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Town takes steps forward on two trails projects

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council voted to take steps to move forward on two different trail projects — the Riverwalk and the Town-to-Lakes Trail — during its March 21 meeting.

The first of the trail projects considered at the meeting is for a Riverwalk extension that would run along Hermosa Street, through the Cotton Hole park area and to U.S. 160, with council opting to move forward with accepting a \$400,000

■ See Trails A8

PAWSD discusses potential merger with town sewer district

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Following a joint work session between the Pagosa Springs Town Council and the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors on Feb. 21, the PAWSD board discussed at its regular board meeting on March 21 how to proceed with the idea of a possible merger of sewer districts.

At the joint work session on Feb. 21, town council brought up the idea of PAWSD taking over the Pagosa Springs Sanitation and General Improvement District (PSSGID).

According to PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey, in 1992, PAWSD took over the town's water service, but not its sewer service.

PSSGID Sanitation Supervisor

■ See Merger A8



The cast of Pagosa Springs High School's production of "Footloose" strikes a pose following the play's final scene on March 22. The school first performed the play in 2003, opting to revisit the classic this year.

SUN photo/Randi Pierce

County to consider resolution protecting Second Amendment rights

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Next week, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners is anticipated to consider a resolution declaring Archuleta County a "Second Amendment Preservation County."

The draft resolution is in response to House Bill 19-1177, currently under consideration by the Colorado Legislature that some say infringes on citizens' Second Amendment

■ See Resolution A8



Photo courtesy Becky Thompson

The Fantastic Doctors are Jessica Parker and Ellie Vining, coached by (not pictured) Julie Plummer-Ashbaugh.



Photo courtesy Becky Thompson

RuthAnn Morehouse and David Morehouse are Bombulum Draconis. They are coached by (not pictured) Kristen and Jesse Morehouse.



Photo courtesy Becky Thompson

The Team Hybrid members are Reese Jenkins and Malachi Vincent, coached by (not pictured) Julie Plummer-Ashbaugh.

Destination Imagination teams advance to state



Photo courtesy Becky Thompson

The Rising Stars team is Kianoa Landry, Shiloh Delelman, Chloe Crabb, coach Grace Thompson, Savannah Graves, Wells Witting and Joe Archuleta.



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The Fire Monsters are Gianna Shaeffer, Tacen Carter, River Wilson and Isabelle Ratcliff, coached by (not pictured) Julie Plummer-Ashbaugh.

By Becky Thompson
Special to The SUN

Destination Imagination is a competition that challenges students in one of seven open-ended challenges requiring teams of young people to apply science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), in addition to improvisation, theater arts, writing, project management, communication, innovation, teamwork and community service.

Six Destination Imagination teams from Pagosa Springs were at the regional competition at Escalante Middle School in Durango this past Saturday, March 23. They competed against teams from Mancos, Cortez, Durango, Telluride, Dolores and Bayfield. Five of the six teams qualified to go on to compete in Denver at the state level. The other team was at the Rising Stars level, a noncompetitive Destination Imagination event for students from kindergarten to second grade who only compete at the regional level.

The Rising Stars team, consisting of Chloe Crabb, Savannah Graves, Kianoa Landry, Shiloh Delelman, Joe Archuleta and Wells Witting, had to create and present a story that combined elements of both fiction and nonfiction. They wrote a skit in which the characters from "The Polar Express" saved characters from "The Titanic."

Four of the teams were at the elementary school level.

■ See Destination A8

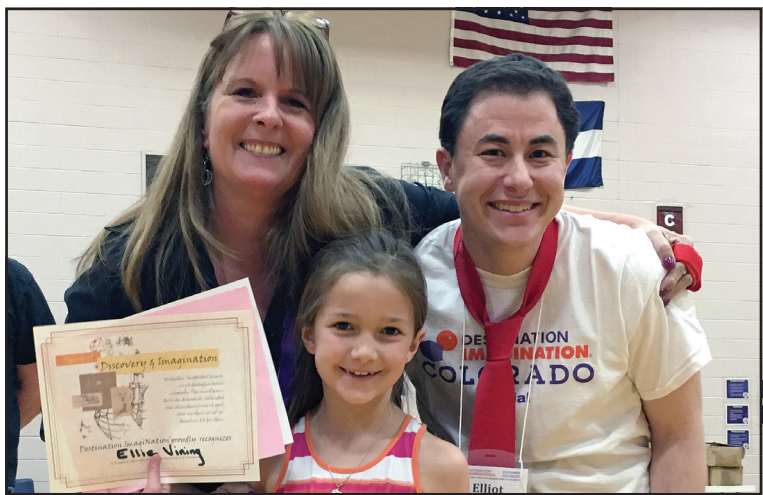


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Ellie Vining receiving her special award with Scientific Challenge Master Julia Hampton and Instant Challenge Master Elliot Brechner.



Photo courtesy Becky Thompson

Team Power Pilots is Oliver Samu, John Grimes, Tameron Carter and Ethan Bracken, coached by (not pictured) Julie Plummer-Ashbaugh.

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EDITORIAL

A horrific death

Many people witnessed the horrific incident that led to the death of a puppy on March 9.

The incident started at the intersection of North Pagosa Boulevard and U.S. 160 when a puppy did what many puppies do.

"The puppy lunged to bark at a car and fell over the edge and was hanging over at tire level squealing and yelping for his life," wrote Bob Yager in an email to The SUN.

The driver of the pickup truck didn't stop.

Yager explained that he followed the driver of the pickup flashing his lights and honking his horn to try and get the other driver's attention.

"Two and a half miles I and everyone else on the road had to watch in horror as this puppy dangled helplessly bouncing off the tire," he wrote.

"For the record. I am 58 years old and have seen a lot of sad things regarding some animals but this is by far the most horrific despicable act of complete negligence I have ever seen," Yager opined.

There was quite a bit more detail and emotion expressed in his account of the puppy's death. It is one of those emails that makes you sick to your stomach to read.

Plenty of people witnessed the dog

dangling helplessly from the bed of the pickup truck over the 2.5 miles as the truck drove down the highway toward town. Those people cannot ever forget that image.

The parents who were out for a Saturday drive with their two children can never erase that scene from their children's memories.

Despite his efforts, Yager couldn't save the pup.

Law enforcement told The SUN that the dog was put down due to the extent of its injuries.

Seeking justice, Yager reached out to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). A lady there explained that "there are counties in Colorado that do have truck dog restraint statutes and render aid policies and this case is a perfect starting point to advocate for similar statutes and policies here in Archuleta County."

Yager aims to do just that by bringing this matter to the public's attention and hoping that the town and county will adopt laws to protect dogs while being transported in the back of pickups.

Yager is seeking action to help bring him closure in the death of this puppy.

"I have been deeply affected by this," he wrote, explaining that he is seeking "some kind of justice and respect for that puppy."

When you let your dog ride in the back of your pickup, you should never let it ride unsecured. It's illegal in some states.

Yager hopes it will become illegal in Archuleta County and in the Town of Pagosa Springs. Many local and state governments regulate how dogs can be carried in pickup beds.

The ASPCA recommends restraining dogs when transporting them in pickup truck beds. Securing them in a cage or keeping them safely cross-tethered to prevent the dog from being thrown, falling or jumping from the vehicle are best practices if you have to transport a dog in the back of your pickup.

Exemptions can be made for hunting and farm dog owners employed by hunting, ranching or farm operations.

In the United States, it's estimated that some 100,000 dogs are fatally injured each year riding in the back of pickup trucks by flying out after an accident, jumping out or falling out accidentally. These incidents can also potentially cause an accident and injuries to other drivers.

We ask our town and county leaders to consider enacting regulations to prevent other dogs from suffering the same horrific death that this puppy suffered.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 29, 1929

Miss Julia Cotton, the champion speller of Archuleta county for 1929, left Saturday for Denver to take part in the state contest, which was won by the representative of Mesa county.

Next Tuesday is the town election, and although there is only one municipal ticket in the field, there will no doubt be a goodly number out to exercise their right of suffrage.

The Archuleta county officers are today moving all county records and equipment into the new court house where all official business will be transacted in the future. What disposition will be made of the old court house building, purchased by Hon. Chas. F. Rumbaugh a few months ago, has not yet been announced by the new owner.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 31, 1944

Miss Rose Catalina, who recently resigned her position as teacher of the Edith school, has been accepted into the Air Corps of the WACS. After passing her mental test, she was sent to the Pueblo Air Base to take her physical examination and passed it also. She was required to sign a waiver for height she did not quite meet the five feet requirement. She lacked one inch of being exactly five feet. As soon as the waiver goes through to home office, Miss Catalina will leave for her training at which ever Air Base training camp she'll be assigned. Miss Catalina hopes to make good in her new line of work.

There are several unfinished Red Cross garments, and more to be cut and made, before we will have finished our quota of hospital supplies by April 1. Let us attend each working session at the work room. There are those who have been most faithful, and others who have shown a willingness to help put this over the top too; but with a concerted effort we shall meet the requirements.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 27, 1969

Retail sales in Archuleta County were up 2.5 percent for the year of 1968. This, however, included sales of manufacturing and jobbing concerns, which had only a 2.6 percent increase. If total retail sales, utilities, and lodging sales are included, the percent of increase is 23.8 percent. This is accounted for largely by a 28.4 percent increase in receipts for lodging sales. This includes motels, hotels, and sales of trailer homes.

Skiing continues to be excellent at the Wolf Creek Pass Ski Area. Snow conditions are ideal and all lifts will be operating this weekend. Snow depth at midway is eight and one-half feet, the snow is good skiing snow, and ordinarily the weather is ideal.

The monthly water supply forecast has this to say about the local snowpack outlook: "The Southwestern corner of the state has an excellent snow pack. Stream-flow forecasts range from 121 percent of average on the La Plata to 156 percent of normal on the Piedra. All the area streams should flow above normal this summer. Good water supplies are virtually assured during the growing season."

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 31, 1994

Construction of all kinds is booming throughout Archuleta county, and Pagosa Springs officials are working to see that construction within town limits conforms to building-related ordinances and codes. The Uniform Building Code is being enforced within town limits, as are ordinances requiring permits for specific projects and setting fees for all classes of contractor. Town building inspector Charles Turner has been on the job since the end of January and he says most problems that developed when the town was without an inspector for several months have been solved. Turner said, 19 building permits, with fees totaling \$4336, have been issued in Pagosa Springs in 1994. Similar permit fees in all of 1993 (building permits, sign permits, and contractors fees) totaled \$5000.

Sign of Spring: Parents Chubby and Cinderella Black Bear are proud to announce the birth of their cubs Brownie and Blackie born January 1994 at the Rocky Mountain Wildlife Park. The cubs weighed 6 ounces each at birth. They each now weigh 5 pounds. Proud proxy grandparents are Vimmie and Dick Ray of Pagosa Springs.

WHADDYA THINK?

What are you doing for spring break?

Poll results (97 votes)
Heading for warmer climes. — 13 percent
Staying here, playing in the snow. — 19 percent
I wish I had a break. — 68 percent

This week online:
Do you plan to vote in the upcoming La Plata Electric Association election?
68%

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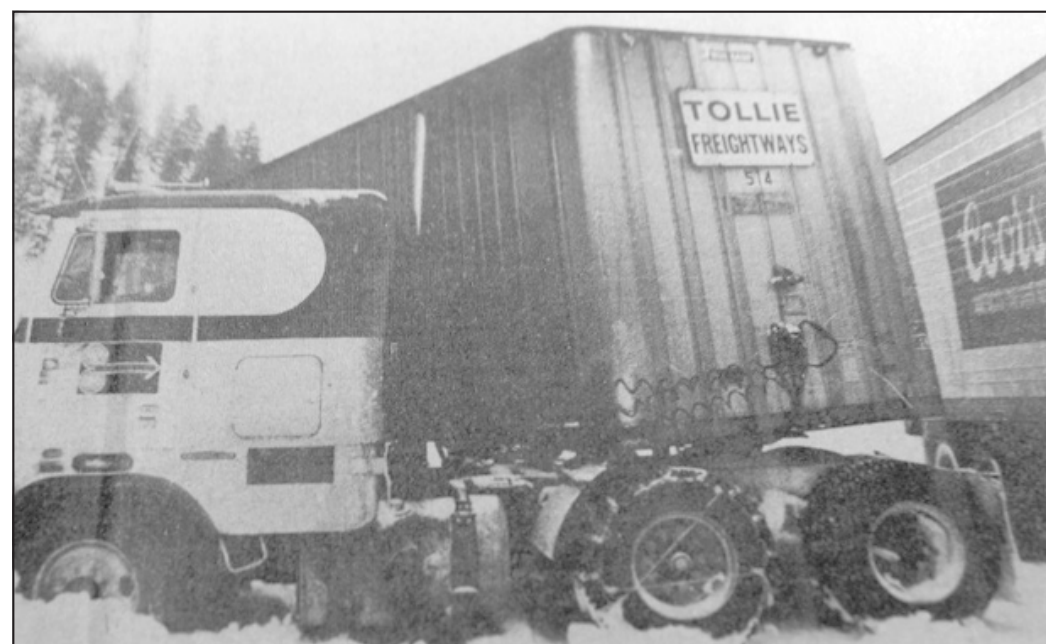
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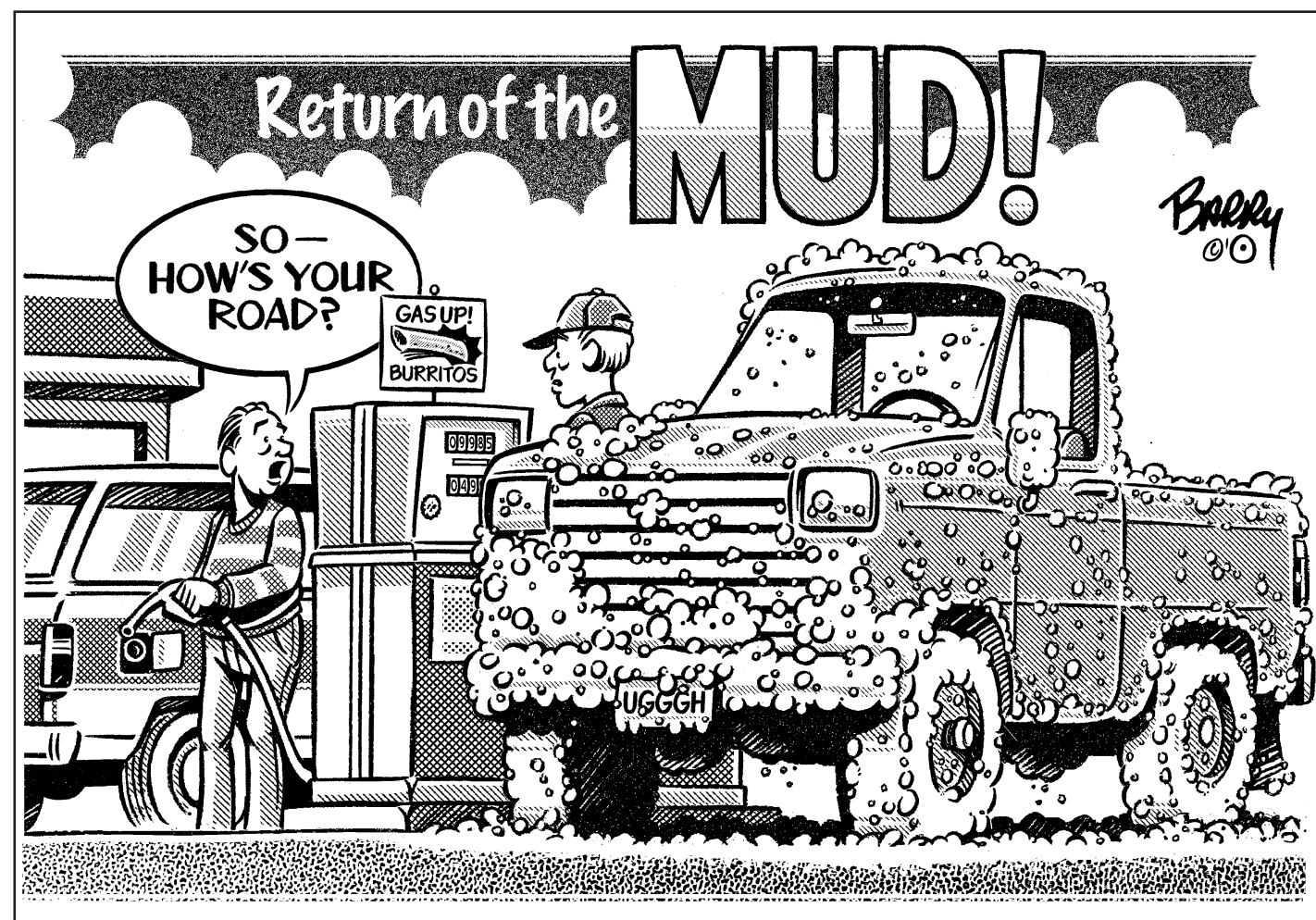
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LOOKING BACK



From the March 6, 1980, Pagosa Springs SUN.

TRAFFIC TIEUP — Traffic on Wolf Creek Pass became a snarl Monday afternoon when the highways became slick and icy during a snowstorm. This large transport jackknifed into a snowbank just above the San Juan Overlook while another transport and a bus collided just below the San Juan Overlook. Traffic was backed up both ways for quite a while as the vehicles were being moved.



Letters

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Support Whiting

Dear Editor:
If you live in Archuleta County, and/or are in business here, you pay one or more electric bills to LPEA. You should check Michael Whiting on your LPEA election ballots coming in the mail on April 2nd. Michael has fought for us on so many fronts over the years, really listens, and looks out for our hard earned money and interests as he would his own. We need his kind of leadership and representation when it comes to our energy bills and energy future.

I personally am voting for Michael Whiting for LPEA, you should too

Shelley Low

Tax cut results

Dear Editor:
Michael Netzer asked Pagosa residents how they came out on taxes as a result of the tax cut. My pay withholding was reduced, putting more money into my hands each month. And my taxes fell — meaning the actual amount of tax that I paid. And my refund increased even though less was withheld. Part of the lower taxes/higher refund was due to significantly higher medical expenses last year, but I computed an alternate scenario in Turbo Tax to see the effect of the tax cut without the higher medical. I still came out way ahead.

Dan Mayer

Support Metzler

Dear Editor:
I am pleased to support Holly

Metzler for the open LPEA seat for Archuleta County. I know that a board election for a rural electric cooperative may seem uninteresting compared to other elections but it is very important. If you get your electric service from LPEA, you will get a ballot in early April. Casting your ballot can make a difference.

We are in a very complex and volatile energy environment. LPEA is required to buy 95% of its energy from Tri-State Generation. As a recent letter to the Sun pointed out, Tristate's wholesale price for electricity is more than 3 times the rate available on the open market from renewable sources. Moreover, LPEA is one of 40+ other electrical cooperatives that effectively "own" Tri-State. Many of those other cooperatives are trying to modify or get out of their contracts with Tri-State. Why? Because those cooperatives are at a huge disadvantage due to the high rates they have to pass on to their member/customers. Commercial customers, in particular, have other options. High electrical rates are not only a hardship for residential customers but are also a significant damper on economic development. It is entirely possible for an unlucky few of Tri-State's member cooperatives to be left holding an increasingly expensive bag — an obsolete energy portfolio.

As a previous letter writer pointed out, the situation is complex. Disengaging from Tri-State would be expensive and may not be the best course of action. But sitting on our hands is also a bad choice. That is why we need to elect a knowledgeable, assertive and creative Board member like Holly Metzler. New board members and staff are moving LPEA and Tri-State into a more proactive mode. Holly could make a tremendous contribution and add needed momentum to that effort.

Holly is not a politician. She is a dedicated professional who just completed a Masters degree in Environmental Science. She is a lifelong resident of our area, a local business owner, and a committed community volunteer. You will be proud to have her represent you on the LPEA Board.

Johnny Pickett

Click It or Ticket rural enforcement underway

1,279 people cited for not buckling up during last year's enforcement period

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and local law enforcement agencies are conducting a Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement period targeting rural areas of Colorado. The enforcement period will run through March 31.

In 2018, five of the six counties with the lowest seat belt use in Colorado were all rural, according to a CDOT study.

Colorado's seat belt use rate is 86 percent, well below the national average of 90 percent. Last year, 215 unbuckled drivers and passengers were killed in crashes in the state, accounting for more than half of the 410 total passenger vehicle deaths. In 2017, an estimated 70 lives could have been saved if everyone in Colorado had buckled up.

"One of CDOT's core values is safety, and seat belt use is crucial to keeping drivers and passengers safe on the roads," said Darrell Lingk, director of CDOT's Office of

Transportation Safety. "We hope the Click It or Ticket rural campaign will encourage people to buckle up, especially in areas with the most opportunity to increase usage rates and save lives."

The March rural enforcement is the first of three Click It or Ticket enforcement periods in 2019. During the same Click It or Ticket spring enforcement last year, 1,279 seat belt citations were issued in rural communities across Colorado.

"Hospitals are often few and far between in rural areas, so emergency vehicles have more distance to travel to help those involved in serious crashes," said Col. Matthew Packard, chief of the CSP. "Buckling a seat belt is simple and the protection provided is invaluable — seat belts reduce the risk of serious injury and death in motor vehicle crashes by 50 percent. In order to save your life and the lives of others in the car, we encourage everyone to buckle up every time you enter a vehicle."

CDOT is also reminding drivers that crashes are unexpected and can happen even during short trips.

Fines for not buckling up in Colorado start at \$65, and parents or caregivers caught with an improperly restrained child can receive a minimum fine of \$82.

Card of Thanks

Rivas

To our family and friends, the family of the late Wanda Ann Rivas wishes to express sincere appreciation for their many acts of kindness, words of comfort, messages of sympathy, flowers, food and visits in our bereavement. We love you.

We especially want to thank Gary and Judy Gray, Sheila and Pa McKenzie, Stu and Marcela Sarnow, Kathy Norris, Fran and John O'Brien, Vicky and Greg Held, Teresa and Larry Burge, and Fran and Karen Sciacca for generously giving of their time to help our

mother travel to Durango for her dialysis. Rosie Griego for reciting the rosary, Bill Norton and Steve Van Horn for the beautiful music, Juanita Archuleta y Las Guadalupe for serving food at the reception, Heather Hofmann and Hood Mortuary for taking great care of our mother, Father Kenny Udumka, Davita of Durango, Dr. Saddler and Dr. Schmidt.

May God bless you all.

Joseph A Rivas Sr., Joseph A Rivas Jr. and Guadalupe and family, Angelica Mendez and Eduardo and family, and Paul Rivas and family

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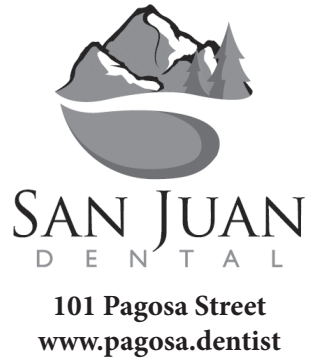


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Clean out your medicine cabinet for Drug Take Back Day

By Hazel Wedemeyer
Special to The SUN

Got drugs? Clean out your medicine cabinet on National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, taking place Saturday, April 27, from 7 to 11 a.m. at the 9Health Fair at Pagosa Springs High School, 800 S. 8th St.

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Archuleta County commissioners adopt Vietnam War Veterans Day

By Linda Hobbs
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County commissioners approved and adopted a petition by the Sarah Platt Decker Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to name March 29 as Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Members of the DAR and Vietnam veterans attended the proclamation reading and signing on March 19.

Commissioners Ron Maez, Steve Wadley and Alvin Schaaf added their personal comments and thanks to our Vietnam veterans and all veterans. There was a round of applause in the meeting room upon adoption of the proclamation.

The DAR is a commemorative partner of the 50th commemoration of the Vietnam War, administered by the Department of Defense. The commemoration is a 13-year program (2012-2025) established during President Barack Obama's administration and is designed to assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam veterans and their families. Further, President Donald J. Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, permanently designating every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

More information may be found at www.vietnamwar50th.com.



Photo courtesy Tanice Ramsperger

Pictured are Ronnie Maez, county commission chairman, and DAR Regent Nancy S. Carter with commissioners Steve Wadley and Alvin Schaaf, and DAR members Karolyn Dey, Linda Hobbs, April Holthaus, Jane McKain, Carolyn Paschal, Tanice Ramsperger, Mary Reithmiller, Barbara Witowski and Kathy Zilhaber. Veterans in attendance included Roy Vega, Jim Huffman, Paul Nobles and Ken Sorce.

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: On March 29, 1973, the last American troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam, thus ending military involvement in what was the longest war in our country's history; and,

WHEREAS: On May 25, 2012, President Barack Obama designated May 29, 2012 – November 11, 2025 as a 13 year program to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War; and,

WHEREAS: On March 28, 2017, President Donald J. Trump, signed into law The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, designating every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day; and,

WHEREAS: More than 58,000 service members made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War, thousands more were wounded, and 1,600 remain missing in action; and,

WHEREAS: Vietnam Veterans contribute to our communities, state and nation by offering

skills, education and leadership learned in military service; and,

WHEREAS: Archuleta County, Colorado, is home to more than an estimated 400 Vietnam Veterans; and,

WHEREAS: The Sarah Platt Decker Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a proud Commemorative Partner of the 50th Commemoration acknowledging that these veterans and their families deserve our thanks and respect for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States.

NOW THEREFORE, I, the Board of Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2019 as VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY and invite all citizens in both public ceremonies and in private thoughts and prayers to gratefully acknowledge our Vietnam Veterans.

County discusses gun rights, combining governments, finances at March 19 meeting

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

At their regular meeting on March 19, the county commissioners briefly addressed gun rights, combining the town and county governments into one and were updated on the county's financial health, among other things.

During public comment, local resident Stephen Keno urged the commissioners to pass a stronger resolution in response to Colorado House Bill 19-1177, also known as "Extreme Risk Protection Orders" or the "red flag" bill, which would allow a judge to order weapons confiscated if a person is deemed to be a threat to themselves or others.

Some have argued that the resolution infringes on citizens' Second Amendment rights.

The Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states "... the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

At its March 12 work session, the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) revisited a resolution the board passed in 2013 which states "... neither the United States congress nor the Colorado General Assembly should enact any legislation that contradicts the Second Amendment," among other recitals that protect citizens' constitutional rights.

The commissioners discussed at the work session that it was still worded properly to continue to protect Archuleta County residents' Second Amendment rights.

Keno did not agree at the March 19 meeting.

"I don't feel that it's adequate enough, what was stated in 2013, because now the issue has changed and I believe that you gentlemen need to pass a resolution and have it on the record, not only reaffirming the 2013 resolution, but also addressing the red flag issue," said Keno.

BoCC Chair Ron Maez responded by saying the commissioners may pass a formal resolution in April that definitively states they do not support the "red flag" bill.

Financial report

Finance Director Larry Walton presented the "Fourth Quarter 2018 Financial Report of Archuleta County."

Walton's presentation noted that "The 2017 Audit is incomplete and late. Final release was delayed at the request of investigators, so as not to disclose an investigation into \$2.6M worth of undisclosed property," referring to the current Colorado Bureau of Investigation inquiry of missing county assets given to the Sheriff's office between 2006 and 2017.

Walton's slide notes the investigation is ongoing.

The final slide of Walton's presentation summarized his main points and noted that the delay of the 2017 audit is a major issue for the county.

His slide also noted that revenue in most departments met expectations for the year, with the exception of the Solid Waste Fund, which includes the landfill.

Parks and rec agreement

The county also adopted a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that combines the town of Pagosa Springs' and Archuleta County's separate parks and recreation boards into one.

The MOU doubles the contribution from the county to the town for park purposes, up to \$60,000 from \$30,000, taken from Colorado's Conservation Trust Fund's annual allocation to the county.

The new board will be named the Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

The town is anticipated to approve the MOU at its meeting on March 21.

Maez said this could be the first step in combining the town's and county's governments into one.

"I think that this could be a step in the right direction of possibility of maybe one government, eventually, in Archuleta County because we are unique, we are one town and one county," said Maez, adding, "Hope-

fully it's gonna be steps to move forward in the future, see what we can consider there."

Pay for on-call workers

Robert Smith, human resources administrator, presented a proposed revision to the Archuleta County Personnel Policy and Procedures.

Smith proposed the county change the existing policy which set different pay rates for on-call/standby workers in different county departments.

According to Smith's staff report on the subject, the Public Works Department paid its on-call staff \$50 per day and the Department of Human Services and the sheriff's department paid \$2 per hour for weekdays and \$3 per hour for weekends to standby workers.

The update to the policy, which

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Town considering trio of ordinances

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council approved three ordinances on first reading at its March 21 meeting, with all three contemplating different subjects — rezoning land, amending liquor license regulations and suspending the town's Parks and Recreation Commission.

The first of the ordinances considered at the meeting, Ordinance 904, will, if approved on second reading on April 2, rezone a parcel of land on Hot Springs Boulevard.

The 4.87-acre parcel is owned by Archuleta County, with the northern portion of the property anticipated to be the site of a future Low-Income Housing Tax Credit development by the Archuleta County Housing Authority (ACHA).

Archuleta County purchased the property in 1999 from the Fairway Land Trust and earlier this year committed 2.5 acres of the parcel for the potential ACHA development.

Town Planning Director James Dickhoff introduced the topic to council on March 21, explaining that the town's planning commission had unanimously approved to recommend rezoning the parcel with conditions.

"The Planning Commission supported the property be rezoned from Public/Quasi Public to Mixed-Use Town Center contingent on the applicant conducting a sketch plan

neighborhood meeting and sketch plan work session with the Planning Commission prior to the submission of a Major Design Review application for the proposed project," Dickhoff's agenda brief on the topic states.

The public/quasi public zoning currently on the property, the brief states, is intended for uses related to community services, such as fire stations, schools, libraries, community centers, hospitals, town buildings, utilities, cemeteries and places of worship.

A mixed-use town center zoning, it explains further, "is intended to promote a wide range of residential and nonresidential land uses in the downtown. The district is intended to maintain and improve the vibrant downtown area as an environment that has employment and shopping opportunities, a range of housing types, and parks, lodging, open space, and civic uses. New development should occur in traditional development patters [sic] with narrower streets, smaller blocks, and smaller lots. The MU-TC district is intended to encourage predominantly vertical with some horizontal mixed use in a pedestrian-friendly environment that is not dominated by one land use or housing type."

The brief also notes that the proposed zoning would allow both a multifamily development and governmental facilities as allowable uses by right, with Dickhoff noting during the meeting that it would allow the county to build its administrative facilities on the remainder of the parcel.

The property also sits within the Hot Springs Boulevard Overlay district, Dickhoff explained, with

his brief noting that that district was established "to expand the Town center to include new opportunities for commercial and residential development, anchored by a government district."

Bill Simpson, who is associated with ACHA, told the council that the project is in a very conceptual site-planning stage, with elements of the project, such as on-street parking, able to be changed.

The final site plan, he noted, will depend on a market analysis.

A conceptual site plan handed out at the meeting shows 36 townhome units, including 24 two-bedroom, six one-bedroom and six three-bedroom units. It also shows a new ACHA office building, clubhouse and more.

Dickhoff noted at the meeting that the renderings show townhomes, which are vertical units, and not apartments.

Then-Interim County Administrator Greg Schulte told council that, from the county's perspective, the project is a fulfillment of the desires of both the town's and county's elected bodies.

That referred to the fact that, in 2016, a joint town and county workgroup was formed to address the joint goal of workforce housing.

It was revealed later in the discussion by Simpson that the project is intended to be rental units.

"Donny, this has been a long time coming," ACHA's Clifford Lucero said, addressing Mayor Don Volger.

Lucero thanked the county for giving the ACHA a lease on the property, as well as for the governments making the project a priority.

"I'm fully in support of this project," town council member David Schanzenbaker said, thanking the county for stepping up to provide the property for the project.

After additional questions about rezoning property were directed toward the town's attorney, the five members of the town council present unanimously approved the ordinance upon first reading, which was met with applause by members of the audience.

The next ordinance contemplated by the council would, if approved upon second reading, eliminate the distances between schools and all types of liquor licenses except tavern licenses.

The topic was discussed by council on March 5, and the first reading of the ordinance, Ordinance 905, was approved on March 21 with no council discussion and no public comment.

The third ordinance discussed at the meeting, Ordinance 906, suspends the town's Parks and Recreation Commission, with the first reading of that ordinance following the council's approval of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the town and county for the formation of a joint parks and recreation commission.

The suspension of the town's commission is open-ended, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained, as long as the MOU is in place.

With no public comment, the ordinance was unanimously approved upon first reading.

The second readings of all three ordinances are anticipated to appear on the council's April 2 agenda, with that meeting beginning at 5 p.m. in the Town Hall council chambers.

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was unanimously approved by the commissioners, set one rate for all on-call employees at all departments to \$3 per hour for all days of the week.

Smith noted that employees receive their regular pay once called in to work.

McCabe Creek culvert improvement project

The BoCC also passed a resolution in support of acquiring funding for the McCabe Creek Culvert Improvement Project.

The resolution explained the "Board regards this Project as a high priority due to the fact that it is rated as the worst culvert in CDOT's [Colorado Department of Transportation] Region 5."

The resolution also states that funding is not currently available for the project and "requests consideration by the TPR [Transportation Planning Region] and CDOT for placing this project highest on the list of projects to move forward for the region ..."

Gravel contract

Bob Perry, director of public works, recommended awarding a \$144,450 contract to C&J gravel for the purpose of maintaining county roads.

The contract is for 13,500 tons of three-quarter inch gravel at \$10.70 a ton. The commissioners unanimously approved the contract.

Goodbye to Schulte

The commissioners said goodbye to Interim County Administrator Greg Schulte, who participated in his last BoCC meeting as a county employee.

Schulte came out of retirement in August 2018 to take the job, a position he had previously held.

Commissioner Steve Wadley said he was "thankful we have somebody of your caliber in this community," and Maez told Schulte he thought he served "out of the love for your community and I am personally grateful to you."

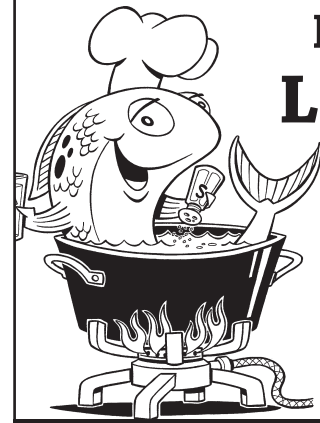
New Archuleta County Administrator L. Scott Wall was present at the meeting, but did not take a central role.

Schulte's last day on the job was March 22.

Additionally, the BoCC cast unanimous votes in favor of two proclamations: One declaring March 2019 to be Developmental Disability Awareness Month and the other proclaiming March 29 as Vietnam War Veterans Day.

The next BoCC meeting is on April 2 at 6 p.m., in the commissioners' meeting room at 398 Lewis St.

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Education

Rotary offers youth leadership opportunity

By Roberta Tolan
Special to The SUN

The future leaders of our community and our country are the youth of today. They are our student council officers, club presidents, 4-H members, debate team winners, creative minds, technology enthusiasts, sports team leaders and budding entrepreneurs. But becoming an effective and ethical leader takes skill, and these skills

can be learned and developed.

The Rotary Youth Leadership conference (RYLA) is the ideal opportunity for students who show leadership potential, want to recognize their own leadership style and develop skills needed now and in the future. This opportunity, offered by the Pagosa Springs Noon Rotary Club, is available to all students who will be sophomores, juniors or seniors in the fall of 2019 and is totally free of charge to all

participants.

This four-day leadership training will be held June 21-24 at the Colorado Mountain College SpringValley Campus in Glenwood Springs. Participants will attend a series of professionally developed presentations and hands-on activities that take participants through a process of assessing their personal leadership characteristics. It will also help participants develop an understanding of the ethics of lead-

ership and setting personal goals.

Students can apply for the RYLA scholarship by contacting Cindi Galabota at cindi@pagosalibrary.org or 903-9860 on or before April 19. Students will be interviewed by the club and scholarship recipients selected in April.

Expenses for the training will be completely covered by the Pagosa Noon Rotary Club and transportation to and from the event will be provided.

Photo courtesy Aaron Freed

Pagosa Springs Middle School students collected \$706.75 to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through their Pennies for Patients drive. This year's total was up from \$248 last year. Pictured are Anita Hinger's Pirate Time students, who led the way with \$256.90. The donations will go toward cancer patient and community services, research, public health and professional education.



Photo courtesy Dan Burch

For the first time in Archuleta School District history, two siblings made it to the state level in choral competition in the same year. Anika Thomas, a senior, made it for the second year in a row to the Colorado All State Choir in Denver. She went through the strenuous audition process competing against over 2,000 of the top junior and senior vocalists in the state. The high school festival took place the first weekend of February with over 500 students performing in the prestigious Buell Theatre in downtown Denver.

Anika's younger brother, Kaeden Thomas, an eighth-grader in Pagosa Family School, auditioned for the first time in Pagosa school history in the Middle School All State Choir. Kaeden Thomas had to also go through a tough audition process. After making the cut, he had the privilege of performing with hundreds of students at the Buell Theatre the first weekend of March.

Dinosaurs help teach at Seeds of Learning

By Eddie Abbott
Special to The SUN

"Oh my, Wally helps us solve our problems.

"Oh my, Wally's a good friend indeed.

"Oh my, Wally teaches us new things.

"But I wonder where Wally could be ..."

This familiar refrain can be heard four days a week in Dinosaur School at Seeds of Learning, where the children learn to develop social and emotional skills using the Dinosaur School curriculum, which is where Dina and Wally come in. You see, Dina and Wally are puppets, one a wise dinosaur, the other a school kid and helpful peer to the other students.

The Dinosaur School curriculum is one of three comprehensive and developmentally based programs targeting children, parents and teachers in the Incredible Years training series adopted by Seeds of Learning. The programs are designed to work together to teach children, ages 3-8 years, positive social skills, conflict and anger-management skills, emotional literacy, appropriate school behaviors, and communication skills in order to promote their positive self-image and general social, emotional and academic competence.

In the Dragonfly room, Dina the dinosaur, held by the teacher assistant, invites the class to review the concept of solutions. The children are asked to solve a class problem, such as not cleaning up after play or not wanting to come in from the playground. In Dina's hat are pictures of possible solutions that the kids are invited to pick and share with the group.

"I appreciate the fact that the program is grounded in research and best practices," reported Becca

Blauert, lead teacher for the Ladybug class. "I like how the children in my class learn to recognize feelings and to classify them as comfortable/uncomfortable."

Blauert uses Wally the puppet to engage the children and talk about recognizing those feelings, and via the rapport with Wally, the kids have a discussion about all the possible solutions. Wally is the students' peer, encouraging a more open conversation. Games and role playing are highly encouraged.

Meanwhile, in Ruby Archuleta's Butterfly class, Wally the puppet discusses the solutions, "please stop" and "ignore" with the children. They role play a scene where the teacher assistant reads a book to the class while Wally goes around pretending to poke or bother the kids, allowing them to say "please stop" and prompting kids to ignore Wally and keep listening to the story.

Another important component of the Incredible Years program is the 14-week parenting class offered free of charge to the Pagosa parents. The class is based on the Incredible Years program, developed by Dr. Carolyn Webster-Stratton, professor emerita at the University of Washington.

The final component of the Incredible Years Training series is classroom management training for teachers. All teachers at Seeds of Learning are provided this training that emphasizes effective use of teacher coaching skills, attention, praise and encouragement, as well as proactive teaching strategies.



Photos courtesy Renea Smith

These Pagosa Springs Elementary School educators were nominated by their fellow staff members for "going above and beyond." Golden Apple award winners for March are, left to right, Joetta Osborn, Susan Lawrence and Lauren Highsmith.

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Business

CHAMBER NEWS

Mental Wealth in the Workplace workshop to be offered

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

On April 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Chamber will host a Mental Wealth in the Workplace Workshop to be held in the Chamber conference room.

Why mental wealth? It costs a business an average of \$348 for one sick day per employee. Employees who are healthy and feel engaged at work take 38 percent less sick days. Companies that invest in holistic well-being efforts have a 30 percent lower turnover.

Bronwyn Radcliffe of Coaching Insight LLC will be our facilitator covering the "how" and "why" of investing in health and wellness efforts will amplify your business. Learn steps to create a healthy workplace and establish healthy work habits.

Topics will include employee engagement, how to manage a bad day at work and how to be a place where everyone wants to work. Offering healthy alternatives to your employees doesn't have to be ex-

pensive. What kind of incentives can your business put together to reward a healthy lifestyle and work ethic?

The cost of the class is \$10 and includes lunch. To register for the class, go to www.sbdcfortlewis.org. Be a leader in the business community and see how you can retain employees and create a healthier work environment.

Merchandising and Creative Display Class

Due to popular demand, the Merchandising and Creative Display Class that was held on March 21 was sold out. Therefore, an additional class has been scheduled and will be held on Wednesday, April 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce. This class is free, and retailers, restaurants or just about anyone can join the fun.

Please sign up to reserve your space by either calling the Chamber at 264-2360 or register online at www.pagosachamber.com under the calendar of events for the class on April 3. Learn some new tricks to display merchandise, make your space more inviting and workable,

and network with other creative Pagosa businesses.

Women's Networking Open House

There will be a Women's Networking Open House on Thursday, April 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. We are finalizing the location at this time. The theme of this networking event is "What Keeps You Up At Night?" This event is open to all women: employers, managers, staff members and stay-at-home moms. Different demographics have different needs and things that "keep you up at night."

The Chamber would like to create an environment where we can discuss or address certain issues, take a part of the networking time and dedicate it to an educational or informational segment, and create an environment of women sharing. Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served and the networking is free. Mark your calendar now, get a baby-sitter or make sure the "significant other" is at home and take time for items of interest for the women of Pagosa. Stay tuned

for the location. Questions can be directed to the Chamber at 264-2360.

Membership news

The next Maximizing Your Membership Class will be held in the Chamber conference room on Tuesday, April 9, from 9 to 10 a.m. A light breakfast will be served along with a heavy dose of information on to better utilize your Chamber benefits. Don't just be a Chamber member, be an engaged Chamber member utilizing the benefits that are included in your annual dues.

To reserve your space, contact Rick at the Chamber at 264-2360. If you cannot make these morning meetings and would still like to understand your benefits better, schedule a one-on-one session with Rick.

We welcome new member Pagosa Drone Productions this week.

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County unemployment dips to 4.4 percent in February

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County decreased to 4.4 percent in February from 5 percent in January, with 6,690 people in the labor force and 292 of those claiming unemployment.

In January, there were 6,722 people in the county's labor force, with 333, or 5 percent, claiming unemployment.

The total workforce decreased by 32 people over the course of the month, while the number of unemployed people decreased by 41.

In February of 2018, there were 6,413 workers in the county, of which 250, or 3.9 percent, were unemployed.

January of 2019 finds the unemployment rate is up 1.5 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 8.9 percent, while Cheyenne County had the lowest rate at 2 percent.

Cheyenne County currently has 1,026 people in the workforce.

The unemployment rate for the state was unchanged from January to February, remaining at 3.7 percent, according to the survey of

households.

Statewide, the number of people actively participating in the labor force in Colorado increased 3,800 from January to February to 3,138,900, and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 5,300 to 3,023,600.

The national unemployment rate decreased by two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.8 percent in February.

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 January to February, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 700 for a total of 2,749,600 jobs, with private-sector jobs increasing by 1,200 and government jobs decreasing by 500.

Over the year, the number of Coloradans participating in the labor force increased 84,400, total employment increased 56,900 and the number of unemployed increased 27,500.

The report notes that the January numbers are revised from that month's employment report released two weeks ago.

Over the month, the largest private-sector job gains were in professional and business services, and financial activities.

The largest over-the-month decline was in leisure and hospitality.

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

Over the year, the average workweek for all employees in private nonfarm payroll jobs decreased from 33.3 to 33.1 hours.

Average hourly earnings increased from \$28.42 to \$29.93 in February.
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Colorado Department of Revenue releases average market rates for adult-use marijuana effective April 1

Prices for bud and trim increased for the second consecutive quarter

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR) released the average market rates (AMR) for retail (adult-use) marijuana effective April 1.

The average price per pound of bud and trim again rose moderately from the previous quarterly update, specifically to \$806 per pound for bud (from \$781) and \$425 per

pound for trim (from \$396).

This is the second consecutive quarter where bud and trim rates increased. The bud allocated for extraction rate also increased to \$227 (from \$200), while the immature plant rate, wet whole plant rate and seed rate remained the same. The trim allocated for extraction rate is the only rate to see a decrease this quarter, going down to \$177 (from \$200).

The April 1 AMR was calculated based on retail marijuana transactions recorded from Nov. 1, 2018, through Jan. 31, 2019, in DOR's Marijuana Enforcement Division's marijuana inventory tracking system.

AMRs are estimates of the typical prices of each category of unprocessed retail marijuana that is sold or transferred from marijuana grows to product manufacturers or stores.

Visit the Taxation Division's website for more information, including the methodology of the

AMR calculations and current and prior AMRs: Colorado.gov/Tax/marijuana-taxes-file.

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Outdoors

Local groups work to clear thousands of trees downed by spruce beetle

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

About 15,000 dead, fallen trees are blocking access to trails in the Pagosa Springs area, and local organizations need additional funding and volunteers to clear the damage caused by the spruce beetle.

"We have upwards of 15,000 trees blocking various portions of trails," explained Paul Blackman of the Pagosa Ranger District.

About 7,000 to 9,000 additional trees come down each year, Blackman added.

The spruce beetle kills our local Engelmann spruce by burrowing into the bark, where it digs tunnels and mates. When the larvae hatch, they dig more tunnels which restrict flow of nutrients to the tree, ultimately starving and killing it.

The trees that have been dead for about 10 years have started to fall by the thousands on Pagosa area trails.

"We're kinda just seeing that trees have been dead for some time now and they're just really starting to fall en masse," said Blackman, adding, "The workload is extensive just to try to open a portion of our trails."

The Pagosa Ranger District's trail crew, which consists of about eight people, are able to clear around 2,500 trees per year.

Volunteers in 2017 were able to clear another 2,500, according to Tyler Albers, trails manager for the Pagosa Ranger District.

"So, our max in a season is about 5,000 that we're able to clear," said Albers.

Blackman agreed that 5,000 is about the maximum given the ranger district's current resources and said, "We are dramatically begging, pleading, applying for grants to increase those resources."

Local organizations, like the Pagosa Area Trails Council (PATC) are boosting the ranger district's efforts by raising money and recruiting volunteers to help clear downed trees.

Bob Milford, president of PATC, explained the beetle kill problem is "going to get worse before it gets



Photo courtesy Bob Milford

Prior to work being done, trail crew members assess one of thousands of trees that have fallen over Pagosa Springs area trails. A cross-cut saw lays against the tree in the foreground.

better" and that "the Forest Service's budget isn't geared up yet to handle this problem."

"If we don't stay on this situation, get everyone involved, get some extra funds and more volunteers, [the local wilderness areas] in a few more years will be inaccessible by hiking and especially by horses," Milford said.

In 2017, the PATC, along with the San Juan Back Country Horsemen, organized the Wilderness Trails Forever Campaign and raised about \$35,000 to help with local tree-removal efforts.

This money allowed PATC to hire an eight-person Southwest Conservation Corps crew for six weeks, who were able to clear 545 trees along 24 miles of the West Fork and Williams Creek trails, according to Milford.

Milford stressed it will take a continued community effort to tackle the thousands of trees currently blocking trails.

Should chain saws be allowed in the wilderness?

The thousands of trees downed among the area's trails include many in the Weminuche Wilderness, where chain saw use is prohibited by law.

Some argue a temporary waiver should be granted to help speed the clearing process.

The 1964 Wilderness Act prohibits "motorized equipment" in wilderness areas, but exceptions are sometimes granted by the U.S. Forest Service, a move Milford cautiously supports.

"I'm OK with [chain saw use in the wilderness] because in my mind this is an emergency, but I want it done on a limited, controlled basis so that we can go out and get access to those trails quicker and try to solve this problem," Milford said. "If we didn't have any beetle kill, if we didn't have all these thousands of trees [blocking our trails], then I would be totally against it."

Trail crews can clear trees with a chain saw if they are not in wilderness areas and when in the wilderness typically use a cross-cut saw, a nonmotorized saw that requires two people to operate.

The cross-cut saw is large, about 6 feet long and takes two people to operate. It is not as fast as a chain saw in removing trees, but is much lighter than lugging a chain saw, plus gas, bar oil and tools miles into the wilderness, in addition to the sleeping gear and other tools that trail crews typically trek into the woods.

Area residents who wish to keep chain saws out of the wilderness argue that it sets a dangerous precedent, in addition to defiling the letter of the law and the spirit of the Wilderness Act.

Great Old Broads for Wilderness, a national nonprofit with a branch in Durango, is aware of the situation in Pagosa and is strongly against any chain saw use in the wilderness.

"The potential to set a dangerous precedent for motorized equipment in the wilderness [is] high when something like this is introduced," said Lauren Berutich,

associate director of Great Old Broads, in a phone interview.

"Crews have used cross-cut saws and axes for decades to cut and move trees from wilderness trails. What we're seeing is lack of funding to appropriate federal agencies who usually would go in and have the capacity to work on trails," Berutich added.

Milford understands both sides, explaining that, "When you go to the wilderness you don't want to hear chain saws and any kind of motorized equipment. You're supposed to be in the wilderness and enjoying nature, that is the purpose. But in this situation with so many trees falling ... I'm for [chain saws] on a limited, controlled basis."

Valerie Baca, spokesperson at the Forest Service's regional office in Lakewood, said, "We're only at the discussion level on this and so anything more is speculative as to whether a decision will be made at all."

All parties involved agree that it will take a Herculean effort to clear the thousands of trees that block access to local trails, and it is crucial the local community get involved.

Those wishing to volunteer should contact PATC, according to the ranger district.

The PATC has a variety of opportunities to help restore access to local trails, which include:

- Volunteering to help clear trees (participants who wish to do this must go through the Pagosa Ranger District's training program, which the PATC can provide more information about.)
- Donating to the PATC.
- Horseback riders can provide pack support to trail crews who are stationed in the backcountry.

More information about the PATC and contact information for its board of directors can be found at pagosatrails.org.

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Photo courtesy Bob Milford

After clearing the downed tree and restoring access to the trail, members of the trail crew continue work to remove dead trees killed by the spruce beetle.

Colorado's Scenic Byways: Commemorating three decades of accomplishment

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Program — which has helped guide the development of the state's roadways that have exceptional scenic, ecological, cultural and historic attributes — is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

"Over the span of three decades, some byway names have become legendary, such as the San Juan Skyway, Alpine Loop and the Highway of Legends," said Colorado

Department of Transportation's (CDOT) Colorado Byways Program Manager Lenore Bates. "The initial byways roster envisioned between 15 and 20 routes, but the Scenic Byways Commission settled in with 26 of them. They are truly the best of Colorado."

Eleven of those are national routes, known as America's Byways, two are All-American Roads, 10 are National Forest Scenic Byways and two are Bureau of Land Management Back Country Byways. Their mutual characteristics are fasci-

nating history, unique natural resources and scenery that includes mountains, high plains, plateaus and canyons.

Throughout 2019, as part of its 30th anniversary, the program will be promoted through sponsorship booths at the Saving Places Conference and Partners in the Outdoors Conference, and a proposed affinity tour for the National Preservation Conference. In addition, a photo collection of all the byways will be exhibited at the state Capital. ■ See Byways A11

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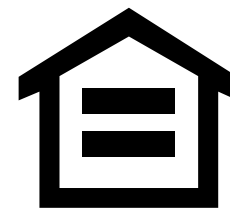
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Public health planning: Using science and action to improve health

By **Claire Ninde**
Special to The SUN

This year's theme for National Public Health Week occurring April 1-5 is: Creating the Healthiest Nation: For Science. For Action. For Health.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is excited to celebrate with events in Durango and Pagosa Springs, focused on the release of the agency's Public Health Improvement Plan (PHIP). We have customized the theme of our events to better represent our focus: Public Health Planning: Using Science and Action to Improve Health.

In creating its PHIP, SJBPH staff collected information from four sources: feedback from the community through a survey on health priorities; 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.

The PHIP will be used for the next five years 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 level.

The release of SJBPH's PHIP is a perfect opportunity to highlight the importance of public health and the impact it can have on the lives of individuals in the communities we serve. SJBPH believes that everyone deserves to live a long and healthy life and live in a safe environment. A strong public health system is required to achieve this goal, and the agency's 2019-2023 PHIP will help guide us in this process.

Receiving feedback from community members through the Community Health Assessment survey confirmed what the agency believes regarding health: Health starts where we live, learn, work and play, and many of the factors contributing to health occur outside of a doctor's office. The top five concerns prioritized by local community members were issues that would be considered social rather than medical: suicide, affordable housing, substance abuse, poverty and economic opportunity.

So how will SJBPH's PHIP address some of these issues? While strategies and activities are still

being developed, some examples of steps to take might include increased work with nontraditional partners such as housing organizations to work on affordability issues, or veterans groups to collaborate on suicide prevention. Additionally, SJBPH can train our employees on the importance of asking about barriers to health that clients face and innovating to address these. An example of this might be to partner with local libraries so that WIC clients can use library computers to complete their nutrition education requirements, to overcome transportation and technology barriers.

SJBPH's PHIP is organized into seven program areas with three of these — behavioral health (mental health and substance abuse), social determinants of health (the social factors that affect health) and environmental health — designated as "high priority."

Additionally, SJBPH staff will apply three overarching goals to the work in all 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.

The breadth of the work proposed in the PHIP is comprehensive and therefore challenging to cover in this brief article. SJBPH invites all community members to its National Public Health Week events to learn more about the plan and to celebrate the successes of public health in its work to help all community members reach their highest potential for health.

Join us at the drop-in event in Pagosa Springs on Wednesday, April 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center, with a presentation on the PHIP at noon. Lunch will be provided. The event will have interactive activities for children and adults, and SJBPH resources and staff available to share information on the agency and its services.

SJBPH is taking the PHIP "on the road" and will be making presentations throughout the communities we serve, as well as by request to groups and organizations. Please reach out to us at communications@sjbpublichealth.org to find out more.

Claire Ninde is the director of communications at SJBPH.

Byways

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In partnership with Colorado Creative Industries. History Colorado also will exhibit the photos at its History Colorado Center in Denver around Memorial Day. Additionally, a Colorado Historic Hot Springs Loop will promote new itineraries that mix soaking and driving for pleasure.

A 2016 economic analysis of the state's economy pegged the cumulative impact of visitor spending while traveling the byways from 2009 to 2014 at nearly \$4.8 billion, or nearly \$800 million annually. These economic impacts signify that byways are an exceedingly popular tourist draw and contributor to regional and state economic development.

"However, the program isn't just about promoting tourism for the benefit of the local economy," said Bates. "Locals and visitors alike are interested in the history of these areas, the natural resources found there and how to protect them for future generations. The byways program is deeply involved in all of those areas."

The program has been promoted over the years through a highly

successful online and printed brochure (Colorado: The Official Guide to Scenic and Historic Byways), www.ColoradoByways.org, news articles and partnerships. After 30 years, a new mobile-friendly website is on the horizon with a recent History Colorado State Historical Fund grant and matching funds through the Colorado Tourism Office.

Former CDOT staff historian and State Byways Coordinator Sally Pearce is recognized for developing and guiding the program for more than 20 years. Bates has led the program for most of the last decade through wayfinding, redevelopment and collaboration with local byway groups, CDOT staff, and with traditional and nontraditional partnerships.

The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission also has played a significant role. Initially, it helped establish the program and prioritize national grant funding and nominations. As directed by the most recent executive order, the commission is providing program planning and support to sustain the byways for future generations.

For more information about the Scenic and Historic Byways, please visit www.ColoradoByways.org.

Colorado Byways milestones

1989: Program created by executive order.

1989: First five byways designated.

1990: Three more byways designated.

1991: Five more byways designated.

1996: Three byways receive national designations.

1998-2005: One to two byways are designated each year.

2009: Colorado hosts National Scenic Byways Conference.

2014: Tracks Across Borders designated 26th byway (and final one to date).

2014: Colorado Byways 25th Anniversary.

2018: Colorado hosts International Preserving the Historic Road Conference.

2019: 30th Anniversary.

Colorado Byways connect the state by providing access to:

- 13 national recreation trails.
- Four national parks: Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Great Sand Dunes, Mesa Verde (a World Heritage Site), Rocky Mountain.
- Eight national forests.
- Eight national monuments.
- Two national historic sites.
- Two national heritage areas.
- Two national wildlife refuges.
- Two national recreation areas.
- Two national grasslands.
- One tribal park (Ute Mountain).

Colorado Byways also provide access to 26 other environmental points of interest (including national natural landmarks), a minimum of seven federally recognized wilderness areas, many Colorado Welcome Centers, Colorado main streets and Colorado creative districts.

Byway sponsors list approximately 50 local and state museums and historical sites, including eight scenic and historic trails. Many byways feature CDOT highways and local and regional roadways that are in and of themselves historic and worthy of national recognition for their pioneering engineering.

Meetings

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Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission. 5:30 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting and Board of Trustees of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Firemen's Pension Fund regular meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, April 10

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation regular board meeting and board elections. 5:30 p.m., The Springs Resort Ecoluxe conference room, 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

Archuleta County Planning Com-

mission policy meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Monday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 16

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, April 18

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

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

Tuesday, April 23

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

Joint town/county work session. Noon, Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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, April 24

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

Thursday, April 25

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

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Sports

BASEBALL

Pirates go 3-0 at Ignacio tournament

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

After a three-game sweep of the Ignacio tournament last week, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team now owns an even 3-3 record.

The Pirates took on a trio of 2A teams at the three-day tournament, scoring 44 runs in the tournament while allowing 28.

"I was definitely very happy with everything," coach Mike Remlinger said of the tournament. "Definitely progressing and getting better every day."

Remlinger noted that the tournament also allowed the team to play some of its younger players and allow them to gain experience and be better in the long run.

"I feel like top to bottom we're getting a lot of people involved. I've been really happy with the play of Christian Kay. As a freshman, I think he's done a really good job and stepped up for us. I'm happy with everybody," he said.

Ignacio Bobcats

The Pirates opened the tournament against their host and broke out for 17 runs to log their first win of the season.

Pagosa tallied four runs in the top of the first, eight in the second, two in the third and three in the fourth, with those 17 runs coming on nine hits, 10 walks and six Ignacio errors.

The Bobcats scored 12 in the game, with three coming in the bottom of the first, one in the second, five in the fourth and three in the third.

Those 12 runs came on eight hits, six walks and three Pirate

errors.

Ryan Lewis led the Pirates offensively in the game, going 3-for-5 at the plate, notching three RBIs and three runs.

Two Pirates each had two hits: PJ Bailey and Zach Haines.

Bailey also scored three runs, notched an RBI and drew two walks. Haines also scored a run and had an RBI.

Two other Pirates logged a hit each in the game: Eric Huddleston and Kyler Hammer.

Huddleston complemented that hit with three runs scored, an RBI and a walk.

Hammer added two runs scored, two RBIs and two walks.

Taylor Cotts scored two runs in the game and notched an RBI while drawing two walks.

Brandon Courtney also walked twice, scoring a run and logging one RBI.

Christian Kay added an RBI, Caleb Laverty scored a run and earned a walk, and Trevor Moore scored a run.

Pagosa stole five bases in the game, with Huddleston stealing two, and Bailey, Courtney and Moore each stealing one.

Huddleston and Courtney took the mound for the Pirates in the game, combining to allow 12 runs (nine earned) on eight hits and six walks while striking out four.

"With this tournament compared to last, I felt the guys did a lot better job of throwing strikes," Remlinger said, noting that the Pirate pitchers had to adjust to the steep mound at Ignacio. "After a hitter or two, most of our guys adapted really quickly and did a good job."

Remlinger also highlighted another aspect of the Pirates' play: defense.

"I feel like we're playing really good defense. We're making the plays when we get the opportunity for the most part. We've had a couple of errors, but not in crucial situations."

Sargent Farmers

On Friday, the Pirates continued tournament play against the Sanford Farmers, with the Pirates claiming a narrow 13-11 victory despite leading 13-0 going into the game's final inning.

Pagosa scored one run in the bottom of the first to take an early lead, then adding five in the second, five in the third and two in the fourth.

The Farmers, however, went on to bring 11 around in the top of the fifth.

"We substituted several people in," Remlinger said.

Remlinger explained that, after four or five runs, Bailey erred in throwing a wet ball that would

have otherwise been the final out in the game.

"And then, unfortunately, it kind of unraveled from there and we made some more mistakes after that," he said.

Pagosa's 13 runs came on seven hits, eight walks and seven Sargent errors.

Sargent's 11 runs came on nine hits, five walks and one Pagosa error.

Bailey and Haines led the team in hitting with two each. Bailey added three runs scored, two RBIs and a walk to his stats, while Haines complemented his two hits with three RBIs and a walk.

Three Pirates recorded one hit each: Bowdridge, Huddleston and Courtney.

Bowdridge also reached on an error, and tallied two runs scored and an RBI. Huddleston, who also reached on an error, added two runs scored, a team-high four RBIs, a walk and a stolen base.

Courtney also scored a pair of runs and walked twice.

Hammer walked once and logged an RBI, Wyatt Schuchart walked, reached on an error and scored a run. Kay walked once, reached on errors twice and scored three runs.

Moore is also credited with stealing a base in the game.

Bailey started the game on the mound for Pagosa, allowing no runs on two hits while striking out 10 and walking two over four innings.

"He was amazing," Remlinger said, explaining that Bailey threw a lot of fastballs. "He was throwing the ball well, which is what we expect of him."

Bowdridge pitched two-thirds of an inning in relief and, while all 11 runs are credited to Bowdridge, Remlinger was pleased with his performance.

"He threw strikes and got a lot of ground balls," Remlinger said, noting that the outing showed definite progress. "I was very happy with the way he pitched."

Cotts also pitched in relief, striking out two.

Sanford Indians

The Pirates rounded out tournament play with a 14-5 victory against the Sanford Indians.

And, like the previous day, the Pirates began building their lead early.

Pagosa brought around three runners in the first, five in the second, one in the third and five in the fifth.

Also like Sargent the previous day, Sanford's runs came late in the game, with two coming in the fourth and three in the fifth.

Pagosa's runs came around on eight hits, 11 walks and two Sanford errors.

Sanford's runs came around on six hits and three walks.

"Really, the better game for me was the game against Sanford because we scored a lot of runs and

"Really, the better game for me was the game against Sanford because we scored a lot of runs and we also had a lot of hits," Remlinger said.

BASKETBALL



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

Several Lady Pirates earned postseason awards as part of their state championship run that ultimately ended in the Final 4. Taylor Lewis, left, and Teagan Stretton both earned first-team distinctions. Devin Wilson, middle, was recognized as the Intermountain League Player of the Year. Hailey Griego also earned first-team honors, while Elsa Lindner garnered an honorable mention. Not pictured is coach Wes Lewis, who earned Coach of the Year honors for this past season's work that included a 22-4 overall record and 10-0 league record.

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TRACK

Track and field lineup set for first event on March 30

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track and field team is preparing for the Center Invitational on March 30, and the team has barely gotten to use their outdoor practice facilities due to snow.

Coach Connie O'Donnell noted that even when weather conditions seemed like they would cooperate, the team still had to contend with snow.

"Friday after school we had practice and it was like a blizzard and we just laughed, it was so funny," explained O'Donnell. "But the track was clear enough where we could still go over hurdles, but then everyone was just covered in white snow."

Discussing her team's upcoming event, O'Donnell reflected on beginning the season in Monte Vista in previous years.

"[The Center Invitational] is always cold," said O'Donnell. "It's cold, and it's hard to get the times you want in the cold like that."

O'Donnell said that even though the event is during spring break, the Pirates have enough students

attending the Center Invitational to have athletes in most of the events.

The team does not have competitors in girls' high jump, girls' hurdles or boys' 100-meter hurdles.

O'Donnell noted the team is about one-third freshmen and that the jump to high school sports makes for literally higher hurdles to clear.

"[The freshmen] come from middle school where [the hurdles] are all the way down, and [the high school hurdles] are up probably a good foot from that. They're just not ready because we haven't been able to go over them, really," said O'Donnell, explaining the weather has caused the freshmen to get less practice on the hurdles.

Athletes who earn first place will gain 10 points for their team, second earns eight, third is six, fourth is five, fifth is four, sixth is three, seventh is two and eighth gains one point.

The team with the most cumulative points wins the event.

O'Donnell highlighted senior Cade Cowan as being a driving force for the team, stating "with his leadership [at the Center Invitational], I think this team will probably do pretty well."

Even prior to her team's first event, O'Donnell already feels the push of a season speeding by.

"It'll be so fast after [the Center Invitational] because then there's only six or seven meets until the state meet. It just goes very fast after this," said O'Donnell.

O'Donnell has released the lineup for the Center Invitational, and on the girls' side:

- Katia Atole will compete in the girl's 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs.

- Kelsey Britton will compete in discus and shot put.

- Taylor Capistrant will compete in discus and shot put.

- Piedra Goss will compete in the 4x100- and 4x200-meter relays, and the 100- and 400-meter dashes.

- Jessica Hartley and Taleah Hauger will participate in the 4x100 and 4x200, and the 100 and 200.

- Atole and Emma Heidelmeier will compete in the 800-meter run and the long jump.

- Katriel Lee will compete in the 1,600 and the 3,200.

- Sammy Owen will compete in the 800.

- Makayla Perea will compete in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200.

- Mackenzie Wedemeyer will compete in the long jump, 4x100, 4x200 and the 200.

On the boys' side:

- Vincio Carranza will compete in the 100, the 300-meter hurdles, the 1,600 and the 3,200.

- Cowan will compete in the 800 and the long jump.

- Gabe Heraty will compete in the 1,600 and the 3,200.

- Dean Hudran will compete in discus and shot put.

- Robert Johnson will compete in the 1,600.

- Nolan Kay will compete in the triple jump, discus and shot put.

- Mitch Lewis will compete in the 800.

- David Morehouse will compete in the 800 and 1,600.

- Britain Peterson will compete in the high jump, long jump and triple jump.

- Evan Raymond will compete in discus and shot put.

- Michael Wedemeyer will compete in the 300 hurdles, triple jump and the 200.

The Center Invitational kicks off at 9 a.m. at Monte Vista High School on March 30.

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SOCCER

Lady Pirates to kick off league play in Cortez Tuesday

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Upon returning from spring break, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team will be treated to, hopefully, warmer temperatures, but also its first league matchup on the road against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on April 2 at 4 p.m.

The Lady Pirates enter this matchup with the Panthers with a 1-2-1 overall record, with the team coming off of a 6-0 win against the Ignacio Bobcats on March 19.

The Panthers are 0-1 overall, with a matchup against another league foe, the Alamosa Mean Moose, coming up on March 29.

This season, the Lady Pirates are

averaging 16 shots per game and have scored six goals in four games.

Nicole Bartz leads the Pirates in goals with four, while Morgan Thompson follows with two.

Thompson also leads the team in assists with two.

Thompson and Bartz both lead in the team in shots with six each.

Sarah Ross has a total of two shots on goal for the year while both Kendall Cusick and Zoie Condrey have one each.

The Lady Pirates have had three players splitting time in net so far this season, with Diana Scott leading the charge with 120 minutes in net.

Haley Thompson follows with 80 minutes in net and Trista Tully has 40 total minutes.

Scott leads the team in saves as well with 17 total, while Tully has 11.

Haley Thompson has eight total saves for the Lady Pirates.

Pagosa has been outscored this season in four total games 17-6.

Last season, Pagosa defeated Cortez in both of their matchups by a score of 1-0.

Cortez ended last season with a 3-13 overall record which included an 0-10 record in Intermountain League play.

In 11 matchups since 2009 against the Panthers, Pagosa is 4-6-1.

In those 11 games, the Lady Pirates have been outscored 25-12 by Cortez.

In preparation for their next

game, coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason explained in an interview on March 19 that the Lady Pirates will be focusing on its passing and communication on the field.

He explained the team is not focusing on the specific opponent, but rather the things that it can control, such as the passing and communication.

It's easier to scout a team after you have played them once already during the season, he added.

"I'm getting to know our girls because I've only seen them three times on the field to play," he said. "What I'm looking at more is our efforts on the field, how we can improve our efforts and working together."

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Baseball

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we also had a lot of hits," Remlinger said.

Bowdrige and Lewis led the team with two hits each, with Bowdrige also tallying two runs scored and a walk. Lewis also scored one run and stole a base.

Schuchart, Cotts, Huddleston and Hammer each notched one hit. Schuchart also had an RBI, while Cotts scored a run, tallied an RBI and had a stolen base. Huddleston scored twice, had three RBIs and walked once. Hammer scored twice, logged an RBI and walked twice.

Haines walked once and had two RBIs; Moore walked twice and scored a run; Theo Bonlokke walked, stole a base and scored a run; and Bailey walked twice and scored two runs to round out the Pirates offensively.

"Eric Huddleston had a really good game. Everyone from one through five — Zach Haines, Ryan Lewis, and then PJ and Ty on top of

that, with Eric sandwiched in the middle — those guys have really just been getting everything rolling for us and doing a really great job."

Schuchart pitched five innings for the Pirates, allowing five runs on six hits while walking three and striking out two.

"I felt like Wyatt Schuchart pitched great. I was, he was super happy with the way he pitched," Remlinger said.

On deck

While the Pirates were originally slated to host next week's matchup against Sargent, the game will instead be played in Monte Vista on Sargent's home field due to Pagosa's field not being ready.

The varsity game will begin at 2 p.m.

Tuesday was the first day that the Pirates could practice on their field, with the infield in good enough shape to allow the team to hold its voluntary spring break practices there.

Having fewer players around this week, the coach said, is giving the coaching staff a chance to work one-on-one with the players.

Remlinger said the goal in facing Sargent next week is to not have a repeat of what happened last season.

"I think we beat them twice in the tournament last year and I think we took them for granted going there. And, about halfway through the game, they did what

they always do, which is continue to play hard. And, they took advantage of us being lackadaisical and they came back and took a game away from us that we should have won," he explained.

Remlinger said he hopes to have all of the team's pitchers pitch an inning ahead of another tournament the following week, and he hopes the team's bats will continue.

Sargent is 2-1 on the season. randi@pagosason.com

Good luck, Pirates!

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Water



Local snowpack basins register 161 percent of median

By **Chris Mannara**
Staff Writer

Even with temperatures slowly making their way to the 60-degree territory, as of March 27 local snowpack basin levels were up 3 percent.

According to data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins are 161 percent of median, up from last week's total of 158 percent of median.

For the third week straight, local basins have the highest cumulative recorded snowpack total of the eight basins measured.

However, the Upper San Juan site has seen a slight drop from last week, going from 135 percent of median to 132 percent of median.

The Upper Rio Grande Basin is currently 151 percent of median, an increase from last week's total of 150 percent of median.

A drop of 4 percent was reported for the Arkansas River Basin, with current snowpack totals of 145 percent of median; last week that basin's total was 149 percent of median.

The Yampa and White River basins have also seen a decrease in their snowpack totals, going from 126 percent of median to 124 percent of median this week.

A 1 percent drop was recorded for the Laramie and North Platte basins, with current levels coming in at 125 percent of median compared to last week's total of 126 percent of median.

The South Platte River Basin's snowpack totals this week are 126 percent of median. Last week they were 129 percent of median.

The Upper Colorado River Basin has seen a 3 percent drop from last week, going from 139 percent of median to 136 percent of median this week.

Rounding out the snowpack totals this week, the Gunnison River Basin has increased 1 percent, going from 153 percent of median last week to 154 percent of median this week.

The Wolf Creek summit was 154 percent of the March 27 peak and 130 percent of the median peak.

Last week, the summit was 159 percent of the March 20 peak and 125 percent of the median peak that day.

The National Weather Service (NWS) has no reported snow in the forecast for Pagosa Springs, with the forecast ranging from sunny to mostly sunny through Sunday.

On Wolf Creek Pass, the NWS notes that the forecast will be mostly sunny as well, with a 20 percent chance of snow on Saturday.

Next week, it is possible that snowpack levels could drop depending on what the forecast looks like, NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta explained in an interview.

However, Archuleta noted that he did not believe that the Upper San Juan site or the Wolf Creek summit would melt out.

"It doesn't seem like it's gotten warm enough up there yet for that water to really start coming out," he said. "So, I don't think we'll see a drop due to snow coming off the mountain."

The snowpack percentages will go down, though, because no more moisture is hitting those areas, Archuleta noted.

"That percentage is going to drop, but I think it's going to be more of an indication of not getting storms," Archuleta said.

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Three lakes full, snow water equivalency up 1.2 inches

By **Chris Mannara**
Staff Writer

This week, snow water equivalency (SWE) totals have again risen despite the slowing of winter weather, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

As of March 25, SWE levels were recorded at 40.6 inches, up from last week's total of 39.4 inches.

The SWE median has once again increased since last week, going from 28.6 inches to 30.2 inches.

The median and averages are based on data from 1981 through 2010.

With the increases to the collective SWE totals and its median, this also means that the SWE percentage of median has increased.

This week, the SWE is 134.4 percent of median when last week it was only 130.8 percent of median.

The precipitation totals have also increased since last week, going from 38.7 inches to 39.1 inches.

The precipitation average has increased slightly, going from 31.2 inches to 32.2 inches.

However, precipitation is only 121.4 percent of median this week, compared to last week when it was 124 percent of median.

Ramsey notes in his press release that he believes that, for this year, the SWE peak has been hit and totals will drop starting next week.

The median date for the SWE

peak is usually April 10, which would mean that this would mark the peak coming two weeks earlier, the press release states.

This week, three of the five lakes with reported lake levels are now full.

Lake Forest remains full, as it was last week. Joining it are Village Lake and Lake Pagosa.

Lake Hatcher is currently 16 inches from full, up from last week's total of 19 inches from full.

Stevens Lake is 103 inches from full, compared to last week when it was 112 inches from full.

As of March 25, total cumulative available lake water for treatment and delivery sits at 86.3 percent.

Last week that total was at 82.8 percent.

Collective 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 adding 3 cfs.

As was the case last week, Four Mile flows have been diverted to Stevens.

From March 15 through March 21, total water production was reported at 13.43 million gallons. Last week total water production was listed at 10.33 million gallons.

Contributing to that total this week, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 3.54 million gallons and the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 9.89 million gallons.

Last year in that same time frame, total water production was only listed at 10.19 million gallons.

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Water conservancy district approves donation to local film festival

By **Chris Mannara**
Staff Writer

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) Board of Directors approved a \$250 donation to the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) for its 2019 Environmental Film Festival during a special meeting on March 21.

This film festival, expected to take place April 12 and 13, is the seventh environmental film festival of the GGP and this year's theme is water, GGP board member Sally High explained during the March 21 meeting.

"So, with our theme being water and a local focus this year, I was advised to apply for education money from the conservancy district," High explained further.

This item was listed as an action item for the SJWCD board during its March 18 meeting; however, the board opted to table the item until March 21 so as to have more information on the film festival before making a donation.

The initial donation request by the GGP of the SJWCD was \$450, but, by the March 21 meeting, that request was lowered to \$400.

High explained that the initial request went from \$450 to \$400 because, since the March 18 meeting, the GGP had gotten some finalized donations.

SJWCD board member Candice Kelly noted that because the SJWCD is small, it would be hard for the district to make a \$400 donation.

"A \$400 investment allows us to put a thank you on our poster, for example," High said. "So, I hope that makes a difference to you."

In order to gather more information, the SJWCD board of directors compiled five questions for High to answer at the March 21 meeting.

Addressing questions

The first question addressed what other groups have been asked to contribute to the GGP film festival and, specifically, how much those groups have contributed.

Beyond Your Wildest Dreams, for example, confirmed a \$600 cash donation to the GGP to defray costs, High explained.

Additionally, The Springs Resort and Spa donated \$800, which includes the use of its atrium and conference room without charge, High noted.

All of the in-kind donations have been confirmed as well, High added later.

The second question revolved around how much funding the GGP board is contributing to the film festival.

"The GGP incorporated does absorb all the expenses not covered by the sponsorships. The board specifically, board members and committee members are in the habit of purchasing tickets just like everybody else," High said.

SJWCD board member Bill Hudson posed the question to High about how much money the GGP hopes to make via the film festival, with High responding, "We cannot make predictions of that type."

"Of course, we intend to make a profit," she said, "to go back into our programming line items for educational pursuits."

The next question for the GGP pertained to how the SJWCD's po-

tential donation would serve the mission of the SJWCD.

One section within the SJWCD mission statement states, "to conserve, develop, utilize, and plan storage for current and future water need," which High pointed to as an example.

The films that will be shown are intended to educate the festival attendees on water issues, which aligns with the SJWCD mission statement, she explained later.

SJWCD President John Porco explained that one of the values the district is working on as part of crafting its strategic plan is to educate the public.

"To me, this fits completely into that particular value item in our developing strategic plan," Porco said.

The fourth question asked what would happen if the GGP does not get the funding that it is requesting.

"We will pay our bills is the short answer," High said.

The final question centered on if the GGP would be charging admission fees and how those admission fees would be used.

"Well, of course there will be admission fees," High stated.

Community member Michael Whiting commented that the GGP's request is "fully in alignment" with where the SJWCD is as an organization and where the district is heading.

After more brief discussion on the festival itself, some issues were raised on how much the SJWCD can donate given its small education budget.

Deliberation on a donation

According to Kelly, who also

serves as the SJWCD's treasurer, the district's education budget is "specific to improving our status in the community."

The SJWCD currently has \$500 in its education budget to last it the whole year, Hudson added.

For any money that is given to the GGP film festival, Kelly noted that she believes that the SJWCD needs more than its logo and name on printed materials in order to make the donation justifiable.

"Because we don't have that much money to spend on education in a year," she explained.

Hudson added that the SJWCD has struggled with its budget in the past and when crafting the budget this year, the district was fiscally more careful.

The district also wants to plan things for Earth Day, which will incur costs, Kelly noted.

"I'd like to see us left with some money to do other projects through the rest of the year. I am not comfortable giving \$400 or \$500 to this event," Hudson said, adding that he would be comfortable with a \$250 donation.

SJWCD board member Susan Nossaman, participating in the meeting via phone, noted that she would like to donate to the festival, but not use all of the district's educational funds.

After more brief discussion, a motion to donate \$250 to the GGP's film festival carried unanimously among the board.

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Lightning sparks tree fire

By **John Finerock**
Staff Writer

Pagosa Area Fire Protection District (PFPD) personnel responded to a call of a tree on fire via a lightning strike around 7:30 p.m. on March 21.

After arriving to the scene, fire crews "realized that the tree presented no potential hazards at that time and we would come back the next day and engage it, which is even what we do during the summer," explained PFPD Shift Lt. Thad McKain. "If we can't access it, if it's too late at night, too dark, we don't mess with trees that aren't going anywhere."

McKain noted that the snowfall helped "immensely" overnight and that firefighters returned the next day to cut the tree down as a safety precaution.

McKain explained that trees that get hit by lightning vary in how fast the lightning can start a fire.

"Sometimes we don't know [the fire is] there for days, like during a thunderstorm when it's heavily raining ... The fire will kinda stay inside the center of the tree and

it'll just kind of sit there; it'll just smolder," said McKain.

"Sometimes [lightning] can spark a big deal really quick and we can have a half-acre going within minutes ... or we get these holdovers that we don't know about 'em for days. It's totally a roll of the dice, whatever Mother Nature's sense

of humor is for the day," added McKain.

McKain said the best advice for the public is to pay attention and report smoke to PFPD when viewed, and that June and July are peak season for fires started by lightning.

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By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN Columnist

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The next class will be April 9 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The instructor will be Michele Turney, the medium will be pastels and materials will be provided. Transportation will be provided from and to the Senior Center. Please RSVP to jennwaite@gmail.com or 264-2167.

Senior Center Caregiver Support Group

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For more information, call 264-2167.

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Statement on Senate Hearing

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.

Following up on the March 21 column on the Senate Finance Committee hearing, six national organizations submitted a post-hearing statement with eight recommendations and a response to the witness testimony. The statement is available on theconsumervoice.org. The authors include attorneys for the Center for Medicare Advocacy and Justice in Aging, as well as the long-term care ombudsman association.

In addition to urging Congress to oppose the weakening of legal protections for nursing home residents by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the statement asks Congress for a minimum staffing standard for direct-care nursing, to ban pre-dispute arbitration agreements (see prior columns) and to increase funding for the ombudsman program.

It also asks for audits and more transparency on funding for nursing homes, legislation on accountability for private owners of facilities and a mandatory national background check program. In the response to witnesses, the authors give detailed analysis and data to counteract some comments and suggestions made during the hearing.

Part of the conclusion states, "We stand ready to help the Committee ensure that residents are not forgotten, and that nursing home safety and oversight are strengthened, not weakened."

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 pre-

pare federal and state income tax returns at no charge as part of the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

The last 2019 date is 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 is continuing the pilot program which expands health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring, or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

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

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

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

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

Medical alert system

Medical alert monitoring systems are available for seniors. We can help you get set up with a system and assist with the monthly service charges or, if you already have a system in place, we can help supplement the monthly service fees.

Memberships

2019 Senior Discount Club Memberships are now offered

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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 28 — Sliced turkey with gravy, baked sweet potato, roasted asparagus with walnuts, cranberry sauce, milk and salad bar.

Friday, March 29 — Mahi mahi tacos with coleslaw, cilantro lime rice, Parmesan baked zucchini, milk, salad bar and lime dessert.

Monday, April 1 — Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, zucchini medley, milk, salad bar and chocolate pie.

Tuesday, April 2 — Chicken piccata with orzo, eggplant gratin, broccoli with garlic and butter, milk, salad bar, and raspberry chocolate cake.

Wednesday, April 3 — Crispy pork carnitas with multi-grain tortilla, Brazilian black beans, squash calabacitas, milk, salad bar and flan.

Thursday, April 4 — Grilled turkey sandwich, potato/leek soup, corn on the cob with butter, milk, salad bar and cranberry sauce.

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

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is looking to utilize a master meter for the development.

Ramsey described later that the master meter would have PAWSD look at the development as a fixed-unit cost rather than looking at it as one house is one equivalent unit (EU).

Furthermore, Ramsey explained that a fixed-unit cost reduced the fee "substantially."

The EUs, with the fixed-unit cost, would be cut down to about 16 EUs which, according to Ramsey, "drops the price down, subsequently, hundreds of thousands of dollars."

For PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh, the inclusion process is more complicated than most realize.

"Typically when we get a inclusion fee, it's got to have a lot of specificity about what's being built out and what exactly we're including," he said.

Walsh pointed to an example of a developer asking for its 30 single-family homes to be included in the district.

"I would have a very hard time not assessing 30 EUs because we charge everybody 1 EU per family home," Walsh said.

PAWSD's "fiduciary duty," according to Walsh, is not to provide "screaming discounts" to companies that the district's customers would not get.

"When you get to the multifamily aspect, that's going to get a little trickier," Walsh said.

Walsh noted that he is "pro-growth," but added that he cannot see how PAWSD would not charge an EU per home within the River Rock Estates potential development.

"I think with our concept of going with a master meter and then the infrastructure, we're going to be in charge of that inside the development itself, so I think that would help offset some of those fees," Sage responded.

Sage added that this would be more of a townhome community.

She also noted that the company owns 1.5 cubic feet per second of water rights which will be used to do landscaping on the development.

The development being just outside of town raised another question on whether or not the Town of Pagosa Springs would include it in its sewer district without the property being annexed to the town.

Sage noted that, as of the meeting, those conversations were being had and River Rock Estates was working with both the town

and Archuleta County.

"Right now, we're in the county. We're not planning on annexing into the town," she said.

For Walsh, single-family homes need to be charged 1 EU as that is what the district was built upon.

"I like seeing this kind of development. Everything is organized and we know what we're in for. Especially if you're irrigating out of the river," PAWSD board member Paul Hansen commented.

"Those houses have to pay for themselves," Walsh said of the more expensive homes on the San Juan River.

Hansen explained that he would lean toward offering the discount in EUs, citing the irrigation being done by the company and more affordable housing options.

According to Walsh, this discount would amount to \$900,000.

"If we want to do it I think we need to take \$900,000 and put it back into a rate study and boost everyone's water rates," Walsh said. "We just built out a 10-year plan based on one house is one EU."

PAWSD Board Chair Jim Smith explained that he agreed with Walsh, adding that he could not see PAWSD giving a discount of that amount for the first phase of the project.

"The high-end stuff has got to pay for itself," Walsh added.

Walsh later added that he could not see how he could make PAWSD ratepayers, who may have been in the district for 30 to 40 years, subsidize the first phase of the development.

"If it's affordable, personally, I'm going to offer a screaming deal, but for basically million-dollar homes, I think they've got to pay for themselves," Walsh said.

PAWSD board member Blake Brueckner added that he is in favor of offering some sort of a break, but not that large of a discount.

Following more discussion, the PAWSD board opted to hold a work session to gather more information about the petition for inclusion.

That work session will be held on April 4 at 5 p.m. at the PAWSD offices located at 100 Lyn Ave. chris@pagosasun.com

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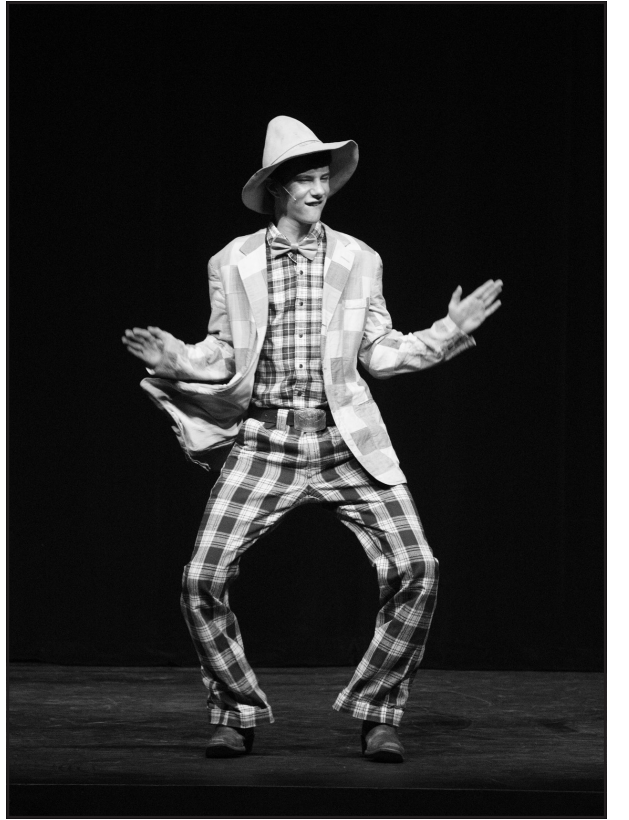
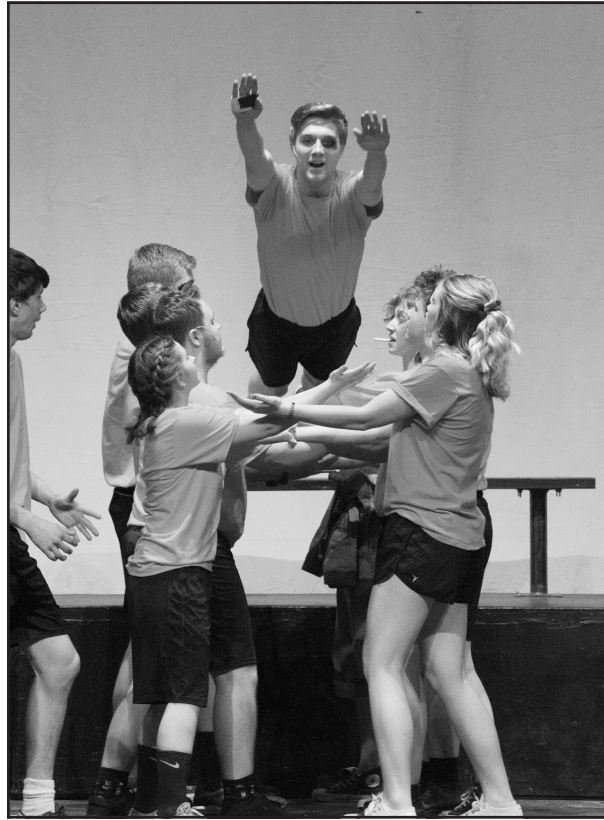
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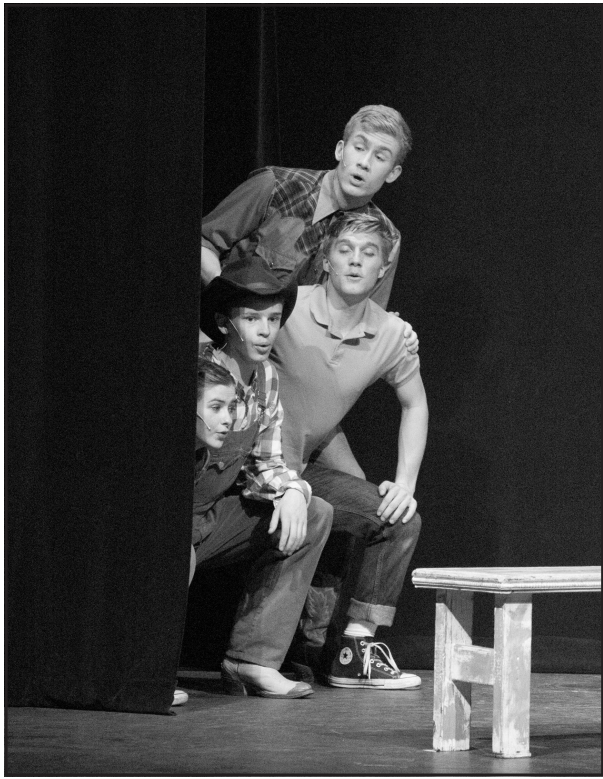




Footloose

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Pagosa Springs High School students, helped by community members, brought "Footloose the Musical," based on the hit movie, to the school's stage for a series of performances last week. The cast and crew of "Footloose" put in about 10 weeks of work preparing to hit the stage, and performed for good-sized crowds throughout the play's run.



PAWSD board addresses petition for inclusion: ‘Those houses have to pay for themselves’

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A petition for inclusion into the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) made on behalf of River Rock Estates LLC, was a topic of lengthy discussion at the regular board meeting of the PAWSD Board of Directors on March 21.

According to agenda documentation, the property, located on Light Plant Road, is 15.83 acres with a total estimated build-out being between 80 and 100 units.

An illustration of the planned development shows 20 units near the San Juan River, with an additional 51 units more inland, divided by a one-way street. There are an additional 20 units located closer to Light Plant Road. Another six units are listed on the illustration in the left corner of the development.

Jari Sage, speaking on behalf of River Rock Estates, explained that the company is planning on building a combination of multifamily units, workforce housing and single-family homes.

The project will begin with the riverfront properties and then

development will move from there toward Light Plant Road, Sage described.

The project itself will be phased, Sage added later.

According to Sage, the units planned along the river are phase one of the project, while the units divided by the one-way street will be phase two.

Estimated costs for homes within phase one are between \$400,000 and \$500,000, Sage explained.

“And as we get further out and towards Light Plant, obviously, you’re not going to be able to have that type of pricing when you’re sitting right on Light Plant,” she explained, “but we can have some really nice townhomes there that would be affordable.”

In a follow-up interview, Ryan Searle of Beyond Your Wildest Dreams and River Rock Estates explained that this development would be a townhome development.

“They’re currently proposed as single units, but they’re actually a townhome in the sense that they aren’t deeded with any land. The land is only what the footprint of

the building is, and then it’s an HOA [homeowners association] with general common elements and limited common elements that are maintained by the HOA,” Searle explained. “So, there’s not really any land that comes with the property.”

Searle explained that the townhomes are planned to be individual structures, but are not considered single-family homes because there is no land included.

According to Searle, the definition of a townhome involves the land underneath the unit being deeded to an individual, but everything else is commonly shared.

In regard to a price figure for the homes by the river, Searle explained that \$330 a square foot is what River Rock Estates would like to sell it for.

“If you had a 1,600-square-foot home, you’re looking at \$520,000 or so,” he said.

During the meeting, Sage added some thoughts pertaining to a potential economic downturn.

“We’re thinking that, even if we go into a downturn, that phase two and phase three are always going to

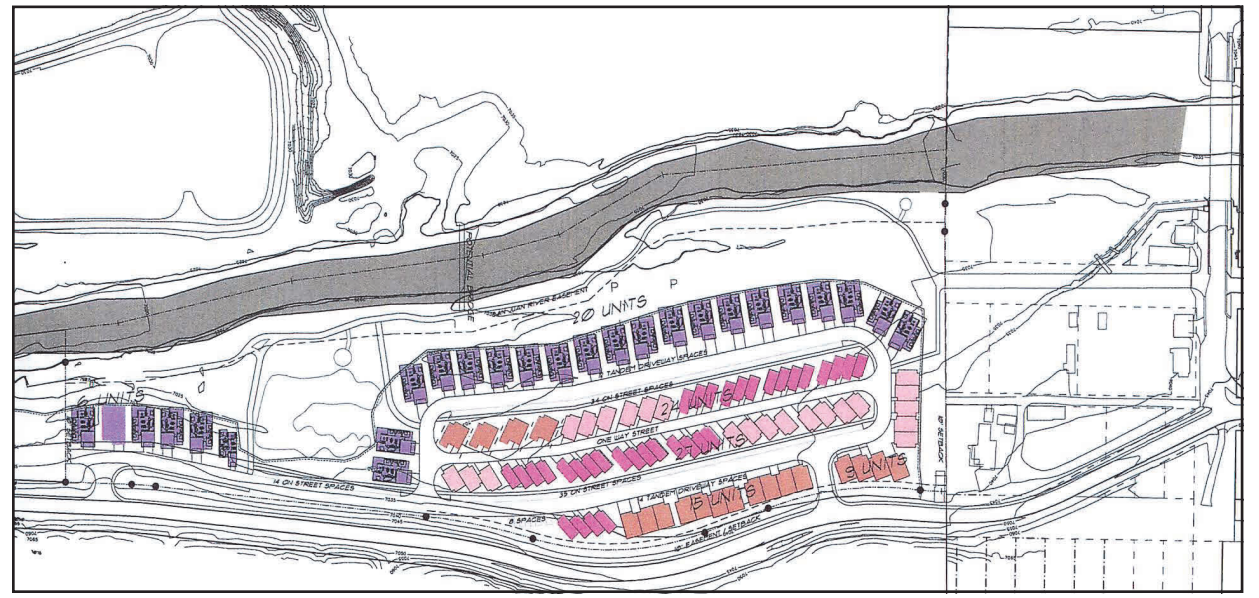


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A potential townhome development by River Rock Estates LLC is illustrated. The purple section of the illustration details phase one of the project, while phase two is colored mostly in pink and is divided by a one-way street. Phase three is red-orange in color. This development will be along Light Plant Road, with phase one homes being planned along on the San Juan River.

sell faster because it’s going to be less-expensive homes,” Sage said.

If an economic downturn were to occur, River Rock Estates would go into phase two first, Sage ex-

plained.

The more expensive homes by the river do not all need to be sold to start phase two, Sage added later. Sage noted that the company

would not be able to start on the infrastructure until next year.

According to PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey, River Rock ■ See Inclusion A15



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March 28, 2019

Free tourism conference for local businesses to be held in April

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A free event that helps local businesses on ways to engage with local and state tourism offices will be in Pagosa Springs at the Ross Aragon Community Center on April 17.

According to Pagosa Springs Tourism Director Jennie Green, the Pagosa Springs tourism conference will help educate area businesses and has a start time of 9 a.m.

For example, sessions on social media will be held to help inform businesses on new, digital ways to engage consumers and tourism offices, Green noted.

“Just things for businesses that they may not be aware of. Just new tricks of the trade,” Green said.

Another session will be held on events and organizing events, as well as how Pagosa Springs is promoted to tourists, Green described.

“Most of what we would offer are going to be very inexpensive if not free for businesses, so social media, it’s going to take time more than money to engage in

things,” Green said.

According to Green, Pagosa Springs hosted the event two years in a row in 2011 and 2012.

“We were the last destination to actually host that conference and that was in 2015,” Green explained. “We got more of a local attendance when we hosted the Southwest Tourism Conference.”

With the event not having been done in a couple years, Green noted that she thought it was time for it to return.

“I would be fine with making this an annual event. That’s going to be based on engagement from the business community,” she said.

A key part of the conference is showing local businesses how to adapt and augment their existing marketing with the changing world, Green noted.

“Part of it is also making sure that businesses know that they can have a brochure at the Visitors Center at no charge, as long as they’re a tourism-related business,” Green said. “Really, this is educational, to just make sure everyone understands there’s a lot of different moving

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Gary Morris concert to benefit Rotary's backpack program

By JoAnn Laird
Special to The PREVIEW

One of the beauties of living in Pagosa is that no one cares what you did "in your other life." Some move here to drop out of the hustle and bustle of bigger cities, some for the natural beauty, and some because they want to give of themselves and make a difference in others' lives. You never know who you might be talking to over the tomatoes at the grocery store.

That brings us to and epitomizes Gary Morris.

Quietly living among us for decades, this multitalented, world-renown singer has captivated audiences from Nashville to Broadway to a command performance for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. His recording career garnered five No. 1 and 16 top 10 singles, including "Why Lady Why," "The Love She Found in Me" and "Baby Bye Bye."

Morris' original rendition of the classic "Wind Beneath My Wings" won both the Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music Song of the Year awards. Early in his career, Morris was also named Billboard's "Male Artist of the Year."

Still touring and recording, Morris' latest album, "Sense of Pride,"

was released last fall.

Pagosa Rotary is proud to sponsor a concert by Morris, to be held on April 20 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium at 7 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Rotary Feed Our Children Backpack Program, which is vital to our community.

This is a rare opportunity to not only see one of country music's best-known icons, but help families in our community that need us.

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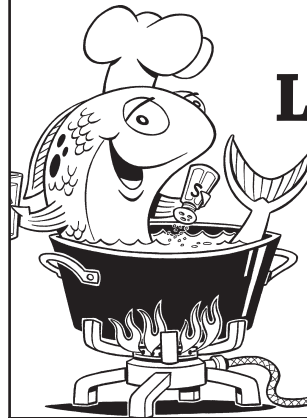
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Per an event agenda from Green, the keynote speaker for the event will be Courtney Frazier, the co-vice chair for the Colorado Tourism Board.

According to the event agenda, the conference sessions will run from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m.

Some of the conference sessions will touch on topics such as: creating an engaging presence on social media, collaboration and understanding how Pagosa Springs is marketed to tourists.

In addition to the conference sessions, a networking event will be held at The Springs Resort and Spa in the EcoLuxe conference room from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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Inaugural Mental Health Awareness Walk slated for April 13

By Lisa Scott
Special to The PREVIEW

“P.S. It’s okay (to talk about it)” is the slogan for the inaugural Mental Health Awareness Walk which will take place on April 13 starting in Town Park. Registration will start at 9:30 a.m. and the first 50 participants will receive a “P.S. It’s Okay” T-shirt.

The walk will commence at 10 a.m. from Town Park, walk along the sidewalks of San Juan Street, cross U.S. 160 at the courthouse, then come back on the other side of San Juan Street along the shops, crossing U.S. 160 again at the corner near Goodman’s Department Store and continue walking along Hot Springs Boulevard and to the high school. At the high school, there will be information and resource booths and a speaker on the topic is being arranged.

Sarah Ross, high school senior, witnessed a similar event in Telluride last fall.

“It was a lighthearted walk with dogs, signs and lots of positivity around the subject. Many bystanders jumped in to be a part of it,” Ross described.

She followed the crowd back to the park, where they started and spent time looking around the resource booths and silent auction. Immediately, Ross determined this was a great and do-able community

service project to recreate in Pagosa Springs.

Ross is in her second year of a class at Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) called Youth Rise taught by Cheryl Bowdrige. This class is an activism elective focusing on building healthy, responsible students with training to stand up against social justice issues in their school and community.

Partnering with her friend Diana Scott, the two discussed the idea with Bowdrige, who was very enthusiastic and introduced the young ladies to the Archuleta County Suicide Awareness Collaborative Group.

This group of concerned citizens is working with a state-funded initiative to raise awareness about suicide in our community. After the presentation, this group was supportive of the event agreed to help sponsor. With this support, Ross and Scott began planning the event. Bowdrige and Stewart Bellina, PSHS Pirate Achievement Center therapist and advisory coordinator, have been advisors providing necessary support and encouragement.

The mission of the event is to compassionately bring awareness towards mental health to improve communication, openness and awareness to support individual and community needs.

For more information, contact Ross at 903-1925, or Bowdrige at 946-5276 or cheryl@riseaboveviolence.org.

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership’s Colorado Environmental Film Fest Caravan to focus on water

By Sally High
Special to The PREVIEW

Seven years. It’s hard to believe, but, April 13 marks the seventh year that Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) has brought the Colorado Environmental Film Festival (CEFF) Caravan to Pagosa Springs.

The Liberty Theatre is the site of cutting-edge “WATER.” films. Saturday’s films will be shown from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings provide a chance to discuss water issues — local, regional and global. After the first-ever call on our San Juan River last August, followed by a higher-than-average snowpack, this year’s films are chosen to help us plan our stewardship of our most precious resource — “WATER.”

That Friday evening, April 12, GGP supporters will gather for a Premiere Gala fundraiser in The Springs Atrium Room from 6 to 9 p.m. The catered event features two short films never before seen in Pagosa Springs. The Friday fundraiser welcomes a keynote address by Audubon Rockies’ Abby

Burk and the Pagosa premier of Audubon’s “Ranching in the New Normal.” “Glen Canyon Rediscovered,” by Durango native Taylor Graham and National Geographic, provides another exclusive film for GGP supporters on Friday night.

Saturday evening, following the CEFF Caravan at the Liberty, GGP film enthusiasts will gather at Mountain Pizza and Taproom for a “WATER.” Wrap Party. GGP invites all water consumers and water experts to discuss. Growing Water Smart, Resilient Archuleta, Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership, San Juan Water Conservancy District and San Juan Forest Health Partnership are encouraged to join us in our “WATER.” discussion. GGP wristbands receive happy hour half-priced drinks for our festival wrap-up.

Saturday’s new 2019 films include two shorts made by Colorado youth. “Our Lives, Our River” and “Streamflow in the Crystal River” were produced in summer 2018 by students in Carbondale’s Crystal River watershed. These films are particularly relevant because the Crystal, like our San Juan, also experienced a call due to low water flow.

Two first-run ocean films take us from a local to a global perspective. “Offshore,” by Ocean Observatories Initiative and National Science Foundation, advocates that future generations care for our living oceans, starting today. “Junk” is the creation of a U.S. Marine veteran turned scientist. His intention was to shed light on plastic pollution

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Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass announces dates for Jam Camp, Junior Jam Camp

By Crista Munro
Special to The PREVIEW

This year, bluegrass music instruction camps for kids and adults will once again take place on Reservoir Hill immediately preceding the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival.

Dates for the Jam Camp and Junior Jam Camp are June 4, 5 and 6. Registration is currently open for both camps, though some instrument spots are full or nearly full for the adult Jam Camp.

Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass Junior Jam Camp is open to students ages 7-15. Exceptions may be made for younger students who have demonstrated aptitude and experience. This camp is an opportunity to explore traditional music in a supportive environment with qualified instruction alongside peers of similar abilities. Local students can be dropped off and picked up each day; out-of-town students are

encouraged to camp on the festival grounds with at least one adult family member or stay in lodging that is close to Reservoir Hill in downtown Pagosa Springs.

This year's faculty instructors include Grammy-award winning musicians Kate Lee and Forrest O'Connor; Bonnie and Taylor Sims from Bonnie and the Clydes; and Gregg Daigle, an Albuquerque-based classical guitarist who teaches music professionally. The camp director is Eric Richard Stone, a singer-songwriter based in Boulder. Kids camp alumni The Cody Sisters and Jackson Earle will also be on hand as faculty assistants.

Tuition is \$275 and includes all regular instruction, a keepsake songbook and camping on Reservoir Hill for jam camp students and their immediate family. Class sizes and enrollment are limited in order to provide more personalized instruction.

The adult version Jam Camp returns for its 12th year with Fort Collins-based band FY5 at the helm. Mike Finders is a singer/songwriter, guitar picker and professional educator. He's been teaching guitar lessons for most of his adult life and bluegrass jam classes for the last seven years. Erin Youngberg has played stand-up bluegrass bass since she was 9 years old and is a veteran lesson teacher and jam camp instructor. Her husband, Aaron Youngberg, is a professional banjo and pedal steel player, guitar and banjo instructor, and recording engineer. He'll be teaching banjo. Ryan Drickey is a Rockygrass fiddle champion, old-time, jazz and classical player whose session and sideman work is in high demand from New York to Seattle. Rich Zimmerman on mandolin has been a private instructor as well as band leader for the popular regional band

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Film

■ continued from previous page via an extravagant adventure, sailing from California to Hawaii on a raft made from 15,000 plastic bottles. Plagued by leaks, foul weather and short supplies, his planned five-week sail took three months. He made his point and "Junk" is a must-see.

"Watershed: A New Water Ethic for a New West" was first shown by the GGP in 2013. It's time to revisit this powerful award-winning

overview of the Colorado River. "Watershed," produced and narrated by Robert Redford, completes our Saturday Caravan.

The GGP invites you to become a supporter of this popular annual event. The easiest way to buy your tickets is to visit www.pagosagreen.org/filmfestival/. Paper tickets are available at the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and Exit Realty. GGP volunteers at the Education Dome in Centennial

Park are selling paper tickets each Tuesday and Saturday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. through April 9. The names of ticket holders will be on a list at The Springs, the Liberty Theatre and Mountain Pizza and Taproom. All ticket holders will have wristbands. You can purchase wristbands at the door of the Liberty Theatre on April 13.

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Slipstream. All five members of the band are not only knowledgeable and experienced bluegrass players, but — more importantly — they are patient and skilled instructors with the humor and grace it takes to help adults have fun and move forward in their playing.

Jam Camp is an excellent opportunity for intermediate-level pickers age 17-plus to take a big step forward in their bluegrass understanding and pickin' proficiency. Built on the idea that playing with and for other musicians is a powerful tool for learning, campers are afforded supported opportunities to study and practice the foundations of bluegrass music on their guitars, fiddles, banjos, basses and mandolins. The camp uses a quick-paced variety of different teaching styles and formats including large-group instruction, small like-instrument workshops, one-on-one lessons and a band scramble that is gently coached by each of the staff members. In the small group ensembles, campers learn to play in balance, build solos, sing harmony and perform in front of a single microphone. The camp is recommended for intermediate-level adult musicians who enjoy playing bluegrass music with other folks.

Class sizes are limited, and reg-



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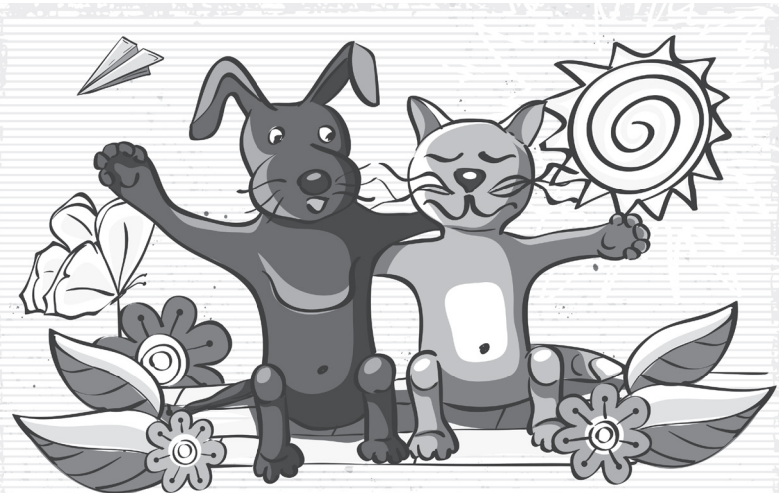
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Registration focuses on creating a balance of instruments so that total registrants have a relatively equal number of each of the bluegrass "voices." Guitar is already full, and mandolin spots are extremely limited at this time; do not wait to register if this is your instrument. Tuition is \$275 for all three days and includes camping on Reservoir Hill. Jam Camp participants may stay on through Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass if festival passes with camping are purchased ahead of

time. Participants are also welcome to stay in off-site lodging and drive to camp each day.

For additional information about these bluegrass Jam Camps, including daily activity schedules, or to secure your or your child's spot in June, please visit www.folkwest.com/jamcamps.

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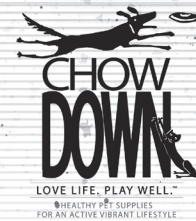
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Meet this year’s stars for Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

By Lisa Peters
Special to The PREVIEW

Seeds of Learning is delighted to announce the amazing local celebrities performing in the 2019 Dancing With The Pagosa Stars to be held on July 20.

These Stars were selected for their community leadership, personality and a belief in Seed’s education. Our beautiful female stars are Annita Bens, Laura Moore, Nicki Smith and Evelyn Tennyson. Our handsome male stars are Jason Cox, Chris Hopkins, Mike Le Roux and Steve Potter.

These incredibly generous people have agreed to be paired with a professional dancer, learn a dance routine choreographed just for them and perform for your votes on July 20. It is a magical night at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Today, you can go to the Seeds website at <http://growingseeds.org/dwtps-stars/> to see bios of

these competitive stars and vote for your favorites. Each \$1 vote moves a star closer to winning the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy and bragging rights as the winner for the next year. But, more importantly, all the proceeds go to sustaining Seeds of Learning, where preschoolers are expertly prepared for school and for life.

This year, we have tickets available at \$125, which includes a buffet dinner, a complimentary wine glass, a fabulous show and open dancing to Lisa Saunders DJ entertainment. Ticket sales will open to the public at 9 a.m. on May 10. Watch our website and Facebook page for specific instructions on ticket purchase.

Over the next few weeks, we will tell you more about these special people and why they have agreed to support Seeds. Each has a unique story, and everyone associated with Seeds feels very lucky to have their amazing support. Their

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When life catches up with the lyrics we sang

April Fool's Day crept up on us and marked 59 years since my Sweet Al and I said, "Yes, I do."

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Over the years, I have worn a total of four wedding rings. The gold became too thin and broke on my original ring. I had my wedding ring soldered to my engagement ring to make it wearable. I lost the center diamond on another ring and, again, two others became too small.

I am sitting here with a naked ring finger. I am toying with the idea of hanging all of my rings on a chain around my neck and calling "that" married. I even thought about having all of the diamonds and gold combined to make just one nice ring, but that doesn't feel quite right.

My Sweet Al reminds me that a ring doesn't make me married; it's the commitment of the heart. Ring or not, I am still married. I have heard people say, "We fell out of love with each other, it didn't work for us." I propose that it takes a lot more than work and love to stay with each other.

I didn't know at 18 what 80

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



would look like. So, today, I am finding out what I really said yes to all those years ago. The firecrackers and hot pursuit have turned to embers and a gentle nod. The throbbing heart now signals high blood pressure, while sleepless nights are soothed by a CPAP machine. Sharp vision has turned dim as two once-independent souls serve as a crutch for one another. Fortunately, two once-independent hearts have since blended to one.

There has been a great amount of wisdom received along this journey. I recently heard singer and songwriter Bill Gaither say it best. "We are older, not so polished, and have been through the good and the ugly. Our lives have finally caught up with the lyrics that we sang years ago."

So true, and I echo his words. The lyrics we sang, believed in and lived through over the years have become tried and true. We have walked through trials and heart-

break, laughter and sadness. Now more than ever do we understand what it meant when my Sweet Al and I first said, "I do."

Radio talk show host Paul Harvey said it this way: "The highest compliment I have ever received is when the girl of my dreams said 'yes.'"

From Alfred Lord Tennyson's famous poem called "In Memoriam A.H.H.": "I hold it true, what'er befall; I feel it, when I am sorry most; 'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all."

Final brushstroke: How do two young people in love really think that they can make things work until death do they part? We certainly didn't know. But as our days together come full circle, the highs and the lows and everything in between prove that we have caught up with the lyrics we sang when we first fell in love. Truly, as the smoke has cleared and all has leveled out, it is better to have loved than never to have loved at all. In fact, the highest compliment we could give and receive, saying "yes" to all we knew, and to all which would still lie ahead.

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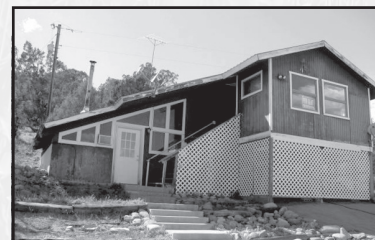
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A Course in Miracles Study Group. 10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

Loaves and Fishes 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: Smartphone Basics. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn to navigate commonly used features on your Windows, Android or Apple smartphone or tablet. 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.

San Juan Stargazers Telescope Clinic. 6 p.m., Visitor Center. At our telescope clinics you can learn how to use it or how to fix it. We have limited space, so call early to reserve a telescope expert. Call 335-8286 with a

little information about what you have and what you may be needing in the form of help.

San Juan Stargazers. 7-8:30 p.m., Visitor Center conference room. For our program, we will study some amazing Hubble pictures showing galaxies in various stages of collision. Hot drinks and, hopefully, a treat will be served at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.sanjuanstargazers.org, email sjstargazers@gmail.com or call 335-8286.

Friday, March 29

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Center. This is a slow, gentle exercise that improves balance, strength, flexibility and lung capacity while reducing stress and increasing an overall sense of well-being.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Teen Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Join us for snacks and lively discussion of this month's book. Stop by to pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 5-6 p.m., Community Center. **Luminosity Talks:** 'Seeing a New

Reality.' 6:30-8:30 p.m., New Thought Center, located within the Momentum Fitness 24/7 building. Presented by Victoria Liljenquist.

Saturday, March 30

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Any event conflicts which would not allow a Saturday open gym will be posted in advance on the town's website, Facebook page and in the newspaper. Call 264-4152, ext. 521 for more information.

Family Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us for great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Paws to Read. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For those in the K-5th grade. Come and share your favorite book with Bacchus or Hondo, dogs who love listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Sunday, March 31

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, April 1

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Commu-

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Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network. 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

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PALS Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 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.

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

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

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

Incredible Years Parenting Class. 5:30-8 p.m., Seeds of Learning. An opportunity offered to anyone who wants to build positive relationships with their children, needs more effective discipline or would like new ideas to help their children learn and grow. This class is created for families with children between the ages of 3 and 8 years. A free dinner and child care will be provided.

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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.

Pickleball. Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church library. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Vets for Vets at 507-3005 for more information.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary. 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For teens 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.

Wednesday, April 3

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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.

Pi Beta Phi Club Potluck Luncheon. 11:30 a.m., home of Lisa Scott. We will be saying farewell to Ann Norris and celebrate our Golden Arrows. Contact Lisa at sranch@centurytel.net before March 29 to let her know whether or not you are coming and what you will bring to the potluck.

Red Hat Meeting. 11:30 a.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant.

National Public Health Week Event. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. San Juan Basin Public Health invites everyone to attend. The theme is "Public Health Planning: Using Science

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and Action to Improve Health.” Kristin Pulatie will present the agency’s recently released Public Health Improvement Plan. Additional information about programs will be available, as well. Lunch will be served.

Hand and Foot Card Game. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

Knitting Plus Club. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 5th-12th grade. Bring your knitting, crochet or needlepoint projects and hang out with other crafters. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

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, April 4

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.

Women’s Wellness. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sisson Library. A program for women ages 21-64 facilitated by San Juan Basin Public Health. There will be no physical examinations. The sessions will provide education on about where and how to access cancer screenings, assess barriers to screening for breast and cervical cancer, and help with information about women’s sexual health. You will also hear about free or low-cost services. Light refreshments will be served. Call 264-2209 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.

Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

PALS Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m.,

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San Juan Outdoor Club. 6:30 p.m., PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. The presenter will be Bobby Milford, president, with pictures of some of the best outdoor adventures of the San Juan Outdoor Club in the past and discuss the great activities planned for 2019. There will be light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Friday, April 5

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don’t have one.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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Yoga. 5-6 p.m., Community Center.

Saturday, April 6

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Any event conflicts which would not allow a Satur-

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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, April 8

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Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network. 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

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Potato Workshop. 10 a.m., CSU Extension office. Learn about how to grow potatoes in the high country. Call 264-5931 to sign up.

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Incredible Years Parenting Class. 5:30-8 p.m., Seeds of Learning.

An opportunity offered to anyone who wants to build positive relationships with their children, needs more effective discipline or would like new ideas to help their children learn and grow. This class is created for families with children between the ages of 3 and 8 years. A free dinner and child care will be provided.
CPR Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension Office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

Tuesday, April 9

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.

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Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

Pickleball. Noon-3:30 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Wednesday, April 10

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UUs to experience the power of sound

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

Sound has been a tool for promoting the physical and emotional health of the body for as long as recorded history. It is deeply rooted in the religious practices of ancient cultures and civilizations, and today we find scientific research confirming the wisdom of these ancient practices.

Anyone interested in the research should search the literature under psychoacoustic, the study of the perception of sound, including how we listen, our psychological responses, and the physiological impact of music and sound upon the human nervous system.

This phenomenon — scientific validation of ancient wisdom — represents the intersection of two of the eight sources from which the Unitarian Universalist “living tradition” draws its sustenance — wisdom from the world’s religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life, and humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason. This brings us to this Sunday’s program offered by Rica Potenz, “The Healing Power of Sound,” and described by her as follows.

What is sound? Sound is primal — the primary energy from which all is created. According to Sufi Master Hazrat Inayat Khan, sound is the original mystical experience of all creation, and is found in many religious and mystical philosophies. Its origins are found in many traditions and cultures throughout history. In the Bible, it is said, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God”; and we also find that the Word is light, and that when that light dawned the whole creation manifested. Vedanta philosophy of the Hindus believe the same thing, only they call the Word OM. The Word or OM is the bridge between energy and material manifestation. Energy becomes sound, and sound transports us into material reality.

OM is also described in Buddhist scriptures as “The most powerful one. Its power alone can bring enlightenment.”

Sound is used by many cultures and wisdom traditions — ancient and current — for healing, changing consciousness, enlightenment, bringing awareness, connecting to

the divine and connecting to each other.

The presentation will be an experiential one. Participants will have the opportunity to bathe in the vibrations of crystal and Tibetan bowls, and a symphonic gong, experiencing for themselves the effects of sound on body, mind and soul.

“What makes us feel drawn to music is that our whole being is music: Our mind and body, the nature in which we live, the nature which has made us, all that is beneath and around us, it is all music.” — Hazrat Inayat Khan.

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ship is by Pastor Dean Cerny on the third and fourth Sunday or by a lay leader on other Sundays. The Religious Exploration program for 2- to 9-year-olds continues on April 14 and 21. For more information, contact Anna Ramirez at afrancis@hotmail.com.

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Playing chess with Grandpa

By Jessica Tanner
Special to The PREVIEW

Between two players sits a chess set. A few of the pieces are scratched. Some are missing limbs or weapons. But they still look like the people of Rome they were modeled after. The players eye the black and white opposing Roman armies. The girl moves a white piece. Then her companion moves one of his black pieces and swipes up her white. "Your king is in check."

The girl is me and my companion is my grandfather. Ever since I learned the basics of how to play chess in the third grade I've challenged him. I can count the number of games I've won against him on my hands. The total number of games

A Matter of Faith

we've played I could never count. Nearly every time my family went for a visit to Grandpa's and Grandma's home I'd drag the old game from its place on a closet shelf.

Grandpa never complained about playing. It was our time. He'd ask me if I was sure of a move and like the naïve person I was (and still am) I'd tell him I was. He'd scoop up another piece. Without trying, he'd have his moves planned in advance and see what was going on in the

game. If I took a piece, he usually knew I'd go for it before I did.

My grandfather's way with the chess board is like how God works with us. He allows us to make our own choices. Sometimes He asks us if we are sure about a decision, but He never forces us to follow a certain path. We can freely move in a million different ways. He never reprimands us for going in the wrong direction. Even if our king is in check and trouble is just around the bend.

"It was He who created man in the beginning, and he left him in the power of his own inclination. If you will, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice" — Sirach 15:14-15.

New Thought group to discuss 'A Time Of New Growth'

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

"Spring is a great time for us to tune into nature, as we prepare to 'cast out the darkness' and more fully step into the light." — the Rev. Diane Harmony.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC, formerly Pagosa Community of New Thought) as we discuss "A Time Of New Growth" this Sunday, March 31, at 10:30 a.m. Participate in "weeding" what does not serve us and planting new seeds of happiness, health and abundance.

We will have spirited live music.

Upcoming events

On Thursday, March 28, we will

view and discuss the film "The Celestine Prophecy." Donations are appreciated.

On Saturday, March 30, a class titled "The Shaman's Tools" will be held.

On Saturday, March 30, there will be an ecstatic dance at the PLPOA clubhouse.

Reiki classes are held at NTC.

Please contact NTC for more information.

Science of Mind classes

On Sunday, March 31, at 9 a.m., we will hold a Science of Mind discussion group. All interested persons are welcome.

NTC is a New Thought center based on fostering living a spiritually centered life and promoting the phi-

losophies 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.

NTC 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.



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Traipsin', tradin' and explorin'

Last week, our traipsin' Franciscan fathers had bivouacked with a group of Utah Indians near Bowie, Colo. After a long talk with the Utes, who warned them to turn back to avoid sure death from Comanche arrows and spears, the fathers traded for fresh horses and, guided by Silvestre and a boy named Joaquin, traveled westward through Grand Mesa National Forest to the south side of Battlement Mesa.

There they met three Ute women and a child with whom they traded some piñon nuts for some berries the Utes had been drying in the sun. Moving on, the group crossed the Colorado River at Una, where the Colorado ran west and southwest and was fed by the Dolores River. They encountered another group of Utes who encouraged them with



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

news that the Comanche had moved east away from the planned route.

These same Utes helped Silvestre plan the next steps of their journey. Thus enlightened, Silvestre warned them of a high hill which, when they reached it, proved to be so steep and covered with loose rocks that several of the mules slid 20 feet or more down the slope. A strenuous climb finally took them to the top.

After traipsing across the Roan Plateau and the southern end of Douglas Canyon to a high ridge, Sil-

vestre pointed north to the Comancheria and west where his people lived in Utah Lake Valley.

Having traveled north and west through Cañon Pintado, the expedition entered present-day Rio Blanco County, Colo., named for the White River (they named it Rio de San Clemente), which enters Utah at its western border. They crossed the White River just east of Rangely on Sept. 10. Much to their relief after weeks of mountain, canyon and mesa travel, they crossed land into Utah that was much flatter. The trail they followed had been pounded into the earth by countless herds of buffalo.

They entered the next lap of their journey across Utah short on rations, but with a nearby shaggy, four-legged meat market. A few hungry hunters successfully pursued and killed a bison on Yampa Plateau in present-day Uintah County, Utah, in September, thereby relieving their hunger pangs.

We will continue across Utah in next week's column. I am using Wikipedia as an information source and using present-day place names to save space.



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

A bear named Pickles. Everybody knew Dr. Mary Winter Fisher was an animal lover. Shown here in the doctor's downtown backyard is Pickles, a black bear. Today's animal lovers would decry this method of confinement. When I was a small boy more than half a century ago, it was not unusual to pass roadside stands with a bear chained up outside to attract customers. I'm glad the practice is no longer allowed.

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Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado announces next Making A Difference speaker

By Tracy Pope
Special to The PREVIEW

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is hosting its next Making A Difference speaker to tackle issues that have affected so many people in our community — depression, bullying and suicide.

Our keynote speaker on April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College is Monica Lewinsky.

Lewinsky will share her story of resilience after losing her reputation on a global scale. Lewinsky battled depression and thoughts of suicide. She remained silent for years and has recently decided she cannot be a bystander to cyberbullying and shaming any longer.

“Every day online, people, especially young people who are not developmentally equipped to handle this, are so abused and humiliated that they can’t imagine living to the next day and some tragically don’t. And there’s nothing virtual about that,” said Lewinsky in her TED Talk, “The Price of Shame.”

As part of the evening event, a

panel of local experts will share resources and efforts related to important mental health issues in our region.

“The Community Foundation is proud to be a catalyst driving conversations about improving mental health and removing the stigmas of shame and depression” said Briggen Wrinkle of the Community Foundation.

Tickets for the evening event, “Post Positive: Change the Content,” are \$35, \$45 and \$55, and can be purchased online at durango-concerts.com.

A second event, April 24 at noon at the Henry Strater Theatre, will be a limited-seating luncheon with a storytelling focus. Lewinsky will be joined by locals who will share their struggles with overcoming bullying. Tickets for the luncheon are \$100 and can be purchased at swcommunityfoundation.org.

The Community Foundation’s Making a Difference Speaker Series, now in its third year, brings nationally known speakers to motivate our community into taking action, refining the conversation and inspiring philanthropic change.



Photo courtesy Community Foundation

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado is hosting its next Making A Difference speaker, Monica Lewinsky, to tackle issues that have affected so many people in our community — depression, bullying and suicide.

The foundation manages more than \$5 million in investments for philanthropists in our community, offering invaluable resources to ensure that donors can be impactful with their giving, making a difference in the lives of others.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

Luminosity Talks to present on visions, angelic encounters, divine messages

By Victoria Liljenquist
Special to The PREVIEW

Join Luminosity Talks for a journey of “Seeing A New Reality,” with Victoria Liljenquist this Friday, March 29, at the New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (located within the Momentum Fitness 24/7 building) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A lecture and the most recent video encounters will be shared and will include a visual musical meditation, group healing and Q-and-A.

Liljenquist will share a presentation of her personal encounters with angels, other dimensions and beautiful Merkabah light ships, which she has captured on live video and photograph. She will share her most recent video encounters in Pagosa Springs.

Luminosity Talks is a not-for-profit group that presents innovative speakers and films to educate, inspire and inform. All are invited to this free event and donations are welcome.

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All Things Potato Workshop set for April 8

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

An All Things Potato Workshop will take place on April 8 at 10 a.m. at the CSU Extension office.

Research horticulturalist David Holm from the San Luis Valley Research Center will tell us all about growing potatoes in our climate, nutritional values, pests, harvesting, storage and more.

You can place your order for certified seed after the workshop, but orders will start April 1. We will be offering: Yukon golds (yellow skin/flesh), mountain rose (red skin/flesh), Colorado rose (red skin/white flesh), purple majesty (purple skin/flesh), fingerlings (yellow) and masquerade (two toned skin/white flesh). The cost of the seed potatoes is \$1 per pound. The orders will be ready to pick up

Extension Viewpoints

on May 9.

Yellow potatoes such as Yukon gold are marble to large size, round or oblong shape, have light tan to golden skin and yellow to golden flesh. They have a slightly waxy, velvety and moist texture. Yellows are subtly sweet, rich and buttery and with a medium-sugar content, making them great for grilling, roasting, mashing and salads.

Red-skinned potatoes like the mountain and Colorado rose have a firm, smooth, moist and creamy

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FLC Lifelong Learning topic: 'The Quantum Mechanics of Music'

By Janice Sheftel
Special to The PREVIEW

"The Quantum Mechanics of Music" will be the Lifelong Learning topic of Fort Lewis College (FLC) Assistant Professor of Chemistry Michael Grubb on April 4 in Room 130, Noble Hall, FLC.

Grubb will address the strange and unique microscopic world of quantum mechanics in layman's terms. He will illuminate how the physics of waves connects to the world of musical instruments.


Grubb teaches thermodynamics, chemical kinetics and quantum mechanics — and organizes FLC's annual Science Open House for area students and their families.



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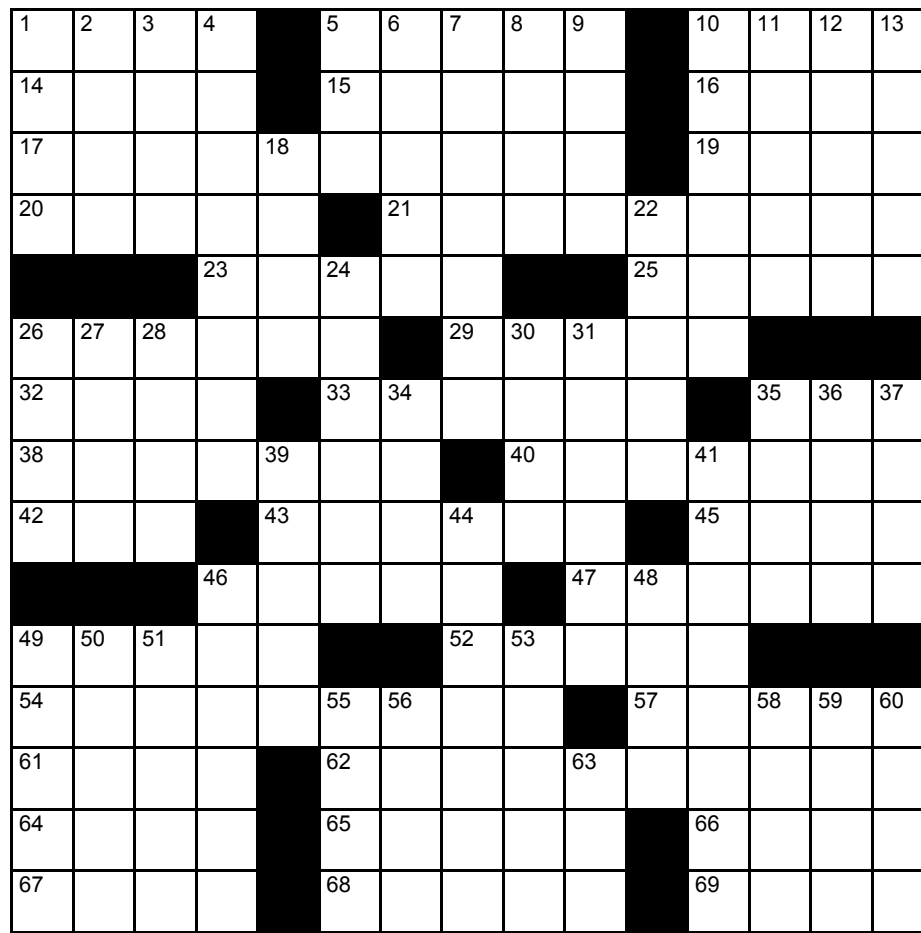
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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 5 Home extension
- 10 Thick slice
- 14 Nile wader
- 15 River by the Louvre
- 16 Insurable item
- 17 Tupelo, to Elvis
- 19 Monopoly token
- 20 Fixed gaze
- 21 Young bird
- 23 Speak pompously
- 25 Barrel racing venue
- 26 Pal of Pooh
- 29 Cloudless
- 32 Race anagram
- 33 Hate with a passion
- 35 Links standard
- 38 Ruth, June, or Anita
- 40 Varnish thinner
- 42 Put the kibosh on
- 43 Pain in the chest
- 45 Cultural pursuits
- 46 Stage, as a show
- 47 Type of fence
- 49 Abate, as rain
- 52 Wiped out
- 54 Clear of charges
- 57 Reunion group
- 61 Fourth-down option
- 62 Numbing drug
- 64 Perimeter
- 65 Cousin of a raccoon
- 66 Alone
- 67 Derriere
- 68 ___ a high note
- 69 Jane's dog



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- 4 Female hormone
- 5 Cleopatra's serpent
- 6 Dutch pottery
- 7 Regional speech
- 8 ___ in a blue moon
- 9 Have to have
- 10 Popeye, e.g.
- 11 Macabre
- 12 Make reparations
- 13 Hand-played drum
- 18 ___ and now
- 22 Annoy
- 24 Like some supporters
- 26 Ticker follower
- 27 Screen symbol
- 28 Electrical network
- 30 Rawboned
- 31 Houdini feat
- 34 Thus
- 35 Butcher's offering
- 36 Penny ___

- 37 Music character
- 39 Brownish gray
- 41 Lacking diplomacy
- 44 As a preferred alternative
- 46 Fourth-down figure
- 48 Move slowly
- 49 Outcast
- 50 Give forth
- 51 Fiji neighbor
- 53 Marinara alternative
- 55 Track event
- 56 Ever and ___
- 58 Mounted on
- 59 Fodder holder
- 60 Ewan McGregor, for one
- 63 ___ Lizzie (Model T)

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Viewpoints

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 texture. The flavor is subtly sweet and well suited for salads, soups and stews because slices and chunks maintain their shape during cooking and mixing. They are also excellent baking potatoes. The purple majesty has an earthy, buttery taste. They are good roasted, but also to use in potato salads, soups, mashed, or fried. The size is not typically large, although few will get russet sized, but more like the size of a tennis ball or plum and smaller. This makes them great for roasting and sliced, however.

The masquerade potatoes offer a creamy and buttery flavor when cooked, but the bicolored thin skin has a golden yellow base and is covered in dominant spots of purple and violet, which make this a fun potato to grow.

Colorado's San Luis Valley is the second largest fresh potato growing region in the U.S. for good reason. Situated at an elevation of 7,600 feet, nestled between the Sangre de Cristo and San Juan Mountains, the valley enjoys mild temperatures and 350 days of sunshine a year. Part of an ancient lake bed, the fertile soil has been enriched by a unique mix of mineral deposits and is further enhanced by abundant annual snow melt. That is why over 150 potato-growing families have made the San Luis Valley their home for generations.

The best seed available is certified seed produced under carefully controlled isolation, disease control and storage. Buy certified seed every year because home produced planting stock can become infected with disease in a single season. Infestation with diseases can result in a high-yielding crop the year before producing poor yields and low-quality tubers the following year.

Colorado potato fun facts

- Colorado is the second largest fresh potato growing region in the entire United States.
- There are over 70 unique varieties of Colorado potatoes.

- Many Colorado potatoes are grown in the San Luis Valley, which is the largest alpine valley on Earth.

- A total of 50,000 to 65,000 acres of potatoes are planted in Colorado each year. That's around 78 square miles, or enough to cover all of Washington, D.C. (68 square miles), in potato fields, and then some.

- Potatoes have been farmed in Colorado since 1875. In that year, Ulysses S. Grant was president, and the very first recorded hockey game and Kentucky Derby happened.

- The estimated value of Colorado potatoes produced in 2014 was \$214,802,000. That's a stack of money that's over 14 miles high. That's more than two times as high as Mount Everest.

- An average of 7.5 million pounds of potatoes are produced in Colorado every day. That's equivalent to 300 school buses (average school bus weighing 25,000 pounds). That's approximately 2.3 billion pounds of potatoes every year, or 92,000 school buses.

To find out more information, please call the CSU Extension office at 264-5931 or email coopext_archuleta@mail.colostate.edu.

Upcoming CSU Extension programs

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. Seed potato orders will begin April 1.

April 13: Mountain High Gardeners Garden Expo, 10 a.m.-noon at the Extension office.

April 30: Pesticide Education Workshop, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. This is a free workshop.

CPR and first aid classes

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

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The Met: Live in HD, presented by the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College in partnership with New York's Metropolitan Opera, continues on Saturday, March 30, with Richard Wagner's "Die Walküre."

The Met: Live in HD continues Saturday in Durango with 'Die Walküre'

By Indiana Reed
Special to The PREVIEW

The Met: Live in HD, presented by the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College (FLC) in partnership with New York's Metropolitan Opera, nears the close of its 2018-2019 series on Saturday, March 30, with Richard Wagner's "Die Walküre."

The Met's performance will be screened in the Vallecito Room of the FLC Student Union, broadcast in high definition from the Metro-

politan Opera beginning at 10 a.m. Run time is four hours, 55 minutes, with two intermissions.

In what has been called a Wagnerian event for the ages, soprano Christine Goerke plays Brünnhilde, Wotan's willful warrior daughter who loses her immortality in opera's most famous act of filial defiance. Tenor Stuart Skelton and soprano Eva-Maria Westbroek play the incestuous twins Siegmund and Sieglinde. Greer Grimsley sings Wotan. Philippe Jordan conducts.

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“Die Walküre” is set in mythological times, when gods, giants, dwarves and humans all contended for power. While the first part of the Ring cycle, “Das Rheingold,” moves between realms above and below the earth, “Die Walküre” takes place entirely in human territory, as the balance of power in the cosmic struggle tips ever so slowly toward humanity.

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By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Cellphones were new, and the university made me carry one because I was the director of Internet systems. They wanted to be able to get hold of me if something went wrong, which, with the Internet in its infancy, it often did. Messages from my office phone were also routed to my cellphone and beeped me at the most inconvenient times. Sometimes technology is so annoying.

Shandy's messages always beeped me at the worst times of all. Every time I had a test in my class, Shandy had some emergency come up. She would call and leave a message on my phone just before the test closed. For

the first exam, my phone beeped just as I was trying to get my young children asleep. I picked up the phone and hit the play button.

Shandy's voice came on, and she was breathing hard. "Hello, Professor Howard. This is Shandy. My friends and I are at a park 40 miles from campus and someone in our group broke her arm. I ran to this pay phone to call for medical help, and after I called them, I realized I should call you to let you know I won't make it back to campus in time to take the test. I hope you will let me take it tomorrow."

This was always a tough spot to be in. The student may or may not be telling the truth. I tended to err

on the side of trust, so the next day I called the testing center and gave them the information needed to let Shandy take the test. I hoped that would be the last time, but when the second test came, there was a similar phone call. My phone beeped in the middle of an important meeting. Few others had cellphones, and everyone stared at me.

It was another call from Shandy. "Hello Professor Howard. This

Two more tests had the same thing happen. My phone beeped at inconvenient times, and Shandy had had an emergency.

is Shandy. I was coming home with some friends from a game about 90 miles from campus when we came upon a wreck. We helped the people get out before the car caught fire and treated them for shock until paramedics arrived. Afterward, we pulled into this gas station so I could call you.

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Things didn't quite add up, but I had no proof to the contrary, so I called the test permission in to the testing center. But then I called the Honor Office and asked them if they had received any concerns about Shandy. They said they had, but nothing that anyone could prove.

Two more tests had the same thing happen. My phone beeped at inconvenient times, and Shandy had had an emergency. But I was getting more suspicious. Still, I couldn't prove anything, so I called

the testing center for her permissions.

Then, one day, there was a knock on my office door. I opened it, and there stood a man holding two phones. "We have upgraded the phone system on campus, and everyone is getting new office

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■ continued from previous page phones,” he said. “You also get a new cellphone.”

“What’s wrong with my old phones?” I asked.

“I don’t really know,” he answered. “But apparently they don’t work well with the new equipment.”

He set up my office phone, handed me the new cellphone, and left a small brochure on how to use the new features. I put the small

brochure in my wallet. I didn’t have time to deal with new technology, and I knew how to use a phone. But then came the day after the next test closed. My phone beeped while I was on a date with my wife. I was annoyed when I had to use the brochure to figure out how to get the message.

It was Shandy again. “Hi Professor Howard. This is Shandy ...”

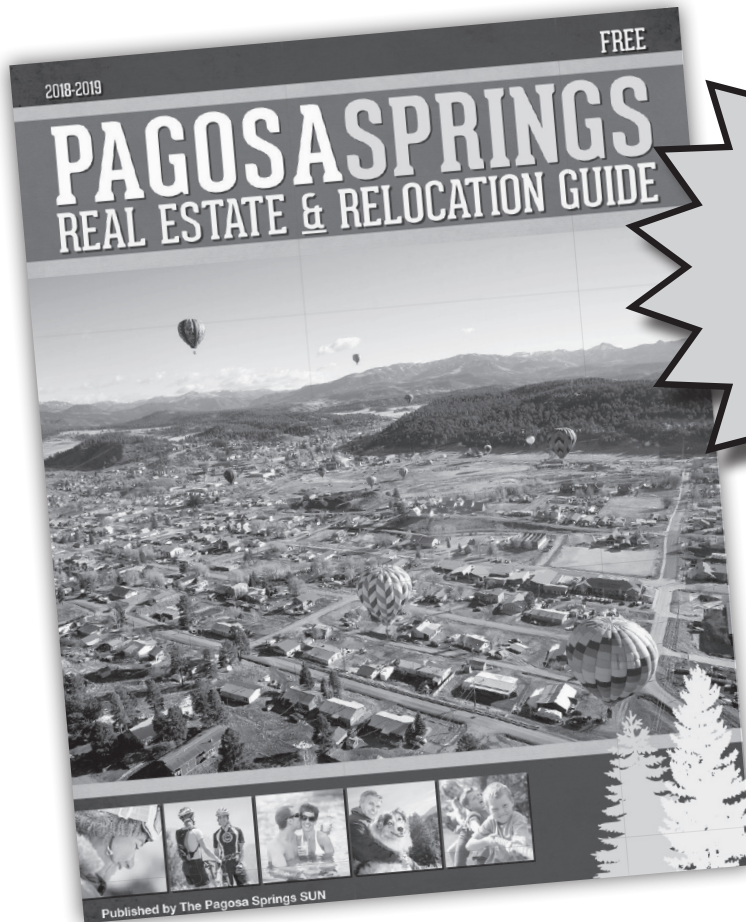
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away from campus and had had an emergency. When she finished speaking, I was just about to hang up when a computer-generated voice came on. “This call originated from McKay Library extension 7042.”

I paused, somewhat stunned. Shandy had called me from on campus, and now I knew for sure she wasn’t really miles away.

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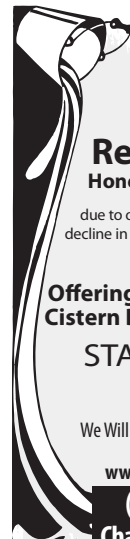
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CHILD SUPPORT TECHNICIAN. The Archuleta County Department of Human Services is seeking applicants for a Child Support Technician. Salary is \$19.03 an hour DOQ- DOE. A job description and application is available at www.archuletacounty.org. Submit your application and resume to Human Resources, PO BOX 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, fax to (970)264-1879 or email to rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

MASSAGE THERAPIST/ PRACTITIONERS for Spa/ Wellness Center environment to be opening in new location in May. Interviews will take place on Saturday, April 6th, 1-8p.m. and Monday, April 8th, 3-8p.m. Call to set up your interview time and location. Pagosa Wellness, (970)422-7161.

NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER SEEKS DIRECTOR. The Archuleta County Education Center is accepting applications for Director of Wings Early Childhood Center in Pagosa Springs, CO, serving children ages 1-5 years. Minimum requirements: Associate or Bachelor degree in Early Childhood Education; Colorado Director Qualified Certification and experience as an ECE teacher. Strong leadership and communication skills and ability to lead the operations of a new center. Strong background in developmentally appropriate programs; human resources; policies and procedures; budgets; facility management and a working knowledge of state licensing rules and regulations. Background check required. A full job description is available at www.theacec.com. Submit cover letter, resume and references to janet.santo78@gmail.com by April 5, 2019.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a **Patient Account Representative**. The Rep follows up on assigned accounts after claim submission. Responsible for accurately and timely collection of claims billed to third-party payers as both primary, secondary, tertiary, etc. Required to maintain individual AR at the departmental goal as well as other departmental goals: Cash Collections, AR Days. Applications may be picked up at Pagosa Springs Medical Center or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedical-center.org. Applications and resumes may be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

MOUNTAIN HOME SOUND AND SECURITY is now taking applications for a security technician, experience a plus but not required. An interest in current technology is a must. Desire to work and learn in a fast paced environment. Background check, valid driver's license and neat professional appearance required. Please pick up application at 301 N Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-3 Monday- Friday 9a.m.-5p.m.

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosaschools.com under the "Job Postings" icon. Current hirings are Co-Director of Transportation for Fleet, Bus Driver, and Substitutes. Hiring for the 2019-20 school year are Special Education Teacher, High School Math Teacher, High School Physical Education and Health Teacher, High School Social Studies Teacher, Middle School Science Teacher, and Middle School Head Volleyball Coach. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

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Unmask potential health problems at 9Health Fair April 27

By Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

Heart disease is a major health issue. It is the No. 1 cause of death in the United States.

Heart malfunctions can be identified through blood pressure observation, heart rate monitoring, blood sugar detection, and blood cholesterol and triglycerides testing. Risk factors include family history, diabetes, smoking and untreated chronic stress.

Chronic stress creates two times the risk of cardiovascular disease. This is a much greater chance of developing this life-threatening ailment than previously identified.

Other than heart disease, untreated chronic stress can result in other serious health conditions including anxiety, insomnia, muscle pain, high blood pressure and a weakened immune system.

A healthy immune system is critical. It reduces our ability to ward off viral and bacterial infections like the flu, the common cold or pneumonia. A weakened immune system depresses the positive effect of vaccines. The American Psychological Association and American Institute of Stress are excellent sources for more information.

In addition to heart disease and high blood pressure, some other problems related to stress are: asthma, obesity, diabetes, headaches, depression and anxiety, gastrointestinal trouble, and Alzheimer's disease.

Lifesaving blood tests are a great way to unmask potential problems. The 9Health Fair offers assessments, testings and education. At Pagosa Springs High School on April 27 from 7 to 11 a.m., you can get a whole battery of tests for a

minimal cost of \$35, a free blood pressure check, other screenings and education.

Have special health and wellness skills? Could you offer education or information? Have a working brain and good attitude? You can volunteer.

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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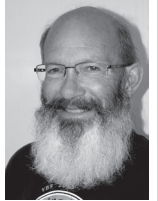
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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

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

Many of us are familiar with the sight of a trumpeter swan on Pinon Lake, but these birds are not native to our area. Around 20 years ago, the then-owners of the Pagosa Lodge purchased a pair of trumpeter swans believing that swans would control the population of Canada geese. The original pair were pinioned and unable to fly. For years, swans bred and raised cygnets on Pinon Lake, until four years ago when two were hit by a car while crossing U.S. 160, leaving behind the one we see today.

One of the heaviest flying birds in the world, the trumpeter swan occurs naturally in Alaska and Canada, and northern states in winter. It is distinguished from the similar, but smaller, tundra swan by differences in bill and head shape and calls.

The trumpeter eats mainly aquatic vegetation by reaching under water with its long neck or tipping upside down like a duck. On land, it will eat grasses and grains.

Family bonds are important to these birds, with young birds learning survival skills and migration routes from older relatives.

Nearly extinct by the early 1900s, trumpeter swan numbers have rebounded, but lead poisoning is among current threats. According to the Trumpeter Swan Coalition, “It only takes accidentally eating one lead pellet or fishing sinker to kill a trumpeter swan.”

Also, Parks and Wildlife reminds us that feeding bread to this bird or other waterfowl is harmful for their bone development and subjects them to danger when they lose their natural inhibition around people and traffic.

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

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