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Fatal crash on Wolf Creek Pass under investigation

Drugs, alcohol and excessive speed considered factors

By Trooper David Kerker
 Special to The SUN

The Colorado State Patrol is investigating a two-vehicle crash on U.S. 160, Wolf Creek Pass which resulted in one fatality.

At approximately 2:45 p.m. on March 10, a green 2002 Subaru Outback was eastbound toward South Fork near milepost 168.5.

The Subaru skidded into the westbound lanes after entering a right-hand curve into the snow shed. The Subaru collided with the

front of a westbound white 2017 Ford F150 with its front. Both vehicles came to rest on their wheels in the westbound lanes.

The driver of the Subaru, Gena Franqui, 22, of Westminster, Colo., and the front-seat passenger, Bethani Larson, 21, of Thornton, Colo., were transported to Rio Grande Hospital with serious injuries. The rear seat passenger, Antonino Ortiz, 24, of Northglenn, Colo., suffered fatal injuries in the

■ See Fatality A8

Stane receives 16 years for 1988 homicide

By Randi Pierce
 Staff Writer

Charles Ray Stane, 63, entered a guilty plea to second-degree murder last week for his involvement in a 1988 homicide.

Stane was originally convicted of the charge at a trial in October 2013 and was subsequently sentenced to 46 years in the Colorado Department of Correction.

But, in November 2017, the Colorado Court of Appeals announced that it was reversing the conviction and remanding the case for



Stane

a new trial. The Colorado Supreme Court declined to take up the case, making the Court of Appeals' mandate official in August 2018.

That trial was initially set for January, then for March, with Stane entering the guilty plea on Friday, March 8.

According to Deputy District Attorney Alex Lowe, under the plea agreement, Stane was sentenced to 16 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections.

■ See Stane A8



Photo courtesy Beth Tollefsen

A blue jay takes shelter from the storm in an aspen tree. This week's storms pushed Wolf Creek Ski Area to over 450 inches of snow for the season. The ski area had received 49 inches from the latest storm as of Wednesday morning, with the all-natural base 168 inches at midway. Other areas closer to town have reported a mixture of both rain and snow over the week. Pagosa Country can look forward to sunshine this weekend following a week's worth of storms and clouds.

Local students win at Scholastic Art and Writing Awards



Marie Wright received a Silver Key in drawing.



Madeline Stewart received a Gold Key in photography.



Harmony Goss received an honorable mention in filmmaking.



Celia Taylor received a Gold Key in drawing.

Photos and story by Jenna Gannon
 Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs High School Art Department is excited to announce four state-level award-winning students in visual arts.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades seven through 12.

In 2018, Colorado had over 6,000 pieces of art from approximately 2,200 students in the program. Submissions are adjudicated and

selected works are on display at the History Colorado Center until March 29.

Judges looked for work that best exemplified originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Students were given Gold Keys, Silver Keys, honorable mentions, and American Visions and Voices awards at the History Colorado Center and spring awards ceremony on March 9.

Students with awards in film and animation were presented in

■ See Awards A8

County holds firm in support of Second Amendment rights

By John Finefrock
 Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) has determined that a resolution it passed in 2013 is still worded properly to protect citizens' Second Amendment rights amid the Colorado Legislature considering a bill that some say infringes

on constitutional rights.

"It doesn't actually create [Archuleta County] as a sanctuary county ... the way the other counties in Colorado are doing it," explained Undersheriff Derek Woodman in a phone interview.

"What [it] does is it says that we as Archuleta County

■ See Rights A8

Local agencies, businesses working on pothole fix

By John Finefrock
 Staff Writer

Potholes abound on roads in the Pagosa Springs area, and the county, town, CDOT, private businesses and the weather all share the blame.

"It is definitely a bad year for potholes," said Martin Schmidt, public works director for the Town of Pagosa Springs, adding, "Speaking to some of the long-term employees, they don't recall it ever being this bad."

"We typically get about 16 tons of our patch material that lasts us a calendar year, and since Jan. 1, we've used between 21 and 24 tons," added Schmidt.

In an online poll posed by The SUN, local residents weighed in on "Where is your favorite Pagosa Country Pothole?"

The worst potholes, according to answers from the online question, were located at both entrances to the

■ See Potholes A8

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EDITORIAL

'It's your right to know'

We are amazed at what some elected officials and their staff will do to avoid following policies, procedures and even the law.

This week is known as Sunshine Week and the theme for 2019 is "It's your right to know." The following are some unusual stories about people attempting to stifle that right.

These examples were compiled by Brian Hunhoff with the Yankton County Observer and by MuckRock, a nonprofit organization which assists in filing governmental requests for information through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

- After a dolphin died in New Jersey's South River, a citizen wanted to know what had killed it. She filed a public records request with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture in order to get the necropsy results. The request was denied, citing the reason as the dolphin's right to medical privacy.

- The Seattle mayor's office responded to a records request for text messages by photocopying the mayor's phone.

- A Brockton, Mass., police department responded to an open records request for documents on the use of drones by law enforcement by providing instructions on how to fold paper airplanes and images of UFOs.

- In Brunswick, Maine, a town clerk asserted that just opening an email served as an agreement to pay \$750 in public records processing fees.

- Hilde Lysiak, a 12-year-old reporter, was pursuing a story in Patagonia, Ariz. She shot video of the town police chief telling her, "If you put my face on the

Internet, it's against the law."

It seems that Lysiak knew the law better than the police chief. She posted the video on her Orange Street News website. The story went viral and Lysiak later received an apology from Patagonia's mayor, who said the town respects her First Amendment rights.

- Brenda Fisk, mayor of Paint Rock, Ala., drafted a resolution to close town board meetings to nonresidents and the press. She told the Jackson County Sentinel, "What goes on in Paint Rock is the business of the people who live in Paint Rock." Fisk said she had "personal reasons" for proposing the move, "but I since found out that I cannot do that."

- Kirby Delauter, a county councilman from Frederick, Md., threatened to sue the Frederick News-Post for "unauthorized use of my name." The newspaper responded with an editorial using his name 26 times. They also explained why newspapers are allowed to write about public officials without asking for permission.

- In response to a request for emails related to a video showing the FCC chairman doing the Harlem Shake to downplay the importance of net neutrality, the agency at first rejected the request, saying that releasing that information would have a "chilling effect" on the FCC's ability to perform its duties. After appeal, the agency released redacted versions of the emails citing the same exemption. After a second appeal, the FCC finally released un-redacted emails revealing that it had spent a year trying to prevent the release of an email that simply stated "Ok."

- After 17 months of exhaustive search, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement closed out a FOIA request for memos related to President Donald Trump's proposed border wall, stating that no such records could be found. It appears that they forgot to check on their own website, where the documents had been posted for over a year.

- In response to a request for how many of a certain type of forensic devices the Pentagon's Office of the Secretary of Defense had in their possession, the agency's FOIA office responded that the only way to determine that would be to search every active contract. And since those contracts aren't sufficiently configured for text search, and every contract would have to be processed and redacted, it was estimated it would take "15 million labor hours" and cost around \$660 million. A request for the same information was sent to a different department in the Pentagon. That office sent an email to the person responsible for the forensic devices, who checked and determined there were, in fact, three.

- Here at home in Archuleta County, we attended a public meeting and our recording device was purposefully covered up when someone placed his hand over it so that the device couldn't pick up what he was going to say. Clearly, the person didn't know the first thing about the public's right to know.

Sunshine week is the annual nationwide celebration of access to public information. Remember: "It's your right to know."

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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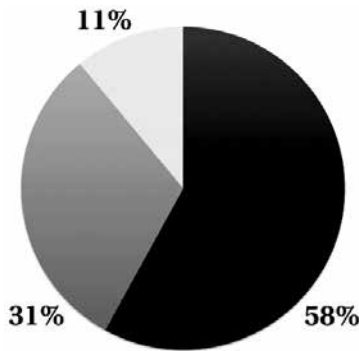
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WHADDYA THINK?

Are you eager for spring?

Poll results (221 votes)

Yes, I am ready for spring flowers. — 58 percent
No, bring on the snow. — 31 percent
It really does not matter. — 11 percent



This week online:

What do you plan on doing with your tax refund?

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LOOKING BACK



From the Feb. 28, 1980, Pagosa Springs SUN.

SLIDE 160 — This is the 25 foot deep slide that blocked the highway on Wolf Creek Pass last week. The big slide is close to a half mile long across the highway and when it comes down the road is effectively blocked. The heavy snow last week, along with warm temperatures, brought the slide roaring down.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of

March 15, 1929

Until further notice, lights and power will be shut off every night from about 12:30 until 1 a.m. Also, on Saturday nights they will be shut off from about 12:30 until about 10:00 the following morning. — New Light & Power Co.

So many complaints have recently come to me regarding the indiscriminate riding of bicycles and roller skating by the children on the sidewalks of Pagosa Springs, that drastic action must be taken against future offenders. Parents are requested to caution and warn their children of this violation against the rights and welfare of others before a serious accident occurs. J.H. Lattin, Town Marshal.

Chas. McCullough and little son were arrivals by auto Saturday from Oklahoma and will take up their residence here. He will engage in business with his brother Roy in the McCullough market.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of

March 17, 1944

The usual and expected effects of early spring thawing in the mountains, along with additional drifting snowfall have started their annual fun up in Wolfe Creek Pass. During the night Monday, following a short but pretty good thawing spell, those old whistling mountain winds began to roar up in the Wolfe Creek Pass, with about a five foot snowfall accompanying them, which made it drift terribly. Before morning one of those mean slides broke loose on the east side. It laid a mass of snow, rocks, trees, etc. about eight feet deep on the Highway for a distance of about 100 feet, and closed the gate for traffic. This evidently didn't suit at all, so Tuesday morning here comes another slide of the same kind on the west side and coated the highway with the same kind of a mess for about 150 feet, but only about five feet deep. The snow fall up in Wolfe Creek Pass this winter has totaled 33 feet and that of this storm is to be added.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of

March 13, 1969

Snowfall total on Wolf Creek Pass for this winter to March 10 totaled 462 inches and snow has fallen fairly steadily since that time until Wednesday of this week. The total snowfall now is well above snowfall for the entire winters of 1961, 1963, 1964, 1966, and 1967. With another six to eight weeks of snow season near normal precipitation should bring that total well above 500 inches for the winter. The record season snowfall for the past 10 years was 605 inches in 1965.

Heavy snows have made skiing at Wolf Creek Pass excellent. The snow depth on the ski course is now right at 11 feet. The snow has a good base and skiing is described as the best in years.

Big events are in store for this weekend when the first annual snowmobile meet is held here. This will be a two day meet, Saturday and Sunday, and 14 regularly scheduled races are to be held each day. In addition there will be several novelty races both days. Sunetha Flats has been selected as the site of the races. The track area there is in the process of being packed. Job Corps men and equipment have plowed out access roads and parking area near the tracks.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of

March 17, 1994

Temporary closure of the boat ramp at Navajo Reservoir signals the launching of a new era at the state park. The resurfacing of the ramp, to be completed early next month, and repairs on the park's water and sewage system are the first stages of an ambitious plan to turn the park into a more modern, comfortable getaway for boaters and campers. The Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation plans to install water, electricity and sewage services in all 71 campsites, and eventually to add another 79 sites, said John Weiss, Navajo State Park manager. Plans also call for paving all the campsites and enlarging them. The sites were built 30 years ago, when recreational vehicles were smaller, he said. The improvements won't happen right away, Weiss said. "We've got a couple more years dealing with campsites that are a little too small." What recreationists will see right away at Navajo are repairs on the crumbling boat ramp and renovation of the park's sewage lagoon, lift station and water tower, said Weiss.



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OPINION IN A PINCH

Letters



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Racial divide

Dear Editor:
So, let me see if I understand this part of the radical leftist agenda correctly. Kamala Harris, candidate for President of the United States (along with others of a Socialist bent), want the U.S. taxpayers to provide monetary reparations for wrongs committed to victims of slavery during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. This means that those who did not participate in slavery will make payments to people who never suffered under slavery. In what strange universe does that make any sense?

For myself, I am a second generation Dane whose grandparents immigrated to the U.S. long after the period of slavery was over. So, in my case, I would be fined to make payments for something in which my ancestors never participated. I suppose some would say that I still deserve to be fined for my "White Privilege".

Even if there were such a thing as "White Privilege", other than be fined for it as part of a reparations scheme, what am I supposed to do about it? I would suppose that those on the left at least want me to feel guilty about being white and having had the alleged advantage of being white. I would assume I am supposed to feel this guilt despite the fact that I came from a working class, blue collar family, paid my own way through college, served as an enlisted man in the U.S. Army with many men and women of color who had exactly the same background, and exactly the same opportunities.

I have plenty in my own life about which I can feel guilty without adding guilt that is no fault of my own. I was born a Caucasian. I can't help being a white man any

more than a black man or a brown man can help being what he is. This silliness simply has to stop. Instead of improving race relations after twice electing the first black man as President of the United States, the politics of identity has only succeeded in widening the racial divide in our nation.

If I promise to forego the title of Danish-American, can the rest of us please get rid of the hyphens that are dividing more than words? I will admit to a fondness for good pastry, but I am not a Danish-American. I am an American who happens to be of Danish heritage. There's a difference. If we keep on trying to distinguish ourselves on the basis of our race, then we will never be able to understand ourselves as one people, one culture, or one nation. United we stand, divided we fall.

As the 2020 race for the Presidency begins in earnest, I hope that the voters of this country can see through the foolishness of manufactured racial outrage and selfish solutions like so-called reparations against people who are no longer with us, perpetrated by people long dead. Let us learn the lessons of our history, but let us not be enslaved by it now.

Richard Bolland

New judges

Dear Editor:

15 new judges who'll be able to take away your guns. That's the sum of this legislative session.

15 more judges who don't go through required background checks as gun owners do.

15 more judges who are nominated and appointed in a completely dark process.

15 more judges who have their discipline records kept under wraps because judicial discipline proceedings are confidential in Colorado

15 more judges who can effectively control their performance evaluations. That's because Colorado's judicial performance commissions are uninformed (they don't receive discipline info or background checks) and rely on documentation provided by the judges for their recommendation.

And 15 more judges whose records aren't subject to Colorado's Open Records Act because Colorado's Supreme Court determined CORA doesn't apply to the judicial branch.

SB19-043 increases the number of district court judges due to a rise in criminal filings.

Civil filings and appeals, however, are decreasing. That's what the judicial branch annual report shows.

Despite Colorado's population growth, Supreme Court new case filings last year were the lowest in the last 29 years. New filings in County Court were the 3rd lowest in the last 26 years.

At the Court of Appeals, new filings were the 6th lowest in the last 20 years. And in district court, civil filings were the 4th lowest in the last 10 years.

What are the lawyers telling us? The judicial branch has once again had its way with the legislature. It was good for them. Was it good for you?

Chris Forsyth
Wheat Ridge

Zero suicide

Dear Editor:

I'll start out my letter with a

question: How many of you who are reading this know someone who has attempted or died by suicide? I suspect there was a lot of head nodding, some anguish, some tears, much grief, constant worry and whole lot of questioning why this happened. Why did 1,175 Coloradans die from suicide in 2017? A simple question with many complicated answers. The gut-wrenching statistic in our state is that suicide is the leading cause of death among 10-24 year olds and we have one of the highest suicide rates in the nation. It is estimated that up to 50 percent of those who die by suicide have seen a primary care provider within the previous month. Thirty percent have seen a behavior health provider within the previous month.

In 1999, The Henry Ford Medical Group in Detroit, Michigan implemented a Zero Suicide Prevention system of care within their Department of Behavior Health Services which was named the "Blues Busters." The plan had lofty goals — screen everyone using an evidence-based screening tool, then determine who is at risk for self-harm or suffering from other behavioral issues, such as depression or anxiety. Their protocols also included an integrated and coordinated system of care which also emphasized evidence-based care. The results were astounding, and within a few years the system was implemented within their primary care departments. From 1999-2009 they had an 80 percent reduction in suicides including zero suicides in 2009. The North Central Health Care System in Wisconsin, which cares for 10,000 lives, saw zero suicides in 2015 following implementation of a similar system.

In 2016, Colorado Senate Bill 16-147 passed, which allowed for the creation of a Colorado Suicide Prevention Model based on the Zero Suicide care model. Regrettably, there were no funds appropriated for this bill. In the next two weeks, the Joint Budget Committee will vote on funding \$861,000 for the Zero Suicide bill. Although this sounds like a small amount of money, it moves us in the right direction and will help us learn what we'll need for the next steps.

Zero Suicide is more than just

a hope. I urge all of you to call or e-mail our Joint Budget Committee members and ask them to approve funding for this important first step.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Gordon, MD
Retired regional department chief of family medicine, Kaiser Permanente Colorado
Mental Health Colorado Board of Directors
Jefferson Center for Mental Health Board of Directors

Corruption or dysfunction

Dear Editor:

On March 5th I chastise the BoCC for not holding their department heads to a high standard to get to the bottom of missing County assets. I now have a clearer picture. The commissioners don't believe the elected officials work for them and they don't have control of them. The Sheriff mumbled under his breath in that same meeting that he is glad he doesn't work for them, the BoCC. A Brighter Picture. I received the answers to the questions I presented to the County, regarding the assets received through the 1033 Program by the Sheriff's Department.

They replied.
In response the County Administration does not have in its possession any records that are responsive to your records request. The ACSO is the custodian of such records and you will need to file a CORA request with the ACSO to receive them.

Okay so the Administration did not ask similar questions? Or if so didn't receive an answer? Or another hide the pea shell game?

Well what is the case? I thought that my vote for Commissioner was for the leaders of this community, ops dummy me. Oh wait isn't our form of government founded on a checks and balance system, one branch keeping the other in check. Is there an answer to the question, what is the chain of command? Nope, no one is in charge let chaos begin, corruption run rampant. Why should "We the People" follow the rules when our elected officials

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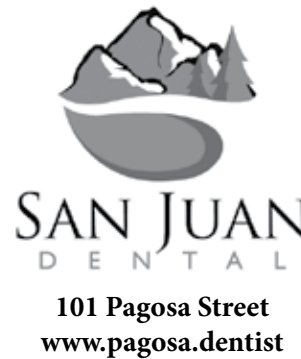


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35 Acres in Pinon Hills Ranch — gated community, year-round access, underground utilities, access to the San Juan River. \$69,900

30 Moffat Court in Twin Creek — treed lot on a cul-de-sac. Almost half an acre. \$27,000

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Obituary

Wanda Ann Rivas

Wanda Ann Rivas, 66, gained her heavenly wings at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday, March 5, at Mercy Medical Hospital in Durango, Colo.

Wanda was born Jan. 12, 1953, in Pagosa Springs, Colo., and was a lifelong member of the community. Wanda was a devoted wife and caretaker to her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Wanda was a mentor of young children and coached youth T-ball teams and worked as a manager

at the Methodist Thrift Store. Her greatest accomplishments were her children and family. She was a strong and fierce woman and fought a courageous battle.

Wanda is survived by her loving husband of 48 years, Joseph A. Rivas Sr., Pagosa Springs; son Joseph A. Rivas Jr. (Gua-



dalupe), Pagosa Springs; son Paul R. Rivas, Pagosa Springs; daughter Angelica Y. Mendez (Eduardo), Pagosa Springs; as well as her grandchildren: Chasstidy Rivas, Diego Rivas, Christopher Rivas, Vanessa Rivas, Gabriel Mendez, Mendy Mendez and Michael Mendez; and a great-grandchild, Kali Griswold. Wanda is also survived by her mother, Ramona Montano, Pagosa Springs; five sisters, Elouise Andrews, Monica Archuleta, Connie Medina (Henry), Vickie Montano and Peggy Montano, all of Pagosa Springs; one brother, Alex Montoya (Debbie),

also of Pagosa Springs; numerous nephews, nieces, cousins; and many more extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father, Tony Ochoa.

Recitation of the Rosary will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church of Pagosa Springs. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 15, also at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Father Kenny Udumka will officiate and there will be a reception immediately after the service.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Monday, March 18

San Juan Water Conservancy District special meeting. 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Unit 5.

Tuesday, March 19

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.

Thursday, March 21

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

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

Tuesday, March 26

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners work session. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, com-

missioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Joint town/county work session. Noon, 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 Great Room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, March 27

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

Thursday, March 28

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

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Letters

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don't? My respect for our Officials is swirling in the porcelain bowl. Can anything be done? If we can't fix this County level of government how can we expect to correct the state or federal level? Maybe it is time to follow our founding fathers but wait let us start with the power of the pen first. Is there a honest official to help take up the cause? Questions presented.

1. Did the proper paper work that ACSO agency had obtained the authorization of the relevant local governing authority to participate in the 1033 program get filed as required by the DLA? If so please provide a copy and identify the authorizing authority.

2. Did the ACSO agency adopt protocols for the appropriate use of controlled property, the supervision of such use, and auditing and accountability policies? If so please provide a copy.

3. Did the ACSO agency submit certified inventories for their agency each year by Nov. 1 as required? If so please provide copies of all years filled.

4. Please provide the date of the executive session with Sheriff Valdez regarding the investigation of the unreported County Assets?

5. Please provide the date that Deputy Braden Bishop was appointed as interim Coroner?

6. Is there a pending lawsuit against Archuleta County a traffic accident involving deputy Bishop or any other officer employed by the county? If so please provide case number and plaintiff's name.

7. When CBI's investigation is complete please provide a copy of their findings

Rob Keating

Who does Tipton represent?

Dear Editor:
Three in four Americans perceived corruption as widespread in our government, found a Gallup poll. Abuse of power and corrupt behavior is an issue both political parties find intolerable. Special-interest campaign finance, gerrymandering, unethical Washington lobbyists, and voter suppression were all targeted for reform in the recently passed anti-corruption House Bill HR 1 - For the People Act 2019.

Keeping dark money spending

out of politics is a priority to me. This bill makes it harder for wealthy interests to anonymously dump large sums of money behind politicians to influence their vote. It levels the playing field of democratic values. I was disappointed to find that Rep Scott Tipton voted no on the bill, as the bill's aims are broadly popular with the American people.

I question who Tipton is representing. Thank you.

Cathy Neill

Are you sure you want to do this?

Dear Editor:

The current Bill in the Colorado legislature would award all of the Colorado Presidential electoral votes to the candidate that receives the most popular votes in the entire U.S. It is unclear whether this would be a simple majority. Surely, it would require a plurality, i.e. more than one half of the votes cast.

This is ill conceived at best. It is a panic by the demented Democratic National Committee and mainstream media to get rid of Trump. Despite their best efforts at defamation, he will likely be reelected because of his successes, and that is their underlying problem. But is his defeat in this one election worth it, especially at our expense? Since 1900 there have been 30 presidential elections. Nine did not result in a plurality for any candidate, and were decided by the Electoral College. Six of these elected a Democrat and three elected a Republican. In order they were: Wilson(D) 1912 and 1916. Harry Truman(D) 1948. John Kennedy(D) 1960. Richard Nixon(R) 1968. Bill Clinton(D) 1992 and .996. George Bush(R) 2000. Finally, Trump(R) 2016. So it would appear that Democrats are not getting the short straw. They have won twice as many of the tight elections as the Republicans, because of the Electoral College. I think this shows that the current system works well.

The adverse implications of the proposed legislation for our State are obvious. Wake up Colorado, we are being played for a sucker.

Dick Riethmiller

LPEA election

Dear Editor:
Former Archuleta County Com-

missioner Michael Whiting is running for the District 1 Seat on the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors. I support him in this endeavor. I have experienced his mode of operation first-hand since he served as the co-chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Work Group (now the Archuleta County Education Center's Early Childhood Education Program). His tagline for this campaign rings true, "Low Rates, Clear Thinking, No Bull." Michael is intelligent and focused; strategic and thoughtful in planning and makes decisions based on a balance of what's realistic and what's best for the community. Michael is a good listener and a good advisor. He's not only out there on our streets listening to our concerns; he networks with people across the state gathering ideas about what might work in our community. I trust him to transmit our needs and interests to the LPEA Board. Michael has shown time and time again that collaboration and partnerships can be an effective and cost-saving way to get things done in our community, particularly those things that affect our local economy.

Ballots mail out on April 2, 2019. I encourage you to check "Michael Whiting" on your ballot and mail it back.

Jan Santopietro

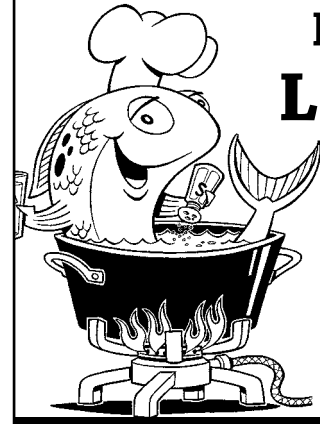
National Popular Vote Movement

Dear Editor:

Colorado is set join the National Popular Vote Movement to end the unpopular electoral college system of electing our President. I say unpopular because there have been more attempts to amend the constitution on this subject than any other subject. Proposals have been introduced to change or eliminate it 700 times.

Proponents of the electoral college say that eliminating it would be unfair to smaller states, that people's votes wouldn't count, and a handful of states would decide for everybody. Under the present system, a handful of swing states do decide for everyone. If you live in a red or blue state and you vote for the minority party of that state, you may as well stay home because, in the winner take all system, all the electoral votes go to the winning

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Business



County unemployment rises to 4.9 percent in January

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County increased to 4.9 percent in January from 4.2 percent in December 2018, with 6,739 people in the labor force and 333 of those claiming unemployment.

In December 2018, there were 6,914 people in the county's labor force, with 291, or 4.2 percent, claiming unemployment.

The total workforce decreased by 175 people over the course of the month, while the number of unemployed people increased by 42.

In January of 2018, there were 6,397 workers in the county, of which 237, or 3.7 percent, were unemployed. January of 2019 finds the rate is up 1.2 percent by comparison.

Looking at the January 2019 employment situation for the rest of the state, Huerfano County had the highest unemployment rate for the month at 10.1 percent, while Kiowa County had the lowest rate at 2.3 percent.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment

rate for the state increased four-tenths of a percentage point from December to January, to 3.7 percent.

Statewide, the number of people actively participating in the labor force in Colorado increased 6,400 from December to January to 3,135,100 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 3,200 to 3,018,300.

The national unemployment rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.0 percent in January.

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

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

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

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

From December to January, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 2,400 for a total of 2,749,300 jobs,

with private-sector jobs increasing by 1,200 and government jobs increasing by 1,200.

Over the year, the average work-week for all employees in private nonfarm payroll jobs decreased from 33.2 to 32.7 hours.

Average hourly wage increased from \$28.21 to \$30.18 in January.

Over the month, the largest private-sector job gains were in construction, education and health services, and leisure and hospitality. Professional and business services, and financial activities declined over the month.

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

Over the year, the average work-week for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.3 to 33.6 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$28.13 to \$29.63.

The annual unemployment rate for Colorado was 3.3 percent in 2018. The U.S. unemployment rate in 2018 was 3.9 percent.

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CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber to offer an array of educational classes

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

All throughout the year, the Chamber will be offering a variety of educational classes for business owners, managers or staff members to partake of and increase their business acumen.

The Starting Your Business Workshop was postponed due to weather. It will be rescheduled soon and we will let the public know.

The most immediate class to be held will be the Creative Display and Merchandising Class on Thursday, March 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Chamber. There is no cost for the class for Chamber members and a \$10 charge for nonmembers.

Whether you own a retail business or even a food-service establishment, you can garner tips on product merchandising, window displays, creating traffic flow, theming, some principles of design and more. You may think that because you own a retail store and create displays that you know it all. This is an opportunity to share ideas with other merchandisers, pick up another trick or two and network with other retailers.

Sign up for the class by logging in to your account on the Chamber website, www.pagosachamber.com, or through the events calendar link and registering at this site. Seating is limited, so register today.

Another upcoming class is an Excel class on May 16. There will be a cost for this class.

Then, the Chamber will host QuickBooks 101 and 201 classes in June and July, respectively. The QuickBooks 101 class will be a basics class and be taught classroom style. The class at this time is being designed for one-on-one coaching, since businesses that are already using QuickBooks have more specific questions. Each registrant will be given an hour of consultation on a personal basis.

We move through the summer and into August, where we will be hosting a social media class focusing on different platforms and what tools work for different business styles.

The Chamber will also be hosting two targeted networking gatherings. The first one will be held on April 18 and will be a Women's Networking Open House. The theme is "What Keeps You Up at Night?" The Chamber will look to continue these women's networking sessions based on the responses from this first open house. The idea is to give the women — and not just business owners — a chance to network, meet other professional women and to dedicate a portion of the networking forum to a short educational/informational topic. We will be announcing the location soon; however, mark the

date from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on your calendar.

The other networking event will be a Home-based Business Open House. We would like to engage our home-based or "lone eagle" businesses. What do these types of businesses need from the community and the Chamber? How can we assist you, what do you need to grow your business, are there particular services that you could use more of, how does engaging with other home-based businesses help you? This open house will be held on May 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. with the location to be announced.

The Chamber will have a full year of educational classes, but this listing gives you an idea of what is shortly to come. If you have any questions concerning any of the classes or you have suggestions for classes, don't hesitate to contact the Chamber at 264-2360 and speak with either Rick or Mary Jo. Register now for these free or low-cost classes that will help you before more business effective and engaged.

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Planning commission receives update on short-term rentals

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

With short-term rental (STR) regulations still relatively new in the county, Planning Manager John Shepard updated the planning commission on the topic at its Feb. 27 meeting.

In a follow-up phone call, Shepard reiterated the points he made at the meeting.

"I've been really happy with the number of folks coming in to get permits," said Shepard in the interview, adding, "So far, the public reaction from the folks offering short-term rentals has been very good ... I have been very happy with the folks coming in voluntarily and working their way through the program."

In July 2018, the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) passed new regulations requiring homeowners who rent their home for 30 days or less at a time to obtain a vacation rental permit.

"We wanted to get fair rules in order so that we recognize the people that are renting their properties on short-term rentals ... We also wanted to enact an ordinance that protected the neighbors to some degree against unruly things that would hurt their quality of life," said County Commissioner Steve Wadley in an interview with The SUN in January.

Shepard noted the program has been successful so far, but has come with its share of complaints and expanded on the most frequent STR problems the county is addressing.

"It's noise, it's parking. It's parking," said Shepard. "Especially since the snow, [and] that parking is not allowed on county roads. Most of the time it's not a problem until you block the snowplow. We're hoping people can work things out in a neighborly fashion."

The county received 155 permit applications

last year and has approved 82 new STR permits in 2019.

A one-year STR permit costs \$400.

Permit requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Simple site plan showing property dimensions, buildings, number of bedrooms and parking areas.
- Written notice mailed to adjacent and across-the-street neighbors.

• Valid San Juan Basin Public Health permit for septic, unless the home is in a sewer district.

• Proof of Colorado Department of Revenue registration for sales and lodging tax.

• Notification to any applicable planned unit development, homeowners association or property owners association.

Homeowners with STR permits are also required to have a local representative no more than an hour away while the STR is occupied.

"If the vacation rental next door is having a party late at night, you can call up their local owner rep and say, 'Hey the music's too loud, will you ask your tenants to turn it down?' and that way you don't have to call the sheriff out, and hopefully folks can be good neighbors," said Shepard.

Occupancy limits to STR permits are two people per bedroom, plus two in the unit overall, according to Shepard, but he noted a bedroom is not defined in the building code.

"How communities define what a bedroom is varies substantially," Shepard said, adding, "Since we don't have a definition of a bedroom, other than the dictionary, we're looking at rooms that can meet the performance standards ... of rooms that are used primarily for sleeping ..."

Shepard explained that the county will consider a room a bedroom if it has a closet, a

window the fire department can enter from the outside, and has to be at least 70 square feet with 7 feet of head room.

If the proposed bedroom is a loft, it must meet the same requirements, but must be accessed by stairs instead of a ladder.

All Airbnb and other STR advertisements are supposed to have the permit number listed, according to Shepard.

To combat listings without permits, the Town of Pagosa Springs, has hired a firm to "scrub" websites like Airbnb and VRBO, according to Town Manager Andrea Phillips.

"We get access to a dashboard that shows the location and property owner information, listing information, etc. for the rentals. We can then compare it to our list of those rentals that have received a vacation rental license, which is required by the town," Phillips wrote in a statement to The SUN.

Shepard noted the county is considering implementing a similar oversight program.

Shepard explained that homeowners who are starting STRs this year are supposed to wait until they get a permit approved.

Homeowners who start to offer STRs before they obtain a permit are penalized by a double application fee, so instead of \$400, it would be \$800 for the first year.

Shepard noted that enforcement of STRs will be incrementally increased over the following months.

Residents who wish to check their neighbor's STR status can access the directory of approved permits at www.archuletacounty.org/588/Vacation-Rentals.

Additional information about STRs can be found on the county's planning website at www.archuletacounty.org/93/Planning.

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Town council talks liquor licenses, permits

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Liquor was the topic of two discussions at the most recent meeting of the Pagosa Springs Town Council, with both of those discussions resulting in potential changes to existing regulations and ordinances.

First, the council discussed existing distance requirements from schools for liquor license establishments, with the council directing staff to bring back changes that would eliminate distance requirements for all but tavern liquor licenses.

"The Town Clerk has been asked by local businesses about liquor licensing within 500 feet of a school. Of the businesses who have requested information, one is on Pagosa Street downtown near the Pagosa Springs Middle School and two are located on Country Center Drive near the Goal Academy," an agenda brief prepared by Town Clerk April Hessman explains. "The State of Colorado's rules are very specific in that new liquor license applications must not be within 500 feet of a school. Those liquor licenses that have been in place for many years are grandfathered in when renewing or when transferring a liquor license to new owners."

However, the brief also notes that, per state statute, the local licensing authority has the option of choosing to keep the restrictions, modify them or eliminate the distance requirements.

Hessman also informed the council about the types of liquor licenses currently held in Pagosa Springs: retail liquor stores, beer and wine, hotel and restaurant, resort, tavern, brew pub, lodging and entertainment, fermented malt beverage, and art gallery permits.

Hessman also relayed that she had spoken with representatives of the school district as well as Valor Academy, with Archuleta School District Superintendent Linda Reed indicating that hotel and restaurant licenses on Pagosa Street would have little effect on students, but if the business were a liquor store or bar, "perhaps that would change her opinion on distance requirements."

She noted that representatives of GOAL Academy did not return calls.

Council member Matt DeGuise asked if the council had to decide for all licenses, or if it could be done on a case-by-case basis, with Hessman noting that it has to be fair for all, though the council could decide based on the different license types.

Council member Nicole DeMarco suggested she has no issue with any distance requirements for any license types, with Tracy Bunning stating he agreed with the exception of taverns.

Bunning indicated he was concerned with the possibility of an altercation breaking out at a bar.

Matt deGraaf agreed with his fellow councilors, stating that there is a difference between a bar and going out to eat, and that kids should be kept away from environments where poor decisions are made.

As the discussion wound down, council directed staff to eliminate the distance requirements for all license types but tavern.

On March 12, Town Manager Andrea Phillips informed The SUN that the draft ordinance changing the distance requirements is anticipated to be heard upon first reading at council's 5 p.m. meeting on March 21 at Town Hall.

The second liquor topic happened to be related to public comment received earlier in the meeting, with Marty Borges telling council that he signed up to reserve Reservoir Hill for a wedding and would like the option to have liquor at the wedding to allow for toasts.

Currently, he noted, only non-profits can get liquor permits for the town's parks.

That topic then surfaced later in the meeting as a discussion item.

At that point, Hessman reminded council that the town's municipal code prohibits open containers in public places unless it is on licensed premises permitted under the state beer and liquor codes for sale and consumption.

"Per state law, only nonprofit entities may apply for a special events liquor permit to sell alcohol," Hessman said, adding that alcohol cannot be sold or given to the public without a permit.

"The Town's wonderful parks and friendly amenities have made private events in the parks desirable," Hessman's agenda brief on the topic states, indicating events such as weddings on Reservoir Hill or things like family reunions at Yamaguchi Park. "The ability to apply for an alcohol permit for these private events is one other towns and cities offer and Pagosa Springs could offer it as well if the Council desires."

The agenda brief notes that, if it were to be allowed, the alcohol would have to be provided at no cost and the events could not be open to the public, only invited guests.

Hessman then discussed how the city of Durango handles such permits and some of the requirements of those permits.

"This goes on, I think, anyways,"

In other news, the council ...

• Heard another presentation by Brian Duffany from Economic and Planning Systems regarding the town's updated impact fee study. Following a discussion on the amounts included in the study, and the pros and cons of impact fees, the council directed staff to put together additional information on a trio of options: collecting no impact fees, collecting only for commercial development and not residential, and collecting for commercial and a reduced amount for residential.

• Heard a variety of options for snow removal from the sidewalks in town and further discussed snow removal concerns with several concerned residents who attended the meeting. While no decisions were made, Volger suggested that the town continues to work on the issue and directed staff to clean up the town's policy

on snow removal and bring it forward for consideration.

• Directed staff to bring back additional cost estimates for a variety of trail surfaces for the planned Riverwalk extension stretching along Hermosa Street, near Cotton Hole and to the 1st Street bridge. The council requested the options in advance of accepting a federal grant for the project that would require a 10-foot-wide concrete surface.

"We have to be aware of the fact that we might have to overmatch the grant just to get the project done," Special Projects Manager Scott Lewandowski informed the council.

• Accepted the Pagosa Housing Partners Action Plan and discussed how to move forward with implementation of the plan's action items, including putting out a request for proposals for organizations or individuals to serve in that role.

Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis told council when asked for his opinion.

Lewis added that if there are stiff penalties for violations, he thinks it will be OK, adding that he thinks it's OK to give people a way to do it properly.

Mayor Don Volger suggested that the penalties could always be increased.

DeGuise asked if there is currently a limit on the number of people allowed on Reservoir Hill for weddings, with Lewis explaining that 10 vehicles are allowed on the hill for an event like a wedding.

He suggested that a limit on the number of people would be something to look at.

After talking about how the town would have to go about creating such a permit, Phillips asked council if they had recommendations for certain areas where alcohol could be allowed or if council wanted recommendations given to them.

Bunning indicated that Reservoir Hill seemed to be a natural choice, and that Yamaguchi was another choice.

He added that the permits should be limited to a certain place with a reservation system, and that deposits and fees should be fairly substantial.

Council also discussed barriers for areas where alcohol is served during events, with DeMarco stating she is "aesthetically opposed to fencing."

Hessman explained that it is up to the permit holder to determine how they want to control where the alcohol is, with many choosing fencing.

In the end, the council directed staff to come back with something for the council to consider.

On Tuesday, Phillips indicated such a permit could be before town council in April for consideration.

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Town council approves purchase, rental of seal coat equipment

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Thanks to an approval by the Pagosa Springs Town Council on Feb. 21, the town will be obtaining equipment necessary to do additional road maintenance work in-house.

At that meeting, the council approved \$67,550 for a seal coat machine and to rent a storage tank for four months.

"Within the 2019 budget, there is a substantial budget for road maintenance activities (\$403,242) and equipment (\$100,270), and in order for the Public Works Department to conduct this work, they need additional equipment...", an agenda brief composed by Special

Projects Manager Scott Lewandowski explains.

At the meeting, Lewandowski noted that the seal coat application machine, which costs \$56,500, has a 575-gallon tank and will work for varying degrees of seal coat maintenance.

However, he explained, the machine needs a dedicated materials storage tank that will need to be located at the town's shop site.

The agenda brief notes that staff looked at purchasing a tank through the same company as the seal coat machine, SealMaster, but it came in above budget. Instead, the town will rent a smaller tank for the four months the machine would be in use.

"It was indicated by SealMaster

staff that their tanks and materials are proprietary and don't work well with other vendors tanks (think printer ink)," the brief states. "Staff is recommending that we utilize tank rentals until the seal coat program and new town shop layout is fully established. Deferring the purchase of the tank will allow the Town to stay within budget this year."

Lewandowski also explained to the council that, due to the nature and size of the equipment needed, and the fact that the town's road maintenance plan specifies SealMaster equipment, he felt it met the requirements to be a sole-source contract.

Council member Mat deGraaf suggested it would be great to rent the storage tank for as long as it's

needed and asked if that would be looked at for future years, as well, with Lewandowski answering affirmatively.

Mayor Don Volger suggested the town's streets would need a lot of work this year.

With a motion by deGraaf and a second by council member Tracy Bunning, the council approved the acquisitions with a 5-0 vote.

In other business at the meeting, the council:

- Approved the appointment of Jenelle Syverson to the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board.

- Awarded a \$29,000 contract to DUST2 for additional trail work on Reservoir Hill, which will include four new segments.

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San Juan Basin Public Health releases 2019-2023 Public Health Improvement Plan

Special to The SUN

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) staff and leadership have concluded a multiyear assessment and planning process resulting in the creation of a five-year Public Health Improvement Plan (PHIP).

Local public health agencies (LPHAs) in Colorado are required to complete a community health assessment (CHA) every five years. Under the guidance of a steering committee, SJBPH staff sought public input via an online survey to inform this process in 2018. The survey, which asked adult residents of Archuleta and La Plata counties to identify and prioritize the health issues that impact their communities was completed by over 1,000 community members.

LPHAs use CHA information to create a PHIP for the communities

they serve. Once the PHIP is adopted by the local board of health, agencies use the document to measure and report on their work supporting population health.

SJBPH staff used information from four primary sources to create the PHIP: feedback from the CHA conducted by the agency in 2018; data from national, state and regional sources about health in Archuleta and La Plata counties; staff expertise about public health programs and opportunities; and core service requirements as dictated by the Colorado Public Health Act of 2008.

SJBPH staff created a PHIP consisting of seven program areas, three of which are "high priority" based on community feedback and staff expertise. High-priority issues include: behavioral health, social determinants of health and

environmental health. Additional priorities include: health behaviors, clinical care linkage, communicable disease, and emergency preparedness and response.

While high-priority areas may receive the most immediate and concentrated focus, all seven issue areas are important to the work the agency does and will have action plans for progress.

Three overarching goals will be applied to all seven program areas: community resilience, organizational capacity and public health innovation. Applying these goals means the organization will advance the health of the communities we serve, enhance the capabilities of SJBPH and contribute to the improvement of the public health system.

This plan allows SJBPH to meet the health needs of our communi-

ties as they emerge and change over the next five years. Examples of this type of work are the recent convening of suicide prevention coalitions, substance abuse prevention work, responding to emerging environmental requests like water-quality impacts related to hard rock mining or wildland fires, and participating in community discussions around how factors like the cost of housing impact healthful living in our communities.

SJBPH staff and leadership will use the PHIP to assess progress on current programs and initiatives, develop new programs to meet the evolving needs of the communities we serve, support funding applications — both internally and those of our partners — and demonstrate accountability at the state, regional and local levels.

The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service for week: 101.
March 4 — Information only, Oak Place.

March 5 — Second-degree burglary, all other thefts, U.S. 160.

March 5 — All other thefts, first-degree criminal trespass-other intent, second-degree burglary, criminal mischief, Cloud Cap Avenue.

March 6 — Noise regulations, Pineview Road.

March 8 — Colorado license plate violation, failed to display valid registration, drove vehicle without valid

driver's license, drove vehicle without insurance, U.S. 160.

March 8 — Expired license plates, drove vehicle without insurance, drove vehicle when license suspended, Talisman Drive.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service this week: 100
March 4 — DUI, U.S. 160.

March 7 — Violation of restraining order, Aspen Village Drive.

March 7 — Animal/running at large, South 8th Street.

March 9 — Disorderly conduct/fighting, Eagle Drive.

March 10 — Possess/consume alcohol by person under 21, Eagle Drive.

March 10 — Information only, Navajo Street.

March 10 — Engaged in acceleration/speed contest, South 8th Street.

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Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Diane E. Knutson
No report.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Clayton Buchner

March 6 — Joshua Martin, no contest/speeding 10-19 mph over prima facie limit, one point on license, total fines and costs — \$112.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

March 6 — Justin Tytell, license plates-expired, driver's license not in possession, total fines and costs — \$142.50.

March 6 — Tonita A. Vigil, speeding 20-24 over limit, total fines and costs — \$274.50.

March 6 — Aaron K. Castro, improper pass-sign/markers, total fines and costs — \$202.50.

March 6 — Amy Branen Eaton, license plates-expired, total fines and

costs — \$185.50.

March 6 — Stephen Cole Gauthier, fail obey traffic control device, total fines and costs — \$202.50.

March 6 — Brandon L. Gotte, fail obey traffic control device, total fines and costs — \$202.50.

March 6 — Tristan Rivas, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.

March 6 — Danny S. Salas, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$163.50.

March 6 — Shaun Brian Steogall, turning improperly, registration-unregistered vehicle, total fines and costs — \$272.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

March 5 — Augustine Joe Alcon, harassment-strike/shove/kick, domestic violence-habitual offender, 89 days jail, three years probation, total fines and costs — \$2,294.50.

Pagosa Springs resident killed in accident near Fairplay

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Santiago Villalobos, a 21-year-old Pagosa Springs resident, was killed in a crash along U.S. 285 Friday morning, according to a press release from the Colorado State Patrol (CSP).

The two-vehicle crash, which occurred at about 8:35 a.m. on March 8, took place approximately 7 miles north of Fairplay, according to the release.

According to investigators, a black 2002 Dodge truck was traveling southbound on U.S. 285 and lost control on an icy road. A 2019 White Dodge Ram 1500 was traveling northbound on the highway and the two vehicles collided. Both trucks traveled off the highway after impact.

Villalobos was wearing his seat belt, but died on scene.

Michael Castellano, a 34-year-old man from Dallas, Texas, was driving the 2019 Ram 1500. Castel-

lano and his passenger were taken to a hospital in Lakewood. Their conditions were not released, according to the press release.

Villalobos was a graduate of Pagosa Springs High School, and was known by many locally according to his cousin, Erick Villalobos.

Santiago Villalobos worked at Ramon's restaurant and was on his way to work when the accident occurred.

Santiago Villalobos' parents are currently asking for donations

to help transport him back to the family's native country.

Donations can be made to the family's GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/ayudanos-a>.

"A relative's death is never easy, but we need all the help we can get right now," wrote Erick Villalobos.

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Potholes

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shopping center at Country Center Drive, on Talisman Drive, North Pagosa Boulevard and at the post office, among others.

Talisman Drive is maintained by the Town of Pagosa Springs, and North Pagosa Boulevard is maintained by the county.

U.S. 160 is maintained by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

The properties located within the Country Center Drive shopping center are private, including most of Country Center Drive itself, and about nine owners are responsible for various sections of the roads within the parking lot.

Wyndham owns part of the eastern entrance that leads into the shopping center, and North Pagosa Realty LLC owns nearly the entire portion of the western entrance that stretches from North Pagosa Boulevard to the roundabout within the parking lot.

Pagosa Springs Planning Director James Dickhoff noted that property owners with vacant land may not see an incentive to keeping their section of roadway maintained.

"Although it may be perceived it is that property owner's responsibility [to maintain Country Center Drive], there's a number of properties that aren't developed that this road goes through, so they find it hard to justify repairing the roadway when they have no business that that roadway is actually bringing customers to," said Dickhoff.

Warren Sackman, co-owner of North Pagosa Realty and the vacant property that includes much of the western entrance to the shopping center, explained that he understands the importance of maintaining his section of roadway and is working with other business owners in the shopping center to fix the problem.

"I know it's been an issue," said

Sackman in an interview with The SUN, adding, "We own that corner property, obviously [Country Center Drive] goes through our property as an easement and we are obligated to maintain a portion of that road."

Sackman explained that Rusty Hector, store manager at City Market, is leading a charge "to organize many of the vendors in the shopping center to coordinate this very issue of potholes," adding, "We should really have some sort of... in lieu of a better term, like a homeowners' association for that shopping center, where there are dues paid and to help maintain certain parts of the roadway and everything else, but it's just not set up that way."

Sackman currently lives in the state of New York and explained he tries to get to Pagosa "at least once every other month."

Dickhoff also suggested a property owners' association would be a good move to keep the shopping center roadways in good condition.

"My role in the past has been trying to encourage them to create a property owners' association so that they're all contributing to the maintenance of [Country Center Drive]..." said Dickhoff.

City Market is currently maintaining the entire parking lot, including parts of Country Center Drive that it doesn't own, with permission from other property owners, according to Kroger spokesman Adam Williamson in a phone interview.

"We've consistently been aiding in that entire lot... because customers have to drive through there to get to our space and we don't want them not coming to our store because they're like, 'Yeah, my car's gonna roll over in one of these holes.'"

Williamson also gave an update on Hector's local efforts to establish a property owners' association.

"[Hector] got the approval to ask if we can get an association together, so we can work to ensure the entire

parking lot is safe... with the ones he's reached out to thus far, several [property owners] have said, 'Absolutely we'll assist with that.' Everyone's cooperating," said Williamson.

In a statement to The SUN, Williamson wrote, "Safety of our associates and customers is our #1 priority... Our hopes are that [the potholes] will be fixed this week."

Dickhoff also explained the town could adopt a property maintenance code to require owners to fix roads outside their businesses, but it hasn't done it yet.

"We haven't adopted the property maintenance code, which would give us a little bit more enforcement capacity to require [better maintained roads]. We have been looking at it, but we have not adopted it," said Dickhoff.

The three different entities responsible for the Pagosa area's roads, CDOT, the town and the county, have varying ways of identifying and prioritizing potholes and road damage.

The town starts "working from downtown to uptown and then after the next storm [crews are] switching and working from uptown back to downtown to try to be as fair to the residents as possible," said Schmidt, adding that the town's streets supervisor prioritizes fixing larger potholes first.

Pagosa's local CDOT crew monitors U.S. 160 daily and "know the roads the best and they're certainly aware of potholes in the area," according to CDOT spokeswoman Lisa Schwantes in a phone interview to The SUN.

Bob Perry, Archuleta County public works director, stated in a phone interview that "obviously the most traveled roads will get priority first" and that average daily traffic calculations significantly influence which roads take priority.

Perry also stated that the Road and Bridge Department was hoping

to repair the entirety of North Pagosa Boulevard this year, but "because of the jail situation, we're not going to be able to."

Asked if his budget had been cut, Perry replied, "Yeah, by half a million dollars." Perry explained that this takes effect for this budget year, 2019.

"We were hoping to get [North Pagosa Boulevard] done this year, but we're not because it's a million-and-half-dollar, \$2 million project in there. You know, you lose half a million dollars out of your money, you can't do that," said Perry.

Repairs to part of the road are still scheduled for this year.

The \$500,000 was "basically" cut from Road and Bridge's capital fund, according to Perry, which is different from its maintenance budget.

"Maintenance money is patching, cracks, sealing, putting gravel down, snowplowing, those kinds of things. The capital money does these big projects like Piedra Road last year, East Golf, Backswing, Butte

and Monument that we did last year, last summer. That's been with capital money, when we put it out to bid and have contractors do the work," explained Perry.

Perry noted he has 13 employees working to maintain 320 miles of road in the county.

Schmidt explained the town has about five employees maintaining roads within the town limits.

"Between traffic control, cleaning out the potholes and shoveling, taking care of snow that's happening and all that, we're working as fast as we can," said Schmidt.

CDOT's local crew, which maintains U.S. 160 from about Lake Capote to U.S. 84, then down U.S. 84 to the New Mexico state line, includes five people.

Wolf Creek Pass and the part of U.S. 160 east of the intersection with U.S. 84 is maintained by a different CDOT crew, according to Schwantes.

Both Schwantes and Schmidt noted that the weather conditions

have sped up how fast holes in the road get bigger.

"You get water that creeps into cracks and then when it freezes it expands and it makes that crack bigger or the crevasse bigger. Then it thaws out and so that crevasse is already bigger and so the next time water gets in there it's a larger crack... It's a vicious cycle," explained Schwantes.

Schmidt characterized the process by saying, "It's the same way the rocks break in the mountains, the roads break in town."

Schmidt also advised drivers to literally stay in their lane when driving near potholes.

"You see a lot of people taking chances to dodge a pothole, and a flat tire is a lot better than an accident," said Schmidt, adding, "I encourage people to make sure no matter what they're doing on the road, that they stay on their side of the road and don't cross the center line."

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Stane

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"The plea agreement was due in part to the unavailability of necessary witnesses for the prosecution at trial," Lowe explained in a statement to The SUN.

The Incident

The charge against Stane stemmed from a discovery made on Saturday, Oct. 15, 1988, when a group of tourists from Georgia discovered a body floating in a shallow hot springs pool located along what is now Hot Springs Boulevard, across the street from where the U.S. Post Office is now located, Scott Maxwell, formerly a detective with the Pagosa Springs Police Department, explained previously. That pool was commonly referred to as the "hippie hole."

The body found was that of Vickie Dexter, 40, who had moved to Pagosa Springs earlier that year.

The pool, which was located on private property, was later closed and filled in.

Maxwell previously reported that Dexter died from multiple injuries, but, according to a SUN report from 1988, an autopsy done in the days following the discovery revealed Dexter died of asphyxiation, with the probable cause being strangulation.

During the 2013 trial, it was revealed that Dexter also had a bruised face, her right eye was swollen shut, scrapes and drag marks were found on the body, and blood was coming from Dexter's nose and mouth. Her hyoid bone

was crushed, indicating strangulation.

The 1988 investigation into the incident quickly centered on a person of interest after completing over 80 interviews within the first week of the incident, Don Volger, former police chief, explained at the time, but no arrest was made.

That person of interest was Stane, a truck driver in town at the time who, according to Maxwell, was identified as being in the company of Dexter the night before her body was found.

A verdict overturned

A November 2017 unpublished opinion on the matter — written by Judge Anthony Navarro, with judges Karen Ashby and Gilbert Roman concurring — focuses heavily on the use of Stane's past sexual assault convictions.

Lowe previously explained unpublished opinions are not binding precedent.

"Defendant Charles Ray Stane, appeals the judgment of conviction entered on a jury verdict finding him guilty of second degree murder. We reverse and remand for a new trial," the 27-page opinion states.

"During the trial, the prosecution introduced evidence of Stane's sexual assault convictions in two other cases to prove his identity as the murderer of V.D. by showing his modus operandi and common scheme or plan. On appeal, Stane contends that the trial court erred in admitting this evidence. We agree and further conclude that

the error was not harmless," the opinion states after noting that Stane was not charged with sexual assault in the case in question.

"Before and during trial, Stane objected to this evidence," the opinion later states. "He argued that, because he was not charged with sexual assault in this case, evidence of his sexual assault convictions in other cases was not logically relevant. He also argued that the other acts were not similar enough to the charged offense to prove identity through modus operandi or common scheme or plan. Finally, he maintained that any probative value would be substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice."

The opinion also notes that the trial court disagreed in a pretrial ruling, allowing the evidence due to the similarities before delving into when such evidence is admissible and the use of the evidence in Stane's 2013 trial.

"In light of the above," the final page of the opinion states, "we perceive a reasonable probability that the improperly admitted evidence contributed to Stane's conviction by substantially influencing the verdict or impairing the fairness of the trial. The probability is sufficient to undermine our confidence in the outcome of the case... So, we must reverse Stane's conviction and remand for a new trial."

Stane is represented by Barrie Newberger-King and Christian Izaguirre.

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Pump malfunction causes sewage leak at town station

By **Chris Mannara**
Staff Writer

On March 9, a reported sewage leak of about 5,000 gallons occurred at a pump station.

Pump station 2 (PS2) is owned by the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District, and Town Public Works Director Martin Schmidt explained that there was a communication error between pump station 1 (PS1) and PS2, which caused the leak.

"The PS2 pumps did not kick on when the PS1 pumps did," Schmidt said.

The pump stations themselves have vaults, and when PS1 turns on, it starts filling the vault; when that vault gets full, PS2 then starts, Schmidt explained further.

"It was a communication error between the two stations, which is an automated communication error," he noted.

Both pump stations are constantly in communication with one another, and Schmidt noted that a potential computer fault was what caused the miscommunication.

In response to the leak, PS1 was shut down, which immediately stopped the leak, he explained.

The spill itself of the sewage occurred on land that is inhabited by cattle in the summer, Schmidt explained, so it did not affect any homes, walking areas or public places.

"In that case, it wasn't a big spill, but we aim to not have any," Schmidt said, adding that the town is making sure that this does not happen again.

"We did treat all of the affected ground to decontaminate it," Schmidt said.

Soil tests are also planned to be done later in the year on the affected ground, Schmidt noted.

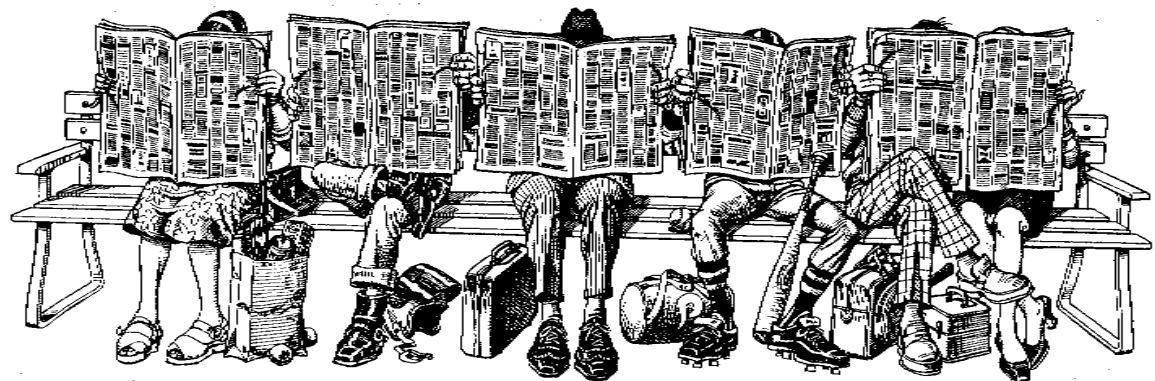
None of the spill got into the San Juan River, Schmidt added later.

"It was all in a field right there by the pump station," Schmidt said.

By Monday morning, the decontamination process was finished, Schmidt concluded.

According to Schmidt, PS2 pushes sewage uphill to the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District's (PAWSD) treatment facility.

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Rights

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"We're gonna uphold the constitution of the state of Colorado and the constitution of the United States," added Woodman.

Recently, Colorado towns and counties like Craig and Moffat County have passed measures that make them a "sanctuary" for Second Amendment rights.

This comes as a response to Colorado House Bill 19-1177, also known as "Extreme Risk Protection Orders" or the "red flag bill," which is currently under consideration in the Colorado House of Representatives.

The bill would allow family members or law enforcement to petition a court to take away a resident's firearms for up to 14 days if that person is determined by a judge to be a threat to themselves or others.

Some regard the proposed legislation as a violation of Second Amendment rights.

Resolution 2013-19, passed by the BoCC on April 23, 2013, states that "Archuleta county... will uphold the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States" and "that neither the United States congress nor the Colorado General

Assembly should enact any legislation that contradicts the Second Amendment."

"I believe in the second amendment, and I believe in the bill of rights. I took an oath to uphold the constitution and I am very concerned by that 'red flag' or whatever it is. I am very concerned about that type of legislation," said Commissioner Steve Wadley in a phone interview, adding, "I think there's a possibility the board might take a position on the Senate bill, the red flag Senate bill," added Wadley.

Other Colorado towns and counties that have passed similar resolutions recently have a much longer and detailed version than was passed by the BoCC in 2013.

Commissioner Alvin Schaaf explained at the BoCC's March 12 work session that he had spoken to Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez, and he had deemed the 2013 resolution "good enough" to continue to protect the Second Amendment rights of citizens in Archuleta County.

Valdez stated via phone that the resolution does not make the county a "sanctuary," but that county officials and staff are wholeheartedly determined to uphold

the constitution.

"The bottom line is we're going to support the constitution 100 percent," said Valdez, adding, "So if those [laws] come down we're gonna treat that the same way we did the other gun laws that came in that were in violation of the Second Amendment."

The text of Resolution 2013-19 is as follows:

"WHEREAS, the right to arms and self defense is recognized in State Constitutions and

"WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States provides 'A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed,' and

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Archuleta County by and through its Board of County Commissioners, will uphold the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States,

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that neither the United States congress nor the Colorado General Assembly should enact any legislation that contradicts the Second Amendment."

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Awards

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a red carpet event at the Sie Film Center on March 12.

Gold Key works will be judged nationally by a panel of creative industry experts to receive national medals, including gold, silver, American Visions and Voices, Portfolio Silver with Distinction or Portfolio Gold Medals and special awards. National medalists will be recognized at the national ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City in June.

We would like to congratulate the following students for the awards they earned at this year's Scholastic Art and Writing Awards:

- Madeline Stewart received a Gold Key in photography.
- Celia Taylor received a Gold Key in drawing.
- Marie Wright received a Silver Key in drawing.
- Harmony Goss received an honorable mention in filmmaking.

Good luck to our Gold Key recipients.

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crash.

The driver of the Ford, Mariano Hernandez Morales, 45, the front-seat passenger, Gustavo Morales, 50, and a juvenile passenger, of Denver, Colo., were transported to Rio Grande Hospital. The driver and juvenile passenger had serious injuries.

Drugs, alcohol and excessive speed are considered factors in this crash, which is still under investigation.

Fatality

Education

Charter school narrows down search for new school director

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As the search continues for a new school director to fill the soon-to-be vacant position, it was reported that Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) has narrowed its candidate pool down to five.

At a regular meeting of the PPOS Board of Directors on March 11, PPOS board member John Daffron gave an update to the board on the hiring process.

Daffron is also the chair of the PPOS School Accountability Committee (SAC), the group that is heading the effort to hire a new school director.

Current School Director James Lewicki announced his resignation in an email to The SUN on Dec. 1, citing personal reasons for his

resignation.

However, Lewicki noted in that email that he would remain school director for the remainder of this school year.

During the meeting, Daffron explained that the SAC started out the process with 36 total resumes.

After a paper screening, that number was whittled down to 13 or 14 candidates, according to Daffron.

Another paper screening process was implemented to further narrow down the candidate pool, Daffron noted.

"We had kind of a logical cutoff. After seven resumes there's quite a big drop," Daffron said. "We have since interviewed, virtually interviewed, those seven candidates and lopped them down to five. We're interviewing those five this week, by the end of this week that will be

down to the final three."

PPOS has to make the finalists for the school director position public for two weeks before making a job offer.

PPOS Board President Ursula Hudson noted that, hopefully, by the board's next meeting on April 1, the three finalists will be able to come to the school and attend a board meeting.

The following day, Hudson explained, the candidates will continue to visit the school and staff and will ultimately be interviewed by a panel of PPOS stakeholders.

That interview panel consists of two PPOS board members, two PPOS staff members, two SAC members and two PPOS students.

The job offer to the potential new school director will hopefully be made on April 3, Daffron noted.

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Fifth-graders identify 34 bird species and high water yields in the snowpack for Science on Snow Day

By Keith Bruno
Special to The SUN

Last Friday, March 8, fifth-graders from Pagosa Springs Middle School conducted the third annual Science on Snow at the base of Reservoir Hill.

Due to the heavy snowfall that preceded the Friday of President's Day weekend (the Great Backyard Bird Count) and subsequent school closures, this event was a re-scheduled date as we finally identified and squeaked in a half-day of only minor inclement weather.

This effort was conceived in 2017 in a collaborative manner between fifth-grade science teacher Chris Couch and Audubon Rockies educator Keith Bruno as a way to introduce the students to the variety and fun of field sciences and legitimately involve them in a community science data-collection event.

This year, students logged 34 species on our online eBird report of birds along the San Juan Riverwalk, a big step up from the 25 species we documented in both 2017 and 2018.

Outside of the birding, students rotated through another four stations that included some avalanche science drills (beacon searches, snow stability tests and temperature gradient discussion) with Wolf Creek Ski Area Ski Patrol Director Eric Deitemeyer, tree-ring methods, identification and exploration of Reservoir Hill with local dendrochronologist Herb Grover, the construction of winter-adapted snow sculptures in Town



Keith Bruno of the Audubon Rockies demonstrates how to calculate how much water is in snow as part of the fifth-grade Science on Snow event on March 8. Students from Pagosa Springs Middle School were treated to bird watching, snow science, tree science and various other activities with leaders from various organizations.

Photo courtesy Heather Miller

Park, and snow science observations and SWE (snow water equivalent) calculations to assess how much water the snowpack may yield and what implications that may hold for our local economy.

Some takeaways: Even though we were two weeks closer to spring and thus a little more diversity can be chalked up to the timing, this count included some rarely seen species, such as Wilson's snipe, killdeer, a sharp-shinned hawk,

the arrival of bluebirds and early "flycatching" of Say's phoebes, and several species of waterfowl, including snow geese, to name a few.

And, students are feeling a lot more confident about our snowpack this year (and psyched about a longer tubing season). The more that we involve youth in this discussion of how natural resources directly impact our local economy and provide them the tools to sample those inherent

characteristics, the more likely we are to promote career opportunities and engagement in the outdoors. After all, these are the future stewards of this beautiful corner of the Rockies.

Thank you to the volunteers who contributed their time and expertise toward this effort, including (those not mentioned above) Ben Bailey, Dottie George, Byron Greco, Charles Martinez, Loyette Stewart and Jean Zirnheld.

Compare award letters to find the best college deal

By Tim Ballard
Special to The SUN

Most high school seniors headed for college will soon be receiving financial aid award letters. Seniors and their parents should read those letters carefully.

The letter will usually show the total cost of attendance for one year, including tuition, fees, room, meals, books, supplies, transportation and personal expenses.

It may also show how much the student's family is expected to pay toward those costs, the expected family contribution (EFC). The EFC is subtracted from the total cost of attendance to get a student's financial need. The letter will then list various sources of financial aid offered to pay for the costs not covered by the EFC. Students can accept or reject any or all of those proposed sources.

Students can also appeal the

awards if their family's financial circumstances have changed.

One consideration is how much of the aid being offered is in federal student loans, which have to be repaid. If the package includes federal loans and isn't enough to pay all expenses, students may be looking at a private loan. Comparison shopping is a must in that case.

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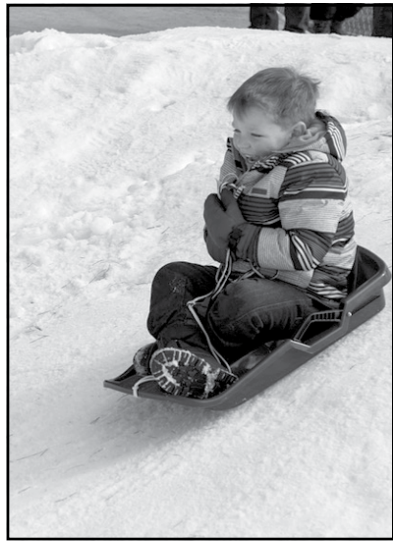
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Students, parents and extended families enjoyed sledding, building snowmen, making ice cream and wintry crafts as part of the center's WinterFest celebration held last month.

Seeds of Learning celebrates second annual WinterFest

By **Eddie Abbott**
Special to The SUN

About 60 students, parents and extended families, along with some teachers, enjoyed outdoor family fun at Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center on Feb. 2.

Members of the Family Involvement

Committee at Seeds worked to make this year's WinterFest a success.

"We wanted to create outdoor physical and creative activities the families could enjoy together," said Linda Hobbs, spokesperson for the committee.

With a wonderful wintry backdrop, the stage was set for sledding,

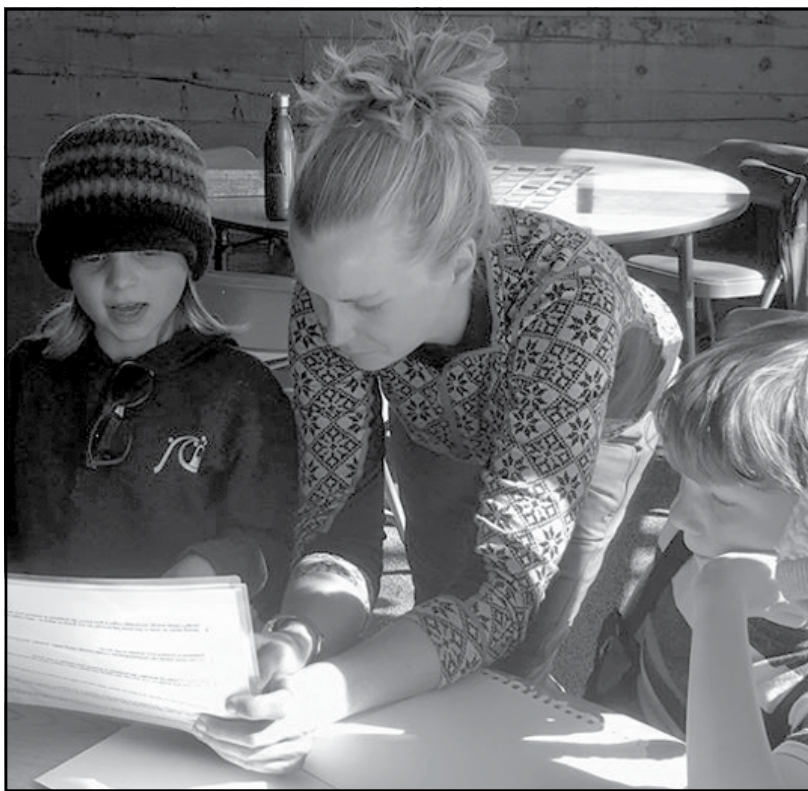
building snowmen, making ice cream and wintry crafts.

"The bunny-size sled hills for the young children were the most popular activity enjoyed by old and young alike" said Eddie Abbott, board member and parent.

Crafts included making pinecone bird feeders to hang at home to feed the birds and fingerprint

ing/rubber stamping on wintry scenes. Families learned how to make snow ice cream while enjoying some hot cocoa and visiting with one another.

The Family Involvement Committee's mission is to build a strong relationship between, staff, family and students, and to foster a love of learning.



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Pagosa Peak Open School students participate in an educational exploration of snow science at Sonlight Camp to learn how snow affects our community.

Charter school students study snow science

By **Alison Beach**
Special to The SUN

At the beginning of February, students from Pagosa Peak Open School ventured to Sonlight Camp for an educational exploration of snow science hosted by Audubon Rockies to learn how snow affects our mountain community.

In addition to snowshoeing and animal tracking, students used scientific tools such as magnifying glasses and thermometers to compare temperatures, crystal shapes and layers of snow.

After discussing different snow crystal shapes and how snowflakes are formed, kindergarten through third-grade classes read a special book, "Over and Under the Snow," that details life in the subnivean zone — that is, life under the snow. To survive the winter, the subnivean zone is where animals make their dens, tunnels and burrows.

Card games helped the children learn how to match a track to its corresponding animal. Students discovered that animal tracking

can tell a fascinating story. They individually used animal track stamps to create a story and then retold their stories to each other as a group. After this exercise, students strapped on some snowshoes to learn how to move like animals in the snow. They even found some wild turkey tracks to observe.

To understand snow and temperature, the children dug a pit to the ground and measured the temperature at several different levels. At the top of the pit the temperature was 23 degrees, but as the students measured toward the ground, they were surprised to find the temperature actually rose all the way to 33 degrees at ground level.

Third- through fifth-grade students learned through three content stations set up by Audubon Rockies. One station focused on winter adaptation. They discussed how traits and characteristics that allow animals to survive in the San Juan Mountains. Students then sculpted imaginary animals in the snow capable of surviving in this portion of the Rocky Mountains.

At the end of this station, students proceeded through a "gallery walk" to show off their respective "critters" and explain what adaptations allow them to survive.

At another station, these third-through fifth-grade students also discovered the movement of animals in the snow through snowshoeing, tracking and an observational hike. They identified the three P's — print, pattern, place — that help one with the detective work of identifying tracks of what critters are on the landscape. Students learned how to group different mechanisms of moving through the snow. Is the animal a walker (deer, coyote), a hopper (snowshoe hare), a bounder (weasels) or a waddler (bear)?

The final Audubon Rockies station had students digging snow pits, identifying and counting layers in the snow and discussing the history of winter that can be discerned from examining snow layers. Students calculated snow water equivalent (SWE) — what percentage of a given snowpack

would be reduced to water if it were to melt instantaneously. This directly impressed upon students the impact of snowfall on the Pagosa Springs community. How does water impact our recreational tourism? Agriculture? Wildfire resiliency?

Our students discussed San Juan Mountain wildlife and the importance of snow to our county.

At Sonlight Camp, through snow science exploration, the students learned about how snowpack affects the economics of our area and the western United States.

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Planning and assessments identified as focus areas for charter school

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As part of a Colorado School Support Initiative (CSSI) report, standards and instructional planning, as well as assessment practices, were identified as educational focus area improvements for Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS).

The CSSI is a movement that is headed by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and is "to set a course for self-improvement in the early years of development," according to the CDE's website.

"The CSSI process begins with an intensive three day site visit, after which the school receives a detailed report based on the rubric, with recommendations for research-based steps to improve school performance," the website states.

A verbal report was given to the PPOS board by CSSI team lead Erin Sciscione during PPOS's regular meeting on March 11.

"This is a visit that is related to the school getting the CSP [Charter Schools Program] grant prior to opening," Sciscione said during the meeting.

Per documentation, CSSI team members Sciscione, Liza Eaton, Scott Mengel and Katrina Brossia all visited PPOS from Dec. 17-Dec. 19, 2018, to conduct their study.

The CSSI report summary explains that a review was done of PPOS's essential documents and classrooms, and formal interviews were also conducted with School Director James Lewicki, teachers, PPOS board members and other staff members.

Some students and parents were also reportedly interviewed.

The CSSI team then crafted a report that assigned ratings to 10 standards for success at PPOS.

These 10 standards fell into three categories that addressed: teaching for learning, organizing for results and organizational effectiveness.

Additionally, these 10 standards had a variety of substandards accompanying them further addressing details of the original standard.

Standards nine and 10, however, dealt primarily with the school board and fiscal management of the school, while standards one through eight dealt with the educational aspects of PPOS.

The rating system for each standard is as follows:

- Level 4: "Developed and fully implemented on an ongoing and sustained basis."
- Level 3: "Developed and generally implemented throughout the school."
- Level 2: "Initial development and/or partially implemented."
- Level 1: "Initial development and/or minimal implementation."

Of the 10 standards measured by the CSSI team for PPOS, 46 subsections were given ratings from the CSSI rating system.

Of those 46 subsections, 13 fell into Level 1, while 24 were in Level 2. PPOS had nine subsections in Level 3 and none in Level 4.

The CSSI report also touched on strengths and focus areas for PPOS's school board and fiscal management.

The PPOS governing board featured two subsections in Level 3, while five were in Level 2 and one was in Level 1.

PPOS's fiscal management features four subsections in Level 3, while five are in Level 2.

Of the 10 overall sections measured, the CSSI team identified standards and instructional planning, and assessment of and for learning as the two focus areas for

PPOS.

Those two focus areas had three indicators each, and they all fell into the Level 1 category.

"It's not to say that there are not other things to work on, or that there are not other successes within those categories, it's just that came out as the highest leverage priority based on the team protocol," Sciscione explained.

During the meeting, Sciscione explained that, educationally, the CSSI team thought that the individualized learning plans at PPOS were a great foundation.

"Teachers and leaders were super committed to the mission of the school, and that showed up in all sorts of ways," Sciscione said.

Sciscione noted that the CSSI team used the CDE's standards for quality schools in its evaluation.

"Those are 10 standards that are meant to capture what really high-quality schools do, and that those would be like the same expectations for a school in its 10th year of implementation," she explained.

Standards and instructional planning

The first area of focus the CSSI team identified for PPOS involved standards and instructional planning.

Within this focus area, the CSSI team measured standards-based focus, guaranteed and viable curriculum, and instructional planning as the three indicators.

"We basically found that what you all are trying to do within your model is complex, hard, rigorous work," Sciscione said.

The CSSI reports notes that each of the three indicators have positive foundations on which to build.

For standards-based focus, the report explains that PPOS has selected a common math curriculum that is used across all grades.

Additionally the CSSI report notes that some teachers reported using standards to create project-based learning plans to communicate grade-level expectations and standards.

In addition, teachers at PPOS reported having enough time, materials and tools for planning.

PPOS's mission was designed to also emphasize relevance and application through project-based learning, the report notes.

In addition, the CSSI report explains that PPOS teachers and leaders were in the beginning stages of curriculum coordination across academic programs.

However, within the CSSI report, key areas for improvement for each indicator were also noted.

In regard to standards-based focus, the report notes, "Most teachers reported that they did not analyze standards in the context of the curriculum."

After further observation and interviews, it was revealed to the CSSI team that PPOS teachers do not regularly collect or use formative assessment data in their classes.

"Teachers and leaders reported that there were no curriculum maps that guided teachers' planning and instruction. In grades where there are multiple ages, teachers were not able to clearly articulate the difference in expectations for each grade level," the report explains.

Additional findings within the CSSI report note that PPOS does not have common curriculum maps and planning expectations, among other things, used for monitoring the implementation of the curriculum.

"Some of the curriculum that

was adopted was not being used cohesively across the school, and didn't necessarily lend itself to a project-based learning model, either," Sciscione explained.

"Staff members and parents consistently shared that they are bought into the mission and vision of the school and that they use it as an anchor for their work and decisions," the report explains, adding that PPOS students also shared that they have a trusted adult.

The CSSI report also praises PPOS leadership for having a large amount of respect for its staff and community members, noting that the decision-making process at the school often includes as many voices as possible.

"However, the emphasis on relationship development, shared decision making and teacher autonomy has resulted in a lack of cohesive curriculum and assessment practices," the report explains.

The report goes on to state that the CSSI team believes that there are many foundational strengths that PPOS can build on; however, the school needs to make decisions to ensure that teachers are implementing high-quality curriculum materials.

By implementing a guaranteed curriculum across the school, it ensures that students can grow toward mastery of standards regardless of class or teacher, the report explains.

Once the curriculum materials are selected, PPOS teachers will need significant professional development, Sciscione noted.

The report also touches on implementing place- and project-based learning for subjects such as English language arts and establishing consistent behavior expectations.

Assessments

The second focus area for PPOS that was identified within the report was on assessments.

The indicators touched upon in this section include: use of assessment and data, and assessment for learning and of learning.

CSSI reported positively that PPOS is utilizing methods to analyze state assessments, several teachers are using external data to determine mastery of standards and the state assessment data is being shared with parents.

However, the report notes that while PPOS teachers did go through some training to analyze and interpret state assessment, half of the teachers interviewed requested more training as they do not know how to dig into the data deeply.

The report also touches on how no common process is used for data dialogue, as well as issues regarding not collecting classroom-level assessment data and reviewing assessments for grade-level alignment.

For learning, the report notes that teachers reported that assessment data is not being used to guide decisions around instruction or intervention, and that teachers and leaders noted that teachers do not know how to disaggregate data yet.

Because teachers do not know how to interpret the data, the report describes that teachers reported that they are not giving classroom-level interim or summative assessments beyond spelling and math tests.

The CSSI report goes on to recommend that PPOS create a cohesive system of assessments that is school-wide.

"It would be odd to recommend an approach to curriculum adoption without a simultaneous approach to assessment adop-

tion," Sciscione said.

Board comments

After Sciscione's report, PPOS board member John Daffron explained that he was "perturbed" by the CSSI report.

"Because we talked about this at the beginning of the school year when we were looking at last year's scores," Daffron said. "And I thought that's what was going on in the school this year."

Daffron raised a question about what exactly the CSSI team saw in its visit to PPOS that led them to its various educational conclusions featured in its report.

PPOS board member Mark Weiler noted that he had heard nothing but good things about the school's educational team.

"I rely on our internal data more than I rely on theirs," Weiler said, adding that the three-day visit by the CSSI team does not offer a full idea of what is going on at PPOS.

"Test scores gotta be there. Everybody knows that," Weiler said.

Lewicki noted that the CSSI report was useful and the school can grow from the findings.

"Is it 100 percent ground truth? Of course not. How could it be in three days?" Lewicki asked.

PPOS Board President Ursula Hudson noted that just looking at the one-page indicators is "mostly accurate."

"Most of the things that are red are top concerns," Hudson said.

Looking ahead

Lewicki explained in a follow-up interview that PPOS was required to have this CSSI visit done because the school receives charter funds.

"Every new school that receives charter funds has to do this visit," Lewicki said.

The CSSI team was reviewing charter schools in their second year and contacted Lewicki on when they could set up a time to conduct a study.

"You have to do it in your second year," Lewicki explained.

The visit was paid for out of PPOS's Colorado Charter Schools Program grant budget, Lewicki noted, also adding that it was a \$10,000 cost.

The visit is a one-time occurrence, Lewicki added.

When asked if there were any sort of hesitation to conduct the visit now, due to the age of the school, Lewicki explained that, in a perfect world, he wished the visit could have been done in year three or four of the school.

"I fully appreciate the expertise of the people, and I think it's very thorough," Lewicki said, noting that the report is a good road map.

Coming away from the verbal report from Sciscione, Lewicki noted that some of it was frustrating to see, but PPOS is still building.

"It's always good to get outside views of stuff, because you can always improve," Lewicki said.

Lewicki noted that "60 to 70 percent" of the CSSI visit was not observing classrooms, but interviewing stakeholders.

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Pagosa's Hailey Griego looks to put up a layup during Pagosa 49-47 loss to the Eaton Reds on Saturday in Denver. The loss solidified the team's fourth-place finish for the 2018-2019 season. Griego scored 11 in the affair.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pagosa's Devin Wilson, Hailey Griego and Molly Graham battle it out for the ball under Pagosa's basket with four seconds left in the March 9 third-place game. The Eaton Reds came away with the possession, allowing them to claim third place with a 49-47 win over Pagosa.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Coach Wes Lewis discusses plays with the Lady Pirates basketball team during the March 8 Final 4 matchup against the Colorado Springs Christian Lions. The Lady Pirates fell to the Lions 59-25 in the game.

Lady Pirates finish fourth at state tourney

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates brought their season to a close Saturday at the state tournament, claiming fourth place out of the 70 3A teams in Colorado.

The team finished with a 22-4 record on the season, which included a perfect 10-0 in Inter-mountain League (IML) play.

"It's disappointing to not finish a little bit better, but it was still a good year," coach Wes Lewis said.

The Lady Pirates entered the state tournament as the No. 3 seed, behind eventual champion St. Mary's and No. 2 Colorado Springs Christian.

After advancing to the Great 8 in play at Pagosa Springs High School the previous weekend, Pagosa traveled to the campus of the University of Denver for last week's tournament action.

As the No. 3 seed, Pagosa first took on the Lutheran Lions for the Great 8, with Pagosa having defeated Lutheran by two earlier in December 2018, 50-48.

Pagosa took a 16-10 lead by the end of the first quarter, and held a 27-16 lead at the end of the first half.

Lutheran outscored Pagosa in the third, 8-6, but the Lady Pirates rebounded in the fourth to score

13 while giving up eight to end the Lions' quest for the title.

"I thought the kids played really well defensively. We were solid; they had to work for everything we got. We did a good job guarding the three, we did a good job rebounding, we were balanced with our inside out, we got production from everybody," Lewis said. "It was just a good win."

Junior Hailey Griego put up 16 to lead her team in scoring, complementing that with seven rebounds, two steals and two blocks.

Two other Lady Pirates also logged double-digit points: junior Teagan Stretton with 11 (including a 3-pointer) and senior Devin Wilson with 10 (including a pair of 3-pointers). Stretton also had six rebounds, four assists and two steals. Wilson logged five rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Molly Graham, a freshman, added three points, three rebounds, one assist and a block.

Sophomores River Pitcher and Adelyn Dozier, as well as junior Elsa Lindner, each added two. Dozier also pulled down a rebound, and Lindner pulled down three.

The team made 17 of 28 attempts from the free-throw line, including a 6-for-9 night by Griego and a 6-for-6 effort by Stretton.

The team turned the ball over

11 times.

For the next day's Final 4 matchup, Pagosa took on more lions, this time the Colorado Springs Christian Lions.

And, again, the Lady Pirates were facing a familiar opponent, having lost to Colorado Springs Christian 57-39 in December 2018.

Colorado Springs Christian defeated the No. 10 Centauri Falcons 60-48 in the Great 8.

"We watched CS Christian not shoot the ball very good against Centauri and felt like, boy, ... if they didn't shoot light's out, we'd be fine."

Unfortunately for the Lady Pirates, that was not the case, and Colorado Springs Christian hit 12 of 24 3-point attempts in the game, which Wes Lewis noted, "is a really good percentage from the 3-point line."

The coach added, "I just felt like if we could contain the three, which we didn't, we'd be in pretty good shape, and they just, for whatever reason, they just shot extremely well against us again."

By the end of the first quarter, the Lady Pirates found themselves behind 19-7, with that deficit stretching to 33-12 in favor of the Lions by halftime.

Pagosa surged back in the third, scoring 14 to Colorado Springs Christian's 11, but the Lions scored

15 in the fourth while limiting Pagosa to nine.

With the 59-35 win, the Lions advanced to the championship game and sent Pagosa to the third-place game.

In Saturday's championship game, the Lions were one for 19 from the 3-point line, Wes Lewis pointed out.

The coach noted the Pirates played a lot better in the second half.

"We had just dug ourselves a 20-point hole, and it was too much to come back from. So, it was just unfortunate that they shot the ball so well in the early going," he said.

Griego was the sole Pirate to log double-digit points with 11, and she added six rebounds and a steal.

Lindner and junior Taylor Lewis each added six points. Along with her points, Lindner's stat line includes three rebounds, an assist and a steal. Taylor Lewis' six points came from a pair of 3-pointers, and she also chalked up two assists and a block.

Dozier added five points, including a 3-pointer, and pulled down a rebound.

Stretton had a 3-pointer, three assists and a steal.

Wilson put up two points in the game, and had three rebounds and a steal.

Pagosa made five of 10 attempts from the charity stripe.

Then, in the third-place game, the Lady Pirates faced yet another familiar opponent, the No. 5 Eaton Reds. The Reds had upset No. 4 Delta 53-45 in the Great 8 before falling to No. 1 St. Mary's 54-20 in the Final 4.

"I thought the kids were really ready to play. They appeared ready to play," Wes Lewis said, but added that, in warm-ups, the team seemed lackadaisical and unfocused.

Eaton took an early lead over Pagosa in the game, 14-11 by the end of the first, and the two teams each put up eight points in the second quarter.

"I was really disappointed that we didn't play better in the early going," the coach said, stating he was unsure of the reason why.

Pagosa outscored Eaton 16-13 in the third to tie the game at 35 heading into the final period.

That period, too, was neck and neck, with Eaton pulling out a two-point win, 49-47, after a shot by Wilson failed to go in the basket with only seconds remaining before the final buzzer.

The coach called the game "disappointing."

"I kind of felt like we would win that game, we were the better team, but Eaton had a couple

kids that played really well and we hurt ourselves in the early going with turnovers and some missed opportunities. ... In a nutshell, we came home fourth."

Wilson scored 15 in her final game as a Lady Pirate, putting up three 3-pointers, and added two rebounds, three assists, three steals and a block.

Griego followed with 11 points and six rebounds.

Taylor Lewis followed with eight points, four rebounds, four assists and a steal.

Graham put up seven, and complemented that with six rebounds, two assists and a block.

Stretton added six before leaving the game late due to injury. She also had five rebounds, an assist and a steal.

Lindner recorded three rebounds and block, and Dozier logged two assists.

Pagosa made 10 of 19 attempts from the free-throw line and turned the ball over 11 times.

The other IML team in the Great 8, No. 9 Alamosa, fell to St. Mary's 53-38.

St. Mary's defeated Colorado Springs Christian by a score of 56-34 in the title game.

But now, with another year in the books, Pagosa's team will be ■ See State A12



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TRACK

Pirate track and field set to get underway this Friday

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The dawn of track and field season is near, with the Pagosa Springs High School Pirates gearing up for their first event of the season at the Center Invitational on Friday, March 15.

"A meet is kind of like a three-ring circus," said coach Connie O'Donnell when asked how to illustrate track and field for folks who have never been to an event. "There's running and jumping and throwing all going on at the same time."

This year's Pirates team is big, with 30 girls and 34 boys.

"I'm excited to just have enough people to put in events because last year we hardly had any sprint relays just 'cause we didn't have the numbers to make a relay. I'm excited to be able to participate in all the events," said O'Donnell.

The track and field team has a slew of returning members, including about 10 who qualified for state last year.

On the boys' side, Cade Cowan, Paul Farrah, Mitch Lewis, Isaac Stew-

art and Michael Wedemeyer are all returning from their state-qualifying seasons last year.

On the girls' side, Piedra Goss, Emma Heidelmeier, River Pitcher and McKenzie Wedemeyer are all returning as state-qualifying veterans.

"We have a lot of people that are hard workers," said O'Donnell.

This current winter season isn't making it easy to practice, according to O'Donnell, with the track often covered in snow.

"We practice on the pavement, in the hallways ..." mused O'Donnell, adding, "We're all kind of surprised by the snow on the track."

O'Donnell has been coaching track and field for 21 years, and, historically, the track was always covered in snow.

"The last few years we've kind of been spoiled, though we're thankful for the moisture," said O'Donnell, referencing the last few years of mild winters.

O'Donnell highlighted the 100-meter dash as one of the favorite events for the team, saying, "Everyone wants to be the fastest person at the track meet."

Honing in on the team's strengths, O'Donnell boasted, "I think as a relay we might have a pretty good girls' four by eight and probably a pretty good boys' four by four, and then I think we're really strong in long and triple jump for boys."

A four by eight relay is the 4x800, where four runners each complete 800 meters, or two laps on a standard track as a team.

A four by four relay is the 4x400, where four runners each complete 400 meters, or one lap on a standard track.

O'Donnell also noted that she thinks "we're pretty strong in some of the jumping events, and I think we have a lot of younger kids that will just continue to get better."

Schedule

The following schedule for Pirates' track and field season was accurate as of March 13, but is subject to change.

On Friday, Pagosa will kick off its season at the Center Invitational at 9 a.m. at Monte Vista High School.

The team's next event is on April 6 at 9 a.m. at Ignacio High School for

the Abel Velasquez Invitational.

The next week, on April 13, the Pirates travel to Bayfield for the Pine River Invitational, which starts at 8 a.m. at Bayfield High School.

The Pirates jump and run next at the Ron Keller Invitational on March 20. The event begins at 1 p.m. at Durango High School.

The High Altitude Challenge on April 27 takes the Pirates to Alamosa High School to compete, with the event starting at 9 a.m.

The Pirates finally make a homecoming in their next event. The Terry Alley Invitational takes place at Pagosa Springs High School on May 4 at 9 a.m.

The week after, on May 11, the Pirates travel to Monte Vista for the Monte Vista Last Chance Meet at Monte Vista High School. The event begins at 8 a.m.

Finally, the track and field team will look to close out the season in Lakewood for the 2019 CHSAA 3A State Championship, which takes place May 16-18 at Jeffco Stadium. The event begins at 8 a.m. on May 16.

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SOCCER

Lady Pirate soccer draws with Buena Vista, falls to Salida

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate (0-1-1) soccer team braved not only some tough competition this past weekend, but also the elements in games against the Buena Vista Demons on March 8 and the Salida Spartans on March 9.

Buena Vista

In a tightly contested season opener, Pagosa ended with a draw against Buena Vista as the game was called two minutes into overtime due to weather.

However, throughout the game, Pagosa dominated in scoring opportunities, outshooting Buena Vista 16-2 in the game.

Both Morgan Thompson and Nicole Bartz led the Lady Pirates in shots with six, while Sarah Ross added two.

Kendall Cuick and Zoie Condre both finished with a shot on goal each.

In net for Pagosa, Diana Scott finished with four saves.

Coach Lindsey-Kurt Mason explained that this game was the first time either team had found itself on a field this season.

While the first half was disorganized for both teams, Kurt-Mason explained, in the second half, Pagosa was on Buena Vista's side of the field for the majority of the half.

"It was pretty lopsided. We just couldn't find the goal," Kurt-Mason said.

Kurt-Mason praised the Lady Pirates for continuing to attack the net against the Demons.

"They never stopped," he said. "I think if we would've scored one, they would've figured it out and probably scored a few more on top of that."

Against Buena Vista, Kurt-Mason praised senior Morgan Thompson for her efforts on the pitch.

Thompson was outstanding in her movement on the field, Kurt-Mason explained.

"She was all over the field playing deep in our box and up in the offensive third," he explained. "She was just everywhere."

Salida

The next day against Salida, the result on the scoreboard was

different, with Pagosa falling to the Spartans 8-0.

Three Spartans finished with two goals apiece, those Spartans being Laura Pelino, Rachel Pelino and Toby Lawson.

Splitting time in goal for the Lady Pirates, Scott and Haley Thompson each finished with four saves.

The Spartans were well-organized, Kurt-Mason noted.

"We got scored on four times in the first half and then four in the second half," Kurt-Mason said. "They've got a good program."

Against the Spartans, Kurt-Mason explained that Haley Thompson, a freshman, played a good game in net.

"Just to step up like that," he said, "that's a big step and shows a lot of maturity."

There's a lot of hope and potential with the Lady Pirates this season, Kurt-Mason noted, adding the team just needs to continue to work hard.

On the road again

Pagosa will once again hit the road to take on two more opponents in the next week, starting tomorrow at 6 p.m. against the Manitou Springs Mustangs (0-1 overall).

The Mustangs are coming off of a 7-0 loss in its season opener to the reigning 3A state champion, the Jefferson Academy Jaguars, on March 12.

Last season, Manitou Springs defeated Pagosa in their lone matchup by a score of 9-0.

Additionally, Manitou Springs made it to the state quarterfinals last year in the 3A state tournament as the No. 6 seed.

"I look forward to playing strong teams," Kurt-Mason said. "It makes us better."

Then, on March 19, Pagosa will travel to take on the 2A Ignacio Bobcats, with varsity action starting at 4 p.m.

Last season, Pagosa defeated Ignacio 8-0 in their only matchup of the season.

"The little things that we can control are marking better and passing more accurately," Kurt-Mason said, "trying to get the players to communicate with each other."

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BASEBALL

Pirate baseball will open season with tournament play

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team will be hitting the diamond for the first time this weekend and will be under the helm of a new head coach—former Major League Baseball pitcher Mike Remlinger.

Unfortunately for the team, that action will come not in the form of a practice, but instead the First Annual Luke Oeltjenbruns Memorial Tournament, a 12-team tournament put on by Delta High School and played at multiple sites.

"That's part of playing baseball when you have weather like this," Remlinger said, adding, "To me, that's the challenge of being a better coach, and find ways to try to prepare them as much as possible."

First, the team will play the Cedaredge Bruins in the season opener for both teams, with that game slated to begin at 11 a.m. Friday at Cedaredge High School.

Later that afternoon, the Pirates will take on the 2-1 Montrose Indians at Montrose High School at 4 p.m.

Then, on Saturday, the Pirates will take on the Delta Panthers at Delta High School at 12:30 p.m. The Pan-

thers have not played yet this season. Remlinger noted that the varsity team looks to be primarily sophomores and juniors this season.

"I'm really happy with the turnout we've had to this point," the coach said on March 5. "We're definitely going to be a young team on the varsity level, and I'm OK with that when we've got a lot of good young players."

The team has 25 to 28 players out for the program, Remlinger reported, which should help the junior varsity field a fuller team.

But how the team actually looks remains a bit of a mystery.

With Mother Nature dealing out continued moisture and cool temperatures, as of Wednesday, the team had only been able to practice outside a few times, with those instances being in an asphalt parking lot, Remlinger explained.

To get in some hitting practice, he noted, the team set up a batting cage in the wash bay of the school district's maintenance and transportation building.

"And that's part of playing in Colorado," Remlinger said, adding you deal with it and do what you have to.

He noted that the indoor work has been conducive to working on

fundamentals, but that it was concerning to not be working outside.

But, despite that, Remlinger explained what he feels one of the team's biggest strengths will be.

"I would say our biggest strength is going to be our athleticism and taking that and then applying that to being very team-oriented and working together," he said. "I think we're going to need to rely on that. Because we're young, there's going to be some moments where we make mistakes that young players make, and we're going to have to be tolerant of that."

On the other side of that, he noted, if the team avoids those mistakes, it could make "something special."

He added that he hopes to see some guys who are new to the program or the varsity level step forward "in a way nobody saw happening" and boost the team.

Remlinger noted that the Pirate pitching looks to be anchored by PJ Bailey and Eric Huddleston this season, with Zach Haines completing the battery as the team's primary catcher.

But, while the pieces are still fitting together for the team, Remlinger noted that his expectations range from a team that has fun up to a team that has the potential to gain some momentum.

Schedule

The following schedule is accurate as of March 13, but is subject to change.

Celebration

Walls

Dalton Walls, age 17, of Pagosa Springs, won double gold at the Colorado Special Olympics Winter Games March 2 and 3 at Copper Mountain.

His speedy 37-second Super G and 39-second giant slalom times won him first place in both Intermediate Young Men's age 16-21 downhill ski races.

Following this weekend's tournament, the Pirates will take part in the Ignacio tournament in Ignacio March 21-23, with games against Ignacio, Sargent and Sanford.

Pagosa will host its first game on April 2 at 2 p.m. when the Pirates welcome the Sargent Farmers to town.

The Pirates will then head to Gunnison for more tournament play on April 5 and 6, with opponents and game times to be determined.

On April 13, Pagosa will play a league doubleheader in Bayfield, with games set for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

On April 16, the Pirates will welcome the Durango Demons to town for a 3 p.m. affair.

On April 20, the team will head to Alamosa for a league doubleheader, with games set for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

On April 23, the team will head to Durango to take on the Demons at 3 p.m.

On April 27, the Pirates will return to league play with a home doubleheader against Montezuma-Cortez, with games at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

On May 4, Pagosa will host Monte Vista for a league doubleheader set to be played at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Pagosa will wrap up league play with a home doubleheader against Centauri on May 11, with games set for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Pirates will close the regular season on the road in Salida with a 3 p.m. game on May 14.

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State

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moving forward without two seniors—Wilson and DeAnn Schaaf, who was injured during the season.

"You always miss your seniors," the coach said, noting that Wilson and Schaaf brought different things and qualities to the team.

"Devin, she had a great career at Pagosa Springs," the coach said, noting that Wilson played varsity all four years and started for three years, with the team making the state tournament all four years Wilson played. "She had a great career."

In her senior campaign, Wilson played 26 games, averaging 11 points per game, 2.7 steals per

game and 4.8 rebounds per game.

"Unfortunately we lost DeAnn, in one aspect we lost her early in the season, but she was still around all year long. It was really nice having her around all year long. She was very encouraging to the young kids and very positive, just a great kid all the way around," the coach said.

The coach noted that, while the team may experiment with a few things over the summer, it will stay true to what it has been.

"We know we have a lot of key components coming back and we're going to have a good year next year," Wes Lewis said.

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Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

Emma Heidelmeier
Track



Favorite subject: Science

Comments from coach Connie O'Donnell: "Emma is a senior in her final season of track and field at PSHS. Emma has proven to be a leader in every sport in which she has participated over the past four years. Despite the physical and emotional challenges of the endurance events and jumping events she undertakes in track and field, Emma always puts forth an up-beat attitude that has a positive motivational impact on all her teammates—both the women and men. Emma's determination to succeed exemplifies her underlying spirit for competition and goodwill both on and off the athletic field, and her example will continue to guide the success of younger athletes and classmates in the current season and in future years at PSHS."



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Outdoors



Audubon program to feature Anthony Culpepper of the Mountain Studies Institute

By **Becky Herman**
Special to The SUN

On March 20 at 6 p.m. at the Methodist Church located at 434 Lewis St., the Weminuche Audubon Society (WAS) chapter of the National Audubon Society will present Anthony Culpepper, who will talk about local forests, their history and the changes which have taken place in them.

This subject fits in well with several other citizen science projects with which the WAS is involved. This program was originally scheduled for February and canceled due to the weather.

Culpepper is the associate direc-

tor of forest health for the Mountain Studies Institute (MSI); he has been with them since 2012 when he was hired as an intern assisting with a fire history study of the forest near Pagosa Springs.

Since his internship, he has designed and led numerous monitoring efforts looking at the before and after effects of forest health treatments in the San Juan mountains.

Culpepper also works on numerous other MSI projects including alpine wetland restoration, riparian vegetation monitoring, alpine vegetation monitoring, water quality monitoring, various citizen science projects and all things GIS.

Culpepper, through MSI, has

found opportunities to blend his academic background of forestry, conservation biology and GIS with community and stakeholder engagement. Currently, he works with several forest collaboratives in southwestern Colorado, including Pagosa's San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership. When not thinking about forest health collaborative efforts and forest ecology, Culpepper can be found running, skiing and backpacking throughout the San Juans.

Have you noticed changes in the forests around Pagosa? Some of these changes, while dramatic, are a part of the ecology and natural history of our forest types, while

other changes are due to the actions of land managers. Have you wondered how these changes are affecting the broader ecosystem around Pagosa? Have you wondered how these changes are being documented?

Culpepper, partnering with the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership, will help answer these questions and more. He will cover the basics of the forest's natural history; the forest and fire ecology of the eastern San Juan mountains and the current impacts to our local forests including insects, diseases and fire.

With the question, "What is being done to address these is-

sues" in mind, we will talk about current and future actions being taken in our forests and how local groups and our land managers are documenting and monitoring the impacts, positive and negative, of the activities we see out in the forests around Pagosa. Lastly, we will have an open discussion of opportunities for the public to become engaged with monitoring our forests through citizen

science.

This presentation, along with others sponsored by WAS, are open to all interested parties. Refreshments will be served. WAS encourages attendees to donate nonperishable food items to add to the church's food bank; this is a thank you for the use of the meeting room. For more information, please contact Jean Zirnhelt at 731-2985.

Learn about volunteer opportunities at Chimney Rock

By **Lace Stevens**
Special to The SUN

Several years ago, when my husband and I lived in Grand Junction, we made a jaunt of discovery through southwest Colorado. Driving east on U.S. 160 from Durango, we rounded a turn and were struck by a sudden sight — two tall rock monoliths, standing stately and majestic above the surrounding mesa. Wow.

What a marvel of nature. What are those twin towers? Is there a special significance to them? We were now on high alert — to spot them whenever the landscape allowed. Soon, we had a name for at least one of them — Chimney Rock — from the ubiquitous brown sign pointing the way to Chimney Rock National Monument. The towers came and went as our journey took us farther east. They would have made for a most interesting stop, but we had another destination calling us — though I cannot tell you what it was. Taos? The San Luis Valley? Great Sand Dunes? Bent's Old Fort? We've been to all of these places. Chimney Rock and its unnamed companion went on a long "to-do" list, waiting for another trip to this area. And then it was pretty much forgotten.

Fast forward to 2016 — we moved to Pagosa Springs. And there was Chimney Rock National Monument, calling me once again. Now, it went to the top of my "to-do" list for that first summer. Yet, the summer came and went, as did various visitors and family members to see our new home, intermingled with trips down south to see other kin. Chimney Rock remained an enigma, still calling to be explored.

However, I did learn more about Chimney Rock from the San Juan National Forest Ranger Station, where I managed to put in a few volunteer hours that first fall. And I had seen callings for volunteers to help with various operations at "The Monument." Volunteer the spring and summer of 2018 I most assuredly did.

A bit surprising that my first experience with Chimney Rock was as a volunteer, not a tourist. But that's how it went. And, I fell in love.

Chimney Rock National Monument is a special place for so many people: the Native Americans whose ancestors so very carefully designed and built remarkable dwellings and places of worship. The visitors who come to learn about this astro-archaeological site. The volunteers who meet and greet and tell the story of this

significant place for the ancestral Puebloans and how it remains important to all of us today. It is a place of learning and connections to a different time and culture in our wonderful Colorado landscape.

I look forward to this upcoming 2019 season at Chimney Rock, my second year. I still have much to learn. It's time to get at it and enjoy this most majestic and noble, mysterious place. I hope that you, too, will be called to it. It never fails.

To help community members learn about the exciting volunteer opportunities at Chimney Rock National Monument, the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) will host an open house at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library on March 22 from 12:30 to 1:30 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 26 at the PLPOA Vista Clubhouse at 230 Port Ave. in Pagosa Springs. For more information about the monument, calendar of events and volunteer opportunities, please stop by the Chimney Rock open house and enjoy desserts with our enthusiastic volunteers. We are very excited for the upcoming season starting May 15 and want to encourage the community to join us.

CRIA is proud to host a special presentation on Thursday, March 14, by archaeologist Shanna Diederichs about the influx of farmers into southwest Colorado in the seventh century. 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 (EcoLuxe building) located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd. Water is provided and the resort's cash bar will be open.

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.

Chronic wasting disease addressed with response plan

By **Colorado Parks and Wildlife**
Special to The SUN

The 2019 Colorado Big Game Brochure is out and there are plenty of regulation changes and new information for hunters to read up on in advance of the big game draw.

Spring road closures begin on the Rio Grande National Forest

Special to The SUN

Due to early spring melting, the Rio Grande National Forest has begun temporarily closing some forest roads to motorized traffic to protect road surfaces. Driving on soft roadbeds can cause unnecessary damage to the roads and may lead to increased sedimentation in creeks.

Forest Service roads will be reopened on an individual basis as road conditions improve.

Information about the current status of specific roads may be found in the "Current Conditions and Restrictions" section on the home page of the Rio Grande National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/riogrande, or call the Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor's Office at (719) 852-5941.

One of the big challenges Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) wildlife managers are tackling this year is chronic wasting disease (CWD).

The topic is gaining attention nationwide as 26 states have now reported CWD-infected animals. CWD is a prion disease that affects ungulates such as deer, elk and moose. The disease is always fatal and infected animals can develop symptoms like weight loss, stumbling and listlessness. Although there has been no evidence that CWD has yet been transmitted to humans, the Center for Disease Control, along with CPW, recommend that hunters not eat the meat of a CWD-infected animal.

CPW is addressing the problem head-on in Colorado. At its Jan. 20 meeting, the CPW Commission unanimously approved the Colorado Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan. It was the culmination of a year-long effort by the CWD Advisory Group to explore the history of CWD, the status of CWD

infection in Colorado's herds and the best available tactics for lowering CWD prevalence.

The plan provides a suite of tactics that CPW wildlife managers can implement to lower CWD prevalence. The plan's recommendations are intended to allow for a localized management approach best suited for individual herds that is in coordination with herd management plans. Some of these tactics include changing the buck-to-doe ratio, increasing harvest, and issuing more late-season tags for specific GMUs.

There is no overnight fix for CWD.

This is a 15-year plan that will use rotating mandatory tests on hunter-harvested bucks to give a complete picture of Colorado's CWD prevalence every five years.

As CWD Advisory Group member and Director of the Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance Matt Dunfee stated in his presentation to the CPW Commission, "This is

a disease you measure in decades, not years. Without action, it will only increase in prevalence and distribution."

For more information on CWD and hunting in Colorado, see page 12 of the 2019 Big Game Brochure and visit cpw.state.co.us/cwd.

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LIBRARY NEWS

What the stats say about your library

By Carole Howard

SUN Columnist, and the library staff

Annually, at this time of year, Meg Wempe, library director, prepares an annual report for the library's board of trustees summarizing the highlights of the past year. The information also is used when your library applies for grants and it is required to be shared with state, county and town governments to keep them informed.

Here is a summary of that long report on 2018 operations. You can pick up a shorter, full-color infographic version of this report at your library for your own use.

- Major objectives achieved: For the first time ever, your library now has a three-quarter-time development officer responsible for grant writing, fundraising and cultivating relationships for your library.

- Another major success was our second in-house book sale offering items that remained after the highly popular Friends of the Library book sale. It raised \$427 and drew people who had never before visited the library.

- Also, we rearranged library spaces to have all youth materials together to better serve our families, a change which has garnered a lot of positive response.

- Resource sharing: AspenCat allows our patrons access not only to the 29,215 items in our collection, but also more than 1.3 million items in the other 110 AspenCat libraries. The Colorado Library Consortium courier service provides daily delivery to subscribing libraries throughout the state.

- In 2018, we borrowed 9,750 items, up 8.3 percent from 2017, and loaned 3,191 items, up 14.6 percent. By taking advantage of the purchasing power of the State Library and Colorado Library Consortium, we subscribed to multiple educational databases including EBSCOHost, Learning Express and the Encyclopaedia Britannica at substantial savings, and purchased downloadable audio books, e-books and magazines.

- In 2018, our patrons downloaded 5,595 items, up 14.8 percent, and logged 195 sessions on our electronic databases, a decrease 45 percent from 2018. (Interestingly, the usage of our electronic data bases ebbs and flows, and can be affected by the number of school presentations we do about our free

online resources.)

- Collection development: Providing our patrons with materials that are current and relevant to the diverse interests of the community is one of our principal goals. We have 29,215 total items in our collection. In 2018, we added 3,443 items, including 455 from donations, and deleted 3,327 worn or outdated items. Our materials budget for 2019 is \$57,400, or 11 percent of our total expenses.

- Usage stats: 83,206 patrons walked through our doors last year, a 4.2 percent decrease from 2017. We checked out 93,977 items, a 4.8 decrease from 2017. We have 12,729 library cards issued, 848 of them new in 2017.

- Programming: Providing programs for all ages is a very high priority. From early literacy to adult education and lifelong learning, 4,437 people attended one or more of our 622 programs, 94 more programs in 2018. Some 631 attended one of 64 outreach events. Our programming budget for 2018 is about one percent of our total expenses.

- Donations, grants and volunteers: We are very fortunate to have the ongoing support of the community. In 2018, we received \$28,648 in donations, \$7,195 in donated items and \$6,241 in grants, 6 percent of our total revenue. Our volunteers contributed 1,437 hours, about three-quarters of a full-time position, up 32 percent from last year.

- Technology: This year we had 24,845 website visitors, 5,595 e-book and audio-book downloads, 364 Facebook likes — all up over last year — and 386 Tech Time consults, a dramatic 58 percent increase. Public computer usage in the library decreased seven percent to 17,376, no doubt because so many people are accessing our wireless service using their own devices in the library, on the benches outside our front door and in the parking lot not only during library hours but actually 24/7.

- Continuing education: To continue to provide our community with the best possible service, several of our staff attended a variety of educational and networking opportunities last year. In 2019, staff education is 1.1 percent of our total budget.

All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, March 15, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for a free PG movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to identify

the film titles in the media, but you can find them listed on the activities calendars.

Otaku Club

The Otaku (Anime/Manga) Club meets Monday, March 18, from 4 to 5 p.m. Join us to watch anime, talk about manga and Asian cultures, and enjoy snacks. This free club is for those in the fifth through 12th grades.

Paws to Read

Next Wednesday, March 20, from 11 a.m. to noon, youngsters from kindergarten through fifth grades are invited to share their favorite books with Bacchus, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories, at a free Paws to Read session. This is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence.

Teen writers group

Join us next Wednesday, March 20, from 4 to 5 p.m. for our free teen writers meeting for seventh through 12th graders. This group's interests include stories, poetry, graphic novels and fan fiction.

DIY for adults

At this month's free DIY event next Wednesday, March 20, from 1 to 2 p.m., we'll celebrate spring by learning how to repurpose plastic bottles to make inexpensive and attractive lawn ornaments for your yard, garden or patio. No registration is required.

Computer classes

Join us for free sessions from 1 to 2 p.m. on alternating Thursdays to learn a useful technology skill or application. Today, March 14, covers how to create professional-looking resumes in Microsoft Word. March 28 details how to navigate commonly used features on your Windows, Android or Applesmartphone or tablet. No registration is required.

Academy Award films

We have DVDs of three movies nominated for best picture and several additional Academy Awards. "A Star is Born" won for best song. "BlackKKlansman" received multiple nominations and won best adapted screenplay. "Black Panther" won Academy Awards for original score and costume design. These films also received honors from the Golden Globes and AARP Movies for Grownups Awards, notably best director for Spike Lee for

"BlackKKlansman" from the AARP awards. Also, we have "ShoPlifters," a Japanese movie nominated for best foreign language film.

Other DVDs

"The Child in Time" is a Masterpiece Theatre film based on the novel by Ian McEwan. "North and South" is a BBC production of a love story set in the changing world of Victorian industrial society. "Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries" is series three.

Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

"The Lost Night" by Andrea Bartz explores a suicide that may have been murder.

Nonfiction

"Wild Bill" by Tom Clavin is a biography of Wild Bill Hickok. "Drug Warrior" by Jack Riley is an exploration of the hunt for El Chapo and the rise of America's opioid crisis. "Truth Bombs" by conservative analyst Steve Deace looks that why the author feels the Republican Party frequently betrays conservative beliefs. "The Threat: How the FBI Protects America in the Age of Terror and Trump" by Andrew G. McCabe is a memoir by the former FBI deputy director fired by President Donald Trump.

CDs

"The First Conspiracy" by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch explores a secret plot to kill George Washington. "Siege of Stone" by Terry Goodkind is volume three of the Sister of Darkness: The Nicci Chronicles. "The Eulogist" by Terry Gamble is set in Ohio in the decades before the Civil War. "Crucible" by James Rollins is a Sigma Force thriller.

Thanks to our donors

For books and materials this week, we thank Paul Matlock and our anonymous donors. For their generous monetary donation, we are grateful to Kris and James Minor.

Quotable quote

"Any definition of a successful life must include service to others." — President George H.W. Bush.

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Case Number: 2019CV30005

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.

If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within the 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice. This is an action involving real property located in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, described as follows:

LOT 26 IN PAGOSA MEADOWS UNIT FOUR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77867. Also known as: Schedule No. 569933103001 — 64 Antero Dr., Pagosa Springs CO 81147, together with all its appurtenances. Date: January 23, 2019. Published in The Pagosa Springs Sun. First Publication: February 28, 2019. Last Publication: March 28, 2019. Original signature on file: THE KLUG LAW FIRM, LLC /s/ Noah Klug

Noah Klug
Attorney for Plaintiff
This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4(g), Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure. This form should not be used where personal service is desired.

TO THE CLERK: If the summons is issued by the clerk of the court, the signature block for the clerk or deputy should be provided by stamp, or typewriter, in the space to the left of the attorney's name. *Rule 12(a), C.R.C.P., allows 35 days for answer or response where service of process is by publication. However, under various statutes, a different response time is set forth: e.g., §38-6-104, C.R.S. (eminent domain); §38-36-121, C.R.S. (Torens registration) Published February 28, March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2019 in The Pagosa Springs Sun.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Ptmarmigan Property Owner's Association, Inc., Plaintiff

JOHN D BAKER, TRUSTEE
JOAN G BAKER, TRUSTEE
DAVID J RIGGS
WESLEY LAWSON, LLC, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2018CV030064
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM
This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptmarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered December 11, 2018, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):

JOHN D BAKER, TRUSTEE
JOAN G BAKER, TRUSTEE
DAVID J RIGGS
WESLEY LAWSON, LLC
Eviction Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptmarmigan Townhouses, recorded on February 18, 1988, Reception No 0153260, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Ptmarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Association Assessments Due to: Ptmarmigan Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"

Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 10:00 o'clock AM., on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: [MARCH 7, 2019]
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NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.

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.
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IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed January 16, 2019. Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Rich Valdez
ELK RUN TOWNHOUSES BLDGS 1-4
MATTER AMOUNT
Property Owners: Vernon L Warren & E Louise Warren
Building Number: 1
Lot (Unit) Number: 7104
UDI Points: 77,000
Unpaid Assessments: \$5,217.69
Costs: \$550.36
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$6,768.05
Property Owners: Rodney A Mason
Building Number: 1
Lot (Unit) Number: 7104
UDI Points: 154,000
Unpaid Assessments: \$5,217.69
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Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
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Property Owners: Henry D Myers & Lisa Lambert Myers
Building Number: 4
Lot (Unit) Number: 7115
UDI Points: 105,000
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Said proceeding may result in the loss of property in which you have an interest and may create personal debt against you. You may wish to seek the advice of your own private attorney concerning your rights in relation to this foreclosure proceeding.
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Unit Number: 7214
Building Number: 007B
Unit Week Number: 50
Unpaid Assessments: \$11,871.99
Costs: \$370.65
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$13,242.64
Property Owners: DAVID J RIGGS
Unit Number: 7214
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Unit Week Number: 11
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,555.08
Costs: \$370.65
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,925.73
Property Owners: WESLEY LAWSON, LLC
Unit Number: 7212
Building Number: 6
Unit Week Number: 29
Unpaid Assessments: \$3,264.62
Costs: \$370.65
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,635.27

In that property on which is located four (4) one-story buildings containing two (2) one-level townhouses units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 5, Units 7209 and 7210; Building No. 6, Units 7211 and 7212; Building No. 7, Units 7213 and 7214; and Building No. 8, Units 7215 and 7216 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 325 under Reception No. 156199, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, and subject to that certain First Supplemental Declaration to Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptmarmigan Townhouses recorded on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156200, Book 219, Page 33-38, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Ptmarmigan Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
Published March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 2019 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Elk Run Property Owner's Association, Inc., Plaintiff

Alexander C. D. Best, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2018CV30062
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded June 26, 1986, under Reception No. 140481, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered December 11, 2018, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):

Vernon L Warren
E Louise Warren
Paul R Vandiveer
Jeanne C Vandiveer
Rodney A Mason
Henry D Myers
Lisa Lambert Myers
Moses Trujillo, Trustee
Ida C Trujillo, Trustee
Jeffrey M Bennefeld
Melanie L Bennefeld
George R Hundt
Theda H Hundt

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded June 26, 1986, under Reception No. 140481, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Elk Run Property Owners Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Association Assessments Due to: Elk Run Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"

Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 10:00 o'clock AM., on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication: [MARCH 7, 2019]
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Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]
NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.

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.
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed January 16, 2019. Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Rich Valdez
ELK RUN TOWNHOUSES BLDGS 1-4
MATTER AMOUNT
Property Owners: Vernon L Warren & E Louise Warren
Building Number: 1
Lot (Unit) Number: 7104
UDI Points: 77,000
Unpaid Assessments: \$5,217.69
Costs: \$550.36
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$6,768.05
Property Owners: Rodney A Mason
Building Number: 1
Lot (Unit) Number: 7104
UDI Points: 154,000
Unpaid Assessments: \$5,217.69
Costs: \$550.36
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$6,768.05
Property Owners: Henry D Myers & Lisa Lambert Myers
Building Number: 4
Lot (Unit) Number: 7115
UDI Points: 105,000
Unpaid Assessments: \$5,217.69
Costs: \$550.36

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By: /s/ Rich Valdez
ELK RUN TOWNHOUSES BLDGS 1-4
MATTER

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Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$6,768.05
Property Owners: Moses Trujillo, Trustee & Ida C Trujillo, Trustee
Building Number: 4
Lot (Unit) Number: 7116
UDI Points: 126,000
Unpaid Assessments: \$9,263.91
Costs: \$550.36
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$10,814.27

of Elk Run Townhouses as recorded in Plat File No. 317 under Reception No. 140480, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership as follows: Townhouses recorded June 26, 1985, under Reception No. 140481 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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 Elk Run Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Exhibit A
ELK RUN TOWNHOUSES BLDG 5
MATTER AMOUNT
Property Owners: Jeffrey M Bennefeld & Melanie L Bennefeld
Building Number: 5
Lot (Unit) Number: 7117
UDI Points: 105,000
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,809.09
Costs: \$550.36
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,359.45
Property Owners: George R Hundt & Theda H Hundt
Building Number: 5
Lot (Unit) Number: 7118
UDI Points: 154,000
Unpaid Assessments: \$5,217.69
Costs: \$550.36
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$6,768.05

of Elk Run Townhouses as recorded in Plat File No. 323 under Reception No. 0151975, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Second Amendment to the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded December 1, 1987, under Reception No. 0151976 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. 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 Elk Run Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Mountain Meadows Property
Owner's Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.
Barbara E Call, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2018CV030057

COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEMPTION

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Interval Ownership for Mountain Meadows, recorded on January 21, 1986 under Reception Number 137132, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered November 27, 2018, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof

Owner Name(s): Barbara E Call
Douglas K Bellis
J.J. Collins
George B Collins
Tim Huett
Dayna Huett
Terry Selby
Margaret E Selby
Donald A Broadie
Arlene Broadie
Lana M Futch
Jerry L Futch
Nettie Ray
Loretta Bradbury
Cedric A Reese
Amy L Reese
Vivian L Bunn
Charlette A Mckelvey
Kimball & Campbell, LLP
Community Health Training Inc.
Leo Group Enterprise LLC

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Interval Ownership for Mountain Meadows, recorded on January 21, 1986 under Reception Number 137132, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Mountain Meadows Property Owners Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Association Assessments Due to: Mountain Meadows Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 10:00 o'clock AM., on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, Sale Number 2018-15 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: [MARCH 7, 2019]
Last Publication: [APRIL 4, 2019]
Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.
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.
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The name, address, and business telephone number of each of the attorneys representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
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INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed January 16, 2019.
Rich Valdez, Sheriff.

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Rich Valdez, Sheriff.

Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Rich Valdez
Exhibit A
As of November 21, 2018
Mountain Meadows - Phase One
Matter Amount
Owner Name(s): Barbara E Call
Points: 135,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: One (1) White Unit Week
Unit Numbers: n/a
as said Week is numbered and defined in the Declaration of Interval ownership for Mountain Meadows recorded under Reception No. 137132, and amendments and supplements thereto, and as identified in the above listed Unit Numbers of Mountain Meadows - Phase One as described and delineated on the Plat captioned "Mountain Meadows - Phase One" filed for record under Reception No. 137131. Together with a right of ingress and egress over the existing road to Lakeside Drive. 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 Mountain Meadows Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,342.37
Costs: \$320.74
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$7,663.11
Mountain Meadows - Phase Two
Matter Amount
Owner Name(s): Douglas K Bellis
Points: 126,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: One (1) Winter Unit week
Unit Numbers: 7601 - 7608
Unpaid Assessments: \$7,968.55
Costs: \$320.74
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$9,263.91
Owner Name(s): J.J. Collins & Georgia B Collins
Points: 141,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: One (1) Full Unit Week
Unit Numbers: 7601 - 7608
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,153.48
Costs: \$320.74
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,474.22
Owner Name(s): Tim Huett & Dayna Huett
Points: 126,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: One (1) Winter Unit Week
Unit Numbers: 7601-7608
Unpaid Assessments: \$11,246.96
Costs: \$320.74
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$12,567.70
Owner Name(s): Terry Selby & Margaret E Selby
Points: 126,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: One (1) Spring Unit Week
Unit Numbers: 7601-7608
Unpaid Assessments: \$11,246.96
Costs: \$320.74
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$12,567.70
Owner Name(s): Donald A Broadie & Arlene Broadie
Points: 126,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: One (1) Winter Unit Week
Unit Numbers: 7601 - 7608
Unpaid Assessments: \$ 8,127.89
Costs: \$320.74
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$9,448.63
Owner Name(s): Lana M Futch & Jerry L Futch
Points: 182,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: One (1) Summer Unit Week
Unit Numbers: 7601 - 7608
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,870.38
Costs: \$320.74
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,191.12
Owner Name(s): Nettie Ray
Points: 126,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: One (1) Winter Unit Week
Unit Numbers: 7601-7608
Unpaid Assessments: \$10,933.25
Costs: \$320.74
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$12,253.99
Owner Name(s): Loretta Bradbury
Points: 182,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: One (1) Summer Unit Week
Unit Numbers: 7601-7608
Unpaid Assessments: \$9,499.53
Costs: \$320.74
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$10,820.27
Owner Name(s): Cedric A Reese & Amy L Reese
Points: 126,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: One (1) Winter Unit Week
Unit Numbers: 7601-7608
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,879.03
Costs: \$320.74
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,199.77
Owner Name(s): Loretta Bradbury
Points: 126,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: One (1) Winter Unit Week
Unit Numbers: 7601-7608
Unpaid Assessments: \$9,499.53
Costs: \$320.74
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$10,820.27
Owner Name(s): Vivian L Bunn & Charlette A Mckelvey
Points: 182,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: One (1) Summer Unit Week
Unit Numbers: 7601-7608
Unpaid Assessments: \$11,246.96
Costs: \$320.74
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$12,567.70
Owner Name(s): Community Health Training Inc.
Points: 126,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: Two (2) Winter Unit Weeks
Unit Numbers: 7601-7608
Unpaid Assessments: \$11,246.96
Costs: \$320.74
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$12,567.70
Owner Name(s): Community Health Training Inc.
Points: 126,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: Two (2) Winter Unit Weeks
Unit Numbers: 7601-7608
Unpaid Assessments: \$9,700.95
Costs: \$320.74
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$11,021.69
Owner Name(s): Leo Group Enterprise LLC
Points: 126,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: One (1) Spring Unit Week
Unit Numbers: 7601-7608
Unpaid Assessments: \$ 7,982.39
Costs: \$320.74
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$9,303.13

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Peregrine Townhouses Property
Owner's Association, Inc.,
Plaintiff
v.
John Darwin Campbell II Trustee, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2018CV030055

COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEMPTION
This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses, recorded on August 2, 1990, at Book 303, Page 104, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered December 11, 2018, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof

Owner Name(s): John Darwin Campbell II Trustee
Billie C Vang
Arnold W Vang
Don C Linley
Beverly S Linley
West Coast Capital, LLC
Steven L Phelps
Matter Amount
Owner Name(s): John Darwin Campbell II Trustee
Points: 126,000
Lot (Unit) Weeks: 7845 - 7846
UDI Points: 29,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006229, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98002628, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
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 Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
Unpaid Assessments: \$634.42
Costs: \$378.70
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,147.89
Peregrine Townhouses Phase V
Matter Amount
Owners: West Coast Capital, LLC
Building Number: 18
Lot (Unit) Number: 7835 - 7836
UDI Points: 29,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006556, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
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 Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
Unpaid Assessments: \$769.19
Costs: \$378.70
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,147.89
Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI
Matter Amount
Owners: West Coast Capital, LLC
Building Number: 18
Lot (Unit) Number: 7835 - 7836
UDI Points: 29,000
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006556, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
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 Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
Unpaid Assessments: \$769.19
Costs: \$378.70
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,147.89
Peregrine Townhouses Phase VII
Matter Amount
Owners: Richard D Chronister, Jr, Trustee & Vickie A Chronister, Trustee
Building Number: 35
Lot (Unit) Number: 7869 - 7870
UDI Points: 77,000
Unpaid Assessments: \$758.70
Costs: \$378.70
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,137.40
Owners: Mark H Treadwell & Ernestine M Treadwell
Building Number: 42
UDI Points: 63,000
Unpaid Assessments: \$648.80
Costs: \$378.70
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,027.50
of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VIII, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 200010666, subject to Third Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 20002414, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.
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 Peregrine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.
Published March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Eagle's Loft Property
Owner's Association, Inc.,
Plaintiff
v.
Matthew Dunham, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2018CV30046

COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEMPTION
This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered October 11, 2018, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof

Owner Name(s): Darcy Burton
Venida Daugherty
B & B Enterprises
Angela Onwardo LLC
Karen Lynn Bewley
Patsy J Hudson
Shonderick Holloway
Eugene D Townsend
Shirley B Townsend
Gary D Schwartz
Janice N Schwartz
Groupwise Inc
Harold Hedges, Trustee
Gloria Hedges, Trustee
Michael J Coplen
Karen Coplen
Elayne N Dowling
Antonio Saldana, Jr.
Mary L Saldana
Leslie Passage LLC
Amelia K Morton
Alex Leon
Jennifer Crawford
Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Association Assessments Due to: Eagle's Loft Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 10:00 o'clock AM., on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, Sale Number 2018-16 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: [MARCH 7, 2019]
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Water conservancy district analyzes ways of crafting strategic plan

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) board has collectively gone through a process of crafting a strategic plan, at a work session on March 1, the board discussed the idea of potentially hiring a consultant to help with the process.

SJWCD board member Al Pfister initially raised the idea because in starting to write drafts of the strategic plan, he noted that it would be quite an effort.

"It would be, I guess to me, prudent for us, if we want to get this done in a reasonable period of time, to hire a consultant to put together the draft," Pfister said.

The consultant could receive guidance from a SJWCD subcommittee relating to the strategic plan, Pfister noted.

A neutral party would be brought into the strategic plan process if the board hired a consultant rather than the SJWCD crafting it itself, Pfister added.

As part of its strategic planning process, the SJWCD has modeled some of its draft plans after the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District's strategic plan.

According to Pfister, the Gunnison water conservancy district actually hired its legal council to craft its strategic plan.

"To me it would be a more efficient use of our time and the district dollars to hire a consultant," Pfister said.

However, the SJWCD does not want to expend big sums of money in hiring a consultant, Pfister noted.

Pfister noted that he thought it would cost around \$10,000-\$15,000 to hire a consultant to draft a strategic plan, but the scope of work could always be cut back.

Within the strategic plan, there will be action items developed for how the SJWCD board can move forward, and SJWCD board member Candice Kelly stated that she believed a consultant could help in that area.

Kelly also suggested breaking any potential consultant contract into pieces.

"We pay somebody to help us with the strategic plan so that we then know what it is we want to do," Kelly explained. "And then move to a second phase where we would, if we needed to, start identifying who we need to pay to help us proceed with that."

According to SJWCD Chair John Porco, as contracts get smaller and smaller, you get less interest.

"If we're only talking \$10,000, it's not a lot of money. And it's not going to attract the big names," Porco noted.

Utilizing a consultant could also be the best way of getting input from the community and district members, SJWCD board member Doug Secrist added.

"I'm just wondering if anybody knows anything about water, or has any concerns about water, other than, 'Does it come out when I turn the tap on?'" SJWCD Bill Hudson

asked, pondering how much public input the district would receive if a survey were to be sent out.

The SJWCD wants to educate and inform residents of Archuleta County and the district, Pfister noted.

"We want their opinions," Pfister said, noting that it does not matter whether or not the person is a "water expert."

However, Hudson raised another question: Does the SJWCD even need a consultant to help craft its strategic plan?

"Is the strategic plan really that complicated that we need a consultant?" Hudson asked. "I think around this table there's an awful lot of knowledge and the plan can't be very complicated. We have a budget of \$75,000."

With members of the SJWCD contributing to the plan one way or another, an objective consultant would still be valuable to the process, Secrist noted.

"We don't know where we're headed. And it seems to me that part of writing the strategic plan is for us all to get our heads together," Hudson said.

A familiar face?

Another idea thrown out was utilizing former volunteer consultant Renee Lewis to craft the strategic plan.

"My thoughts are that would not be the best use of her skills and time," Pfister said.

Lewis, who was in attendance at the meeting, noted that she could probably write the strategic plan, but whether or not she could pro-

vide enough objectivity to the plan or if she had enough experience to craft a strategic plan were other questions raised.

Potentially, the board could utilize the services of itself, a consultant and Lewis, Secrist added later.

"How do you all envision me fitting into the plan if you do hire a consultant?" Lewis asked.

Secrist responded by stating that question should be addressed with the board asking Lewis how she sees herself fitting in.

In regard to whether or not the SJWCD should be hiring a consultant or working on the plan internally, Lewis explained that she thought there would be a lot of benefits to both sides.

"It will take time," Lewis said of doing the strategic plan internally. "Your options are really pretty open."

Whatever strategy the SJWCD comes up with, it will be a collaborative effort, Secrist stated.

"I'm assuming that Renee could be considered as one of our prospective consultants," Kelly said.

Whoever the consultant is that the SJWCD hires, the final version of the strategic plan will ultimately be up to the district's approval, Pfister noted.

Because the meeting was a work session and no formal decisions could be made, Porco suggested that additional research should be done on the consultant front.

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Snow water equivalency totals continue to climb, two lakes now full

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

According to a press release by Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey, snow water equivalency (SWE) and precipitation totals continue to rise as we transition from winter to spring.

As of March 11, SWE totals were 32.8 inches. That's an increase from last weeks' total of 29.7 inches.

The SWE median has also increased since last week, going from 26.2 inches to 27.7 inches.

The median and averages are based on data from 1981 through 2010.

"The median snow water equivalency from 1981 through 2010 is 32.3 inches of water. We're at 32.8. We're going to be above the median even if it didn't snow any more at all, which is good," Ramsey explained.

This week, SWE totals are 118.4 percent of median, compared to last week when they were 113.3 percent of median.

Precipitation figures are also up. As of March 11, reported precipitation totaled 34.1 inches; last week that total was 32.3 inches.

The precipitation average also increased, from 28.4 inches to 29.9 inches.

This week, precipitation totals 114 percent of median. Last week it was 113.7 percent of median.

In terms of lake levels, two of the five lakes measured are reported as being full this week.

Both Village Lake and Lake Forest are full this week, last week Village Lake was full while Lake Forest was 1 inch from full.

Hatcher Lake remains at 19 inches from full.

Stevens Lake is 127 inches from full, when last week it was 133 inches from full.

Lake Pagosa is 12 inches from full, compared to last week when it was 17 inches from full.

This week, total cumulative available lake water for treatment and delivery sits at 79.7 percent, when last week it was 78.2 percent.

Cumulative diversion flows remain the same at 5 cubic feet per second (cfs),

with the West Fork diversion contributing 2 cfs and the Four Mile diversion contributing 3 cfs.

The press release indicates that Four Mile diversion flows have been diverted to Stevens Lake.

"Hatcher, we're not putting anything in Hatcher, and you can see it's staying firm," Ramsey said.

From March 1 through March 7, water production totaled 9.74 million gallons. Last year in that same time span, water production was reported at 10.07 million gallons.

This year, from March 1 through March 7, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 3.26 million gallons and the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 6.48 million gallons.

From Feb. 22 through Feb. 28 of this year, water production totaled 8.57 million gallons.

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"We're going to be above the median even if it didn't snow any more at all, which is good," Ramsey explained.

School district to address superintendent salary at next board meeting

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As part of her monthly superintendent's report, Archuleta School District (ASD) Superintendent Linda Reed gave an update on various security initiatives at the ASD Board of Education's (BOE) regular meeting on March 12.

Safety grant

According to Reed, at the Feb. 12 meeting of the BOE, she had mentioned that ASD had received the School Safety Disbursement Grant.

Reed explained that as of March 12, ASD received the grant agreement letter.

"This allows to begin the purchasing process for the radio systems for the buses that we applied for," Reed said, "and also for the technology for the elementary and the middle school access controls."

These radio systems will allow bus drivers to have connectivity that they might not have otherwise in remote areas, Reed noted.

ASD is also in the process of purchasing other radios via the School Access for Emergency Response (SAFER) grant, she explained.

These radios will allow connectivity to emergency services,

Reed noted.

ASD held a conference call with the organizations that are providing the radios, and the district is in the process of setting up training for the radios.

High school

In regard to the access control and security project at Pagosa Springs High School, Reed explained that the construction for the project will happen over spring break.

Reed noted that she also had a conversation with Stuart Coppedge of RTA Architects and that a "punch list" walk-through will be held on April 4.

According to Reed, a punch list is a process done at the end of a completed construction project to analyze what still needs to be worked on.

The wiring process has already started for this project, Reed noted.

In other business

Also at the meeting, the ASD board approved the following:

- An 80-foot access easement request from the Town of Pagosa Springs providing additional land needed to expand the town's maintenance facility. The property is

located at the northeast edge of the high school property bordering the town shop property.

- Ratified administrative actions regarding five snow days that Reed called due to heavy snow and inclement weather.

- Athletic and nonathletic stipend salary schedules.

In addition to those items approved, the board also entered executive session to continue Reed's superintendent evaluation and discuss her salary.

No action item was listed for this executive session topic.

Upon returning from the executive session, BOE President Greg Schick explained that for the next board meeting, an action item will be placed on the agenda concerning Reed's salary and evaluation.

"We will put on the agenda for our next meeting an action item concerning what we've decided on the superintendent — the salary and the evaluation," Schick said. "So we will put that on the agenda for the next meeting to try and be in a more transparent manner."

According to Colorado Revised Statutes 24-6-402(4), executive sessions can be held at regular and special meetings of a public

body to consider certain matters; however, the public body cannot adopt a proposed policy, position, resolution, rule regulation or formal action.

In a follow-up interview, Schick clarified that no decisions were made in the executive session.

"We made no decision, we had no motions. We're not allowed to have any motions, but we can discuss things that we want to do in the open part of the meeting," Schick said.

Schick further explained that he thought the board was going to have an action item regarding Reed's evaluation and salary, but because there was none, the board could not take action on it.

"If I said we decided something, that was an unfortunate choice of words," Schick said.

According to Schick, on the executive session recording, he noted for the record that no decisions were made and that nothing was voted on.

"I guess I just used an unfortunate choice of words. We had a discussion of where we want to go with this and that will come out at our action item at the next meeting," Schick explained further.

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Nonprofit financial training scheduled for April 4-5

By Tracy Pope
Special to The SUN

Registration has opened for a comprehensive two-day training on nonprofit financial operations and best practices April 4-5 in Durango.

Financial Focus: Mission and Money will be facilitated by the Nonprofit Financial Fund, a nationwide consulting group for nonprofits. The seminar will help nonprofit leaders understand their organization's business model, operating performance and financial health.

Participants will leave feeling equipped to make strategic decisions informed by their own financial story. This training is designed for executive directors, finance directors and board treasurers.

Registration for the two-day training costs \$150 and includes lunch both days. Visit <https://bit.ly/2SLJ377> to find more information and to register for the workshop. Space is limited, so register now.

"When we heard that the Nonprofit Finance Fund was coming to town for a select group

of nonprofits, we knew we needed to collaborate to provide this amazing opportunity to as many nonprofits as possible," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado. "The training will help nonprofits talk finance with a flourish."

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Chocolate and Other Decadent Delights auction

Humane Society of Pagosa Springs • Saturday, March 16 • Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse



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Saturday's chocolate fundraising fun to help the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs

By Mike Stoll
Special to The PREVIEW

The Humane Society Chocolate and Other Decadent Delights auction and fundraising dinner will be held Saturday, March 16, in the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse located at 230 Port Ave.

This popular event raises much-needed funds to support the operation of Archuleta County's only animal shelter. The shelter provides a safe haven for lost, abandoned and homeless dogs and cats until they can be either reunited with their family or adopted into a new home. Join us for a worthwhile cause and a celebration of chocolate, friends, and fun — all for the benefit of the dogs and cats at the animal shelter.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m. with plenty of time before dinner to socialize and preview more than 30 decadent and delightful desserts donated by pastry chefs, bakers, caterers, restaurants and creative chocolatiers. The price of admission includes a delicious dinner and dessert. The cash bar will include a selection of wine, beer and soft drinks.

Prior to the live auction, Buy-It-Now dessert plates will be available for purchase while supplies last. Each \$25 Buy-It-Now plate features a very generous assortment of delectable goodies donated by local bakers.

The always entertaining Balloon Pop will also make its annual appearance. Purchase a balloon for \$30 and have the opportunity to

pop it during the evening to win an assortment of great gift certificates and prizes generously donated by local businesses. Each balloon's surprises are guaranteed to have a value equivalent to or greater than the purchase price. Balloon quantities are limited and will go on sale after the doors open.

Following dinner, the incredible dessert creations donated by our wonderful bakers will be auctioned to raise funds for our shelter animals. This year's auction will be another outstanding display of baking wizardry and culinary creativity not to be missed. In addition to all the delectable desserts, the auction will also feature a few unique nonedible items, including a custom inlaid colored glass birdbath topped by an awesome cake and, for the handy person, a brand new DeWalt cordless drill partnered with a devilishly good dessert.

The festivities will also include the drawing for the winner of the second annual The Best Things In Life Are Furry raffle. This year's raffle prize is a brand new propane-fired 34-inch Marcel outdoor concrete fire pit (with propane tank), with a retail value of over \$300. Raffle tickets are only \$5 and can be purchased Saturday evening at the auction or prior to the event at the Humane Society thrift store. The raffle winner does not need to be present to win.

The auction has sold out the past few years and, as of early this week, tickets for the auction were in short supply. Please call our administration office to check on

availability (264-5549). If you miss out on an event ticket, you can still purchase a raffle ticket until noon Saturday at the thrift store. For ticket holders who prefer a vegetarian meal, please call our administration office by noon on Friday.

The Chocolate and Other Decadent Delights auction is a great way to have a fun-filled evening enjoying good company, great food, popping balloons and bidding on delectable chocolate — all in support of the shelter animals. Previous auctions have raised enough funds to buy a year's worth of food and vaccines for the nearly 700 dogs and cats that pass through the animal shelter annually. With the support of our generous donors and auction attendees, we hope to make this year's event equally successful.

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs does not receive any funding from the Humane Society of the United States, American Humane, the ASPCA or from United Way. The animal shelter relies on revenue from private donations, our thrift store, and fundraisers such as this month's auction to keep the animal shelter operating.

For more information on the auction or other Humane Society programs and services, please contact our administration office at 264-5549. See you at the auction March 16.

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 Andy Janowsky and Jeff Johnson will provide the boot-stompin' tunes for Friday's Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown, a fundraiser for Our Savior Lutheran School.

A Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown with Andy Janowsky and Jeff Johnson set for March 15

By Pennie DeClark
 Special to The PREVIEW

Are you looking for something fun to do this Friday night? Has it been a while since you have had the opportunity to swing your honey around the dance floor? Come with all your friends to the Hoedown to help raise money for Our Savior Lutheran School.

We will be serving mouthwatering brisket, dance with Andy Janowsky and Jeff Johnson from The High Rollers, and bid on our amazing items in our silent auction. A cash bar with beer and wine will be available for those who would like to purchase and we will have nonalcoholic beverages for those who don't.

The High Rollers have been extremely popular in this area and, while they are not together anymore, Janowsky and Johnson have agreed to come light up the stage with some lively tunes. The High Rollers were originally conceived by bassist and songwriter Janowsky (whose mother taught at Our Savior Lutheran School for many years) and Johnson, who plays fiddle, banjo and guitar.

Additionally, we have a generous donor who has agreed to match all cash donations made

■ See Hoedown on next page

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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

This Saturday, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will celebrate its patron saint with its annual Irish Festival, scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. in the church parking lot.

The public is invited to come and join the fun of watching the World's Shortest Parade (across the church parking lot), exploring and purchasing some great items from local vendors, listening to toe-tapping live music by NightSong Trio, free burgers and hotdogs, fly-tying and casting demonstrations, and more. Beer and Irish coffee will also be for sale to toast the day.

"This is always one of the most fun days of the year," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "It's a chance to invite the community and out-of-town guests to come and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us, get silly, and cheer our incredibly short parade."

"This is not a fundraising event," he went on. "Any proceeds from this event will be donated to our food box ministry or to other outreach projects."

NightSong Trio, with Jessica Peterson on flute, Heidi Tanner on violin and Sally Neel at the piano, will perform two sets of Irish jigs and songs inside the church build-

ing. The first set begins at 11:15 a.m. and the next one will be at 1 p.m.

As is the tradition, Doug Neel will represent St. Patrick in the main float. All children are welcome to ride on the float with him. Also included in the parade are a fire truck, antique cars, lots of leprechauns and sundry costumed merry-makers.

"You are encouraged to wear your most outlandish Irish attire," said Doug Neel. "The crazier the better. And feel free to march in the parade."

Those wishing to participate in the parade should line up at 11:45 a.m. on the north side of the parish hall. The parade begins at noon.

The men of St. Patrick's are preparing free burgers and hotdogs. Donations are appreciated, but not required. Free nonalcoholic drinks will be available, and beer and Irish coffee will be for sale.

The festival will take place rain or shine. Pets are welcome, but they must be on a leash and owners are responsible for waste cleanup.

St. Patrick's is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Parking will be available at the hospital located next door to the church. Bring the family and come and join the fun.



Photo courtesy Sally Neel

The leprechauns are lining up for the world's shortest parade at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church this Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. Free food, live entertainment and lots of fun will be on hand. St. Patrick's is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Wear your Irish green and celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

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All proceeds from this event go towards the operation of Our Savior Lutheran School, a nonprofit organization that does not receive any federal funding. We currently offer two preschool classes, kindergarten through seventh grade and are excited to announce the addition of eighth grade next year. This event is our main fundraiser that helps us keep tuition costs down and to continue to provide an excellent classical curriculum in a loving

Christ-centered environment to the children of Pagosa Springs.

The Colorado Guys and Gals Country hoedown will be held at 56 Meadows Drive in the Lutheran School gymnasium from 6 to 9 p.m. (cocktails start at 5:30 p.m.) tomorrow, March 15. Dress is country fancy and all are guaranteed to have a stompin' good time. Tickets are \$40 per person now and are selling fast; any remaining tickets will be sold at the door, but don't wait — get them now. Tickets can be purchased at the Lutheran Church office (731-4668/731-3512) or by contacting Pennie DeClark (903-3242). We can't wait to see you there.

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Some of the cast of Pagosa Springs High School's production of "Footloose the Musical!" take a break from rehearsal time to pose for a photo. Footloose opens next week for five nights, March 19-23, at 7 p.m. Tickets at the door are \$10. The show was first performed in 2003 under the direction of Lisa Hartley and Dale Johnson. We are excited for this encore performance. "Footloose" will be accompanied by a live pit band led by Dan Burch. Come dance in the aisles with us. In the front row, left to right, are: Vinnie Carranza, Maya Nasralla, KC Yeneza, Cade Cowan, Antonia Bussoli, Grace Thompson, Allora Leonard and Hayden Kiker. Back row, left to right, are: Hunter Smith, Kaeden Thomas, Emma Happ, Anika Thomas, Olivia Craig, Hunter Swinehart, Ethan Mazur and Griffin Grose.

Assessments, testing and education to be offered at 9Health Fair in April

By Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

The 9Health Fair happens only once each year — April 27 this year. Blood test panels will be avail-

able for only \$35.

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Walk for Moms on May 11 in support of moms in Pagosa Springs

By Marcy Mitchell
Special to The PREVIEW

Prenatal care and parenting education provider Aspire (formerly THRIVE) invites Pagosa Springs community members to sign up for its second annual “Walk for Moms” event on Saturday, May 11, at Yamaguchi Park.

It is open to people of all ages, including kids. Participants can register online at www.aspirepagosa.org/upcoming-events.

Moms are superheroes. Honor the champion in your life by sponsoring young moms in our community through the event. The Walk for Moms will benefit the free prenatal clinic, medical services and education/classes offered by Aspire.

Registration for the event is free. All participants will receive a “goodie bag” filled by event sponsors with a complimentary event T-shirt for those who raise \$100 or more. Additional prizes will be given for teams and individuals who raise higher amounts and for additional engagement.

Check-in/registration will start at 8 a.m. in Yamaguchi Park. The walk will start at 8:30 a.m. and then a free lunch for all registrants will be served at 11:30 a.m., with an awards ceremony at noon to follow at the park. Various stations and fun pit stops will be set up along the path for supporters to watch and sponsors to distribute water and other items.

So, sign up as a team captain and rally your co-workers, friends and family to work together as a team or sign up as an individual and do your own thing. Either way, 100 percent of the money you raise will go to supporting a superhero mother in Archuleta County.

Aspire Medical Services and Education is celebrating 20 years in Pagosa Springs. Aspire provides free prenatal care, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STI/STD testing and treatment, as well as prenatal and parenting education, childbirth education classes, and a baby boutique. For the past 20 years, we have empowered men and women in Archuleta County to make healthy life choices by providing medical services and education in a safe and supportive environment. Aspire is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and does not receive any government funding. Our only source of income is through events and the generous support of individuals and organizations.

“We are focused on helping children 0-3 thrive physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually during the most pivotal stage of growth. We do that by providing education, medical services and resources to parents and caregivers,” said Marcy Mitchell, Aspire executive director. “Our programs have already reduced the low birth weight percentage and preterm births in our area as well as equipped parents. So by participating, you are helping young children in our area thrive.”

For more information or to register or donate online, please visit <http://aspirepagosa.org/upcoming-events>.

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Help welcome spring and greet the new growing season

By Cecilia Haviland
Special to The PREVIEW

Won't you join our Round Table Forum on March 20 at the Archuleta CSU Extension building at 10 a.m.? Facilitated By Ron Chacey, the Mountain High Garden Club of

Pagosa Springs will share tips and strategies for successful gardening in our challenging Pagosa Springs climate.

We welcome all gardeners to share experiences and helpful hints as we kick off a new growing season. Help us bring back the green.

9Health

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Lifesaving blood tests are a great way to ward off potential problems. The Lions Club offers its eyeglass donation box. Our veterans service officer will be there, as well as the Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County.

We are a community and here to work together and collaborate.

In addition to the blood test panel, there will be free screenings, educational programs and a

chance to meet health professionals from 7 to 11 a.m. on April 27 at Pagosa Springs High School.

Have special health and wellness skills? Could you offer education and information? Want to volunteer? Have a working brain and a good attitude? Questions? Contact Sharee Grazda at 731-0317 or email sgrazda@gmail.com. Visit 9HealthFair.org. Reach Constance at 7LawsofHealth@gmail.com.

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Folks from several organizations joined together on Hatcher Lake last week to set Rotary's barrel on the ice. As a fundraiser, you can register your guess for when the ice will melt and the barrel will fall into the lake.

Rotary's Ice Melt Contest now underway, open until March 20

By JoAnn Laird
Special to The PREVIEW

Sometimes it takes a village to set a barrel on a frozen lake.

So was the case last week when a large contingent of members from the Pagosa Rotary, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association and the Pagosa Fire Protection District gathered at Hatcher Lake to set barrel for the first annual Ice Melt Contest.

With all proceeds of this crafty contest going to scholarships of higher learning for our local graduating students, not only is this a worthy endeavor, but one you can regale your puzzled family and friends in warmer climates with. Cabin fever brings out the

best in us.

With a clock attached to the barrel, the exact day, minute, hour and second will be recorded when the ice melts enough for the barrel to fall into the water, heralding in spring. Think of it as Pagosa's version of the Pennsylvania groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil.

The top three guesses — closest to the date, hour, minute and second when the clock stops — will win \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place.

Tickets for your guesses are \$5 each, \$20 for five and \$100 for 30. Get your tickets soon, as the ice will historically melt before March 20.

Entries must be submitted by midnight on March 20. Enter as

many times as you'd like. Forms are available at pagosaspringsrotary.com, through a link on the PLPOA website, at The Choke Cherry Tree, the Chamber of Commerce in the Visitor Center, the PLPOA Rec Center or the administration office.

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Thursday, March 14

Hai Chee. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

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

Mountain View Homemakers. 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. Mike LeRoux, the director for the Office of Emergency Management in Archuleta County, will be speaking. Interested men and women are invited. A potluck will be provided by members. For information, call Tozi at 731-3360.

Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

Pickleball. Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

Computer Class: Microsoft Word Resumes. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Whether you already

have a resume or need to start from scratch, learn how to use Microsoft Word to create a professional-looking resume using basic and advanced formatting tools. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Documentary Film and Dinner. 5-8 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. "Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North" traces a journey by Katrina Browne, the filmmaker, and nine of her cousins into the dark past of the slave trade which enriched their white New England family. A light meal and drinks will be provided by the parish. This will be followed by the viewing of the film and an opportunity for discussion.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Presents 'Seventh Century Farmers of the Southwest.' 7 p.m., The Springs Resort and Spa EcoLuxe building. Archaeologist Shanna Diederichs will speak about the influx of farmers into southwest Colorado

in the seventh century. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133.

Friday, March 15

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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

AARP Smart Driver Course. 12:30-4:30 p.m., Senior Center. The classroom course costs \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers. To register, call 462-9613.

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

Movie. 2-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Penguins team up with an elite spy organization to save the world from an evil doctor. Call

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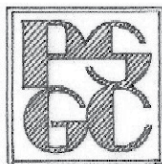
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264-2209 for more information.
Yoga. 5-6 p.m., Community Center.
Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown. 5:30-9 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran gymnasium, 56 Meadows Drive. Dust off your fanciest western boots, denim jeans and cowboy hat and join us for a fun night of great music, food and dancing to benefit the children of Our Savior Lutheran School. Andy Janowsky and Jeff Johnson from The High Rollers will be playing their boot-stomping tracts. There will also be a silent auction with items for bid. For more information, contact Pennie DeClark at 903-3242.
Hunter Education Regular Class. 6-9 p.m., Community Center. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

Saturday, March 16

Hunter Education Regular Class and Range Day. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.
Hunter Education Internet Conclusion Class Range Day. 8-10 a.m. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

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VITA Tax Group. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Senior Center. By appointment only. Volunteers will be returning to prepare federal and state income tax returns at no charge. Call 264-2167 for more information or to make an appointment.

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Hunter Education Youth Class Range Day. 10 a.m.-noon. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

St. Patrick's Irish Festival. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The festival features The World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade and vendor booths. Children are invited to

ride on the float with St. Patrick himself. If you are interested in joining the parade, show up at 10:45 a.m. and join the fun.

Humane Society Chocolate Auction. 6 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. The live auction will be preceded by a seated dinner, along with a cash bar. Attendees will be able to purchase delectable Buy-It-Now desserts and the ever popular Balloon Pops while supplies last. Tickets for the auction are \$25 and available at the Humane Society thrift store and animal shelter or by calling 264-5549.

Sunday, March 17

Luminosity Talks Presents 'CBD Oil: The New Wonder Drug?' 2-4 p.m., Pagosa Community New Thought church. Several speakers will be present.

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 18

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are

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39969 County Road 500 — Arboles, 40 acres with breathtaking views of Navajo Lake, great build sites, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, manufactured home. \$295,000. MLS 752203

870 Cool Pines Drive — 4.73 acres, paved road to clubhouse & equestrian center. \$169,900. MLS 744843

22048 Hwy. 17, Lot 47, Antonito, Colorado, 3.43 acres, NF access, \$150,000. MLS 750135

Hwy. 151 — Four buildable lots in Piedra Park Subdivision, 2.54 acres. \$115,000. MLS 745267

149 & 154 Engineer Point — 5.74 acres at end of road. \$55,000. MLS 752523

190 Bob's Place — 5 acres, power to property. \$52,000. MLS 733707

284 Franklin Place — 1 acre, price reduced, permitted 3 bedroom septic installed. \$45,000. MLS 741082



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TEFAP Food Distribution. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Drive. We plan on having fresh milk available this month and we will have an inventory clearance from 1-2 p.m. where which remaining inventory items will be distributed.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Southwest Organization for Sustainability. 3:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. Everyone welcome. For more information, call Phyl Daleske 731-4589.

Otaku. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 5th-12th grade.

If you are into anime or manga, this is for you. Come and watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
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San Juan Back Country Horsemen. 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Potluck/social at 6 p.m. There will be a slide presentation and discussion about the work volunteers have done and are doing to assist in clearing trails for all user groups. Please join us; nonmembers are welcome.

Tuesday, March 19

Chi Energi. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A variety of movement and stretch to create energy for the healing of our mind, body and soul.

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Yoga Fusion Class. 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

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.

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 (970) 507-3005 for more information.

Pickleball. Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

PALS Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn West Coast swing. West Coast is a form of swing dance.

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ing in a slot to moderate tempo blues, R&B and contemporary music. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, March 20

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Mountain High Garden Club. 10 a.m., CSU Extension building. Join us for tips and strategies for successful gardening in our challenging Pagosa Springs climate. We welcome all gardeners to share experiences and helpful hints as we kick off a new growing season.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Flow Yoga Class. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

Paws to Read. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the K-5th grade. Come and share your favorite book with Bacchus, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Wellness Clinic. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Held by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

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

DIY for Adults. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. We will celebrate spring by learning how to repurpose plastic bottles to make inexpensive and attractive lawn ornaments for your yard, garden or patio. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Open Volleyball. 1-4 p.m., Community Center. We have all levels of players from those who have played in high school and college to players just learning the sport. We keep score, but the points truly don't matter. What matters is learning about the game of volleyball, working as a team and, mostly, having some laughs. Call 264-4152 for more information.

Jelly Beans After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. Free for all ages. For information, call 903-8104 or (702) 556-5649.

Teen Writers. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Calling all teen writers:

Stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction — it's all welcome. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group. 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

Weminuche Audubon Society. 6 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. We will host a membership meeting. The speaker will be Anthony Culpepper, associate director of forest health for the Mountain Studies Institute. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a nonperishable food item. Call Jean Zirnhelt at 731-2985 for more information.

Pagosa Springs High School Presents 'Footloose the Musical.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Come dance in the aisles with us.

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 21

Hai Chee. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

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

Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

Pickleball. Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

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Friday, March 22

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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

Chimney Rock National Monument Open House. 12:30-1:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn about the exciting volunteer opportunities. See more information at www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133.

Yoga. 5-6 p.m., Community Center.
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Meditation and Recorded Dharma Talk. 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, 70 Greenbriar Drive, Suite B-15. All are welcome.

Crafting Club. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and sharing ideas. This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with others who enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

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We need some heavy-lifting prayers spoken over this nation. There are brothers and sisters in the faith who are doing just that. They are hidden Christians.

This prayer group, which I am a part of, spoke about fasting. As they talked, it felt like I was being invited on a rollercoaster ride. I pumped the brakes and geared down. I wasn't standing in front of a congregation singing hallelujah, but nevertheless, I was asked to line up with what I knew to be the truth. There is power in prayer and fasting.

The rubber had just met the road. Was I in or out? Am I up to all this heavy lifting? Could I do it? Do I want to do it? Do I need to be on this ride?

For years, we were told we needed to profess our faith, tell the world we are Christians. That's all good, but what if you're a secret Christian who is on a secret mission?

In my Greek class, we delved into secret people of the faith. There are many in the Bible. Nicodemus was one of them. He was questioned if he believed when he defended Jesus at the cross. I thought he came at night because he was scared. My teacher quickly corrected me. It doesn't say he was scared, it says he came at night.

We don't know why he came at night. Maybe he was busy with

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his day job. Possibly, as one of the rulers of the Pharisees, his position and where he was best used might have kept him quiet. How often we judge our brothers and sisters in the faith, not knowing what has been required of them.

Everyone agreed to fast a certain time of the week. With sweaty palms, feeling my throat cut, even before I missed a meal, I said, "It's going to be a long stretch. How long are you thinking of doing this?"

I went to bed and in the night hours my logic checked in. I calculated how many meals I would miss, one, two or three? I surmised I needed breakfast or I could faint. I needed lunch for brainpower. Dinner was up for grabs.

The next morning I had food on my mind and wasn't sure what I should do before the next evening when we would meet online for prayer. I told the family what I was doing.

My son said, "Why are you obsessing about food? Let it go."

"I can't. I can't let down the group. If they ask me if I'm fasting, I can't lie to them."

My daughter said, "Just ask God. He'll tell you what he wants you to do."

My Sweet Al reminded me of one of our friends who told every-

one he was fasting. Anytime we saw him, he would say, "I'm fasting."

Al said, "Jim always made me mad. That's not the way to do it. It's something that is between God and a person and it is done in secret. No one is supposed to advertise it."

I don't know why Jim had to tell everyone. Maybe some people live out loud. I am one of them. We talk about everything we do. Al read Jim as bragging. I saw him processing. Al said I was like Jim.

Oh my gosh! Really? I had to set my Sweet Al straight. "The reason I am telling you what our group is doing is so you will know. Since you and I are of the same household, you will think there is something wrong with me if I miss a meal. I'm trying to figure out how many meals I need to forgo."

And another thing, I reminded my Sweet Al. I can't compute quiet. When I had an encounter with God, I came out of the baptism waters shouting. It might've been OK in a Pentecostal church, but it was a Baptist church. You might

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PCNT discussion: ‘The Pot of Gold: What is at the End of Your Rainbow?’

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The SUN

“We always have an abundance of what it takes to make life happy and opulent. There is a continuous movement toward us of all that we need to express happiness and fullest life.” — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

All are welcome to join Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) Sunday, March 17, St. Patrick’s Day, at 10:30 a.m. We will present guest speaker Shayla White Eagle McClure to speak on “The Pot of Gold: What is at the End of Your Rainbow?”

Meditation Circle

PCNT holds Meditation and Healing Circle each Wednesday at 6 p.m. (weather permitting). All are welcome. Instruction is provided

for beginners.

Upcoming events

On Thursday, March 14, at 6 p.m., we will view and discuss “The Celestine Prophecy.” All are welcome. Donations are appreciated.

Reiki classes are held at PCNT. Please contact PCNT for more information.

Science of mind classes

On Sunday, March 10, at 9 a.m., PCNT will hold a Science of Mind 101 course. This is an introductory eight-week course. We will learn to transcend limits and to live without boundaries. There will be study of the basic principles of Science of Mind. You will experience a life-enhancing personal awakening that will be cultivated.

PCNT is a New Thought center based on fostering living a spiritu-

ally centered life and promoting the philosophies of the Centers for Spiritual Living and the Agape Centers.

We welcome local talent to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Have a hand in making a difference. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

PCNT events are held at 40 N. 15th St., in the Momentum Fitness building.

Request a concentrated affirmative mind treatment or obtain information by joining us, emailing PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052, or calling (505) 604-5031. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or our website, www.PagosaNewThought.org.

Lane

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suspect, I became an odd duck. I was told many times to tone down Jesus. A man told me I was too zealous for God.

Really? I told him I couldn’t help myself. God touched me and I want to shout it from the mountaintop. I’m still shouting from the mountaintop and still making people uncomfortable. So, today, I’m talking about fasting. According to Al, it’s supposed to be a secret thing. Maybe I’m breaking a rule. I’ll just have to plead for grace over my

misgivings.

There are many kinds of Christians who work in secret. Some of them are the heavy-duty prayer warriors who are carrying the load on their shoulders. They are not getting the accolades, praise and attention, but they continue to hit the carpet on their knees in secret. We will never hear about what they have done.

I have a friend who prays all the time. She came to our artists’ and writers’ retreats and while the meetings were going on, she

walked around the balcony of the meeting room. It made people antsy and they asked what she was doing. They said she was like a ghost. I told them, “She’s praying. Leave her alone. I want her here.”

Brushstroke: We are so foolish to think we can judge another human being. We have no idea what passes between the heart of man and his God. Only God knows a man’s worth. Maybe that man has been called to be a secret Christian on a secret mission.

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Learning to travel lighter

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

“I guess I can muster up enough strength for one more move,” I declared to Mike over a cup of coffee.

Over the next two months, this conversation played over and over in my mind. Sometimes, the phrase became my cheer song and pushed me forward. But more often, the banter sounded like a broken record and grated on my nerves.

“How did I get roped into this?” I mumbled as I stretched the tape across another box and wrote the contents, room and instructions on top. My back ached as I bent to reach into the lower cabinets to wipe away the dust. Up and down the stepladder I climbed to retrieve random large bowls and platters.

Mike lifted, stacked and stored the boxes in our garage. The cars wedged out of their warm spots and into the cold outdoors. We collapsed in our beds at night.

I stayed out of the way as movers invaded our home and carried out my cherished possessions. Strong, healthy young men stacked one box on top of another and carried them to the truck as I prayed prized keepsakes survived the man-handling.

A few days later in Oklahoma, we repeated the process in reverse, as movers unloaded the van. With an outward calmness I didn't feel, I directed traffic and instructed workers where to place each box.

I gave myself pep talks throughout the day. “I can do this, I can do this, one more time!”

With every nook and cranny

A Matter of Faith

filled to the brim, my self-conversation continued. “A place for everything and everything in its place.” Though I accepted the challenge, some days the task seemed like an impossible goal.

Over the next few weeks, I opened and unwrapped every valued piece. I carried the shards of glass to the trash and sighed, “No big deal.”

I looked at the overflow, stored in an extra bedroom closet. “What can I discard without regret?”

Each new year we step back and look at our lives, the items we've become attached to and the containers we store them in, and evaluate the impact they make on our lives, the value or purpose they serve. Can we live without them? Do we let go or hold on? Decision time.

My granddaughter, Kilea, asked, “Which home did you like best?”

I couldn't give her a clear answer. It's not about the home or the decor, but the people who walk through the front door. Laughs shared over a meal, games played around the same table and precious memories made.

In Colorado, we did so many “firsts.” We met people who impacted our lives in different ways. When we moved, we left a houseful of furniture and took the cherished

memories. They were the priceless possessions we stored in our hearts.

Our time in Arizona proved to be shorter than planned, yet we still added to our list of “firsts.” Memories transitioned from one state to another.

Back home in Oklahoma, we enjoy time with family and old friends. While I continue to un-pack, I realize the memories made within these four walls will be cherished and celebrated long after I leave.

I often say, “Whether I live, or I die, I will serve Jesus. The rest is geography.” This still holds true in my spirit. If God nudges us to move again, I'll muster up the strength “one more time.” The only catch, I promise to take more memories and less boxes.

Because of Jesus, I am learning to travel lighter.

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.” — Matthew 6:19-20 (KJV).

I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

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UU topic: Are atheists indeed strangers to God?

By Dean Cerny
Special to The PREVIEW

While atheists can deny the existence of God, can they really deny the idea of God? God has always existed as an idea. God exists as an idea even today. Does this mean that God truly exists? Can a commitment to a free and responsible search for truth and meaning lead to a sacred spirit that is both immanent and transcendent in our lives?

Join us on Sunday, March 17, at 10:30 a.m. for an honest exploration of these questions. This service will be led by Pastor Dean Cerny.

There is some urgent relevancy to discussing these matters. There is much global polarization over the “God question.” This religious polarization is increasingly affecting our political perspectives. Philosophically, the question of whether God or gods exist

is inconclusive and, therefore, an open-ended debate. How we live and function together in a society that includes both perspectives is the true challenge for Unitarian Universalists and Christian evangelicals alike.

The Religious Exploration program for 2- to 9-year-olds takes place on March 17 and March 24. For more information, contact Anna Ramirez at afrancis_@hotmail.com.

Check out our calendar of events at pagosauu.org. All of these events take place at Unit B-15 in the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

If you would like to schedule a private meeting with Cerny, or for further information, call 731-7900.

Luminosity Talks to present on CBD oil

By Veronica Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Cannabidiol, aka CBD, is the current compound that is taking the country by storm for a cure-all from anxiety to chronic pain. CBD oil is extracted from the hemp plant that is in the same plant family as marijuana.

Here in Pagosa, we are fortunate to have three special and qualified individuals who will educate and answer our questions regarding this unique plant oil. This informative talk will take place on Sunday, March 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Pagosa Community New Thought church located within the Momentum Fitness 24/7 building.

Jeffery McConnaughey, Chimney Rock Farms chief agronomist, will talk first about growing industrial hemp in Colorado, the differences between hemp and marijuana, the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Farm Bill) regarding indus-

trial hemp and the source quality of hemp genetics. McConnaughey has a master's degree in horticulture and over 20 years experience in commercial organic plant production.

Dan Minear, alchemist, will share the insights of working to combine oil and water in an effort to create a CBD-based long leaf tea. Minear has a science and engineering background from Purdue University, but found his passion learning about tea importing, blending and botanicals leading to the creation of a proprietary process that has evolved into what is now a CBD tea.

Louis Tardona, a representative of Donatti Farms, will share the types and uses of different CBD products.

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ANSWER:

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AARP Smart Driver course to be offered Friday

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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

To register, please call 462-9613.

Due to popular demand, the Pagosa Springs Senior Center is hosting a fourth class on Friday, March 15, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Alzheimer's facts and figures

By Kay Kaylor

As the part-time long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County, I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge, a 24-hour extended care home, and BeeHive, an assisted living residence. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life.

Last week, the Alzheimer's Association announced the publication of its 2019 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures, available online and with searches for each state.

Of note nationally is that, between 2000 and 2017, deaths from heart disease have decreased by 9 percent, while deaths from Alzheimer's have increased 145 percent as the sixth leading cause of death. Nearly one in three seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia, costing the nation \$290 billion (\$195 billion in Medicare and Medicaid payments), yet only 16 percent of seniors have regular cognitive assessments during checkups.

The Medicaid costs of caring for people with Alzheimer's in Colorado

Senior News

in 2019 is projected at \$596 million, compared to \$386 million in Arizona and \$2.9 billion in Texas. The number of people with Alzheimer's in Colorado is 73,000, with the majority, 61,000, age 75 and older.

Lest these figures increase depression in Archuleta County, the good news is that 2018 was a "historic year in Alzheimer's and dementia policy victories that also included a record increase in federal research funding and the passage of numerous federal and state bills aimed at improving the lives of those living with the disease and their caregivers."

For further information, please call me at 403-2164 or send an email to ombudsman2@sjbaaa.org.

VITA tax preparation

VITA will be returning to prepare federal and state income tax returns at no charge as part of the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

The planned dates are Saturday, March 16, and April 13, 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 has a pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. 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 next health and wellness date is March 20.

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 14—Tuna melt, roasted cauliflower soup, roasted red potatoes, milk, salad bar and Rice Krispie treat.

Friday, March 15 — Pizza with bacon, mild Italian sausage, figs and arugula, roasted asparagus with lemony breadcrumbs, mandarin orange salad, milk, salad bar and poached pears.

Monday, March 18—Lamb shepherd's pie, cabbage steaks, milk, salad bar and Irish lemon pudding.

Tuesday, March 19 — Lemon chicken, loaded baked potato, snow pea medley, milk, salad bar and blueberry sour cream pie.

Wednesday, March 20 — Turkey tetrazzini with egg noodles, squash calabacitas, steamed asparagus with lemon, milk, salad bar, and cherry cream cheese pie.

Thursday, March 21 — Pork zuppa Toscana, eggplant gratin, focaccia bread with butter, milk and salad bar.

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Versatile and colorful Colorado beans

By Wendy White
Special to The PREVIEW

Colorado produces a wide range of bean varieties, including pinto, light red kidney and black, and the state ranks eighth nationally in dry bean production. Beans are low in fat, high in fiber, rich in antioxidants and a good source of protein.

Look for Colorado beans at your local grocery store or at restaurants across the state.

Each month, the Colorado Department of Agriculture features a different commodity to highlight the variety and quality of products grown in the state.

Campfire beans

Recipe courtesy Chef Jason K. Morse, C.E.C.

3/4 pound thick applewood bacon, cut into 3/4-inch strips

1 cup sweet yellow onion, diced
1 teaspoon fresh garlic, crushed
2 pounds andouille sausage, cooked and cut into 1/2-inch slices
5 15-ounce cans pinto beans, drained and rinsed

3 tablespoons Cajun seasoning
2 tablespoons cumin
2 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

3 tablespoons apple cider
1/2 cup dark brown sugar
2 cups tomato sauce
1 cup beef stock

Heat a large Dutch oven (8 quart or larger) over high heat for 7-10 minutes. Add the bacon and onions and sauté until bacon is browned and onions are caramelized about 50 percent. Cook for 5-7 minutes then add the remaining ingredients to the Dutch oven and mix well. Tilt the cover (approximately 25 percent open) and adjust heat to simmer. Simmer for one hour, slowly remove cover and stir to mix. Taste and adjust seasoning as needed. Tilt the cover and let cook for another hour or more depending on preference. Remove from heat when finished and let rest for 10 minutes. Serve with a steak, grilled chicken or pulled pork.

Visit www.coloradoproud.org for a complete list of recipes.

Upcoming events

April 8: Potato Workshop, 10 a.m. at the Extension office. Learn about how to grow potatoes in the high country. Call 264-5931 to sign up.

April 13: Mountain High Gardeners Garden Expo, 10 a.m.-noon at the Extension office.

April 30: Pesticide Education Workshop, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. This is a free workshop.

CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification

Extension Viewpoints

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

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



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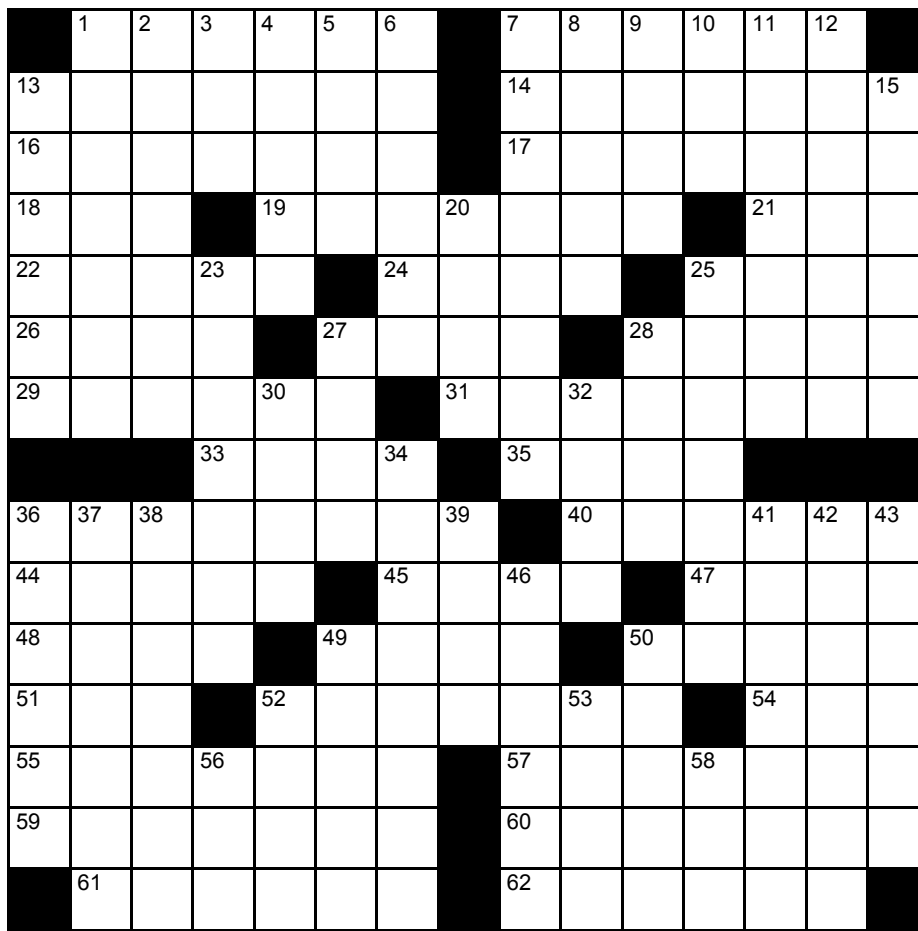
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- 43 More custardlike
- 46 Acid used in nylon production
- 49 Conical-cap wearer
- 50 Adrenal or thyroid
- 52 Email folder
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Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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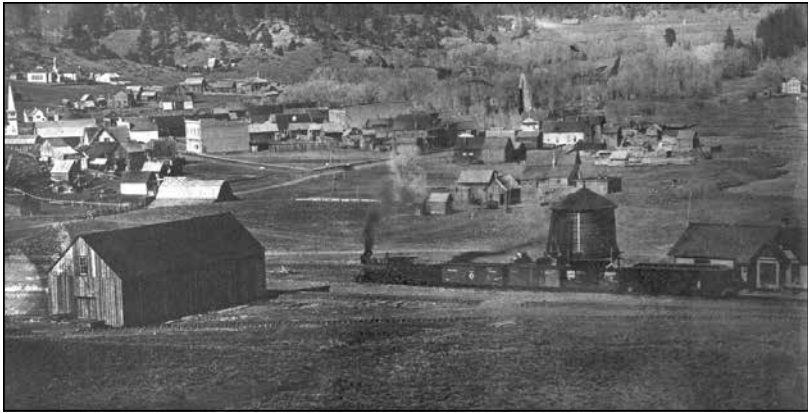


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Looking east in this busy 1901 picture of Pagosa Springs, we see the railroad station along 7th Street in the foreground. The white plume in the center downtown on the bank of the river is the first geothermal well drilled in town. The pile of geothermal deposits on the downtown parking lot today is a reminder of the location of this well.

Traipsin', tradin' and explorin'

I'm in the midst of describing the path of the 1776 Dominguez/ Escalante expedition. The footsteps these adventuresome Franciscan fathers left eventually became known as the Old Spanish Trail, a historic trade route connecting 18th century New Mexico with California.

At the end of last week's column, the two padres were sick, bogged down by heavy rain and camped along a nearly impassible road. With great difficulty, they slogged along westward for two more leagues, finally setting up camp on the San Lazaro River, otherwise called Rio de los Mancos.

Their accomplishments prove exploring is not for sissies. Not only were the padres suffering from a cold or flu or pneumonia, one of the men fell into the river, injuring his hand. Mancos means one-armed or one-handed or crippled in Spanish.

Near present-day Dolores, the party found and recorded Anasazi ruins, the first white men to do so in southwestern Colorado. Anasazi is Navajo for "the ancient ones," a people who lived in the area from ca. 100 B.C. to 1200 A.D.

With an eye out for future Hispanic settlement opportunities, Escalante noted the beautiful surroundings supplied with water, pasture, timber for construction and firewood. The explorers continued north, staying west of the San Juan Mountains. They crossed the Dolores River several times and camped along its banks northeast of the site of present-day Cahone. Here they met two Native American slaves they called Genizaro and Coyote. One man was renamed Felipe and the other Juan Domingo. The men were added to the expedition.

As they continued west and northwest through a cañon while crisscrossing the Dolores River, they passed through an area currently known as Egnar and followed the San Miguel River to an area about 5 miles west of Nucla. The land became increasingly arid with less pasture land in the cañons and insufficient water for the horses. They had seen signs of settlements which



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they called rancherias. And realizing they needed help, they searched for natives to serve as guides.

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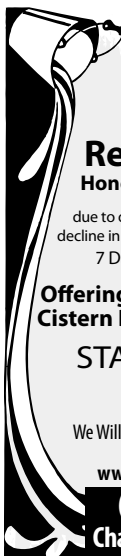
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Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership accepting donations for Community Garden Dome spots

By Roberta Tolan
Special to The PREVIEW

We are incredibly lucky in Pagosa Springs to have a strong number of organizations whose missions help many residents in our community. Some of these include improving the diet and health of those in need, engaging seniors in healthy and social lifestyles, or helping individuals heal physically and emotionally, to name just a few.

The Community Garden Dome, the second of three grow domes being built in Centennial Park by the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership, brings together individuals all representing a wide range of community organizations, working side by side in the greenhouse producing healthy food, engag-

ing in conversation, developing partnerships and sharing goals and accomplishments. The Community Garden Dome provides organizations the opportunity to help achieve their goals through gardening.

Each organization will be asked to complete an application outlining how gardening will help satisfy the organization mission and include three measurable variables. Twelve organizations will be chosen based on their application. If more than 12 are selected, a lottery system will be used to select the participating organizations.

Once selected, each organization will be assigned a growing bed inside the dome for a six-month period, and they will be responsible for planting, watering, weeding, maintaining and harvesting the

produce using approved organic gardening principles. Wheelchair-accessible beds are available upon request.

We are very grateful for the financial support of the Community Garden Dome from many individuals, organizations and businesses

and the dome needs ongoing financial support for its continued maintenance and growth. We are also aware that organizations have varying financial resources. For this reason, we are asking that organizations donate an amount that they feel is appropriate and

affordable.

We hope that you are excited and inspired by this unique community-wide opportunity. If you have questions and/or would like an application form, please contact Roberta Tolan at (970) 988-1572 or rtolan3@gmail.com.

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

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

This is one of the most commonly seen birds in Pagosa Springs. Most of us have seen their V-shaped flight formations, in which experienced individuals take turns leading the flock.

Canada geese like living near water and grain fields. Grassy areas are particularly favored because these birds can digest grass, and large open spaces, such as parks and golf courses, provide unobstructed views of approaching predators.

In spring, pairs break out of their winter flocks and begin to defend their chosen territories. Geese mate for life and most pairs do not breed until their fourth year. Females select the site and build the nest. The goslings develop rapidly, spending much of their time with their parents, mostly sleeping and eating.

In winter, geese can migrate southward or choose to remain in their summer habitat, even when temperatures are quite cold, if water and food are plentiful.

An Internet search will fill in the problematic details of the common name of this bird — Canada goose or Canadian goose. If everyone simply uses the scientific name, *Branta canadensis*, the problem is solved.

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