carmen Hubbs
Executive Director,
Rise Above Violence

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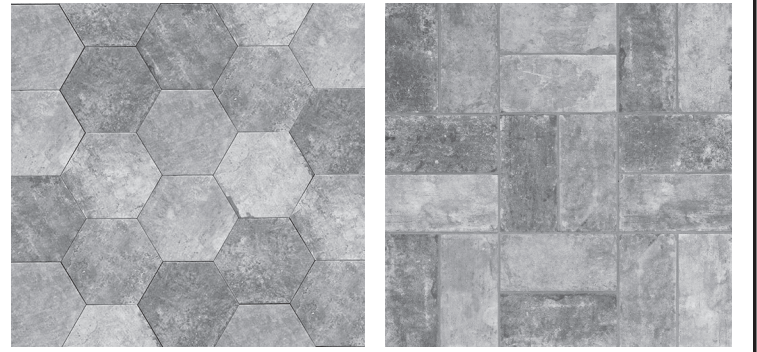
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Letters

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our parent's home on Edinburgh Circle is sold on Friday, their local residency will come to an end after more than 30 years. Our father — "Sandy" Lohman, passed in December, 2013, at the age of 90. Our mother — "Benny" Lohman, joined him in January of this year at the age of 100.

During our trips home to Pagosa, the three sons, Chuck (Florida), Ric (California) and Chip (Virginia) were frequently taken back by the overwhelming generosity and "nobody's-a-stranger" friendships we encountered. Either the spontaneous smile and "hello" from our parents' friends, who immediately adopted us as their friends too, or the loyalty and commitment from their close neighbors, store-owners, healthcare-givers, banking staff, water aerobics class and church congregation ... everyone made us feel as though we were a part of the Pagosa Family.

Countless acts of kindness over the last 30-plus years often made us remark — "Pagosa is a special place," where people leave their key under the doormat; where neighbors look after each other; and where help is offered before requested. It's hard to put a finger on the "magic" of Pagosa, but it seems to be contagious. There was always a lingering, homesick feeling when driving back to the Durango airport for our return trip to our homes in California, Florida and Virginia.

Although this Friday marks the end of those regular visits and renewed friendships, please know you are in our hearts, and that we are forever grateful for taking care of our parents, Sandy and Benny.

Chuck, Ric and Chip
Chip Lohman
Woodbridge, Va.

Question LPEA, don't vote Lynch

Dear Editor:
It's time to seriously question LaPlata Electric.

If you pay an electric bill to LPEA, you are a member/owner. LPEA recently announced a rate increase that affects us all. I decided to investigate how the money would be spent. Asking the Board for a copy of the 2020 budget, I was given a summary budget with expenses totaling almost \$24 million. When I asked again for a detailed budget, the CEO stated that I was given the exact information the board received and approved.

LPEA said the rate increase would improve electric infrastructure, however, the budget for this category is less than in the past. Conversely, Administrative/General, and Other Customer Services expenses are almost \$11 million; a 22% increase over 2018. Exactly, what is Administrative and Other Customer Services that cost more than the infrastructure costs?

How can the board of LPEA approve a budget without knowing expense details? I recently served on another electric co-op in Colorado for 14 years. Our board held annual budget meetings with the entire board. Our CFO presented a detailed budget (24-30 pages) that allowed us to make prudent and accountable decisions. So, I'm

asking; is this Board negligent, or is this a blatant lack of transparency to members?

As some information is open to the public, I found these facts, from LPEA's required IRS form 990, their annual reports and minutes over the past year.

CEO salary: \$300,000+/year.
Combined salary of top 10 employees: \$2 million/year.
2019 Board expenses: \$310,000+.

I've heard \$1 million+ has been spent on attorneys/consultants to explore breaking our contract with our electricity provider, Tri-State, but with the lack of accountability, who knows what the real cost is?

If indeed the board approved the budget as the CEO stated in a summary form, they are neglecting their fiduciary responsibility. We must stop this excessive, irresponsible spending. There are 4 Directors up for election each year. The Director in Archuleta County is Bob Lynch.

Mr. Lynch is currently President of the Board. A year ago, when the LPEA board was taking comments about withdrawing from Tri-State, I sent Mr. Lynch and the CEO a letter via email the morning of the meeting asking him to read my concerns during "member comments" as the roads were too bad for me to attend in person. I watch the meeting via the livestream video they now have for meetings. Mr. Lynch did not read my letter to the board. When asked later why; he commented that "he forgot" my letter was there. While that might be the case, I also wonder if Mr. Lynch didn't read my letter on record because I am against the Tri-State buyout? Seems to me members of the LPEA need more accountability from the Directors. As a fellow member, I sure wouldn't vote for Mr. Lynch.

Sue McWilliams
Durango

Help shape our future

Dear Editor:
I'm not the brightest tool in the shed, nor the sharpest bulb on the tree. Politics numb my brain. And I know that government policies, instituted for huge diverse populations, are nothing I should be entrusted with.

The Grade School environment, with so many people, was intimidating for me. Speaking in front of class was horrific. I could feel the heat kindle in my chest, rise up my neck, engulf my face, and make my ears feel like bursting in flame. I was beet red. I absolutely hated it.

I'm a really good woodworker though. I've loved wood and mechanical curiosities for as long as I can remember. My vocation has been the joy of shaping and joining wood. I love the textures, grains, sight, and smell of wood. I love wood.

And I'm an anomaly to myself when it comes to writing stories. When I, one time only, received 1st place, in a school writing contest, it blew my mind and thrilled my heart.

Now, as I get older, my body can't keep up with full time building. I'm moving toward using words, word tools, to be creative and offer contributions to the world. From woodworker to word-worker, or so I hope. I'm trying to make the best of how

and what I am. I'm simple in many ways, which makes life easier for me. So I'm working with what I've got to maximize my minimums.

Again, I don't like politics. I'd rather have nothing to do with it. But, I'm a Grandfather. It matters tremendously what happens to the future of our communities; how we manage them and how we treat our fellow creatures — human and all.

I feel scared at where we're going in this country. Sometimes my heart aches with deep sorrow. I worry about what we're doing to our world. Biblically, we are charged with being good stewards of this earth.

I read some letters from my fellow "Letters to the Editor" writers, who repeat common themes heard ad nauseam in our major media outlets. A few have a vehement flavor of bitterness and judgment that I find troubling to read. Their curt attitudes seem to far outweigh their messages.

So, I retreat to my safe haven of simplicity and try to do some good, if I can. The good I want to offer is encouragement. My fellow travelers, I encourage you to love.

Love yourself. Love your family, friends, and neighbors. Develop who you are, and sharpen the skills you're natural at, as well as other necessary skills. Develop listening skills, compassion skills, and so very much more. Be responsible for yourself first. Make yourself the best gift you can give.

Take a little time to learn and engage in this labyrinth of (ugh) politics. Vote for the sake of your Loved Ones, our Neighbors, our Community, our Country, our Earth. Voting is a precious right of our Democracy. Take some responsibility to help shape our Nation and it's Future.

Mitch Nielsen

The last 220 years

Dear Editor:
Modern democracies that utilizes direct popular vote require a majority to win, i.e. one more than half of the votes cast. If not, there is a runoff between the top two candidates. To elect a candidate with just a plurality, i.e. one vote more than any of the others, does not result in democracy. Our system requires a majority of Electoral votes. And therein lies the rub. Recently, we have heard of all the crazy things that theoretically can happen under our system. However we don't need to theorize, let's look at what has actually happened in the last 220 years, and 56 Presidential elections.

There has been only one election (1876) where a candidate with a majority of the vote did not win the election. The winner (Hays) received one more Electoral vote than his opponent.

There were 17 elections that did not result in a majority, and would have required a runoff under the purposed plan. Most of these were close and it is difficult to speculate whether the outcome would have been different under the purposed plan. This includes the most recent election where Hillary Clinton received a 2.1% plurality over Trump, but it is anybody's guess how the "other" 5.7% would have voted in a runoff election. But there were two elections where it is clear that the out come would have been differ-

ent under the proposed plan.

In 1860 Lincoln received a 10.1% plurality over Douglas, but two Southern candidates received a combined 30.7% of the vote. In a runoff they would have favored Douglas, since Lincoln was an abolitionist, but their price for supporting Douglas would have meant the delay of freedom of the slaves for many years. In Bill Clinton's first election (1992), he received a 5.6% plurality over GHW Bush, but Ross Perot, a conservative, received 18.9% of the vote. In a runoff, almost all of the Perot votes would have gone to Bush, so no Bill Clinton, and ironically, no Hillary either.

In summary, our current system seems to work well, despite the theoretical nightmares. If we look at the last 40 elections, since the modern democratic/ republican parties, there have been ten contested elections: six were decided by the current system for the Democrats, and four for the Republicans, so the electoral system is not biased towards the Republicans.

One thing that could easily be done, and should be done, is to synchronize voting poll times nationwide. Part of the west coasters' frustration is in knowing the outcome before they vote.

Richard Riethmiller

Do a good thing

Dear Editor:
OK, here we are in the third month of Christmas — how does it feel? Yeah, Christmas love the year around. So let's enjoy. The winter snows bring blessings for a great summer and we have made it through by helping one another. So, now Christmas love throughout the year has become a habit with all. So let's keep it going, things can only get better.

This community is one of the best — just look around, love is everywhere. Folks open doors for others, help others walk across an icy parking lot. There are hugs everywhere I go. That is what it is all about — true love as Christ directed us in the Greatest Commandment. I see it all around. This community was built by responsible low-to-middle income folks who sacrificed to live here and build meaningful lives.

American educator of the 19 Century, Horace Mann stated: "Be ashamed to die until you have achieved some victory for humanity". That describes the character of Pagosa — we all do whatever we are able for someone else — it need not make the headlines, but if born in the soul to show God's love for others, it truly is a victory for humanity. As things may not be going as good as we desire, giving a little help and/or encouragement to another opens our soul to enjoy God's love — that's what it is all about. Yes, we continue to ask ourselves: "What good thing have I done today?"

Hugs to all,

Patty Tillerson

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2020 Census: Know how it works to avoid scams

By Mark Fetterhoff
Special to The SUN

Every 10 years, the United States conducts a census to count all of the people living in our country. Because the census attempts to contact all people, it is reasonable to believe that scammers might try and take advantage of this opportunity to attempt to collect personal and financial information. Knowing how the census works will help you avoid potential census scams. Here are a few things you should know:

- Invitations to respond online to the census will be sent in the

mail March 12-20. Two postcard reminders will follow the initial invitation (if the census has not been completed). The fourth mailing will contain a reminder and a paper questionnaire. The fifth mailing will alert you that a census taker will visit your home.

• In May, June and July, census takers will conduct door-to-door enumeration for households that have not responded to the census online or through the mail.

• The Census Bureau will not send you an email. Almost all contact from the census will come through the mail.

• Census agents will not ask you for personal or financial information, such as your Social Security number or credit card number.

• Census takers will not ask for donations.

• Though taking part in the census is required by law, a census taker will never threaten arrest.

If you have any doubt about if the contact you received was from a real census agent, call (800) 642-0469. If you have any other questions about potential census scams, contact an AARP Elder-Watch volunteer for assistance at (800) 222-4444, option 2.

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Buchner chosen as town attorney

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Clayton Buchner will take on the position of Town of Pagosa Springs attorney following a decision made by the Pagosa Springs Town Council at its regular meeting on March 3.

Buchner will begin working 15 hours per week, and according to Town Manager Andrea Phillips, council will re-evaluate the contract in six months to see if more hours are needed.

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.

Southwest Water and Property Law and Buchner were announced as the two finalists at a special council meeting on Feb. 11.

Following council's meeting on Feb. 20, Phillips explained during the March 3 meeting, she contacted both Southwest Water and Property Law and Buchner to revise their proposals.

"You kind of wanted to see an apples-to-apples comparison on the rates and the two proposals were very different," Phillips said.

According to Phillips, the town has been averaging about 54 hours a month with Collins Cockrel and Cole Law Firm.

"I asked the two finalists to give us a cost proposal for four different scenarios," she said. "Those are for different amounts of hours."

Phillips asked both finalists to provide a scope of work for 15 hours of work per week, 20 hours, 25 hours and 30 hours, inclusive of council meetings.

Both firms provided information and hourly rates for each scenario, according to agenda documentation.

"Fifteen hours a week, inclusive of meetings, is pretty close to what we had asked for in our original RFP," she said.

Southwest Water and Property Law, according to Phillips, did not propose a "minimum."

"Their minimums really would just be required meeting attendance coming over from Durango," Phillips said.

Within its proposal, Southwest Water and Property Law noted that the first trip, either per week or per month, from Durango to Pagosa Springs would be at no cost, Phillips explained.

The second trip Southwest Water and Property Law would charge at one-half of its hourly rate for the travel time plus the IRS's rate for mileage, which is 58 cents per mile, Phillips explained.

"The cost, we would be billed for

what we actually use," she said. "If they only came to the meetings and we didn't use them for anything else, you'd be looking at about \$17,000 a year. Obviously that's not realistic. We're going to be using them for reviewing ordinances and doing all of those other things."

Kim Perdue and Jeff Kane of Southwest Water and Property Law have an hourly rate of \$245 per hour, Phillips explained.

Maya Kane, also of Southwest Water and Property Law, provides special legal counsel for \$185 per hour according to Phillips.

Southwest Water and Property Law also offers paralegal work at \$135 per hour, she added later.

In the 25- and 30-hour per week scenarios, Southwest Water and Property Law explains that it would hire an associate to assist, Phillips explained, adding that charge would be \$150 per hour.

"Their proposal really kind of varies based on how much we actually use them," Phillips said.

In regard to Buchner's proposal, Phillips explained that he proposed a minimum of 15 hours per week in any scenario.

"That's why the minimum for him is \$140,400 per year regardless of how much we use him beyond that," Phillips said. "His hourly rate does go down as we would use him more."

Under 15 hours per week, Buchner would charge \$180 per hour, under 20 hours per week Buchner would charge \$175 per hour, 25 hours per week would see Buchner charge \$170 per hour and 30 hours per week Buchner would charge

\$165 per hour, Phillips described.

"He would not charge for travel time within Archuleta County. He would only charge for out-of-the-county travel and the mileage would be at the IRS rate," Phillips said.

Within his proposal, Buchner proposed that he could fill the town prosecutor position, Phillips added later.

"Just as a reminder, we currently have someone under contract," Phillips said, adding that the current town prosecutor, Gayle Dixon, is under contract through the end of the year.

Council thoughts

Council member Madeline Bergon explained that she felt confident in both options.

"I see pros and cons to each of these. I don't have a way that I would rather lean," she said. "Part of me thinks that having more eyes on issues could be beneficial to us, so going with a team versus just a solo person could be beneficial."

Bergon also noted that working with one person consistently could also be beneficial.

"I see our need for an attorney continuing to increase. So, I'm in favor of Mr. Buchner," council member Matt DeGuise said.

Council member Tracy Bunning explained that he was in favor of Buchner, citing that Buchner is local, which is a benefit to the town.

"From the numbers, I see that there is a significant savings just in travel time and that sort of thing," Bunning said.

Council member David Schan-

zenbaker noted that the town is not ready for a full-time attorney, adding that it was good to see the revised proposals from each candidate.

"I think Southwest Water Law was top-notch from my perspective. The experience that they bring to the table and also I think the philosophy that they bring to the table is huge for me," Schanzenbaker said.

Council member Mat deGraaf noted he was in favor of Buchner.

"I think, just coming down to the numbers, I would go with Clayton," council member Nicole DeMarco said.

Mayor Don Volger praised both finalists for their interviews, but ultimately explained that he was in favor of Buchner.

"I agree that we'd get a lot of benefit from someone who's here and has their finger on the pulse," Volger said. "I've got to go with Clayton. He's here, he's invested here. He's got his finger on the pulse."

Following more discussion, Phillips explained that 15 hours per week was "plenty" and that council could revisit the independent contractor agreement in six months to see how Buchner is being used.

"I make the motion that we hire Clayton Buchner as the town attorney starting at 15 hours per week," deGraaf said.

That motion carried unanimously among the council.

Phillips noted in a follow-up email that Buchner will start right away when the independent contractor agreement is executed.

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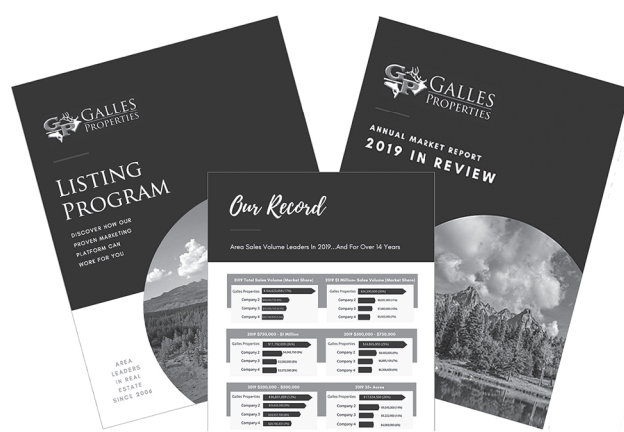
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Guide for businesses and employers on coronavirus concerns

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Special to The SUN

Coronavirus is on everyone's mind these days. We feel relatively safe here in our community, but a change could happen in the blink of an eye. Is your business prepared should a health issue of any kind befall you? San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) has issued some guidelines for businesses to review in preparation for any outbreak, at this time the coronavirus concern. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-business-response.html> for a very informative guide to businesses on preparedness and strategies.

The flu, strep or general health issues should be concerns for businesses, especially food service and public contact positions. Your business should already have health guidelines in your employee handbook or in your general rules. Review these, make sure they are current and communicate to your employees the importance of health and safety standards. For more information, you can contact SJBPH via www.sjbpublichealth.org.

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Obituaries

Charlotte Emma Vlada Foster

Charlotte Emma Vlada Foster — daughter, sister, friend — died on Thursday, Feb. 27, at her family home in Pagosa Springs, Colo.



She was 16 years old. As a young woman with both passion and an intense sense of justice, Charlotte was a beautiful dancer, artist, fashionista, make-up artist, gamer, videographer and animal advocate,

until depression and anxiety stole her hope, ambition and dreams. Although usually quiet and introspective, she had a raucous sense of humor and an infectious laugh. She was a delight to all who knew her.

She is survived by her parents Chuck and Carolyn; sisters Samantha and Megan; brother Michael; dog and constant companion HoneyBear; horse Bo; cats Buffy and Jasmine; and a large extended family.

An informal celebration of Charlotte's life will be held in her favorite place: Town Park along the San Juan River in Pagosa Springs on Saturday, March 7, at 1 p.m.

Elizabeth (Liz) J. Kuhn

Elizabeth (Liz) J. Kuhn was born on Oct. 6, 1939, in Quincy, Mass. She entered into the full presence of Jesus on Feb. 22 and is now experiencing the love, acceptance, peace, joy and wholeness for which she was created. Liz was a follower of Christ and a faithful wife to David Kuhn in their marriage of 52 years. Together, they built a healthy and thriving family who miss her dearly.



Liz graduated from nurses training at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where she met David. They married in 1960 and through the course of their marriage lived in Ponca City, Okla., Wyckoff, N.J., and Houston, Texas. In Houston, she worked as a stockbroker for Oppenheimer & Co. and Kidder Peabody & Co. In 1990, Liz and David retired and moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo.

Liz was a lifelong learner developing skills in tennis, bridge, skiing, equities, options and real estate investing, cattle ranching, handbells, gardening, backpacking and horseback riding. She had a

kind and generous spirit that was complemented by her fiery competitiveness. To know her was to love her.

She was active in the community as a member of Community United Methodist Church, supporting Seeds of Learning, hosting the San Juan Shootists, and attending a weekly Walk to Emmaus Bible study group.

She is survived by sisters Priscilla Belcher and Patricia Yoerger; sister-in-law Ginny Kuhn; children and their spouses Martha and Leigh Moore, Eric and Sara Kuhn, Leslie and Tiger Dawson, David and Dana Jeng, and Adam and Wendy Kuhn; grandchildren Mollie and Taylor Stanley, Josh Moore, Abby Moore, Anna and Hunter Taylor, Kimberly Dawson, Hanna Kuhn, Martha Kuhn, Sam Kuhn, Ben Kuhn, Robbie Jeng, Ryan Jeng, Patrick Jeng, Kyle Jeng, Colby Kuhn, Caleb Kuhn, Camden Kuhn and Christopher Kuhn; great-grandson Finn Stanley.

A memorial service will be held at the Community United Methodist Church on March 14, at 2 p.m. in Pagosa Springs. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Young Life at giving.younglife.org or the Community United Methodist Church, Gifts of the Heart Fund, 434 Lewis St., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, 264-5508, cumcps@centurytel.net.

Julie Minyon Taylor-Long

On Friday, Feb. 28, Julie Minyon Taylor-Long went to receive her heavenly reward and went to dwell in the eternal presence of her loving Jesus. She made the great step from faith into vision, she found a life far more beautiful than the eye of man has ever seen, or the ear of man has ever heard, or the mind of man has ever imagined. She stepped over into eternity in the presence of her son and her mom, surrounded by



love and into the place where love began.

She leaves temporarily her sons and daughters: Nicholas (Randi) Long, Bryan (Meggan) Long and Cody (Aubrey) Long; granddaughters Laney Addison Long and Ashlyn Long; grandsons Reed Alexander Long and Jackson Long; parents Don and Marlene Taylor; uncles Steve (Jane) Patrick and Richard (Sue Ann) Patrick; and cousin Linda (Richard) Karanian.

A funeral service will be held Friday, March 6, at 10 a.m., at Pagosa Bible Church. Burial will follow at Hilltop Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Pagosa Bible Church.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, March 5
Dispatch Executive Management board meeting. 9:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Monday, March 9
Archuleta County Extension Advisory Board meeting. 11:30 a.m., CSU Extension office, 344 U.S. 84.

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board. 4:30 p.m., Town Hall conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, March 10
Archuleta School District Board of Education middle school visit. 8 a.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis St.

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

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education Pagosa Family School visit. 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis St.

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education regular meeting. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

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

Wednesday, March 11
Southwestern Water Conservation District board teleconference. 9 a.m. Call (605) 475-5618, 797282#.

Thursday, March 12
Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

Monday, March 16
Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, March 17
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

Wednesday, March 18
Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting. Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd.

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

Thursday, March 19
Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, March 24
Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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, March 25
Southwestern Water Conservation District board teleconference. 9 a.m. Call (605) 475-5618, 797282#.

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

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Additionally, I would like to

recognize a few people by name for their participation in this year's fourth annual fifth grade Science on Snow day: birding guides from the Weminuche Audubon Society bird chapter included Peggy Andrews, Ben Bailey, Charles Martinez, Randy McCormick, Anne Stevens and Jean Zirnheld.

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Lucero announces commissioner candidacy

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

On Monday, Clifford Lucero announced his candidacy for Archuleta County commissioner of District 1.

He is running as an unaffiliated candidate.

Lucero previously served as commissioner from 2009-2016 in District 2.

In an interview with The SUN on Monday, Lucero explained that he is running for a commissioner seat again because he wants to serve the citizens of Archuleta County in an "effective and efficient manner."

If elected, Lucero cited getting the five-year road plan back in place as one of his goals.

"Some of my goals are going to be to pave from the cattle guard to Jack's Pasture road. Working with the Forest Service and the county



Clifford Lucero

and the federal and state government to see if we can get some money to get that done," he said, referring to Piedra Road.

Additionally, Lucero noted that recycling is really important to him as a goal.

"Right now, we're in need of some rehabilitation of the recycling center right at this point," he said. "We definitely need a storage facility for those guys to store the paper and the cardboard and some of the other materials that we recycle."

Lucero also noted that a possible sales tax on the ballot next year for facilities is another good idea.

"The commissioners have been dealt a really difficult hand and they're playing it out to the best of their ability," he said. "Like everything, new ideas are always welcome."

When he was a commissioner previously, Lucero explained that, along with his fellow commissioners at the time, one of his biggest accomplishments was getting the county "back on track" in terms of

finances.

"We were borrowing money to pay bills those first couple of years I was a commissioner and we got out of that," he said, adding that the county eventually received clean audits.

Another accomplishment was the paving of Park Avenue, he added.

"Park Avenue was a disaster when I first became a commissioner. We worked hard to come up with the money to do Park Avenue because it was so bad at that time," he said.

Currently, the biggest challenge facing the office is funding, Lucero noted.

"It's going to be very tight coming up with a way to pay for the jail, the courts, it's going to be tight," he said. "Fiscal responsibility and fiscal management are going to be key in these next four years."

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County Model Traffic Code now in effect

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Model Traffic Code took effect in Archuleta County on March 1.

Some of the changes from the general state traffic code are:

- The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) can now enforce illegally parking on county roads.

- County roads will have a speed limit of 25 mph unless otherwise posted.

"The biggest thing with Model Traffic Code is it allows local control of our traffic laws," Undersheriff Derek Woodman told the county commissioners in September of last year.

Prior to the code taking effect on March 1, fines from violations issued by the ACSO would go to the state.

Now, under the Model Traffic Code, the money will be routed to Archuleta County's General Fund.

"If the fines are being paid and

they're leaving the community, we'd like to have the money stay in the community," Commissioner Steve Wadley said in a phone call Tuesday. "But no one wants to make this a revenue source, no one wants to turn the town into a speed trap. We certainly don't want to raise revenues on the back of working people like that."

Woodman has also downplayed the importance of the additional money, focusing instead on the fact that the traffic laws can be better tailored for the needs of Archuleta County.

Woodman has estimated the new code will bring in about \$160,000 to the county.

Woodman explained in a phone call Tuesday that the Model Traffic Code will be enforced over the entirety of Archuleta County, and that fines issued from a traffic stop by Colorado State Patrol will still go to the state and fines issued by the Pagosa Springs Police Department will still go to the town.

Woodman told The SUN late last year that the state traffic code doesn't really take into account the needs of rural Colorado or the nuances of living in Archuleta County. He noted that, by the county adopting the Model Traffic Code, it allows for tweaking the traffic laws so they better fit the needs of the county.

Woodman has called the state statute that allows for 30 mph in residential areas "crazy" and "nuts," and cited that dropping the speed limit to 25 mph in residential areas allows for higher levels of safety for local families.

At a county commissioners' meeting last year, one citizen asked for clarification about the county-wide speed limit of 25 mph.

"Do you run into a situation where you have a sign at the beginning of Piedra and then miles later there's no sign? Does it slip into 25 as being unposted?" asked the citizen.

Woodman confirmed in a phone call that the last speed limit sign

posted on a county road dictates what the speed limit is.

Fines for traffic violations have also been revised, with Woodman telling the county commissioners last year that some penalties, such as for speeding, are higher than they were previously.

In Tuesday's phone call, Woodman contrasted laws in statutory counties versus home-rule counties.

"There's two types of counties: statutory and home rule. So, we're a statutory county and it's one of the only things that a statutory county can adopt is ordinances and adjust is traffic laws and such," Woodman said. "Unless we were a home-rule county, we cannot create laws, such as criminal laws, trespass, you know. The Town of Pagosa Springs, they have a municipal ordinance that has criminal laws that is addressed and dealt with within their municipal court, but as a statutory county we cannot do that."

The text of the Model Traffic Code can be viewed at www.archuletacounty.org/613/Model-Traffic-Code.

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Maintenance project will resume with repairs to area bridges

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Department of Transportation will resume work this spring on area bridges requiring maintenance and repair. The project includes:

- The U.S. 160 bridge over the San Juan River in Pagosa Springs at milepost 143.9.

- The Colo. 151 bridge over the Piedra River near Arboles at milepost 18.7.

Work is scheduled to begin on both the Pagosa Springs and Arboles bridges March 16.

Repair work will be performed including removal and replacement of asphalt membranes, bridge deck repairs, and bridge expansion joint repair and replacement. Work on these structures is expected to be completed prior to Memorial Day.

Travel impacts

Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Drivers can expect traffic impacts throughout the duration of the project. These impacts include one-lane traffic, which will be under flagger control during construction activities and utilize

a temporary traffic signal during non-work hours. Speeds will be reduced to 30 mph within the project limits. Lane-width restrictions will be 10 feet wide at each location. Traffic fines will be doubled in the work zone. Motorists should slow down as they approach the bridge work zones, drive with caution and give themselves extra travel time.

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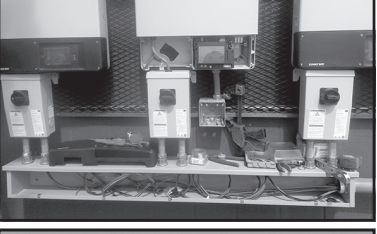

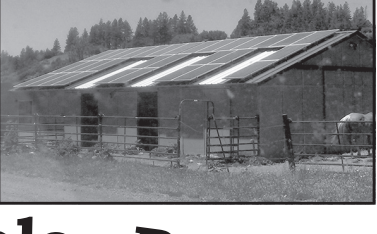
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Investigation

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“other items of value,” according to the incident report.

The firearms that were reported missing included a black Taurus .38 Special revolver worth \$315, a purple Ruger .308 semiautomatic handgun worth \$318, a black .22 LR revolver worth \$150 and a black 12-gauge Harrington/Richardson shotgun worth \$200.

On Feb. 6 at 9 a.m. an ACSO detective was contacted by an ACSO deputy regarding unauthorized

credit card purchases made with one of the victim's credit cards at a local business, according to the incident report.

That deputy was able to get security footage of an unknown male who purchased \$309.06 in merchandise around 6:58 a.m. on Feb. 6, the incident report explains.

That same individual made another purchase of \$106.90 using the same stolen credit card, according to the incident report.

During the course of the investi-

gation, the incident report explains that a victim of the burglary received a call from someone who provided him with “possible names” of three individuals who may have taken items.

The ACSO deputy began researching these names and located a photograph of a male subject, Waldo Huggins, 29, posing with the subject previously identified as using the stolen credit card, according to the incident report.

While investigating the credit

card crime, that same ACSO deputy was contacted by a Colorado State Patrol (CSP) trooper who advised the deputy that their department had located a stolen motor vehicle and made contact with the vehicle operator who might have had connections with the offenders involved in the credit card crime, the incident report notes.

According to the incident report, the driver of this vehicle, identified as Adam Smith, 36, had previously been contacted by an ACSO deputy for several traffic citations.

When Smith was contacted by CSP, CSP informed the vehicle Smith was driving was stolen, according to the incident report.

However, Smith began showing the CSP trooper photographed copies of paperwork on his cellphone to show the CSP trooper that he legally owned the vehicle, the incident report reads.

The incident report explains that while showing the CSP trooper these photos, Smith got a text on his cellphone from “Waldo.”

Smith had told “Waldo” that he was being arrested, and according to the incident report, “Waldo” showed concern and asked if law enforcement was searching the vehicle.

Smith was subsequently placed under arrest for the possession of the stolen motor vehicle, the incident report describes.

Later, the ACSO deputy met with Smith and advised him of the investigation of the burglary involving the stolen firearms, the incident report explains.

Smith agreed to speak to the ACSO deputy about “Waldo” and explained that, throughout the course of their friendship, they discovered that “Waldo” sold heroin and methamphetamine, according to the incident report.

Smith then identified Huggins from photographs from Facebook

and the subject using the stolen credit cards was identified as “Cook,” the incident report states.

Smith indicated that Huggins and “Cook” were staying at a local hotel, the incident report notes.

Upon arriving at the local hotel Huggins and “Cook” were believed to be staying at, the ACSO deputy identified “Cook” as Joseph Lucero, 31, adding that Lucero had used a stolen credit card belonging to one of the victims to book a room, the incident report explains.

The ACSO deputy, according to the incident report, identified two subjects exiting the north side of the building with “numerous” suitcases. One subject was identified as Mia Molinar, 30. The next subject was identified as Lucero, according to the incident report.

Both subjects were described as moving at a “very quick pace,” according to the incident report.

The ACSO deputy moved to the northwest side of the hotel and approached a vehicle; the ACSO deputy then recognized Lucero as being the individual in the photographs using the stolen credit cards, according to the incident report.

Additionally, the ACSO deputy recognized Huggins from the Facebook photographs, according to the ACSO report.

All three subjects were ordered to the ground at gunpoint and placed under arrest, the incident report states, with Lucero claiming ownership of the vehicle.

The incident report notes that the vehicle is registered to Lucero.

Molinar was found to be in possession of a small amount of methamphetamine, a syringe and two spoons “consistent with ones used to commonly inject drugs,” according to the incident report.

Molinar was also found to have a temporary driver's license and a hunting license belonging to one of

the victims of the home burglary, the incident report explains.

Following interviews with Lucero and Huggins, an interview was conducted with Meredith Currier, 38.

The interview with Currier was conducted following the ACSO detective reaching out to Sixth Judicial District Deputy District Attorney Alex Lowe.

According to the incident report, Lowe explained that probable cause existed to show that Currier provided both subjects, Huggins and Lucero, with information of what items could be found at the victim's residence and assisted in letting them know when the victims would be out of town, according to the incident report.

Upon completion of interviews with the individuals, the incident report notes that Currier was arrested for second-degree burglary and complicity.

Lucero and Huggins were arrested for second-degree burglary and possession of a weapon by a previous offender, the incident report details.

Molinar was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and criminal possession of an identification document, according to the incident report.

Following searches done at the hotel, a black Ruger semiautomatic pistol was located in the hotel safe, the incident report explains.

In a search done on the vehicle belonging to Lucero, the purple Ruger .380 was located under the driver's seat and identified as the one taken in the home burglary, according to the incident report.

Additionally, ammunition taken from the victim's home was located in the glove box of the vehicle, the incident report notes.

The report further indicates items purchased by Lucero using the stolen credit card belonging to the victim were also located.

Appraisal

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appraisal on this property so we can identify at least what we have and what we own and what it's worth,” Maez said just prior to the vote.

The commissioners voted unanimously to get an appraisal on the property.

In a follow-up phone call, Maez explained he was asked if the property was for sale about two weeks ago as the reason the appraisal was considered at all.

Both Maez and Wadley have stated publicly they don't think the county should own riverfront property in downtown Pagosa Springs.

“It's been a topic of conversation with developers over the years and one thing about it — we would absolutely like to get out of riverfront property and turn that into a commercial venture and I think that's been going on through a lot of commissioners over the years,” Wadley said in a phone call Tuesday.

In a phone call Monday, Maez elaborated on the appraisal as well.

“The county doesn't pay property tax,” Maez said. “So, why not get something in there that's revenue-driving and it can do property tax as well as sales tax.”

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 Archuleta County Clerk's Office, Treasurer's Office, Human Resources Department and Assessor's Office continue to operate out of different parts of the facility.

Maez told The SUN Wednesday that, if the building is sold, terms could be negotiated that those offices could remain in place through a rental agreement with the new owner or something similar.

Results

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Following are the unofficial vote totals for Archuleta County, as the candidates appeared on each ballot.

Democratic ballot

Michael Bennet, Pete Buttigieg, John K. Delaney and Amy Kloubuchar officially withdrew as candidates for the Democratic Party within Colorado, meaning their votes were not counted. Others

who suspended their campaigns but who did not officially withdraw as candidates appear in the following vote totals.

Cory Booker: 4.
Tulsi Gabbard: 23.
Bernie Sanders: 639.
Elizabeth Warren: 320.
Roque “Rocky” De La Fuente III: 2.
Marianne Williamson: 7.
Deval Patrick: 0.
Michael R. Bloomberg: 370.
Robby Wells: 0.

Andrew Yang: 2.
Joseph R. Biden: 457.
Tom Steyer: 13.
Rita Krichevsky: 4.

Republican ballot

Matthew John Matern: 39.
Robert Ardini: 10.
Joe Walsh: 47.
Donald J. Trump: 2,488.
Bill Weld: 81.
Zoltan G. Istvan: 7.

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Coronavirus

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Incident Management Team and coordinating with state and local partners in its response efforts. The agency is working to provide timely and accurate information about the outbreak to local community members and stakeholders, as well as sharing guidance with local health care providers,” a press release from the agency states.

Those who believe they may have come in contact with someone with COVID-19 or who have traveled to an area of the world with high infection rates are asked to call their medical providers instead of going to a medical facility in order to assess the need for testing.

Those without a doctor can call SJBPH at 247-5702, option 1.

Kathee Douglas, Pagosa Springs Medical Center's (PSMC) chief operating officer, explained Tuesday PSMC, like other providers, is seeking to test and treat any potential cases outside of its facility — in a vehicle or ambulance.

If someone with COVID-19 needs local hospitalization, Douglas explained, PSMC has a negative pressure room that limits air exchange with rest of facility, or the patient can be treated in an ambulance.

“We're still categorizing the risk as low,” Douglas said, noting that PSMC's preparation began on Feb. 26, when staff met to review the medical center's current pandemic policy, which is what is used to manage potential pandemic in the community.

That document was reviewed with recommendations from the CDC to make sure the two were in agreement, and when it was determined they were, the policy was instituted.

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) explains, a novel coronavirus not previously seen in humans that first surfaced in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China.

The website notes, “The virus causing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), is not the same as the coronaviruses that commonly circulate among humans and cause mild illness, like the common cold.”

The respiratory illness, SJBPH states, most commonly causes fever, tiredness and dry cough. Some patients may have aches and pains,

nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat or diarrhea.

Symptoms, the agency has released, are usually mild and begin gradually, and some people become infected, but don't develop any symptoms and don't feel unwell.

About 80 percent of people, the department states, recover from the disease without needing special treatment.

Those more likely to develop serious illness are older people and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems or diabetes, the department states.

An ounce of prevention

Those who are worried about coronavirus, or any other respiratory virus such as the flu, can protect themselves by practicing the following every day, according to SJBPH:

- Cleaning hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub.

- Covering nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing.
- Avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.

- Staying home if you feel sick.
- Getting a flu shot if you haven't gotten one this year.

Where can I learn more?

Several local, state and national health organizations are offering information on COVID-19:

- PSMC: <http://pagosaspring-medicalcenter.org/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-update/>
- SJBPH: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/>
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus>
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- World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/covid-19>.

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Caucuses

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a.m. and caucus begins promptly at 10 a.m.

Republican caucuses are open to everyone; however, state and party rules dictate eligibility to vote or otherwise participate in a political party's precinct caucus a voter must be registered to vote, a resident of the precinct and affiliated with the party holding the caucus for at least 22 days before the caucus.

Special rules

Anyone who turns 18 or becomes a naturalized citizen less than 22 days before their party's caucus may still participate if they are a registered member of the Republican party. In addition, a preregistrant who is 17 years of age on the date of a caucus and who will be 18 years of age on the date of the next general election may vote at the caucus. If you do not meet these criteria, you must sign in as a guest.

One must attend the caucus coinciding with the precinct they are registered in and precinct boundaries

have changed since the last caucus. To check online which precinct you are in, go to www.archuletacounty.org and on the home page just below the picture click on maps, then go to election precinct interactive map, type in your address, then click on election geography; your precinct will appear there.

Grass roots politics begins at the local caucus, where caucus goers elect two new committee persons to serve as members of the Archuleta County Republican Central Committee (ACRCC), election judges are recruited and resolutions for the party platform can be submitted and voted on.

Delegates to the county assembly will be elected; if you wish to be a voting delegate at county and/or wish to attend a higher assembly/convention, you must first get elected as a delegate at your precinct caucus. Republicans have a county commissioner race happening; at the county assembly, delegates get to vote on the candidate of their choice, where candidates must get at least 30 percent of

the vote to be placed on the primary ballot or 10 percent of the vote to be able to petition on.

One can be absent from caucus and still run for delegate to the county assembly by completing an absentee delegate application and either returning it to an ACRCC member or have someone hand deliver it to the correct precinct caucus. There is no absentee/proxy voting; to vote, you must attend the caucus.

Any questions or concerns can be emailed to any precinct caucus captain listed at www.archuletaarepublicans.org or contact Deborah Van Gundy at (719) 839-0556 or acrcc_vc@outlook.com, or Marilyn Harris at 749-4499 or marilynharis44@aol.com.

See the Feb. 27 issue of The SUN for details on Saturday's Archuleta County Democratic Party caucuses.

Notice of a Change in the Tariffs of La Plata Electric Association, Inc.

You are hereby notified that the above-named Cooperative will make the following changes in its tariffs which will become effective April 1, 2020.

Customer Category	Billing Units	New Rate
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LPEA Provided Public Charging Fee (Charge to use LPEA's public EV vehicle charging stations)	Off-Peak Energy Per kWh	\$0.26
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The La Plata Electric Association, Inc. Board of Directors approved the above rate changes by passing Board Resolution 2020-04 at its February 19, 2020 Board meeting. Members/consumers who have questions concerning any of the rate changes may call (970) 247-5786. Anyone who desires to submit comments about the changes shall file a written complaint with the Cooperative at 45 Stewart Street, Durango, Colorado 81303, at least 10 days before the proposed effective date.

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County commissioners disagree over which roads to reconstruct

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County commissioners disagreed over how to prioritize reconstructing some county roads at their work session on Feb. 25.

The county is using lithification to reconstruct roads, which is much cheaper than putting asphalt/pavement over gravel road.

Archuleta County Public Works Director Bob Perry explained that lithified roads cost about \$350,000 per mile to reconstruct, while asphalt roads cost about \$1.3 million to reconstruct.

Perry noted that variables like the number of driveways and manholes can vary the cost.

Perry contrasted lithified roads versus full asphalt/pavement roads at the work session.

"The nice thing about the lithified is we can go in and grind up what's there," said Perry, adding, "When you're going to do a full asphalt/pavement over gravel and you're having to put a foot to 18 inches of gravel over the top of what's there plus another 4 to 6 inches of asphalt ... The nice thing about the lithified is you don't have that."

Compounds in the lithification can turn existing road material into a rock-like base.

Perry explained in a follow-up phone call that the road base is one of the most important features of a road.

Wadley and Maez discussed which county roads should get priority this year, with Wadley arguing that ADT (average daily traffic) should exclusively dictate the county's priorities, and Maez and Commissioner Alvin Schaaf thinking the county's formula should have more nuance.

Perry said in a follow-up phone call that the Road and Bridge Department's policies for roads is

generally as follows:

- If a road has over 700 ADT it is put on a list to be paved.
- If traffic is over 200 ADT the county will pay for and apply magnesium chloride to a road, which limits some of the dust.

Magnesium chloride costs about \$3,200 per mile to apply, according to Perry.

The commissioners said that the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) came to the county asking if they could do a cost-sharing plan to use lithification to reconstruct Port Avenue.

Maez explained he's fielded numerous phone calls throughout the years from residents on Port Avenue who complain about dust kicking up from the road.

The county offered to use lithification to reconstruct Port Avenue to where the houses end on that road and the PLPOA proposed paying the cost to extend the project all the way to the PLPOA clubhouse.

However, in the last month, the PLPOA Board of Directors voted not to fund the project and the commissioners discussed what the next steps would be, with Maez advocating the county still reconstruct Port Avenue.

"I still want to stick with Port just because of the particulate matter that's in the air for the residents that live there," Maez said, noting he'd be in favor of using lithification to reconstruct it to the last resident, or house, on the south end of the road.

Perry explained the only reason the Public Works Department was considering Port Avenue at all was because the PLPOA initially proposed a cost-sharing plan, as Port Avenue only has an ADT of about 335.

Wadley stressed that using lithification on Cloman Boulevard is more of a priority than Port Avenue. "We're trying to move busi-

nesses into that industrial park and they're shaking the fillings out of their teeth goin' to visit a site," said Wadley, noting that ADT should be the measurement the county uses in determining which roads to reconstruct.

Cloman Boulevard has an ADT of about 889, according to Perry.

"If we're only doin' Port to the last residence there, I think we're doin' our diligence and our responsibility to the citizens. They've complained about it year after year," said Maez.

"We are constantly having to go back and revisit Cloman," Wadley said. "I get a lot of complaints about Cloman. Ronnie, my take on it is we've got to use ADTs. It's the fair way to do it."

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf suggested that maybe there was a way to use both population density and ADT as the metric, though Perry stressed the importance of using ADT.

"The reason why we try to use ADTs is that there's probably 200 roads that I know of that get just as much dust for the people that live on 'em that are in the same range of traffic [as Port Avenue]," he said. "It's very difficult if they're asking me why they can't get theirs paved with lithified. If I'm telling 'em that we do it based on ADT ... then we have a valid way to deal with those, but we get one where we just say, 'Well, we want it because these people get a lot of dust, they call the commissioners a lot,' then at that particular point, what do I tell all the other people?"

In a phone call Wednesday, Maez explained why he wanted to prioritize Port Avenue, even though it goes against the Road and Bridge Department's policy of using ADT as the metric.

"Sometimes you have to really look at the big picture and make the right decision whether a policy

applies or not," Maez said. "When it's affecting human beings, you gotta make a decision."

In an email Tuesday, County Administrator Scott Wall outlined which county roads will get reconstructed using lithification this year, subject to funding:

- Cloman Boulevard.
- Port Avenue to the last residence.
- Buttress Avenue from Meadows to Cascade.

In a follow-up phone call, Perry noted that Port Avenue is being reconstructed at the commissioners' insistence.

Perry explained that other roads, like the unpaved part of County Road 600 (Piedra Road) are not getting paved even though the ADT is higher than 1,000.

Perry noted that parts of County Road 500 (Trujillo Road) have an ADT of over 700 but are not prioritized, either.

Perry noted he's in favor of using the policies that are currently in writing to prioritize which roads get improved or not.

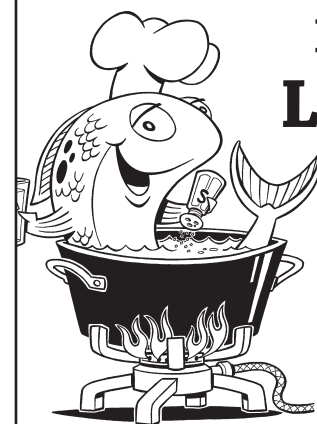
Wall explained that Buttress Avenue was prioritized because county staff would constantly have to go out and fix ruts.

He suggested that, ultimately, the county will end up saving money by using lithification on Buttress Avenue, even though the ADT is in the 300s, because it will save maintenance costs and time, which allows for the Road and Bridge Department to focus on other projects.

"When you're a small, poor county like Archuleta County is, we want to have as many alternatives as we can and then use the least expensive to begin with and then if for some reason the chip seal isn't holding up as well as we want, you can always come back in a couple years and put 2 inches of asphalt in it because you've already got the base. Once you've got the base on a road, that's the expensive part," Perry said.

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Homeaway and Vrbo to pay lodging tax to town

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs will now collect lodging tax from the home sharing websites Homeaway and Vrbo following a Pagosa Springs Town Council decision on Feb. 20.

The town will receive its 4.9 percent lodgers' tax through Homeaway and Vrbo.

According to Tourism Director Jennifer Green, two years ago the town brought forth a contract with another vacation rental site, Airbnb, to collect lodging tax through its website as people booked.

"At that time they were the

only entity that was collecting sales and lodging tax," she said.

Green gave praise to Town Clerk April Hessman for doing research with Homeaway and finding a contact so that the town could start collecting lodging tax through this entity.

Homeaway and Vrbo are the same entity, just two different websites, Green noted.

Following brief discussion, the collection agreement with Homeaway/Vrbo was approved unanimously by council.

In an email to The SUN on Feb. 27, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the town has issued 91 total vacation rental licenses since the program began.

Of those 91, 81 have renewed for 2020 and the town is working with the other 10 to get them into compliance, or renew, for this year, she explained.

Licenses are currently effective from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, Phillips noted.

There are also 10 others that are outstanding that are under review, Phillips explained, adding that these are new licenses.

"It should be noted that these could be advertised on VRBO, Air B and B, Homeaway, and many other sites. The software that we have 'scrubs' several of them to find the listings. Some are listed on multiple sites," she wrote.

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Sports

BASKETBALL

No. 5 Lady Pirates to host state action Friday, Saturday

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates are entering regionals — the first and second rounds of the state tournament — as the No. 5 team in Colorado 3A basketball after picking up a league championship last weekend in Monte Vista.

“The kids played really well both nights,” coach Wes Lewis said, outlining that the Lady Pirates played well defensively and in transition, and were effective offensively.

The Lady Pirates started play at the Intermountain League (IML) tournament against the Bayfield Wolverines, with Pagosa’s defense “stifling” Bayfield, according to Lewis.

Pagosa sailed to an early lead in the game and never looked back, besting the Wolverines 17-5 in the first quarter and 10-7 in the second to hold a 27-12 lead at halftime.

Pagosa tallied another 19 points in the third quarter and 15 in the fourth, while allowing three and five points in the two quarters by Bayfield.

With the 61-20 win, the Lady Pirates advanced in the tournament.

The coach pointed out that Pagosa received contributions across the board and everybody played “really well” and rebounded well.

A trio of Lady Pirates led in scoring on the night with 14 points each: Hailey Griego, Elsa Lindner and Taylor Lewis (which included a pair of 3-pointers).

Griego also had three rebounds, two assists and two steals in the game. Lindner logged two rebounds, two assists and five blocks. Taylor Lewis had four rebounds, two



The Lady Pirates basketball team poses after taking first at the Intermountain League district tournament Saturday in Monte Vista. The Lady Pirates will host state tournament action this weekend beginning Friday at 6 p.m.

Photo courtesy Ash Tully

Pirates accomplished another one of their goals for the season — winning the district tournament — with the team having previously accomplished its goal of winning the IML.

The only goal the Lady Pirates have fallen short of this year, the coach noted, was going undefeated at home.

Now, the team will look to accomplish a couple more goals: winning regionals this week and then winning state.

With the wins last week, the Lady Pirates earned the right to host the regional first- and second-round action this week.

Friday at 6 p.m., the Lady Pirates will take on the No. 28 Colorado Springs Christian Lions for the first round of the state playoffs.

The affair will be the second of the season for the Lady Pirates and Lions, with Pagosa defeating Colorado Springs Christian 60-19 on Jan. 4.

“They’re going to be much better than the first time we played them,” Wes Lewis said, noting they’ll have one of their top players who missed the January game, as well as more experience with their new coach.

“I’m sure as the season went along, she got more of her system in” and the team was able to get better with that system as the season progressed.

“We’re going to have to play,” the coach said, noting the Lady Pirates may have to “use every tool we have in the tool shed” to advance.

The Lions are 9-14 on the season. At 8 p.m., No. 12 Manitou Springs will take on No. 21 Estes Park. The Manitou Springs Mustangs are 18-4 on the season, and the Estes Park Bobcats are 14-8.

The winners of each of Friday’s games will advance to Sweet 16 action Saturday at 1 p.m.

Wes Lewis pointed out Manitou has beaten some of the state’s other top teams this season and said, “We’re going to have to play well both nights regardless of who we play.”

The Falcons are the No. 6 seed in the state tournament and will also host regional action, including No. 11 Alamosa.

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assists and a steal.

Adelyn Dozier followed with nine points (including a 3-pointer), two rebounds, an assist and a steal.

Molly Graham put up six points in the game, as well as notching four rebounds and three assists.

Miah Schoffner picked up three points in the game with a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter.

Teagan Stretton contributed

three rebounds, seven assists and six steals.

A quartet of other Lady Pirates added three rebounds, an assist and two blocks.

Pagosa hit seven of nine attempted free throws in the game and turned the ball over eight times.

Then, the next evening, the Lady Pirates took on the Centauri Falcons in the district tournament cham-

ampionship, with Centauri having defeated the Alamosa Mean Moose the previous day.

“It might have been our best performance of the year,” the coach said of the tournament championship, outlining that the team played good defense, stayed out of foul trouble, controlled the paint and limited turnovers.

Like the previous day, the Pirates built an early lead in the game, with Pagosa besting Centauri 14-9 in the first quarter.

Both teams put up eight points in the second quarter, making it a 22-17 game at the half.

The Lady Pirates extended their lead in the third by scoring 12 and allowing nine, and further solidified the win with a 16-7 fourth quarter that was helped by nine points from the charity stripe.

Taylor Lewis led the team with

an 18-point effort on the night that included two 3-pointers and eight free throws, which she complemented with four rebounds and a pair of assists.

Griego followed with 13 points, four rebounds and a steal.

Stretton put up eight points in the game, as well as pulling down four rebounds and contributing four assists, a block and four steals.

Lindner put up seven points, pulled down 12 rebounds and had four assists.

“She sure had a big game that night, that’s for sure,” the coach said.

Kori Lucero and Dozier each contributed two points. Lucero also had a rebound and an assist. Dozier had a rebound.

Pagosa made 16 of 22 attempted free throws in the game, and turned the ball over 11 times.

With the 50-33 win, the Lady

WRESTLING



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Five grapplers from the Pirate wrestling team earned Intermountain League all-conference first-team honors this year. From left to right: Dylan Tressler, Erik Wyman, Cameron Lucero, Brae Bergdolt and Skyler Hill celebrate their accomplishment.

Tag Team Wrestling Tournament open for middle school athletes

By Jack Moore
Special to The SUN

The Tag Team Wrestling Tournament, open to Pagosa Springs Middle School wrestlers, will be held Thursday, March 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs Middle School gym.

All proceeds support Charity Water, an organization that brings clean water to millions who are without safe water. One in 10 people in the world do not have clean, safe water.

Following the tournament, “The Passion of Christ” will be shown for free at the Liberty Theatre from 8:30

to 11 p.m.

A parent release form must be signed to wrestle or to watch the movie. Wrestlers, please sign up with Jack Moore at Pagosa Springs Middle School.

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BASKETBALL

Pirates take third at league tournament, face No. 9 Lutheran tomorrow

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At the end of the Intermountain League (IML) tournament on Feb. 29, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball team captured third place by defeating the Bayfield Wolverines 60-38.

Before earning third place, however, the No. 4-seeded Pirates took on the No. 1-seeded Alamosa Mean Moose in the second round of the IML tournament.

Alamosa

In the third matchup between the two IML foes, Alamosa once again got the best of Pagosa, defeating the Pirates 45-34 on Feb. 27.

After one quarter, Alamosa held a 14-10 lead. The second quarter saw the Alamosa defense hold Pagosa to just three points while scoring nine themselves.

At halftime, the Pirates found themselves down 23-13 and looked to mount a second-half comeback.

However, the second half saw Alamosa keep Pagosa at bay, outscoring the Pirates 22-21 to secure the win.

Two Pirates scored in double figures against Alamosa, with Mason Snarr and Kyler Hammer finishing with 10 points each.

Snarr added a team-high six rebounds, two steals and four blocks to his stat line.

Hammer added five rebounds and two assists.

Mitch Lewis finished with nine points, two assists and three blocks against Alamosa.

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

Ryan Lewis contributed two points for Pagosa.

Pagosa shot six of 10 at the free-

throw line and turned over the ball just eight times.

"It was a good game against Alamosa. Our defense was especially good, holding them to 45 points. Unfortunately we could not get shots to fall even though we had good looks, especially in the second quarter," coach Randy Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN on Tuesday.

Sorenson praised Alamosa for being a good team, but also praised the Pirates for playing tough.

Bayfield

In the third-place game, Pagosa was able to rebound and defeat the No. 6-seeded Bayfield Wolverines 60-38.

Bayfield upset the No. 3-seeded Montezuma-Cortez Panthers in the first round of the IML tournament on Feb. 25 by a score of 65-63.

The Wolverines went on to lose in the second round of the IML tournament to the No. 2-seeded Centauri Falcons by a score of 61-31 on Feb. 27.

In the third-place game against Bayfield, the Pirates got off to a hot start, holding Bayfield to eight points in the first half while scoring 24.

In the third quarter, Pagosa outscored Bayfield 20-15 and in the fourth quarter Pagosa outscored the Wolverines 16-15.

Snarr led the team in scoring with 14 points. Snarr also added nine rebounds, three assists and a steal.

Ryan Lewis finished with 10 points, a team- and career-high 14 rebounds and a steal.

O'Donnell added nine points, six rebounds, three assists and a steal.

Gunner Dozier, Mitch Lewis and

Hammer all finished with seven points against Bayfield.

Mitch Lewis added six rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Hammer contributed four rebounds and three assists.

Wyatt Schuchart added four points and two rebounds.

Dylan Manzanaras added two points for Pagosa.

Pagosa made 20 of 30 free-throw attempts against Bayfield, good enough for 67 percent.

The Pirates turned over the ball 20 times against the Wolverines.

"We got off to a good start against Bayfield and we were able to extend the lead every quarter. It was a good win and it gave us some momentum going into the playoffs," Sorenson wrote.

Playoff action

With postseason play just around the corner for the Pirates, Pagosa has earned the No. 24 overall seed in the 3A state tournament.

Pagosa's first-round matchup is set for tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. at Manual High School against the No. 9 Lutheran Lions (19-3 overall, 10-0 in league play).

The winner of that matchup will move on to face the winner of the No. 8 DSST: Montview Knights and the No. 25 Fort Lupton Bluedevils on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Lutheran finished the regular season in first place of the 3A Metro League, but lost in the league championship game 79-70 to the Manual Thunderbolts.

The Lions enter the state tournament having outscored opponents 1,581 to 1,048.

Freshman Baye Fall leads the Lions in scoring, averaging 19.9 points per game, 10.6 rebounds and 3.6 blocks per game.

Mamadou Sow, a junior, averages 12.4 points and 6.2 rebounds per game.

Sam Hoops, another junior, averages 10.8 points, 2.2 assists, 3.7 rebounds and 1.4 steals per game for Lutheran.

Sorenson explained that Lutheran is a good team with good guards and post players.

"We are working hard this week to build a good game plan and practicing the things we feel are necessary to play a good game on Friday," Sorenson wrote. "We definitely feel that we can compete and have a chance to win the game. It will be a battle but all games are this time of year. We are looking forward to the challenge."

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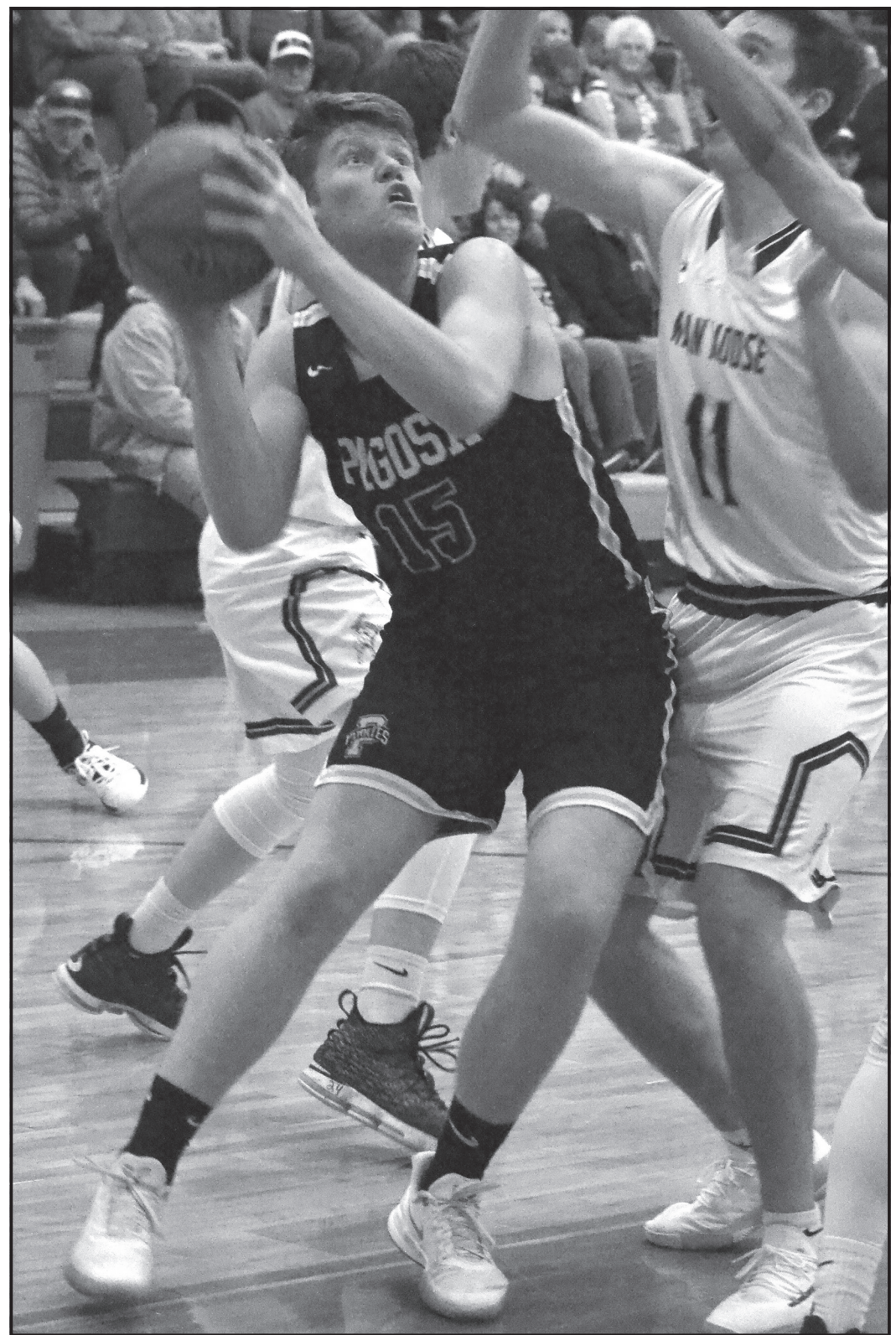


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Pagosa Springs' Ryan Lewis prepares for contact from Alamosa's Brenden Crowther on a shot attempt near the hoop during the Intermountain League district tournament semifinals action this past Thursday, Feb. 27, at Monte Vista High School. Pagosa Springs High School (11-11 overall) fell 45-34 to the Mean Moose, but earned third place two days later by blasting Bayfield 60-38.



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Pagosa Springs' Mitch Lewis tightens his defense on Alamosa's Ian Jackson during Intermountain League district tournament semifinals action this past Thursday, Feb. 27, at Monte Vista High School.



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Outdoors

Forest monitoring and management topic of science forum

By Dana Hayward
Special to The SUN

Partners, stakeholders and guests of the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership (SJHFHP) convened on Friday, Feb. 21, in the Archuleta County Extension Exhibit Hall to discuss and consider issues of forest monitoring and management.

Through the lens of presentations by Dr. Peter Brown of Rocky Mountain Tree Ring Research, Dr. Michael Remke of Mountain Studies Institute, and the Colorado State University Colorado Forest Restoration Institute team comprised of Dr. Tony Cheng, Marin Chambers M.S., and Brett Wolk M.S., participants considered how scientific information can inform forest management priorities, goals and processes.

Residents of Pagosa Springs are intimately familiar with the impor-

tance of the forest and watersheds that surround our town. That forested landscape supports economic activities, recreation and provides critical resources, including water, to the Pagosa Springs community and many others. In order to best protect and manage the landscape in which we live and play, the SJHFHP encourages collaborative decision making that incorporates and welcomes numerous stakeholder perspectives.

At the event, presentations explored the fire history of the Piedra Study Area, allowing participants to consider a historical model of resilient forest conditions under a natural fire regime. Next, participants examined the importance of defining forest monitoring and management objectives to align with specific project and broader landscape goals. Finally, attendees discussed the social context of forest

management and ideal conditions for collaborative processes as they relate to our forest, watersheds and landscape. Emphasis was placed on integrating science into each level of decision-making processes.

Many members of the Pagosa Springs community came together at this event to learn about forest management and monitoring and the impacts of those activities on local and regional resources. Attendees included representatives of the following organizations: Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Planning; Archuleta County commissioners and staff; Wildfire Adapted Partnership; Audubon Rockies; San Juan National Forest; Fort Lewis College; Colorado Forest Restoration Institute; Colorado State University faculty and students; Mountain

Studies Institute; Colorado State Forest Service; The Watershed Enhancement Partnership; Natural Resources Conservation Service; San Juan Water Conservancy District; Dolores Watershed Resilient Forest Collaborative; Bureau of Land Management; Southwest Organization for Sustainability; forest industry partners; Sen. Cory Gardner's office; private land owners and managers; and local volunteers.

The SJHFHP aims to continue diverse participation in these important discussions and invites stakeholders and community members to attend meetings, held the third Friday of each month in various locations in town. For more information, visit sanjuanheadwaters.org or email Partnership Coordinator Dana Hayward at dana@mountainstudies.org.

Learn about the moon cycle and Chimney Rock at lecture series

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) is proud to host a special presentation on Thursday, March 12, by professor (and CRIA volunteer) Ron Sutcliffe on "The Moon Cycle and Chimney Rock."

Sutcliffe will be drawing on original research both at Chimney Rock National Monument and at Chaco Canyon. The lecture is free of charge and will begin at 7 p.m., following CRIA's social hour at 6 p.m. at The Springs Resort and Spa Luxury Lodge located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd. Water is provided and the resort's cash bar will be open.

Sutcliffe has been involved with lunar research and education since 1996, when he first published the "Moonspiral Four-Year Prediction Calendar" depicting phases of the moon in circular and spiral patterns instead of linear patterns.

Around 1986, Sutcliffe became aware of patterns in ancient Puebloan rock art pointing toward celestial phenomena in the ancient Mimbres area of southwestern New Mexico. After years of study, he realized that there was no modern literature specific to the astronomical basis for the naked-eye astronomers' interested in the sun and moon.

Sutcliffe has been teaching as an adjunct college professor/lecturer since 1997 and presents at many

conferences and seminars. He will also be heading up CRIA's programs during the lunar standstill that will begin in 2022.

You can learn more about how to get involved in CRIA and Chimney Rock National Monument at the Chimney Rock open house on March 20 at The Springs Resort and Spa Luxury Lodge conference room from 6 to 7 p.m. There will be a host of CRIA volunteers on hand who are eager to introduce guests to the variety of roles that support this unique program and the flexibility in level of commitment. Some of the volunteer positions include: visitor cabin host, mesa host, tour guide and maintenance crew.

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 (orientation for new volunteers at Chimney Rock National Monument) and on April 25 at the Tennyson Building Event Center located 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.

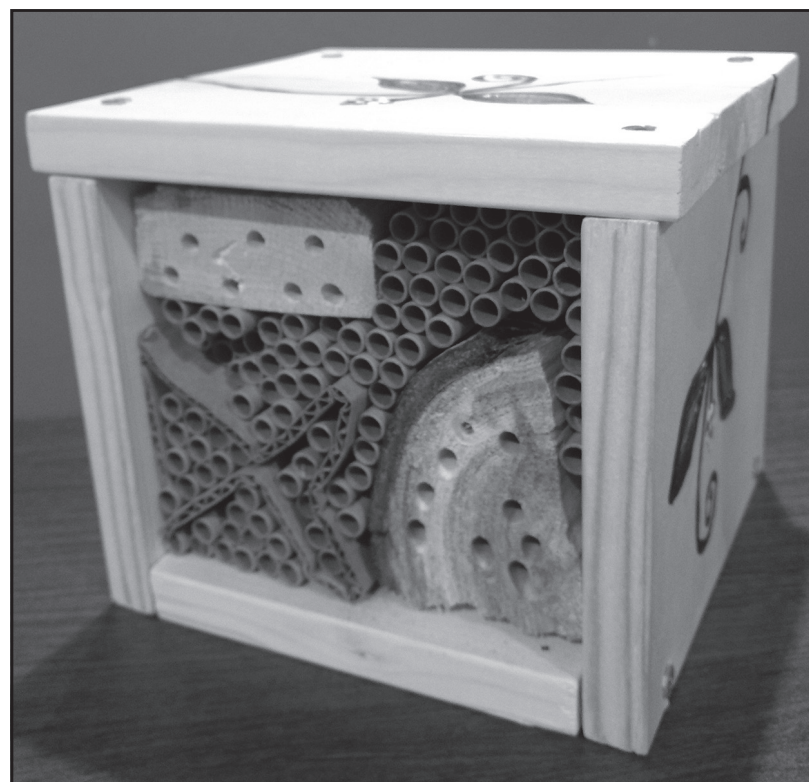


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On Wednesday, March 18, Mountain High Garden Club will welcome Keith Bruno from the Weminuche Audubon Society.

Bruno will discuss how to become a habitat hero, as well as how to identify the pollinators found in our area and how we can make our gardens attractive to them. The March meeting will begin promptly at 10 a.m., adjourning at noon at the CSU Extension building on U.S. 84.

Build your very own bee hotel at the meeting on April 15. Reserve your kit by sending us an email (info@mountainhighgardenclub.com) and bring \$15 with you to pay for the building materials.

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Local snowpack totals fall below 90 percent of median

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Local basins have seen a collective snowpack total drop below 90 percent of median this week, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

This week, the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan basins are 88 percent of median. Last week, they were 92 percent of median.

Last year at this time, local basins were at 131 percent of median.

This week, the Upper San Juan site is 77 percent of median, a decrease of 2 percent from last week.

The Wolf Creek summit dropped 6 percent since last week, going from 90 percent of median to 84 percent of median this week.

Snowpack totals could see another slight drop in the next week as the National Weather Service (NWS) is only predicting a slight chance of snow for Pagosa Springs on Saturday night and Sunday.

The NWS notes a 20 percent chance of snow on Wolf Creek Pass during the day on Saturday. That increases to 40 percent by Saturday night and jumps to 80 percent on Sunday.

"I'm not in a panic or anything," NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta said in an interview Wednesday, "because the snowpack is diminished at the moment. It's below average."

Archuleta explained that, locally, things are not in "awful shape."

"Last year we got some really high snowfalls in February and March. We didn't get that this year," he said.

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SENIOR NEWS

Free art class to be offered at Senior Center

By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN Columnist

A free art class at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center will be held Tuesday, March 10, at 1 p.m.

Celebrate spring and join us to make shamrock grape vine wreaths. The shamrock symbolizes the rebirth of spring and the hard part is done: shamrocks are precut and the wreath is made. So, have fun sticking the shamrocks on the wreath and celebrate St. Patrick's Day, a tradition over 1,000 years old. All supplies are provided for you and there is no cost or registration required for the class. Just show up and join us for the fun.

Your instructor will be Denise Fisk, former art teacher in Iowa.

A Matter of Balance

The Senior Center is pleased to announce our fifth Matter of Balance program.

A Matter of Balance is an award-winning falls-prevention program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falls. The classes help participants to:

- View falls and fear of falling as controllable.
- Set realistic goals for increasing activity.
- Change their environment to reduce fall risk factors.
- Promote exercise to increase strength and balance.

You can benefit from the classes if:

- You are concerned about falls.
- Have sustained a fall in the past.
- You restrict activities because of concerns about falling.

• You are interested in improving flexibility, balance and strength.

• You are age 60 or older, ambulatory and able to problem solve.

The Matter of Balance program lasts eight weeks. Classes are on Wednesdays, beginning on March 25. Each class is from 9 to 11 a.m. Snacks will be provided. Class size is limited. Please call 264-2167 for more information or to register. Classes are free.

AARP Smart Driver

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-a-course. The 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.

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 next 2020 date is 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.

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 March 16 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, March 5 — Teriyaki salmon, green bean casserole, corn chowder, milk, salad bar and banana pudding.

Friday, March 6 — Chicken enchilada suizas, charro beans, Parmesan baked zucchini, milk, salad bar and German chocolate cake.

Monday, March 9 — Beef Salisbury steak, potatoes au gratin, seasoned asparagus, dinner roll with butter, milk and salad bar.

Tuesday, March 10 — Sliced turkey with gravy, baked sweet potatoes, roasted asparagus with walnuts, milk, salad bar and cranberry salad.

Wednesday, March 11 — Mahi tacos with coleslaw, cilantro lime rice, stir-fried zucchini, milk, salad bar and lime dessert.

Thursday, March 12 — Grilled chicken with pistachio pesto linguine, Irish carrots, green peas, milk, salad bar and cherry cream cheese pie.

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

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



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Hundreds of fitness resources and kids' book launch event today

By Carole Howard
SUN Columnist, and the library staff

Did you know that your library has a huge variety of resources relating to fitness — in fact, almost 450 items in our collection? They include books, DVDs and periodicals covering topics such as weight training, yoga, healthy eating, outdoor exercise and much more. If you cannot find an item you're looking for here, any of our friendly staff can help you search for it through our consortium of libraries.

Additionally, we have multiple online resources related to health and wellness. One such database is Consumer Health Complete, the single most comprehensive resource for consumer-related health content. It covers all areas of health and wellness from mainstream medicine to the many perspectives of complementary, holistic and integrated medicine. Online resources are available 24/7 at www.pagosalibrary.org. Select the tab "Online Resources" at the top of the home page. The resources are listed in alphabetical order. You will need your library card number to access some of the sites.

Kids' book launch event this afternoon

Second- and third-graders at Pagosa Peak Open School, the local charter school, are hosting a book launch and signing event from 5:15 to 6 p.m. today, Thursday, March 5, at the library for a book they authored about how the laws of

physics pertain to various sports. About 20 youngsters participated in this project-based learning effort, working together and individually. For example, Daniel Gonzales Harper wrote about how Newton's first and second laws apply to golf and baseball. This event will include Q-and-As and refreshments.

Save the date for Cookie Cook-off

Thursday, March 19, is a Cookie Cook-off from 4 to 6 p.m. for all ages. Registration is required. No peanuts or peanut products, please. See the activities calendars available at your library for more details.

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.

To familiarize yourself with the questions that will be asked on the census, your library has a sample copy of the print census questionnaire in English and Spanish. Please visit pagosalibrary.org/census-2020 to view a video that demonstrates how to fill out the census online. We also have a sample copy of the print invitation to respond to the census that most households will receive.

Brad and Josie are your census

experts at the library, but all library staff are happy to answer questions related to the census. As well, your library has various census-related prizes to give away while supplies last, including coffee mugs, bags, thumb drives, blankets and more.

Knitting Club for teens and adults

Monday, March 9, this free club meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. (note the time change) for fourth-graders to adults. Bring your knitting, crochet or needlepoint projects. If you don't know how to knit, come anyway and we'll get you started.

Nonfiction

"Hold Still" by Kristina Kuzmic has been called "parenting comedy at its finest." "Code Red" by A.E.J. Dionne Jr. describes his view of why progressives and moderates should unite rather than feud. "The Falcon Thief" by Joshua Hammer tells of a rogue who trades in rare birds and the wildlife detective determined to stop him. "Mastering Diabetes" by Dr. Neal Bernard details a new food plan to reduce insulin resistance. "How to Have a Happy Hustle" by Bec Evans describes tools and research to help entrepreneurs. "The World Beneath Their Feet" by Scott Ellsworth describes teams of mountaineers from three countries competing to be the first to climb the world's highest peaks. "Suffrage" by historian Ellen Carol Dubois documents the stories of the women who fought for the right to vote.

Large print

"Golden in Death" by J.D. Robb is a Lt. Eve Dallas mystery. "The Adventure of the Peculiar Protocols" by Nicholas Meyer is a Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson mystery. "First Cut" by Judy Melinek and T.J. Mitchell is a Jessie Teska mystery. "Cutthroats" by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a Slash and Pecos western. "The Man of Mystery" by David C. Noonan is another western.

Academy Award films on DVD

We have three more Academy Award films: Disney's "Toy Story 4" won an Oscar for best animated feature. "Harriet" won two nominations for Cynthia Erivo, for best actress and for best original song, "Stand Up," which she co-wrote.

Other DVDs

"Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am" explores the life and works of this legendary storyteller and Nobel prize winner. "Missing Link" features Hugh Jackman's voice in this family-friendly movie about a globetrotting adventure.

Books on CD

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Rory Burnett

No biography provided.



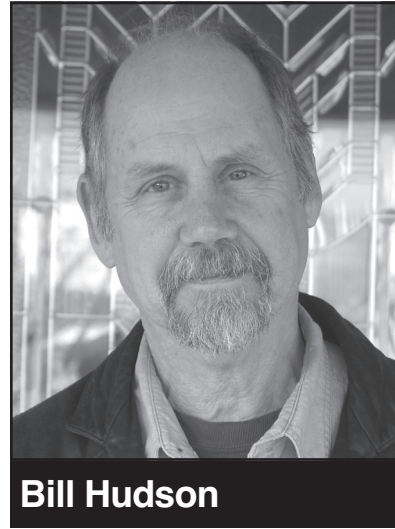
Julian Caler

Raised in Pagosa Springs, I am currently self employed in three different industries and hold a seat on the town tourism board. My love for Pagosa is forever growing and my vision is to see us reach our full potential. Being raised in a large family, I developed the qualities of hard work, respect, and responsibility. My philosophy for continuous growth personally and professionally is something I strive to project in all aspects of life.



Mat deGraaf

No biography provided.



Bill Hudson

Except for a brief sojourn in Salida, Colorado, I've made Pagosa Springs my home since 1993. Working as an artist and writer, I founded the Pagosa Pretenders Family Theater; helped establish the Pagosa Peak Open School, the community's first District-authorized charter school; and currently edit and publish the Pagosa Daily Post. I volunteer on the Town Planning Commission and San Juan Water Conservancy District board. I look forward to representing town residents on Town Council.



Shari Pierce

I have been active in town government for a number of years, serving a term on the town council 2008-2012, assisting in formation of and serving on the Historic Preservation Board, serving on a past committee for the Land Use and Development Code. Professionally, I have worked at The Pagosa Springs SUN for 35 years, currently overseeing advertising and circulation. I have been a resident of Archuleta County since 1974 and the town since 1986.

The Pagosa Springs SUN asked each of the five candidates for the three Pagosa Springs Town Council positions up for grabs to answer the following questions.

The candidates' answers are presented in alphabetical order, unedited and as they were received.

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

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

Are short-term rentals creating a problem in our community? If so, how would you propose mitigating it?

It's been said that the town lives and dies on sales tax. What would you suggest to create new revenue streams?

Rory Burnett

As a business minded individual, I would like to see our government officials ask the question "How can we help?" Instead of "What can we get?". Allowing growth and supporting things like co-working spaces, entrepreneur groups, economic development unity, existing business support, and incentivizing individuals and businesses that are partnering practically with the Town's Comprehensive Plan. I will say, the groups that are taking part in this now (CDC, Chamber of Commerce, Etc.) are doing a great job of moving our community in the right direction.

Julian Caler

I would keep promoting ideals that allow our people to thrive here. By giving our community more buying power we continue on this growing trend. I would also encourage bringing more to town so visitors and locals have more to spend money on. ie: Recruiting businesses, retaining existing business, and recruiting new development by promoting Opportunity Zones incentives. Another ie: Bringing in more events and activities.

Mat deGraaf

Economic Development. This means putting in the infrastructure (ie Broadband) to make our community attractive to businesses that are not strictly based on tourism. We are already doing this but lack the proper funding to fast-track it. Forbes magazine recently tipped their hat to Pagosa Springs because of our Opportunity Zones. We have a lot going for us, but there is still a ton of work to be done.

Bill Hudson

Our Town government gets most of its revenue through sales tax — which is actually a County sales tax, shared 50/50 with the Town. The County saw its sales tax collections increase by more than 20% over the past year, mainly due to payment of local sales tax when Pagosa residents make purchases online, at Amazon or other shopping websites. A year ago, a Pagosa consumer could avoid paying sales tax by shopping online. Those savings are no longer available.

In 2005, prior to the Great Recession, the Town's total budget was about \$4.5 million. The Town's 2020 budget projects revenue income of over \$16 million, producing budget reserves of over \$3 million.

The Town Council needs to take a hard look at where all this money is being spent. Are governments spending it frivolously — or are we addressing the problems that most desperately need solving?

Shari Pierce

Being a municipal government, available revenue streams are limited. Basically, our sources of revenue are taxes and fees for services. I am not in favor of raising taxes as we have so many low-income and fixed-income residents. Ethically, we need to be careful to not compete with private business when exploring opportunities. We should focus on diversifying our local economy so it is not so heavily reliant on tourism, using our resources wisely in pursuing grants for necessary infrastructure and we should be responsible in our spending and saving.

Rory Burnett

I believe there are pros and cons to every issue we face as a community. There are currently around 91 confirmed short-term rentals in town limits and we are currently seeing a trend where nightly rates are decreasing in order to keep them rented. This drives family tourism, allows for a longer average stay, and certainly is a factor in the increase of sales tax revenue we saw in 2019. My belief is that we allow this trend to correct itself naturally and not interfere with personal property rights.

Julian Caler

The word "Community" in this example implies that STR (short-term rentals) is problematic for everyone. STR is playing a role in the shortage of housing our work force. But plays a bigger role by lodging our tourists due to lack of hotel options.

I believe mitigating STR is not a solution. Work force housing is essential for our tourist economy. The lack of such cannot be blamed solely on STR. We were a tourist town prior to the creation of STR and didn't plan for future growth. We can create other avenues to solve these problems. For instance, we can incentivize the developers and economic powerhouses by providing them extra resources to complete such projects.

Mat deGraaf

While Short-Term Rentals (STRs) are certainly not helping our lack of Affordable Housing problem, I would not say that they are THE problem. Many people, myself included, prefer the AirBnB experience over a traditional hotel. It is important that we have STR's in our community as they attract the visitors that our economy depends upon. That being said, I also believe that some regulation of STRs is needed to preserve the character of our community.

Bill Hudson

Short Term Rentals (STRs) come in two basic types. The type that does the least dam-

age to the character of the community — in terms of skyrocketing property values and disappearing long-term rentals — happens when a homeowner rents out guest quarters in the house they live in full-time. This business model preserves neighborhood character and long-term residential housing, while providing extra income for the hosts.

The model that's become more prevalent in Pagosa, however, involves an investor buying up residential homes — where local residents once lived — and converting those houses into mini-hotels, with no manager living onsite. This business model has been outlawed in Denver and many other communities because it causes home prices to skyrocket, turns residential neighborhoods into motel districts, and makes homes unavailable to local residents.

For the community's sake, Pagosa needs to prohibit STRs unless the owner resides in the house.

Shari Pierce

Short-term rentals are affecting some people in our community in negative ways, and other people in positive ways. In speaking with residents, the problems people are describing are related to the density of the rentals and the renters themselves.

There won't be one simple solution, but looking at varying densities of rentals that are allowed in different areas of town, based on the closeness of homes in that area could be a starting point.

There are noise, parking and animal regulations already in the municipal code. We should look at ways for affected persons to report these types of problems without fear of repercussion.

Ultimately, short-term rentals are a business, unique because they are in residential areas. Because of this, the business owner is responsible for making sure their clients understand and follow the laws as to not disrupt the fabric of the neighborhood they are located in.

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This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Eagle's Loft Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Eagle's Loft Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.

Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions:

Exhibit A

Phase I of Eagle's Loft

Matter Amount

Property Owner: Karl Stauffer And Fabiana Stauffer

Building Number: 1

Lot (Unit) Number: 1

Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 50

Unpaid Asmts: \$4,245.69

Interest: \$1,557.10

Late Fees: \$100.00

Total: \$5,902.79

Property Owner: Kenneth Sallee And Mary E Sallee

Building Number: 1

Lot (Unit) Number: 1

Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 42

in Phase I of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 117699 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and as further described in that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership of Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Unpaid Asmts: \$2,562.42

Interest: \$398.36

Late Fees: \$25.00

Total: \$2990.78

Phase II of Eagle's Loft

Property Owner: Charles E Rousenberg Jr

Building Number: 10

Lot (Unit) Number: 10

Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 50

in Phase II of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 119118 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that First Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on October 7, 1983, in Book 203, Page 564, Reception No. 119119, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").

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Unpaid Asmts: \$2,635.69

Interest: \$420.02

Late Fees: \$25.00

Total: \$3,080.71

Phase III of Eagle's Loft

Matter Amount

Property Owner: Walter Edward Randolph Scott And Latoya Milete Buffman

Building Number: 28

Lot (Unit) Number: 28

Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 51

in Phase III of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 130203 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on May 30, 1984, under Reception No. 123459, as amended by that First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 13, 1984, Reception No. 124494, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Unpaid Asmts: \$2,499.15

Interest: \$376.89

Late Fees: \$25.00

Total: \$2,901.04

Phase IV of Eagle's Loft

Matter Amount

Property Owner: MARGARET E. JAMES, TRUSTEE of the JAMES LIVING TRUST

under Trust Agreement dated April 14, 1994

Building Number: 46

Lot (Unit) Number: 46

Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 16

in Phase IV of Eagle's Loft as recorded in Reception No. 132402 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado and shall be subject to that Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, and further subject to that Third Supplemental Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft recorded on July 10, 1985, under Reception No. 132403, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado (the "Declarations").

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Eagle's Loft Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Unpaid Asmts: \$2,635.69

Interest: \$420.02

Late Fees: \$25.00

Total: \$3,080.71

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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 JCU 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 §38-38-101(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 2A, Bogey's Subdivision Correction, according to the plat thereof filed September 3, 2004, as Reception No. 20408025, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, together with all its appurtenances
 Also known by street and number as: 23 Pike Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
 DATE: 12/13/2019
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 By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 F. Thomas Geyer, Esq. #36277
 Newbold Chapman & Geyer PC Attorneys at Law, 150 East Ninth Street, Suite 400, Durango, CO 81302-2790 (970) 247-3091
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Pagosa Springs Town Council Election Tracker

What is an issue locally that you don't hear the council talking about?

Rory Burnett

How to be more unified with the county.

Julian Caler

Curb Appeal. I cannot honestly say that the council hasn't talked about this but I believe it needs to be addressed more. We have a beautiful town with an abundance of attractions but we cannot take that for granted. Being a tourist town I believe our downtown needs to be iconic. It needs to be the first impression and reason for a random family to pull over and explore what Pagosa Springs has to offer. We do fall short on this front. We can explore options that encourage owners to rejuvenate their storefronts. Also, we need to really recognize the opportunity cost of having large parcels of our downtown not dedicated to generating sales tax.

Mat deGraaf

As the incumbent, I already sit on Town Council and I feel like we talk about a lot of things. We certainly can't solve all of the problems but we sure can talk about them. And maybe that's the problem. We identify things that we would like to change or fix or do, but talk doesn't turn into action, generally because the money isn't there. The Town does a lot and is an excellent steward of the tax payer's money, however, there just isn't enough to do all of the things that we want to do. More money = more action.

Bill Hudson

The key issue that the Council needs to talk more about is diversification of the economy. The Town has spent millions of dollars promoting recreation and tourism, and we are now realizing that "too much of a good thing is not a good

thing".

Pagosa has other issues that the Town Council is not talking about, but our current Council has done a good job discussing issues they can actually address with resources at their disposal — and where they have authority to act.

We've heard a great deal of discussion around improved broadband, for example, as well as early childhood education, and affordable housing. Economic development and tourism are regular topics. The sad state of our streets and roads is an ongoing discussion point, as are parking and pedestrian improvements. Finding a better location for Dispatch operations is another hot topic.

Talking doesn't always lead to effective action, however.

Shari Pierce

The town council room/courtroom is unused part of the week. Explore an agreement with the county to use this while the courthouse facility is constructed. Use for minor court cases (not jury trials) that residents are driving to Durango for. This would be time-saving and safer than traveling. It would keep sales tax in our county as people wouldn't be going to Durango for court, then shopping.

A park north of U.S. 160. Families who live in that area who do not have access to town parks without crossing U.S. 160. This may be difficult due to the terrain, but we should look into it. This should be considered before development of Yamaguchi South. We have spent a lot of money on parks in a concentrated area of town.

The shale bank on South 6th Street. This is a safety issue as it sloughs off and should be stabilized.

Should the town and county work more together? If so, how and what on?

Rory Burnett

Yes. My hope is that the Town and county will eventually combine into 1 entity. It is a burden on the taxpayers to have 2 entities for such a small community. This would predominantly be on the county to get the ball moving. In the meantime, I think a better coordination at the staff level with like departments would be very helpful.

Julian Caler

Whether we live in town limits or county we all consider ourselves people of Pagosa Springs. So, YES of course we should work more together. The county and the municipality both have their role in local government. Those roles need to be handled first and foremost. Understanding those roles plays a big part in the capability of one entity helping another and vice versa. Having said that, if there are large projects that affect both entities I believe both should have their say and contribution. More importantly they agree upon a common goal in which both parties do their part to achieve. Any type of new or existing infrastructure can be lumped into these large projects. (ie: broadband, workforce housing)

Mat deGraaf

Absolutely! And we do work together on many things and the relationship between the two entities continues to improve. The big projects that we have both identified as priorities are Affordable housing, Broadband, and Early Child Care and Education. We have made incredible progress on each of these. The LITEC affordable housing project breaks ground in a few months, the Wings Early Child Care center is poised to open its doors later this year, and the Broadband group is expanding cov-

erage and increasing internet speed to over 3000 addresses in Archuleta County this year.

Bill Hudson

Simply stated, we all share one community in Archuleta County, and it makes little sense — in 2020 — to have two separate governments performing many of the same services.

We have two separate law enforcement operations.

We have two separate building departments.

We have two separate planning departments.

We have two separate road maintenance, public works operations.

We have two separate finance departments, court systems, and attorney offices.

In a few cases, the Town and County have been able to combine their operations and produce more efficient services to the community. But what we more commonly see is wasteful duplication and lack of cooperation.

Two communities in Colorado — Bloomfield and Denver — have managed to consolidate county and municipal services. Pagosa Springs could be the third, if someone would step up and lead the campaign.

Shari Pierce

Yes, the town and county should explore ways to work together. We are, in terms of population, a small town and a small county. We should look at ways to use our resources wisely to provide the best services we can to our residents. An example is the previously referenced use of the town council chambers/courtroom. While the town and county each have their responsibilities, there are issues we have in common that we can work on such as housing, workforce training and the local economy.

Explain your understanding and position as far as the town moving forward with the urban renewal authority.

Rory Burnett

My understanding of the URA is that it covers the entirety of the Town and "projects" can be submitted to the board. If the projects check off certain requirements, any incremental tax that is created from the growth is then used to pay off public infrastructure. I think this is the single greatest tool that our community can have to foster positive growth without burdening the taxpayers directly. Development and building is very expensive and burdensome because of the process and where we live. We have a downtown with holes in it because of how hard and expensive it is to build out vacant property or fix up old buildings. The URA creates opportunities that would not be able to be complete and have community benefit otherwise.

Julian Caler

I was pleased to see the town take a step forward and vote yes on the URA (urban renewal authority). I know that this is a tender matter and will be a process to establish the right heading of this tool. Lots of volunteered time and dedication is in order and it will need strong individuals willing to sacrifice said time for the common good of our

town. I would encourage all districts to be involved regardless of their standing. We need to look at the positive, long-term growth of leveraging other people's money. We get caught up too much on the present and our lives now and don't think about future generations. This philosophy has been a hindrance to our economy in the past, and we need a tool like the URA to undo that mindset. I have been waiting for an opportunity to contribute to Pagosa reaching its full potential. The URA can be one of those opportunities.

Mat deGraaf

I voted "no" on the URA not because I don't believe in it, but because I felt that the whole process was moving too fast and there were still questions that had not been satisfactorily answered.

The URA is an incredible tool to incentivize development in a way that allows the Town to have a hand in the kinds of developments that we want to see that we feel will best suite our Town and it's residents.

Bill Hudson

In late 2019, the Town Council voted 4-3 in favor of forming a new Urban Renewal Authority, based upon claims that vacant property

south of the Springs Resort was "dangerously blighted." Four Council members, who voted in favor of the resolution, ignored the clear intent of Colorado Urban Renewal Law — as many leaders in other Colorado communities have also done.

There are 'blighted' areas within our community, but the vacant Hot Springs property is not one of them, according to the text of the Colorado law.

Now that the Authority has been created, however, the Council must figure out a way to treat other local government entities — who can be required by the Authority to contribute up to 25 years of future tax revenues — with utmost fairness and respect. The Council must also ensure that any development projects benefit the entire community, not only the developers themselves.

Shari Pierce

The Urban Renewal Authority (URA) board needs to organize, establishing leadership positions. Work to get the school district to appoint a member to the board. Make sure notification of establishment of a URA has been made to appropriate agencies. Review state statutes regarding how URAs shall function so all board members

understand the role of the URA in development. Establish a mission statement and goals, if desired. Outline processes for how the board will function and processes to be followed when projects are submitted to the URA for consideration. Determine funding for the URA board, which will be required before the URA has funds available. Set a budget for the URA. Consider inviting a professional who works with new URAs to help guide the initial process. Identify potential agencies and partners who can assist in achieving established goals.

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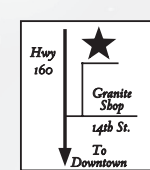
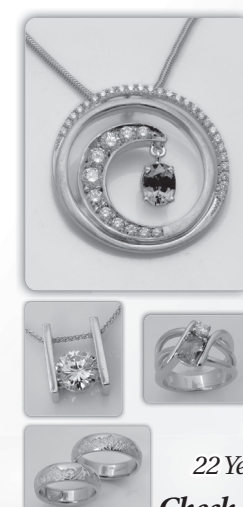
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Education



Five local middle school students earn awards at regional science fair

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Five Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) students took home some hardware following the 62nd annual San Juan Basin Regional Science Fair on Feb. 25.

Rylie Carr earned first place in the junior division for her physics project entitled "Bounce Test."

Peyton Jackson garnered second place in the junior division for his animal sciences project entitled "Birds on a Diet."

Brandt Winther earned an honorable mention for his project in the junior division for his medicine and health project entitled "Energized Rush."

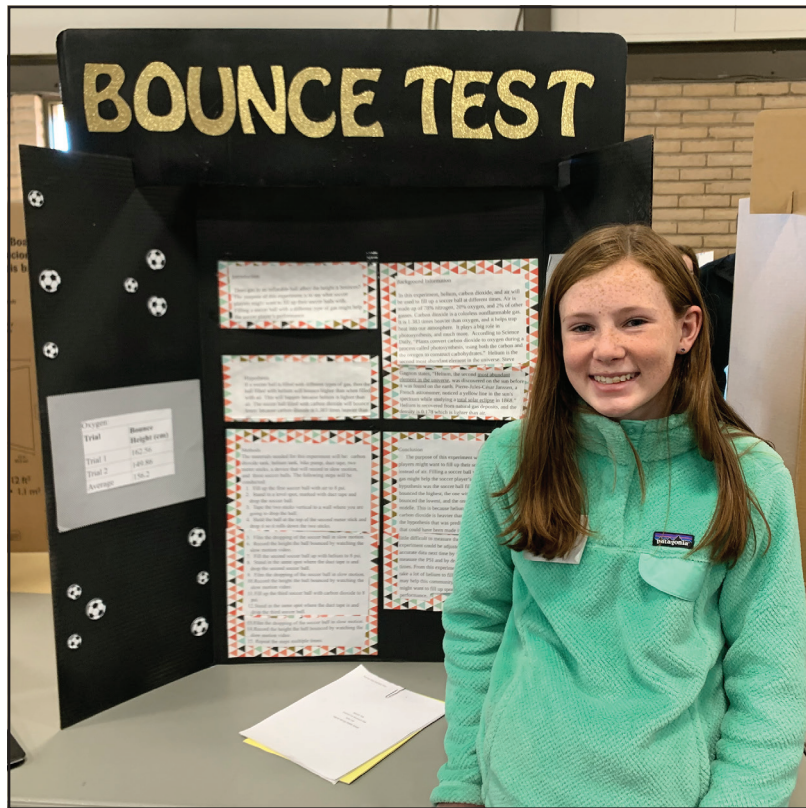
In the sixth-grade division, Hope Domingo earned an honorable mention for her chemistry project entitled "Fruit Battery."

Sofia Talamante earned a certificate from the U.S. Metric Association for her project entitled "Orange VS Orange Juice."

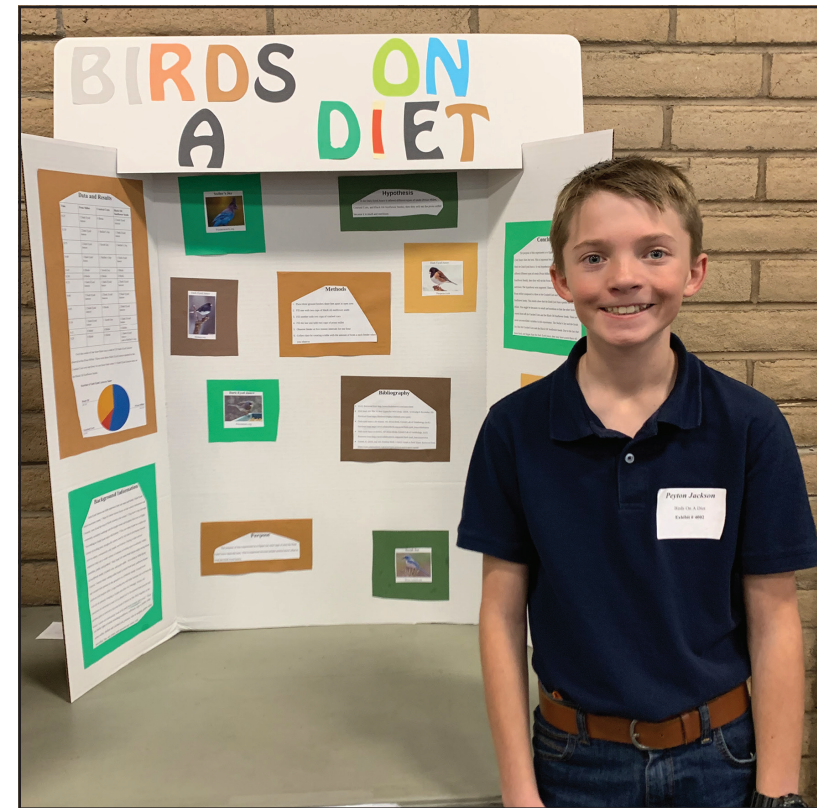
PSMS Principal Chris Hinger wrote in an email to The SUN that PSMS as a whole is proud of the effort the students put into their projects.

"The regional science fair is a great opportunity for our students to step up on a bigger stage and perform," Hinger wrote. "They represented their school and community very well."

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Rylie Carr



Peyton Jackson



Photos courtesy Pagosa Peak Open School

Pagosa Peak Open School students Teyve Zissman (second grade) and Jayelle Lee (first grade) will have their art hang at the Museum of American Bird Art at Mass Audubon in Canton, Mass., this spring. The exhibit called Taking Flight will run from March to July featuring "Hummingbird in the Summer" by Zissman and "Hummingbird" by Lee. The goal of this exhibition is to create a greater awareness and appreciation for birds while fostering the development of young artists and sharing their work with the public.



Photo courtesy Our Savior Lutheran School

Our Savior Lutheran Preschool children celebrate Dr. Seuss Week in style by making "Cat in the Hat" hats.



Photo courtesy Amy Fair

The kindergarten, first- and second-grade students at Pagosa Valor Academy celebrated the 100th day of school in February. A variety of activities revolving around the number 100 were enjoyed by all.

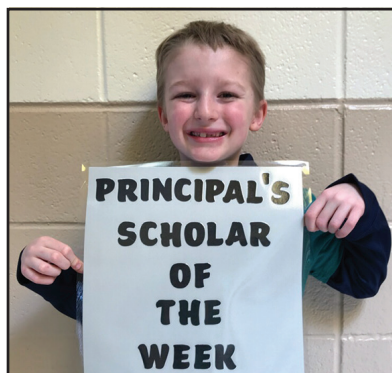


Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs Elementary School

Pagosa Springs Elementary School recognizes second-grade student Cooper Laner for his efforts in academic excellence. Cooper holds himself to high standards of learning and applies himself to his learning goals. Cooper is the first second-grade student to reach multiplication in the school's Rocket Math program.

Pagosa Innovation Center to hold meetup

By Royce Gomez-King
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Innovation Center (PIC), a local nonprofit founded to serve entrepreneurs in our region, will be hosting its bi-monthly meetup on March 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. The community at large is invited to the PIC meetup at Cornerstone Coworking Space at 189 Talisman Drive (above Higher Grounds).

The goal is to attract entrepreneurs, visionaries, dreamers and economic developers to create, collaborate, learn, teach and thrive. Coworking space, along with other services and resources, will be rolled out throughout 2020. PIC invites you to come and be part of the conversation every other month during the meetup.

Meetups, business events, open office hours, a business accelerator and more have been discussed by the board as possible future events offered to the community. As PIC unveils its space on March 10, you are welcome to become a tenant at the coworking space. Several memberships will be available.

The organization was recently featured on Pagosa TV and will continue to highlight stories of success, growth and innovation in the entrepreneurial space.

Pizza will be served and you are welcome to bring drinks to share. See you March 10.

Town council approves grant agreement with charter school

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a grant agreement with Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) during council's regular meeting on March 3.

That grant, the Department of Local Affairs (DoLA) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), is worth \$600,000 and will be used to help the school purchase the Parelli building in which the school is renting space currently, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained.

Town council agreed to that arrangement in late 2018, Phillips explained, adding that the town received the grant and agreed to pass it to the school's building corporation.

PPOS is also securing a loan through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and has come to an agreement on a purchase price of the Parelli building with the seller, Phillips noted.

The purpose of the CDBG grant agreement is to solidify the grant

agreement between PPOS and the town, Phillips explained.

"We have already received the grant. We haven't actually received the money," Phillips said, "but we've received and executed the grant agreement with CDBG through DoLA and have executed all of the different policies and things that they required of the town in order to receive that."

The town is a minority lien holder in this scenario, Phillips noted.

"Just to keep in mind that there is some financial risk in this deal to the town," Phillips said. "If something were to happen to the school or, heaven forbid, something happens to the building or whatever, we would potentially not be able to get our money back."

PPOS has to stay as a school for five years as part of the grant and serve at least 51 percent low-moderate income, she noted.

Following brief discussion, the CDBG grant agreement between PPOS and the town was approved unanimously by town council.

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ARTS & LIFE

Rotary Ice Melt Contest

Entry deadline March 15



Photo courtesy Al Myatt

March 5, 2020

The clock is ticking in the Pagosa Springs Rotary Ice Melt Contest

By JoAnn Laird
Special to The PREVIEW

Remember the story of the clock the crocodile swallowed in "Peter Pan"? That ticktock of the clock was a warning to Captain Hook when the croc was near. Seems Captain Hook's hand had been an appetizer and the croc wanted the entree.

There is another clock on Lake Hatcher that won't put an end to Captain Hook, but will put an end to the second annual Ice Melt Contest, orchestrated by the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club and Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association.

A barrel, with clock attached, has been set on frozen Lake Hatcher. No easy feat, as it took members from the Pagosa Rotary Club, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) and the Pagosa Fire Protection District to do it. These same folks can't wait for the ice to melt enough for the barrel to sink to the stone-cold depths of the lake, at which time they will retrieve the barrel. Cabin fever affects people differently.

As we head toward the contest entry deadline of March 15, the barrel will fall through the ice and the clock will stop, marking the exact date, hour, minute and second. Whenever the barrel sinks, the contest will end and winners will be awarded.

The top three guesses, closest to the date and time the clock stops, 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 5, \$40 for 10 and \$100 for 30.

Get your tickets to make your predictions soon, as the ice historically melts before March 15. Contact any Rotarian or get tickets through the PLPOA Administration Office, PLPOA Rec Center, Chamber of Commerce, Choke Cherry Tree, or Ski and Bow Rack. Online purchases can be made at www.pagosaprotary.org and www.plpoa.com. All tickets must be turned in before the clock stops to be counted.

All proceeds go to awarding higher education scholarships for our graduating seniors.

With or without a crocodile, the clock is ticking. When it stops, will you have the winning guess?

Community Band's first rehearsal set for Sunday

By Susy Mekeal
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Community Band will begin rehearsals for its Band-O-Rama concert this Sunday, March 8, at 2 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School band room. We welcome anyone that plays a musical instrument to join us.

We have people in our band that played in high school and some that are retired band directors. All welcome to join in our music making.

This is a good concert to join the group as there will be sectionals to spend extra time to learn the music. So, if you think you might be too rusty to join, you are not. This

would also be a great time for a parent of one of the band students to play in the Community Band and finish the concert with a joint piece including all bands and the family.

The first rehearsal will be Sunday, March 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School band

■ See Band on next page

Thursday
Riff Raff downtown: Brooks-i, 6 p.m.

Friday
Pagosa Brewing Company: The San Juan Mountain Boys, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday
The Springs Resort Atrium: Bob Hemenger, 6 p.m.

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

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Photography Club to hear about 'Black and White Photography in the Digital Age'

By Gregg Heid
Special to The PREVIEW

The March 11 meeting of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club will be held at 6 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Our speaker this month will be Photography Club member Dave Anderson, who will give a presentation on "Black and White Photography in the Digital Age."

Black and white photography
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Photo courtesy Dave Anderson

"Teton Cloud Cap, Grand Teton National Park" by Dave Anderson. Anderson will be the featured speaker at this month's Pagosa Springs Photography Club meeting, which will be held on March 11.

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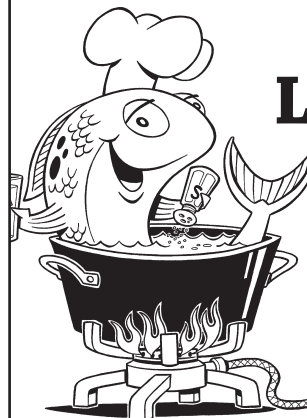
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Band

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‘Over the Rainbow’ tickets available now

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

My mother was right many times. She used to tell me that change was the only constant and that I’d better get used to it. Her statement and advice have proven to be true on more than one occasion. Such will be the case when the young ladies of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir host their annual fundraiser, “Over the Rainbow: Making Dreams Come True for Young Girls in Pagosa Springs.”

This year’s event, set for March 13, will hold several changes, but it is our hope that guests will see how a love of music and gratitude for this community make the Girls Choir a unique organization.

Our event this year will take place at the PLPOA Clubhouse. However, although our venue is different, many aspects of the evening will remain the same. This enchanting evening of fun-filled activities promises to be magical for all. The event kicks off with a silent auction full of an exciting array of generous donations from individual and business supporters.

Event-goers can peruse the lavish baskets and items that have been generously donated by Pagosa businesses and individuals. Additionally, Candy Cubes will be



Photo courtesy Linda Parker

Tickets are on sale for the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir’s annual fundraiser, “Over the Rainbow: Making Dreams Come True for Young Girls in Pagosa Springs,” to be held Friday, March 13, beginning at 5 p.m. at the PLPOA Clubhouse.

available for purchase. Each “cube” of Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory candy bars will house a special gift valued between \$5 and \$50. Some lucky winner will take home a \$50 bill. For the price of an event ticket — \$25 per person — event-goers will be treated to a scrumptious dinner of lasagna or

fettuccine (regular or gluten-free), salad, breadsticks and dessert. Then, at 7 p.m., the Girls Choir will take center stage. Our auction winners will be announced at 7:30 pm., and our evening will come to an end at 8 p.m.

Funds from this event will be used for the Girls Choir’s operating expenses, including music, insurance, their accompanist, as well as their summer educational trip to Las Vegas, Nev. The girls will study with faculty members of the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and attend music performances. They will also take in some breathtaking

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Photography

■ continued from previous page can be useful for emphasizing textures, shapes and contrasts in images, for creating more abstract views of a scene, creating dramatic sky or sky-sun combinations in images, and for architectural and fine art photography. The presentation will discuss different methods of creating black and white photographs, and the use of digital filters and presets to produce black and white images in Photoshop and Lightroom post-processing software, with examples comparing color and black and white versions of the same image.

Anderson has a Ph.D. in chemistry and worked before retirement as a research scientist on malaria, multidrug-resistant bacteria, disease biomarker discovery, drug target identification and other areas. His photographic interests include landscape and nature pho-

tography and occasionally urban and abstract photography.

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

Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting and presentation at 6:30 p.m. Club members are encouraged to bring up to 10 photos on a thumb drive to share with the group after the presentation, if time permits.

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Book Fair Family Night slated for March 11

By Lisa Scott
Special to The PREVIEW

Families, educators and the community are invited to attend the Scholastic Book Fair hosted by Pagosa Springs Elementary School March 2-13 during school hours in the school library. The event and the theme — “Wish Upon a StarLab Book Fair!” — inspires many activities at the school.

Family Night, hosted by the Partners In Education Committee (PIE), will be Wednesday, March 11, from 5 to 7 pm. Art teacher Kelly Lewis and music teacher Lauren Highsmith have organized the “Stars of Fine Arts Night,” and students have been working on art, music and dance projects to showcase throughout the school this evening.

Artwork from all classrooms will be on display and an interactive student/parent dance will be performed. Artwork in each grade will be auctioned to raise money for specific community service projects that each grade has chosen. For instance, the first grade has selected the StarLab, which is also how the proceeds from the Book Fair will be used.

The StarLab is a mobile planetarium that has a 360-degree spherical projection tool to project the solar system, constellations and the composition of the universe onto the ceiling of the



Photo courtesy Lisa Scott

The Scholastic Book Fair is underway at Pagosa Springs Elementary School until March 13 in the school library. The theme — “Wish Upon a StarLab!” — builds enthusiasm for the students, who will also participate in the Stars of Fine Arts Family Night on March 11. These first-grade students from Debbie Moore’s class are excited about the school activities that accompany the book fair and the StarLab theme. Students (left to right): Wynnie Buchner, Jeb Ketchum, Perci Redman and Josiah Perea.

balloon-like unit that students sit inside. This is an extremely powerful way to bring the understanding of astronomy to the students. Fundraising to purchase this interactive STEM experience is ongoing.

The family night evening will include a delicious pasta dinner, art walk throughout the school, dance

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Choir

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sights, including the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park, in their travels to and from Las Vegas.

“The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir is about much more than just learning to sing some new songs. In addition to learning so much about the art of performing choral music with harmonies and nuances of expression, the girls also learn poise and stage presence,” Gwen Taylor, the parent of two past choir members, said. “It’s immediately apparent when you see them in concert. The standards for behavior and musicality have been set pretty high by the director and the girls know they have to strive to meet expectations. It’s a bit magical when you can motivate kids this age to work together to achieve such a professional and beautiful

outcome.”

“Over the Rainbow” tickets are available for purchase from Goodman’s Department Store, Made in Colorado Shoppe and from your favorite member of the Girls Choir. Group tables of eight can also be reserved so that you can enjoy the evening with your friends. For additional information regarding the event or tickets, call Linda Parker, director, at 264-1434 or send an email to singpagosa@gmail.com.

Doors for “Over the Rainbow” open at 5 p.m. The silent auction runs from 5 to 7 p.m. A cash beer and wine bar will be available throughout the evening. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., so don’t be late. Then, the choir will treat event-goers to a choral presentation. Make plans to attend. We hope to see you there.



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Broadway in Pagosa

For years, I built up in my mind that I wanted to attend a Broadway show. It was always on my “Bucket List” of things to do. That is, until I met the tall man with the soft walk whose smile lit up the room.

I crossed 42nd Street off my list around at the same time I met this man who cut his teeth performing on stage. I told him that I wanted to know more about his life. From there, the house lights faded, the orchestra began its overture and a million stories poured into me as the curtain lifted.

Lynn Michael Anthony is a name that only a laminated backstage pass could contain. He was modeling at the age of 2 1/2 before he could even talk. His first choreography? Pointing when the photographer said, “Say cheese!”

Flip through a Spiegel, Neiman’s, Big Chief or Austrian Bushman magazine and there he was. Left cheek exposed, smiling in his Sleepies pajamas.

He eventually traded one stage for another and found himself performing for Tennessee Williams. Next, he would be counted among the stars in “The Unsinkable Molly Brown.”

At the age of 8, he was acting in the Old Alley Theater in Houston, Texas, lauded by the Houston Press.

Anthony describes himself as the one with olive skin and blond hair who got to experience the best and worst in life. As a Spaniard Jewish Italian, he was introduced to prejudice at a very young age. The personal assistant in a ’52 gold Rolls Royce that picked him up at school to take him to a set probably added to the taunts.

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



I felt like my leather flats had been lifted en pointe. I was sitting with someone who toured as a primary dancer next to Carol Channing in “Hello Dolly.”

After college, he moved from Texas to California and worked with familiar names such as Doris Day, Donna Mills and Mary Martin’s son, Larry Hagman. Lynn gushed as he recounted story after story. His favorites were the “Old Broads,” Kay Ballard, Ann Southern and Joan Blondell.

I felt like my leather flats had been lifted en pointe. I was sitting with someone who toured as a primary dancer next to Carol Channing in “Hello Dolly.” And if that wasn’t impressive enough, he also worked with Carol Burnett in “Once Upon a Mattress,” and with Lucille Ball in “Mame.” When he wasn’t touring or in residence, he took side work at places like Zebra Lounge in the Fairmount, in San Francisco. That was where he met Ginger Rogers.

Coming from someone who was there, I felt like I had a front-row seat to the best of the stage and screen. This would have been a

fantasy for anyone to experience. For Anthony, it was all part of where he found himself.

“I never wanted fame, I just wanted to perform and have fun.”

He said that his ankles were so small, he could wear a watch around one. Just for laughs, when someone asked him the time, he lifted his leg straight up in the air and told them.

He credits his love of life to his grandmother who, he said, “Showed him the world.”

That is probably what led him to do it all, even to take on work as a hair designer for the Ice Capades.

I had to ask, “Do you miss it?”

“I’m not missing a thing. Now I get to support Thingamajig Theater and Curtains Up Pagosa. Outside of the Broadway big ones, I think the productions in Pagosa are just as good as anything I’ve been involved with.”

Anthony told me that he lives by his own mantra, “Open a new window every day and experience the zest of life.” As for learning how to deal with the prejudice he had to live with, he said, “Always consider the source.”

Final brushstroke: A new window was opened for me the day I sat with Anthony. I felt like I had been whisked away and entertained in a velvet-draped hall. Who knew our Pagosa boasted such life. As for my Bucket List, “I’m not missing a thing.”

Readers’ comments

Send your comment to betty@bettyslade.com.

Book Fair

■ continued from previous page performance, star craft activity by Josie from the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library and, of course, shopping at the book fair.

Additionally, each classroom has decorated its classroom door with a favorite theme and voting to choose the top three doors will take place during family night. All families are invited to the school to participate in an evening full of astronomical fun and to enjoy

activities with other families.

The book fair is an exciting time for students during school hours and an enjoyable way to increase interest in reading for pleasure. 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.

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The shocking amount of food U.S. households waste every year

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

A new study from Penn State revealed that U.S. households waste about a third of the food they purchased every year. The results were similar to previous studies that showed Americans wasted an estimated 30 percent to 40 percent of their food.

The study, published in the American Journal of Agricultural Economics, found that the average U.S. household wasted 31.9 percent of its food. The total annual cost of the wasted food was estimated to be \$240 billion, or \$1,866 per household. The data came from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Household Food Acquisition and Purchase Survey, and included 4,000 households.

Researchers noticed that higher-income households with healthier diets wasted more food than lower-income families. Since healthier diets tend to include more fruits, vegetables and other perishable items, some of the waste can be explained by food spoiling before the household had a chance to eat it. The researchers pointed out that healthy-eating programs may be inadvertently encouraging more food waste.

Some households, such as those with larger families or those receiving federal SNAP food assistance benefits, wasted less food. In addition, the study's authors mentioned that using a shopping list and living farther away from a grocery store reduced waste. But even the most frugal household still wasted 8.7 percent of the food it bought.

Although the study focused on consumers' homes, a large portion of the food produced in the U.S. never reaches a dinner plate. From harvest to shipment to supermarket distribution, spoilage

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and waste can occur at any point during the process.

An estimated 72 billion pounds of food is thrown out long before it ends up in your refrigerator because it is incinerated or ends up in a landfill. Whether it has blemishes that affect appearance or is an irregular size that might confuse shoppers, there are many reasons why produce ends up in the garbage. In recent years, companies such as Imperfect Foods and Misfits Market have tried to rescue this type of food, but more efforts are necessary to have a real impact.

Ugly apples that are deemed inedible are not the only reason why food ends up wasted in America. Some food is never harvested and left to rot because of labor shortages, falling crop prices or food safety scares (like lettuce recalls).

Encouraging households to use a shopping list or to buy only what they can eat may reduce some

of the food waste, but the entire food production process needs improvements to eliminate waste completely.

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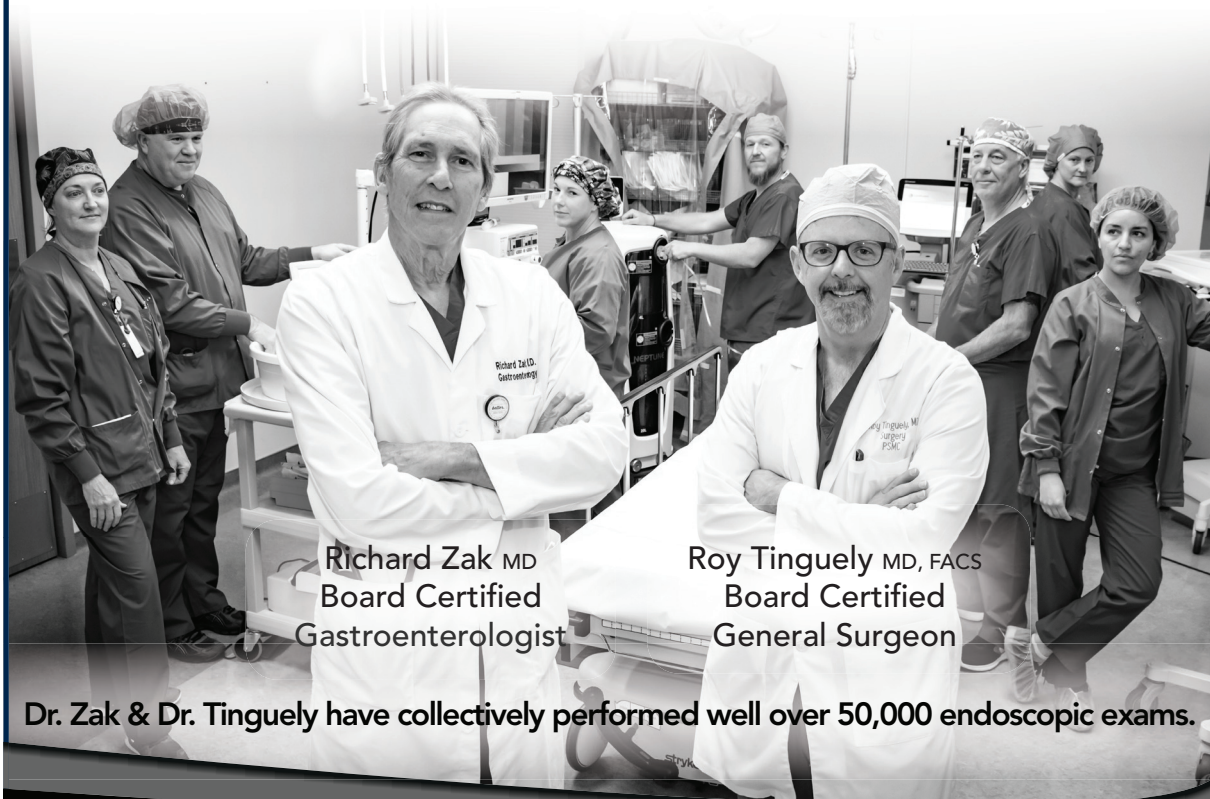


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St. Patrick's Irish Festival to be a celebration with music and fun

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

The public is invited to join in the celebration as St. Patrick's Episcopal Church brings its annual Irish Festival to life Saturday, March 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church parking lot.

The day of free activities and free food promises the shortest St. Patrick's Day parade in the world, 30 vendors with booths filled with enchanted treasures, activities for the kids, fly-casting and fly-tying lessons, bagpipes, dancing and a concert of Irish music provided by The NightSong Trio.

The NightSong Trio — with Jessica Peterson on flute, Heidi Tanner on violin and Sally Neel at the piano — will play two 30-minute concerts filled with your favorite Irish tunes. Their music will be performed in the church at 12:30 p.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. In addition to the trio, following the parade, there will be more lively jigs provided by St. Patrick's new bagpipe band, accompanied by its own Irish dancers.

The World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade begins at 11:30 a.m. and will stretch from one end of the parking lot to the other. The parade will include the bagpipe band, an honor guard, a hook-and-ladder fire truck (unless it is needed elsewhere), a trash truck, with the parade flanked by the St. Patrick's float featuring St. Patrick himself (who bears a remarkable resemblance to Fr. Doug Neel) and any children who would like to ride along. Others who wish to participate in the parade are invited to line up on the north end of the parking



Photo courtesy Sally Neel

Everyone gets in on the act at the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Irish Festival, scheduled for Saturday, March 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be free fun and free food. Leashed dogs are welcome, along with their Irish-loving humans.

lot at 11:20 a.m.

There will be free face painting and crafts provided for children. Free food and (nonalcoholic) drinks includes brats and chips, lemonade and coffee in the parish hall. Beer and Irish coffee also will be for sale for \$5 (ID required) for those who want to celebrate with libations.

For those who enjoy the beautiful lakes and rivers in and around Pagosa Springs, the St. Patrick's Men's Group will be selling raffle tickets (\$20 each) for your chance to win one of three great fly-fishing gear prizes. First prize is a Sage

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Aspen Services launched at a recent open house. As the name implies, this branch of the organization will focus on providing services to any adults with developmental disabilities in Archuleta County, while Aspen House will be the name of the home that will house approximately eight adults with developmental disabilities. The open house also served as a welcome party for four new board members. The board and staff are, left to right, back row: Becky Thompson, Nicole Smith, Kate Simmons, Carol Riley, Patty Brown and Cathy Reece. Front row: Nate Mueller, Cyndi Figaro, Warren Brown and volunteer Keena Carstensen.

Festival

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For the bookworms, there will be a pre-festival used book sale in the church library from 8 to 10:30 a.m. There has been a large influx of used books to spark the interest of every sort of reader. If you are a lover of mysteries, romantic novels, how-to books, history books, cookbooks or children’s books, this is a wonder-

ful time to stock up on some great finds. Paperbacks are only 25 cents and hardbacks are \$1. No need to be without a great book to read. Come early and take advantage of this great book sale.

“We have a record number of vendors this year,” said Lynne McCrudden. “We have everything from jewelry, spices and soaps to information booths to inform you about how you can become one of the many Pagosa Springs volunteers. With our new expanded parking lot, there will be plenty of room to enjoy the many planned activities.”

The Irish Festival is public celebration, free of charge. However, if you would like to help supply food for the hungry in Archuleta County, your canned food donations or monetary donations will be gratefully received. All proceeds will benefit the many charitable organizations supported by St. Patrick’s, including its own food box ministry.

St. Patrick’s is located at 225 S.

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Mountain View Friends free educational series: 'Native American Designs and the History of the Squash Blossom'

By Renee Gentry
Special to The PREVIEW

Mountain View Friends, a volunteer-led group that offers free monthly educational series throughout the year in Pagosa Springs, is hosting a presentation on Thursday, March 12, that will explore different Native American art designs. Led by Leanne Goebel, a local gallery manager, attendees will unearth how each tribe's jew-

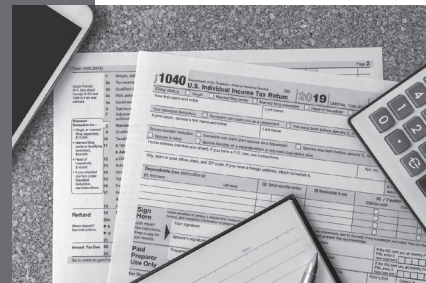
elry design is uniquely different.

In addition to learning about the history of the squash blossom, the colorful presentation will delve into the different Native Indian symbols, the meaning behind the stones selected by particular tribes and the different types of turquoise found throughout the world. Although optional, attendees are encouraged to wear Native American-inspired jewelry to the March 12 gathering.

We meet at the Community United Methodist Church, located at 434 Lewis St., at 10 a.m. for light refreshments. The program will be held from 10:30 to 11:05 a.m., followed by socialization until noon. It is open to the public with no RSVP necessary. Feel free to contact us at PagosaMVFriends@gmail.com with any questions.

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Clue: Move a basketball

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It takes a village: Community comes together for 'Matilda'

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

It definitely does take a village. And the performing arts department at Pagosa Springs High School is surrounded by a caring village of volunteers that love music, theater and kids.

As the young actors work on final preparations for the opening of their spring musical, they are supported in all areas of production. Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is the school's biggest supporter and proponent, as it offers and provides not only assistance with sets, costumes, props, but also mentorship and apprenticeship with the technical side of lighting and sound design. CUP also offers expertise and coaching for vocals,

dance and acting coaching to our students.

The Tanner family, assisted by Chris Weigand, work as stage managers, crew, backstage help, fly technicians, and with sets and costumes; we could never mount a show without their love and support. Nora and Ricardo Martinez, fairly new to the Pagosa community, lend their expertise to sets and costumes and whatever else they are asked and are becoming an invaluable asset to our performing arts family.

This year, for "Matilda the Musical," the theater department partnered with Torry Hessman and his woodworking class to craft a set piece that looks like a jail gate for one of the numbers, "School Song," in the production. We are excited

for this collaboration and will seek more of this in future shows.

"Matilda" opens on March 17 for five shows only. Curtain is at 7 p.m., with tickets at the door. It is an exciting musical for everyone.



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Torry Hessman's woodworking students work on a set piece for "Matilda the Musical."

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Dancing with the Pagosa Stars is back, and this year's coaches and staff have been announced. Clockwise from top left: Ashley Butcher, Ali Whitman, Pete Rodda, Casey Crow, Autumn von Flotow, Leslie Carlson and Nolan King. Not pictured: Kylie Ross, Sharina Ramsay-Adams and John Gilliam.

Get to know the Dancing with the Pagosa Stars coaches and staff

By Ursala Hudson
Special to The PREVIEW

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars is back for a third year of dancing to support Pagosa Springs' NAEYC-accredited preschool, Seeds of Learning.

On July 11, eight Pagosa stars with the support of eight dance coaches will take the stage at the Ross Aragon Community Center to spin and dip their way through thrilling dance routines. We are incredibly excited to introduce you to the coaches and production team.

Ali Whitman returns this year as our show director. Whitman is a national award-winning director/choreographer who brings over 30 years of expertise and a few years ago moved to Pagosa Springs from the San Diego area. Her produc-

tions have won major awards in the San Diego and Inland Empire areas.

Leslie Carlson returns this year as one of our choreographers. Carlson has been a professional dance instructor for over 20 years. She taught social dance with a studio in New Orleans for nine years before becoming an independent instructor and relocating to Durango in 2005.

Kylie Ross is returning as a choreographer for her third year involved in the event. A West Coast girl who has made her way to Pagosa Springs, Ross has 24 years of dance experience that began with tap, jazz and ballet. Ross' career led her to a studio in Seattle, Wash., where she spent four years competing in West Coast swing,

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By Virginia Pivik
Special to The PREVIEW

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Dancing

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teaching and regularly performing with her students in studio productions.

Ashley Butcher is one of the fantastic coaches leading our stars through this process. Butcher is a Pagosa native who grew up with a love of dance. That love only grew as she discovered musical theater in high school, followed most recently by the last three burlesque productions performed at the Pagosa Center for the Arts (PSCA).

Sharina Ramsay-Adams returns this year as a coach. Ramsay-Adams plays recreational soccer in Durango, is a coach, and runs a garage door company in Durango. Ramsay-Adams has worked for the PSCA in "Doubt," "Chicago," "Full Monty," "Office Space" and more. She dances in Snow Down Follie's show in Durango and performs with the School of Movement.

Casey Crow is joining us as a coach for a second year. She is a dance artist, human rights activist and entrepreneur based in Pagosa Springs. Crow is the founder and president of Beyond Words International, a nonprofit providing art and dance therapy to survivors of trauma in the U.S. and abroad. She is also the owner and director of the local dance academy. Crow is trained in all styles of dance, having performed with the Blank Canvas Dance Company, Thingamajig Theatre Company and the School of Movement.

Nolan King, having danced for several years, has trained under several of the top dance instructors in the United States and is excited to be coaching the Pagosa stars for a third year. He now is an instructor himself, teaching at a studio in Cortez, which he co-owns with his sister, Cassidy.

John Gilliam is a realtor, as well as a national real estate instructor and private fiduciary. He has always had a love of music, began dancing while in college and then worked as a social dance instructor for several years. Gilliam is returning for his second year as a star coach.

Pete Rodda will be joining us from the world of natural horsemanship and training. For more than 15 years, he's been using his fun and imaginative personality to teach his students how to better understand the nature of the horse. Gaining the nickname of "Dancin' Pete" for his love of dance back in college, he oftentimes uses it as a technique to communicate with horses. He has danced with his horse, River, in the Eggus Projects, as well as in many demos throughout the years. Rodda is looking forward to coaching a human partner in this year's event.

A self-employed excavation contractor for over 20 years, Jason Chapman has a passion for the creative side of home building. Originally from Southern California, Chapman moved to Durango in 2001, where he discovered the

world of dance. He's now been studying dance locally and abroad for the past six years and is excited to share his expertise with his star as a coach.

Autumn von Flotow will also be joining us as a coach this year. Social dancing in high school led to an interest in swing during her college years. She found the West Coast swing community that sparked a lifelong passion for dance, eventually leading to ballroom dancing and competing before moving to Durango in 2015.

If you'd like to catch more about these dedicated coaches and staff, be sure to like and follow our Facebook page. Tickets will be available in June. More information on when and how to get tickets is available at www.growningseeds.org. And watch next week's SUN for our debut of the Pagosa stars.

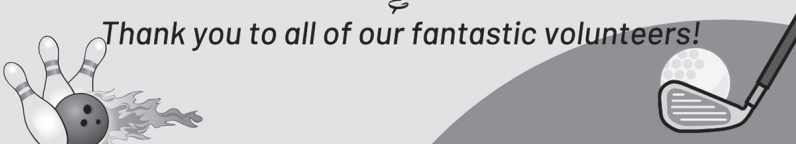
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• Vitamin B12 (\$25): Provides baseline vitamin B12 levels, which play a key role in the normal functioning of the brain and nervous

system, and the formation of red blood cells. Vitamin B12 deficiency may be a cause of anemia, numbness and other sensory issues, memory and mood impairment.

• Prostate specific antigen (PSA) (\$35): Measures a protein produced by the prostate gland. After discussion with your health care provider, this screening may be recommended for individuals age 69 or younger, or those with a fam-

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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Dottie George

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

From mid-February through April, the Rocky Mountain sandhill crane population is on the move. More than 20,000 birds that have spent the winter in southern New Mexico make their way to their summer breeding grounds in the northern Rockies and beyond. A major stopover is the San Luis Valley, where artificially flooded fields within the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge refuel them with grain and invertebrates.

Within Archuleta County, residents may spot migrating flocks of more than 100 birds flying in "V" formation. They ride thermal currents over a thousand feet about the ground.

Their loud bugling calls sound like rolling the letter "r" deep within their throats. Traveling from 15 to 50 miles per hour, they may stop overnight in meadows, agricultural fields and wetlands.

It's rare to see any cranes here during winter and uncommon in summer, although one crane was seen here several times last summer. From mid-September through November, they may be spotted as they migrate south.

Adult cranes are tall, with long necks and legs. Their wingspan is approximately 6 feet. They have bulky bodies with tail feathers that form a bustle. Mainly slate gray, they have red foreheads and white cheeks. Their long, pointed bills, legs and toes are black. Though males are a little larger, they are nearly indistinguishable from females. Bonding for life and sharing parental duties, birds may live from 20 to over 35 years. Cranes dance to attract mates, but may exhibit this behavior throughout their lives.

A nearby opportunity to learn about sandhill cranes begins tomorrow. The 37th annual Monte Vista Crane Festival takes place March 6, 7 and 8. Tours and presentations celebrate cranes and other Colorado wildlife. Visit mvcranfest.org to find out more.

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

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Celtic harp to be featured at Sunday Night Unplugged

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, this month's Sunday Night Unplugged will feature lovely lyrical Irish melodies performed on the Celtic harp by local artist Sarah Riehm, this Sunday evening at 5 p.m. This calming meditative service is a monthly offering at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Sarah and her husband, Chuck Riehm, moved to Pagosa Springs full time in March of 2019, after spending seven years going back and forth from the Dallas area. She has been a church musician all her life, playing piano and pipe organ, directing choirs, and leading praise

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Photo courtesy Sarah Riehm

Harpist Sarah Riehm will present Celtic music this Sunday evening at 5 p.m. for Sunday Night Unplugged, a service of music and meditation offered monthly at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. All are welcome to attend free of charge.

9Health

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ily history of prostate cancer.

- Testosterone (male) (\$45): Testosterone levels fluctuate throughout the day. Levels are best represented when the screening is performed in the morning. Low testosterone levels in males can affect energy levels, mood and cognitive function, sexual desire, bone and muscle mass, and fat distribution. Low testosterone levels can be caused by many conditions. If out of range, seek further evaluation to screen for other underlying issues such as sleep apnea, depression, opiate and other drug use, liver disease, diabetes, thyroid disorders and others.

- Blood cell count (\$25): Measures white blood cells, red blood cells and platelets. Screens for your body's ability to fight infection, anemia, some clotting disorders and cancers.

- Colon cancer screening kit (\$30): This take-home/mail-in kit checks for human blood in the stool. Screens for colon cancer and colon polyps and may indicate hemorrhoids or colon inflammation.

- High sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP) (\$35): This screening may better define your risk for cardiovascular disease when added to traditional risk factors such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, family history and obesity. Elevated hs-CRP is an independent risk factor for cardiovascular disease.

- Blood type (\$30): Blood test to show what type of blood you have. There are four different blood types.

Based on the most current research findings, the 9Health Fair Medical Advisory Commit-

tee has determined that fasting is not required (optional) for blood screenings. To best prepare for a blood draw, drink plenty of water and continue to take prescription medications. People with diabetes should not fast. Check with your health care provider for specific recommendations.

Each 9Health Fair also offers a variety of free screenings such as blood pressure, breast exams, prostate/testicular, oral, hearing, foot, skin and more. These screen-

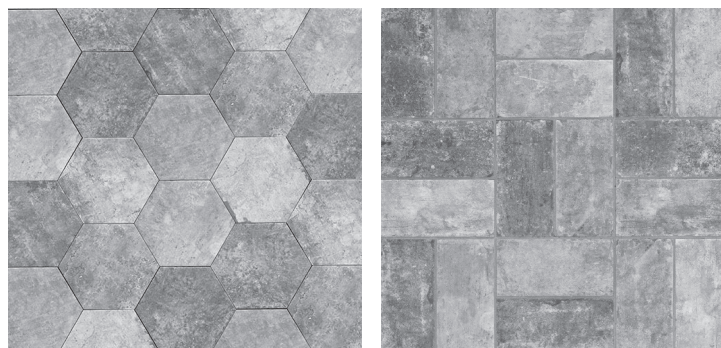
ings vary by location. Select fairs also offer free health screenings for children. To find a location near you or to register online, visit www.9HealthFair.org.

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

New Thought topic: What are you bringing into being?

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

“For me to be who I am supposed to be, I must let go of who I am.” — Dr. Albert Einstein.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC) this Sunday, March 8, at 10:30 a.m. (please remember the time change). We will stream the Rev. Dr. Temple Hayes, of St. Petersburg, Fla., speaking on “What Are You Birthing?”

We will have spirited live music. Also on Sunday, March 8, 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:

Unplugged

■ continued from previous page and worship bands. She started playing harp in high school and college. She recently returned to playing after inheriting her aunt’s harp. Her songs for the evening include traditional and sacred Irish melodies, such as “Londonderry Air (Danny Boy),” “St. Patrick’s Breastplate” and “Be Thou My Vision.”

In addition to her musical talent, Riehm is also an author and award-winning playwright. Her play, “Bibo and Bertie,” about the life of Albert Einstein, was produced recently in Tampa and will be produced in Middletown, N.J., in the 2020-2021 season. “Liberty,” about the wife of American patriot Patrick Henry, won the Southern Playwrights Competition and was produced at the Kennedy Center. It was a recent semifinalist at the O’Neill Competition and is currently in the running as a semifinalist in the Screencraft Competition, one of the top three international screenwriting awards. “Duende,” a play about the artistry of flamenco, recently won the Moondance International Film Festival. “Yellow Rose,” just won a

Stories2TellUs.com.

Upcoming events

Thursday, March 5, 10 a.m.: Fountain of Youth Exercises and Yoga Stretches.

Thursday, March 5, 6 p.m.: “Ancient Wisdom in Modern Times” with Lorrie Lawrence.

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.: Band practice. Musicians and singers encouraged to join.

Wednesday, March 11, 6 p.m.: All are welcome to join in our weekly group meditation circle.

Thursday, March 12, 6 p.m.: Movie: “You Can Heal Your Life” with Louise Hay.

About us

NTC is a New Thought center

major grant from the city of Dallas and is currently in development.

She writes a daily blog, www.livinghildgard.com, featuring guided meditations based on the life and work of St. Hildegard von Bingen, the 12th century abbess who was a scientist, preacher, author of seven books and also the first known composer.

“We are delighted to welcome Sarah to the wonderful group of musicians who regularly offer their musical gifts to Sunday Night Unplugged,” said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick’s. “We first heard her play at this year’s Heralds of Christmas concert and were thrilled that she has become a permanent part of our community. Her music on the harp will certainly be a blessing to our service of meditation.”

Sunday Night Unplugged is offered free to the public at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The service begins at 5 p.m. and lasts approximately an hour. It is a wonderful way to stop and meditate, pray, or just sit and enjoy some time of peace. All are welcome.

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.

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UUs to celebrate spring

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

Lay leader Avalon Haykus leads this week's service, titled "Miracles of Spring" in which she invites us to examine with her the "truth and meaning" of the season.

Spring begins this month and presages the arrival of Easter and Passover in April. However, this time of year is about much more than dying eggs and eating matzo. The spring equinox, celebrated by earth-based religions around the world, and the biblical stories of Easter and Passover, mark periods of transformation and renewal in their respective faiths. What might these important holidays symbolize to us?

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

Haykus is a past president of Pagosa Unitarian Universalist (UU)

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

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

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

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

Remember to set your clocks for daylight saving time on Saturday evening. Our service "springs ahead" one hour.

Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, March 5

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.

Wish Upon a StarLab Book Fair. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Family, teachers and the community are invited to attend. The proceeds from this

book fair will go toward the ongoing fundraiser to purchase a StarLab for the school district. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available, and there is a huge supply of bargain items. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

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.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Gave the slip
- 5 Pants style
- 10 Battery contents
- 14 Gawk at
- 15 Woody or Gracie
- 16 Bygone bird
- 17 Change of heart?
- 19 Burr-Hamilton event
- 20 Floral leaf
- 21 Like a stop sign
- 23 Hindu social class
- 25 One of ten in FDR's coin
- 26 Ghostly figure
- 29 Take the bait
- 31 Compass direction
- 34 Angelic feature
- 35 Fairy tale's second word

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- 37 Travolta walk
- 39 Switch on
- 41 Fastest feline
- 43 Part of LCD, in math
- 44 Liniment target
- 46 "Get a ___ on!"
- 47 Miss the mark
- 48 Plaster base
- 50 Snoop Dogg, e.g.
- 52 Still-life fruit
- 54 Companionless
- 56 Winter pelt
- 59 Desktop icon
- 63 Like some coffees or teas
- 64 Impossible to fill
- 66 Fancy trim
- 67 Squirrel away
- 68 Salty drop
- 69 Seating section
- 70 Metric heavy weight
- 71 Drop-off spot

- 2 Folklore monster
- 3 Insult response
- 4 Persistent
- 5 Spending limit
- 6 Divvy up
- 7 Sugar pill, say
- 8 Monopoly payment
- 9 Still in one piece
- 10 Extra charge
- 11 Kitchen surface
- 12 Creative spark
- 13 Chatty Cathy, e.g.
- 18 Trellis piece
- 22 Migratory birds
- 24 Put a lid on
- 26 Humpback, e.g.
- 27 Marathon entrant
- 28 Paneled art in a church
- 30 Progress slowly
- 32 Slick
- 33 It'll knock you out
- 36 Kind of moss
- 38 Geographical zone

- 40 Mythical strong-man
- 42 Male protagonist
- 45 French song
- 49 Matisse, for one
- 51 Start to freeze?
- 53 Respected one
- 55 Live's partner
- 56 To the ___ (fully)
- 57 Exotic berry
- 58 Not taken in by
- 60 Out for the night
- 61 Coal refuse
- 62 "Take one!"
- 65 Golf ball support

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to basketball.

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Answer: Point

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Guest Speaker. 11:45 a.m., Senior Center. Guest speaker from Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

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

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

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

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

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

Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 6th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Pagosa Peak Open School Second and Third Grade Book Launch and Signing. 5:15-6 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages.

San Juan Outdoor Club. 6:45 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Speaker Jeb Baxter will resume the talk from last November which explained how aliens visiting Earth in the future will know of human existence. Light refreshments at 6 p.m.

Friday, March 6

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Wish Upon a StarLab Book Fair. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Family, teachers and the community are invited to attend. The proceeds from this book fair will go toward the ongoing fundraiser to purchase a StarLab for the school district. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available, and there is a huge supply of bargain items. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

Pagosa Stitchers and Crafters. 9-11 a.m., PLPOA administration building, 230 Port Ave. Bring your stitch, beading or weaving project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All crafters 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.

World Day of Prayer 2020. 11:30 a.m., John Paul II Catholic Church. Invite your friends, family and communities of faith to join the women

of Zimbabwe in prayer and song to support efforts toward justice, peace and healing. Babysitting is available upon request. After the service, there will be a potluck. Please bring a salad to share. For more information, contact Linda Holt at (760) 972-7171 or Ljth65@gmail.com.

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.

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

Lenten Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m., Catholic Parish Hall, 445 Lewis St. Fee. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Saturday, March 7

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

Archuleta County Republican Party Caucus. 10 a.m., Precinct 1 will caucus at the Archuleta County administration building, commis-

sioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St. Precinct 2 at Lewis Street office, 450 Lewis St. Precinct 3 at the Archuleta County Extension Office, 344 U.S. 84. Precinct 4 at TARA Community Center, 333 Milton Ave., Arboles. Precinct 5 at Pagosa Brewing and Grill, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd. Precinct 6 at the Senior Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. Precinct 7 at Restoration Fellowship, 264 Village Drive. Precinct 8 at the American Legion Hall, 287 Hermosa St. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Questions or concerns can be emailed to any precinct caucus captain listed at www.archuletarepublicans.org, or contact Deborah Van Gundy at (719) 839-0556, acrc_vc@outlook.com or Marilyn Harris at 749-4499, marilynharis44@aol.com.

Archuleta County Democratic Party Caucus. 2 p.m. Precincts 1-3 and 5-8 will caucus at the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Precinct 4 will caucus at the TARA Community Center, 333 Milton Lane in Arboles. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the caucuses themselves start promptly at 2 p.m. For questions, contact Becky Herman at 264-2171.

Family Storytime: Seuss-ology. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday (belatedly) at this fun Seuss-filled program. Participants will learn and test their Seuss trivia knowledge, create Seuss crafts, and read some of their favorite Seuss books. Join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts and plenty of reasons to get up and

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Sunday, March 8

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.

Pagosa Springs Community Band First Rehearsal. 2-4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School band room. We welcome newcomers and those who have played with us in the past.

Sunday Night Unplugged. 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, we will feature lovely lyrical Irish melodies performed on the Celtic harp by local artist Sarah Riehm. Sunday Night Unplugged is a wonderful way to stop and meditate, pray or just sit and enjoy some time of peace. All are welcome.

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, March 9

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Wish Upon a StarLab Book Fair. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Family, teachers and the community are invited to attend. The proceeds from this book fair will go toward the ongoing fundraiser to purchase a StarLab for the school district. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available, and there is a huge supply of bargain items. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

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. St. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call Beverly at 264-2064.

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make

an appointment.

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

PALS Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Pagosa Adult Learning Services, or PALS, can help you with high school equivalency. GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Computer Class: Saving and Finding Files. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Learn how your computer is organized, including files and folders and discover how to find what you're looking for. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Knitting Club. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th grade through adults. Bring your knitting, crochet or needlepoint projects and hang out with other crafters. 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.

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

Tuesday, March 10

Chi Energi. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A variety of movements and stretches to create energy for the healing of our mind, body and soul.

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Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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.

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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.

Art Class. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Celebrate spring and join us to make shamrock grapevine wreaths.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Ruby's Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Join our book club. We will discuss "Gone So Long" by Andre Dubus III. We have copies available to check out. Visit pagosalibrary.org/books-clubs for more information.

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.

Pagosa Innovation Center Meetup. 5-7 p.m., Cornerstone Coworking Space, 189 Talisman Drive, above Higher Grounds. The goal is to attract entrepreneurs, visionaries, dreamers and economic developers to create, collaborate, learn, teach and thrive. Coworking space, along with other services and resources, will be out throughout 2020. Come and be part of the conversation. Pizza will be served. You are welcome to bring drinks to share.

Our Savior Lutheran School Kindergarten Open House. 6-7 p.m., 56 Meadows Drive. Our teacher, Mrs. Brondos, will have examples of our curriculum out and will be available to answer any questions that you may have about our program. For more information, call the school at 731-3512.

Purim-Festival of Esther. 6:30 p.m., CrossRoad Church, 1044 Park Ave. Hosted by Ahavat Adonai. Join us as we celebrate the festival of Purim as we read through the biblical book of Esther. This is a kid-friendly event where kids are encouraged to dress up in costumes (please no dark costumes.) For more information, call 946-5262 or ahavatadonai@gmail.com.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m. PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn the lively energetic East Coast swing (aka Jitterbug). Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, March 11

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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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: Hora de Cuentos con Mabel Barber. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Come practice your Spanish with Mabel

as she shares some of her favorite books in Spanish. 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.

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

Jelly Beans After School Fun Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. All ages welcome. For information, call 903-8104.

Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

STEM Program. 4-5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School. For those in the 5th-8th grade. The Archuleta County Extension Office in conjunc-

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Remember your first car?

Do you remember your first car? I'm doing a bit of reminiscing and you need to know I'll be age 86 on March 14. That gives me a lot of time to ponder the past.

This story starts in 1950-1951, when I was a junior in Grants Pass High School. Grants Pass is in southern Oregon not so far from



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter



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Most folks living in these parts drive through Halfway Cañon without realizing that, in pioneer times, this was a stage stop halfway between Lumberton, N.M., and Pagosa Springs. Here you could get a home-cooked meal, a night's rest and a change of horses, if you could afford it.

the Oregon Caves. The schools we competed against knew us as the Cavemen. Our nearest rival was Medford, the Black Tornado. But, that is another story.

By the time they were 16, old enough to get a driver's license, most of the boys in my class had a car courtesy of their dad's pocket book. The car of choice was a coupe, a one-seater. These were vintage 1938 through 1948 coupes, the newer the more expensive and the more girls lined up smiling and hoping for a ride, also known as "a spin."

I had the driver's license and occasional permission to drive the family car. I also had a job working at the local weekly newspaper on weekends and at a nearby Guernsey dairy morning and night excepting Sunday nights. This is off of the subject, but, not counting chores at home, I've worked since I was in the fourth grade, starting at 50 cents an hour and not moving up the pay scale very fast.

Back to the original story. I jacked up my courage and asked my step-dad; he was an ex-Marine from the last Horse Marine Cavalry unit that fought in China. "Dad, I'd like to buy a car?"

"Did you look at the tires," he asked.

I expected that question and was ready. My high school chemistry teacher had purchased a newer car and wanted to sell his 1936 black Ford four-door sedan. He told me \$50 would do the job.

"I did, Dad, and they're almost new," I assured him. "It's a good,

clean car."

I explained my prospects to dad and told him I'd like to have him look at it with me.

"Go ahead. I'll sign any papers you need signed," he replied as a fork full of mashed potatoes took priority over any remaining conversation as far as he was concerned.

As you must know, they don't make cars like that anymore. In the first place, it had the now legendary flat head V-8 engine. Boy, would it go and get there in a hurry. But, there was a second place. You never knew if the brakes would work. The brake pedal often rested against the floor board.

Instead of hydraulic brakes, it had cable brakes connected to each wheel. Over time, the cables stretched and had to be tightened. Now for the critical third place. Rats! The girls didn't think that old sedan or its driver were sexy.

And so, within six months, I bought a 1940 navy blue Chevy coupe. Now I was in the driver's seat and girls were tickled plumb pink to go with me to one of the newly invented drive-in restaurants as long as I could pay for a hamburger, fries and a milkshake.

The only thing better was a drive-in movie.

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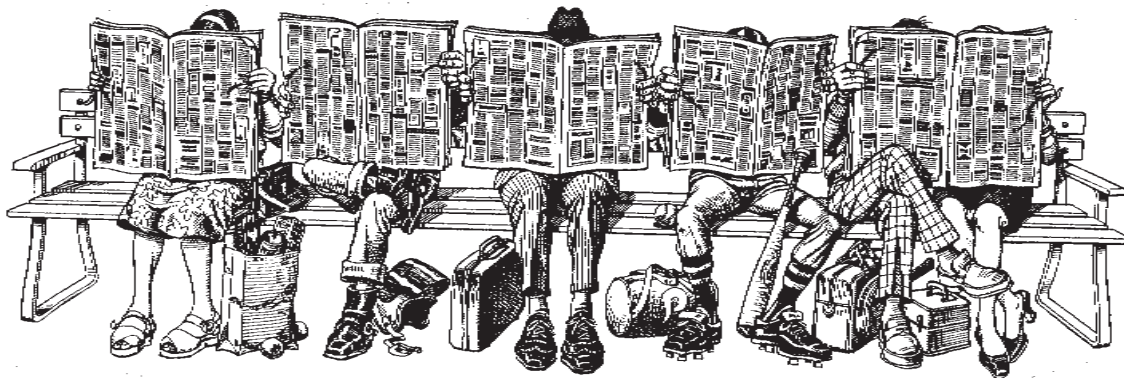
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tures, build a Mars Rover, become a bridge engineer and more. To register call 264-5931.

Book Fair: 'The Stars of Fine Arts Family Night.' 5-7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. The Partners in Education Committee will organize the activities for the

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Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

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

Vinyl Night. 6 p.m., Riff Raff on the Rio, 356 E. Pagosa St.

Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Our speaker this month will be Dave Anderson, who will give a presentation on "Black and White Photography in the Digital Age." Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by a brief meeting, then the presentation. For more information, visit <https://pagosapringphotoclub.org/about/>.

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

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, March 12

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.

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A Course in Miracles Study Group. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen

LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

Mountain View Friends. 10 a.m.-noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. We will be hosting a community presentation on "Native American Designs and the History of the Squash Blossom." Email PagosaMVFriends@gmail.com 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.

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Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Lecture Series. 7 p.m., The Springs Resort and Spa Luxury Lodge, 165 Hot Springs Blvd. A special presentation on "The Moon Cycle and Chimney Rock" by Ron Sutcliffe. Sutcliffe will be drawing on original research both at Chimney Rock National Monument and at Chaco Canyon. Socializing at 6 p.m. For more information, visit chimneyrockco.org, or call 731-7133.

Friday, March 13

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Pagosa Stitchers & Crafters. 9-11 a.m., PLPOA administration building, 230 Port Ave. Bring your stitch, beading or weaving project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All crafters are welcome.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and

increasing an overall sense of well-being.

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

CONNECT After-School Club. 1:45-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 1st-5th grade. Participants will engage in literature based science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.), learning activities and work up to an exhibition at the end of the session. Registration is required. Call 264-2209 for more information and to register.

Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Please check in at the front desk. Everyone will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a free legal clinic via computer link for parties who have no attorney. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran's benefits and civil protection orders. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir Presents 'Over the Rainbow.' 5-8 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Event-goers can peruse our annual silent auction with baskets galore. Another newbie this year will be Candy Cubes, Rocky Mountain Chocolate bars in cubes of six which will hold a special prize. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at Goodman's Department Store, Made in Colorado Shoppe and from any member of the choir. For more information, contact Linda Parker at 264-1434 or email singpagosa@gmail.com.

Lenten Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m., Catholic Parish Hall, 445 Lewis St. Fee. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

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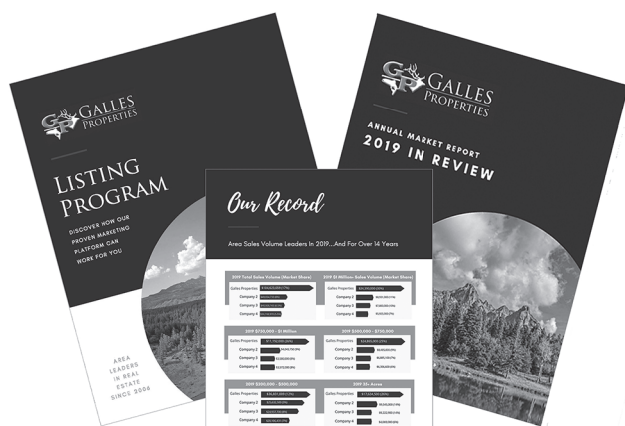
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