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New details emerge in 1033 investigation, county takes action

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) full report on the case regarding missing 1033 Program assets given to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) was released to The SUN Monday, and has revealed new details about the case and elicited new actions from the county commissioners.

The 1033 Program is a U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) initiative to transfer, without charge, excess military supplies and equipment to local law enforcement agencies and

CBI's investigation clears Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez and the ACSO of any wrongdoing relating to 1033 assets.

Some of the new details that have emerged are that former Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) deputy and current county coroner Brandon Bishop sold backpacks and a tent online, items he received through the 1033 Program — which was deemed "an ethical issue, it's not an illegal issue" by Undersheriff Derek Woodman in an interview

■ See Investigation A8

Property valuations mailed, valuations up 10 to 24 percent

By John Finefrock Staff Writer

Local residents may have received an updated property valuation from the Archuleta County Assessor's Office recently, with many property owners learning that their properties are valued higher than before.

According to Archuleta County Assessor Natalie Woodruff, the county is required by state statute to reappraise properties every odd See Valuations A8

When asked if there was a blanket amount that the properties increased by, Woodruff said, "Everybody is different. [Property values] went up anywhere from 10 percent to 24 percent."

Some residents may compare what percentage their property increased by with the percentage of their friends, but Woodruff cautioned that each house's valuation

Town council votes on county rezoning request

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

at the site.

At its Tuesday meeting, the Pagosa Springs Town Council voted on the first reading of Ordinance 909, rezoning the property at 125 Harman Park Drive to allow for Archuleta County to build a detention facility

If approved upon second reading on May 23, the ordinance will change the zoning of the parcel from mixeduse corridor to public/quasi public.

The zoning change, Planning Manager James Dickhoff explained to the council Tuesday, came at the request of the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission when that board was considering a conditional use permit application from Archuleta County.

■ See Rezoning A8

\$100,000 Powerball ticket sold in Pagosa Springs

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

If you played the Powerball recently, you may be the winner of \$100,000 and not even know it, as the winner of the May 4 Powerball has yet to claim their ticket.

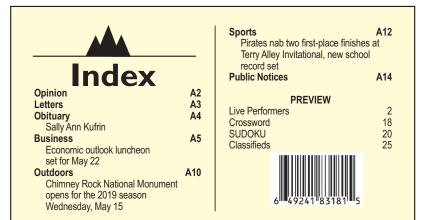
According to the Colorado Lottery, a winning Powerball ticket worth \$100,000 was sold at the Everyday store in Pagosa Springs last weekend.

If you are in fact the lucky winner of the Powerball, you have a few options to claim your ticket.

The Colorado Lottery has four claims centers that winners can choose to go to in order to claim their winnings. For Pagosa Springs residents, the closest claim center would be the one in Pueblo.

"They have to bring it in to a claims office, I don't know why any-

■ See Powerball A8











Red Ribbon

Pagosa Springs Elementary School fourth-grade students were taught the importance of a drug-free lifestyle by personnel from the Red Ribbon Counter-drug Team from the Colorado Army National Guard and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. As an added bonus, the students were treated to a tour of a Blackhawk helicopter flown in from Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora. Red Ribbon Week has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice in remembrance of Enrique Camarena, a former DEA special agent who was abducted and murdered while on assignment in Mexico.







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EDITORIAL

LPEA should make CEO's salary public

La Plata Electric Association Inc. (LPEA) is a cooperative owned by its members.

Chances are, if you have electricity and live in Archuleta County, you are a member of the cooperative.

LPEA is governed by a board of directors. Those directors are all members. Those directors are all elected by members.

LPEA just hired a new CEO Jessica Matlock.

As a member of LPEA, The SUN asked for Matlock's salary information and a copy of her contract.

LPEA staff politely informed of the policy and process to receive such information and we were given a link to download the proper form to file an information request.

Since LPEA is not a governmental entity, it does not have to follow the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA). This act begins with a broad and powerful statement: "It is declared to be the public policy of this state that all public records shall be open for inspection by any person at reasonable times."

Through CORA, the contracts and salary information for CEOs of public entities is deemed public information.

On April 24, The SUN officially requested contracts and salary information for both current LPEA CEO Mike Dreyspring and Matlock.

Dreyspring responded via email,

Poll results (117 votes)

This week online:

How much did your property

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valuation increase for Archuleta County? 20%

An open space park — 39 percent

Community garden — 20 percent

Something other than a park — 26 percent

Ball fields — 15 percent

WHADDYA THINK?

Whaddya think should be at the

Yamaguchi South location?

26%

"Thank you for the information request. LPEA Board Policy 108, which governs the release of information, in section II D1 (a) provides that personnel information release will be determined by the board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled board meeting after the request. I've directed LPEA staff to put your request on the May 15 agenda.

We believe it is in the interest of the members of LPEA to know how much the cooperative is paying its top execu-

A look at LPEA's website shows that Dreyspring was paid \$296,896 in salary and benefits in 2017. This information is included on the organization's 990

Unfortunately, the 2018 form 990 is not readily available. When asked where that 990 form was, Dreyspring explained that they filed for an extension, and when the form is available, it will be posted.

It is customary for The SUN to obtain copies of contracts and salary information for CEOs of public entities.

Over the years, SUN staff has found some interesting details in contracts of local CEOs. We've discovered a CEO who received thousands of dollars in taxpayer money for residency benefits that they should not have received. We found excessive vacation benefits erroneously written into a contract. We found an agreement for someone

who had expired credentials that were required by their contract.

In the newspaper's role as the community's watchdog, we made the organizations aware of the problems. and in each case, the situation was corrected.

LPEA belongs to its members. Those members should know what they are offering their CEO.

Stipends and expenditures for LPEA board members are publicly posted on the organization's website. We believe that the CEO's current contract and salary should also be public.

There should be an easier and more timely way of accessing that information rather than waiting weeks for the next meeting of the board.

more transparent.

LPEA touts its transparency. As part of its strategic plan, LPEA has posted its board commitment online. It reads, in part: "We will pursue our mission with transparency, community engagement, acknowledgement of risk, trust of our members by performing our fiduciary

We encourage LPEA's board to further its commitment to keeping its members informed of the financial and contrac-

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LOOKING BACK

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39%



From the May 22, 1980, Pagosa Springs SUN. ALL CONFER-**ENCE** — Coach Jerry Driessens, left and the four **Pagosa Pirates** that were named to the Southern Peaks League allconference team. They are left to right: Ronnie Vivian, Ernie Caldera, John Childres, and Mark Young.

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LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago Taken from SUN files of

May 10, 1929

The Hersch Merc. Co. is busy this week in shipping about 10,000 head of ewes, which wintered on the Navajo reservation, from La Boca to the Sunetha lambing grounds.

The Women's Civic Club is again sponsoring the annual clean-up day at Hilltop cemetery, which will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd. All are requested to come early for an all day session, as there is much to be done. Bring hoes, rakes, shovels and basket lunches; coffee will be served by the Civic Club.

The new steel cable guard line on the

east side of Pagosa street along the San

Juan river bank from the town hall to

the City park entrance, was put in place

Galbreath, president of the board of

education, was re-elected for a term of

three years without a dissenting vote.

75 years ago
Taken from SUN files of

May 12, 1944

isch Drug Store, is now enjoying about

ten days rest from his duties, which

was started Tuesday. Both Mr. and Mrs.

Lynch with their family expect to make a

short visit with their folks at Minturn and Leadville, Colorado. Before returning

they will also go to Denver on business.

Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Jackisch, of Denver, are

taking their place in business at Pagosa

Alamosa County Sheriff Smith on the

charges of stealing a horse and saddle

at Alamosa about the middle of April.

Early Crouse, Sheriff of Archuleta Coun-

ty, arrested the man at Pagosa Junction

Monday. Friday Sheriff Smith arrived to

Junction Monday making investigations

in regard to the destruction of railroad

and telegraph property that has been

proceeding in that community. Facts

show this destruction is done by Juve-

niles, so no arrests were made. How-

ever, if this destruction continues, this

investigation rendered sufficient data to

warrant a step in by law without further

County Sheriff Crouse was in Pagosa

Phillip Lara has been wanted by

Springs during their absence.

take the man back to Alamosa.

Ben Lynch, manager of the local Jack-

there being 62 votes cast.

At the school election Monday John

this week.

The board's time is valuable and this is a policy that should be changed to streamline the process and become even

responsibility."

tual obligations it makes.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Archuleta County Commissioners Ron Maez, Chair 264-8303 Steve Wadley 264-8304 Alvin Schaaf 264-8305

Matt DeGuise

50 years ago
Taken from SUN files of

May 8, 1969

In a busy session Monday night the Town Board met with several delegations, discussed bid opening on the new water supply system, and heard officials of the Ralanco Industries, Inc., describe some of their plans for development of the area west of town.

Edwin Crowley, an out-of-town resident, appeared and asked the Board if he could haul water from the town and was told he could.

Permission was asked for allowing a house trailer on a lot during construction of a new home. Town zoning ordinances do not allow trailer houses in that zone. The Board, though, in line with previous actions gave permission for the house trailer to be used as living quarters until the new home is finished.

Gordon Benedict, vice president of Ralanco, and Damon Vernon, local representative of the firm, met with the Board and discussed airport improvements. They also showed the Board drawings of a 120-unit motel that is planned for the development at Sunetha.

25 years ago Taken from SUN files of

May 12, 1994

Mayor Ross Aragon declared the week of May 15 to May 21 as "cleanup Week '94" in Pagosa Springs, and in a proclamation urged all residents of the town to join the effort to clean up public and private properties. Aragon noted that a clean and orderly Town instills a sense of community pride in its residents and portrays a favorable image to its visitors," and linked the cleanliness of the town to its economic development and future.

A drive to provide scholarship funds by recycling aluminum cans ends Saturday and local elementary school kids need a helping hand from the community to reach their goal. The aluminum can drive was started by Clifford Lucero, of L&M Disposal, to produce funds for the company's Environmental Awareness Scholarship. The scholarship fund was created last year and made its first \$500 award to a member of the 1993 graduating class at Pagosa Springs High School.



Letters

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Action on climate Property tax change

Dear Editor:

I appreciate your sentiments, Mr. Tyler, and the challenge issued in your submission from 2 weeks ago, entitled, 'The Impossibility of Climate Change'. In it, you line out your despair and its logic so very well, echoing what a lot of us feel and think. We, as Americans, are portrayed accurately in your rendering of our hopelessness vis-a-vis what it would take to meaningfully change. You make clear the fact that we are all irreducible and irremediable over-achievers with a slovenly sense of urgency surrounding climate change, devoted to increase, satiety and improvement like a nation possessed, driven, ironically, by a will for survival that is so focused on the immediate that we forget the long-term implications of our 'common sense' devotions. Regarding total disregard as a birthright, we treat all duty to responsibilities we must begin to fold into our daily regimen and collective mission as nothing more than a mess of pottage. As long as we have our rails under us, stopping this train, or even slowing it down some, is, as you say, 'impossible'.

And so what is the answer: to derail? No. It's to grow up. We are adolescents. Wasting all for the now, overestimating the worth of a joyride. And it's high time that we grow up.

Eating a cheap hamburger the other night, frittering time watching 'Our Planet', the new documentary series about the state of the earth, now streaming on Netflix, wonderfully narrated by Sir David Attenborough (I'd like to see Donald Trump call it false news), I had a thought. The freedom that America cherishes, provided for and by its citizenry, is not the thing to sing songs about. Not the thing we fight wars for. The songs and the wars should be directed toward what is done with that freedom. An adolescent uses any freedom he or she has indulgently, it is a period of time we explain away and make allowances for... but, eventually, the individual who wishes to understand more about life must rise from that adolescence, and learn that there is something more to be done with freedom than to indulge. Not since WWII has America experienced a call to maturity like we face now, a call to dig deep and achieve potential, make the sacrifice.

Yes, we must make changes. And we already are. The USA uses 40% less coal than it did in 2008. In today's news, on NPR (April 30th), it was announced that in this quarter, renewables out-produced fossil sources for the first time ever. It's happening. Kick and scream all you want. The joy is in maturity. In caring more for what is around us than for what we can derive from those surroundings. Caring more about our children than about gratifying ourselves. And trusting that this earth will meet us with at least as

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much will for healing as we present, if we go ardently in the direction of the work that will make us proud. Jonathan Dobson

valuation

Dear Editor:

I was shocked and quite frankly angered when I received the new property tax valuation in the mail, a feeling that must be shared by most Archuleta property owners. This was unexpected and feels like a kick in the teeth after this county passed the school mill levy last election. I have never seen a real property valuation climb by such a high percentage in one re-valuation. Adjustments of this caliber are typically gradual increases over several years out of consideration for those affected. I have never paid taxes anywhere in the US on 100 percent of the actual value of my home, ever! This will put a hardship on many county residents who live on the edge. I have not seen a spending plan for this money, but something tells me it's to pay for the gold plated jail we voted down. This is unacceptable and needs to be reconsidered. Sad day for this area. Terrie Fisher

LPEA: Hopeful

Dear Editor:

Kudos to the Colorado legislature, LPEA and congratulations to Holly Metzler for winning the board position on LPEA. The annual meeting, May 2, was well run by Bob Lynch who led with humor and good will. The future of the generation and delivery of electric power looks bright with desperately needed attention being paid to reducing carbon generation as well as keeping prices as low as possible. The 50 year contract with Tristate will change due to our Board's due diligence as well as the passage of new regulations affecting carbon generation by the legislature.

I feel hopeful for the first time in a long time.

Robert Hagberg MD

Response to coverage

I would like to comment on two

subjects receiving recent coverage in the SUN: The CBI report on the 1033 Program and the reported need for upgrades to and/or replacement of the dispatch center

Regarding the 1033 Program issue, I am not surprised that the CBI found no wrongdoing on the part of our sheriff's office. The whole issue to me smacked of a politicized turf war from the outset. I regret that things devolved to where the CBI was contacted, as I am sure they have more important things to investigate. I am quite disappointed that this issue was not resolved locally as it should have been.

To those who publicly accused our sheriff and his office of malfeasance: Please copy the SUN on you letters of apology, as we readers would like to see them.

To all our elected officials: Remember that, regardless of any statutory reporting relationships, you and your minions all report to us, the voters.

Regarding the reported need for replacement of and/or upgrades to our dispatch center, you cite six possible alternatives for financing, I think ascribed to PFPD Chief Larson I submit that there is a seventh alternative: The bond-interest payments we will be making on the new jail. [Having served on the Jail Committee I am a proponent of a new jail, but i remain opposed to our borrowing to finance it.]

Vic Lucariello

Property tax relief for seniors

Dear Editor: My May 3 email to Representa-

values in our state.

tive McLachian: Living and loving new home in Pagosa Springs. But property taxes gping up every year. Certain that many Colorado Seniors are facing this due to increasing property

Current law allows for seniors to reduce this tax burden but only if resided in the same residence for

Please offer an amendment to that requirement to being a Colorado property tax payer for 10 years or even 20 years.

I could sure use some relief as could many others. Thank you ... Tony Medrano

Politically motivated?

Dear Editor:

As a retired Law Enforcement Officer I have followed with considerable interest the allegations against and the subsequent investigation of Archuleta County Sheriff Richard Valdez and his Department, for the possible misuse or theft of acquired military equipment. Having conducted many different types of investigations during my career, I had a lot of questions after reading your article in the May 2nd Sun. As a Citizen of Archuleta County I was very happy to hear that the individual that I voted for to serve as our Sheriff, or his staff, did not commit the crimes they were alleged to have committed. However, I have serious questions as to how this whole investigation got started in the first

I was really bothered by the fact that this "issue" was reviewed/ investigated by 3 previous investigative Agencies who told the individuals pushing this investigation, that there was no wrong doing and the Sheriff's office was in compliance with the 1033 program requirements. Yet, it was taken to another Agency and the allegations made public. In reading the summary report by CBI published by the Sun on May 2nd, I was struck by the wording used by the Investigator in the report. The Investigator put in their findings, using the strongest possible terms, that this was a waste of everyone's time and resources. To use language like "a gross misrepresentation of a non-issue and the creation of a false narrative" spoke volumes to me about how the Investigator felt about the entire issue.

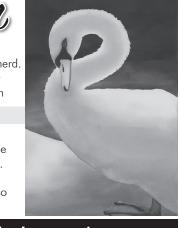
I now have a few questions of my own. What motivated this "investigation"? Was it politically motivated? Was it a personal vendetta of some kind? Most states have laws about knowingly falsely reporting a crime. Does Colorado? If so, maybe the real investigation should be about why this investigation happened in the first place. As for some of the letters to the Editor that were published about this, even before an investigation could ■ See Letters A4

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be completed, some of them were clearly politically motivated. Andy Planeta

Protest the assessment

Dear Editor:

From what I've heard from many, wherever they live in the County, their property assessment with a residence went up \$35,000.00. It was a blanket raise. It doesn't seem to matter what, or how much is on the property. Vacant property up here in Aspen Springs was brought up however much it took to make all acres \$9,000.00. This is an outrage and unfair. I'm not going to go into a rant, but here is what I think everyone in the County should do. Everyone. Protest the assessment. Make them, if they can, earn the raise. Force them to respond. We as voters can't do anything about what the County does in the assessment department, but we should be cognizant that the next thing they're probably going to do is raise the property taxes. Pay close attention to each and every County and local (District) ballot to insure they're not also going to raise the property taxes. Vote all tax hikes down. Keep voting them down until they discover what they did was not worth it.

Douglas Roberts

Vindicated sheriff

Dear Editor:

Our sheriff and his department of loyal public servants were just vindicated in an unnecessary investigation.

This pointless investigation was a culmination of a term where the former Board of County Commissioners and county attorney could not get along, find common ground or make progress through collaboration.

We should all be offended by

the lack of communication and thoughtlessness about chain of command. This issue could have easily been hashed out internally but instead the sheriff was personally attacked and the concern was pushed to investigation. This county has limited resources and the investigation demonstrated it was meritless and undertaken as a personal vendetta — it is obvious from the report that there was never a legitimate issue to be

waste of taxpayer time and money. Quoting from the report: "STARR's statement to District Attorney Champagne is a gross misrepresentation of a non-issue and the creation of a false narrative that created a criminal investigation in an attempt to resolve an internal governmental issue [the jail dispute]."

investigated. This was a complete

It's time for the elected county commissioners to collectively turn their attention to building the jail and courthouse they should have finished long ago and focus on repairing roads that have been neglected and badly damaged by winter weather and authorizing other necessary community improvements and services.

Sheriff Valdez deserves an apol-

Lisa Scott and Joni Rose

Political correctness

Dear Editor:

Much division in this country is centered around one issue: homosexuality and same-sex marriage. In the early days, as stated in the Old Testament, men were castrated to negate their sexual desires. These men were referred to as Eunucks and were hired by Kings to guard the bedroom doors of their harems.

Turning to my Bible for guidance, something interesting is recorded in Mathew 19:10-12 in which Jesus Christ was discussing the issues of adultery and marriage. The disciples asked him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, is it better not to marry?" Jesus replied: "not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. For some are eunucks because they were born that way, others were made that way by men ..." The one who can accept this should accept it,"

Hmmmm, born that way.

Then, moving on, the missionary Paul, instructing Timothy about faith and spirituality brings me to wonder if he is predicting the times we are living in today. I Timothy 4:1-6: "The spirit clearly says that in later times, some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth, for everything God created is good and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving because it was consecrated by the word of God and prayer."

Let's stop being politically correct, think for ourselves, pray for others, pray for our democracy, and live our true faith. "Political Correctness" is destroying our country. Let's get it out of our lives and see the truth in all things.

Know all are loved,

Patty Tillerson

Climate crisis

Dear Editor:

I am grateful for Jan Dixon's, Terry Hansen's, and Dan Mayer's letters in the May 2 copy of The Sun, responding to my letter in the previous issue. I believe that robust public dialog is the only adequate stimulant for a response to issues like the climate crisis. I thank them

Jody Moon, Bill Schieberl, Sara

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Ellie Mae Banas; grandchildren:

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Montgomery, Erin Findley, Heavin

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her sister, Rae Kolf.

for blessing me with their input. I look forward to spending some quality time with the "Economists' Statement on Carbon Dividends" and having my mind changed for the better.

Emrys Tyler

1033 investigation

Dear Editor:

1033 investigation: Absolutely no wrongdoing Pagosa Sun 5/2/19

As I was reading the article I came to the following paragraph 'When Starr was presenting his case to the district attorney, Starr claimed he had information ... (oh my gosh, where have I heard that phrase before, could it be we have our very own Adam Schiff in little ole Pagosa?) ... I continued reading; leading him to believe that Sheriff Valdez had been misappropriating county funds and using them for personal expenditures.

He cited the fact that the sheriff used to live in his mother's basement, but now has a large house on the nicest street in Pagosa Springs. He said there was 2.2 million missing from the Archuleta County coffers and indicated that he believed Sheriff Valdez took these monies". Yes, Todd Starr aka "Adam Schiff" is right here in our own River City.

The comments made by Todd Starr about our sheriff are absolutely despicable, childish, below the dignity for an officer of the court, and appear to be vindictive. To this writer, there appears to be more here than meets the eye. Later in the article, in a statement he submitted to the Sun, Starr defended his actions and wrote "I am pleased that the investigation found no criminal activity. I took action at the instruction of my clients"

One has to wonder who these clients are. Do these clients have personal animosity against Sheriff Valdez, did they direct Todd Starr to go after Sheriff Valdez with such a horrific, despicable narrative to the district attorney? And finally, according to the Sun article, when Starr was being interviewed by the CBI he quickly directed Agents to Larry Walton, the finance director for Archuleta County, another player in this fiasco.

The CBI's conclusion as stated in the Pagosa Sun:

"STARR's statement to District Attorney Champagne is a gross misrepresentation of a non-issue and the creation of a false narrative that created criminal investigation in an attempt to resolve an internal governmental issue".

And I might add, while trying to destroy the reputation of Sheriff

I believe Mr. Starr owes a public apology to Sheriff Valdez, his family, and the citizens of Archuleta County.

Are we likely to hear more about this matter?

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Obituary

Sally Ann Kufrin

Sally Ann Kufrin passed away Sunday, March 3, at Pine Ridge Extended Care. She was 86 years old.

Sally was born May 27, 1932, to Neal and Eleanor Sundin in Brookfield, Ill. She grew up in Brookfield. Over her life, she was married several times and to



those marriages, four wonderful children were given. In 1981, she moved to Tulsa, Okla., to live close to her daughter, Jody, and there raised two of her grandchildren. She and Jody moved to Pagosa Springs in 2004 and together they raised her greatgranddaughters and enjoyed each

Sally's faith was paramount in her life and she was a devout Seventh-Day Adventist. She was a member of the Pagosa Springs Seventh-Day Adventist Church and attended SDA churches in her former hometowns. Sally worked for the University of Illinois Extension Center, John M. Smyth Homemakers Furniture and very much enjoyed her time working for Dillard's Department Store in Tulsa.

Most of all, Sally was a wonderful mom, grandmother and greatgrandmother. She was a friend to many and never met a stranger. Through her failing health, her attitude and faith made her a joy to be with and care for. She'll be remembered as always praising the Lord and when asked how she was feeling, she would answer without fail, "Super-Fine!"

She is survived by her children:

other's company until her passing.

Obituaries

Local obituaries are printed free in The Pagosa Springs SUN and can be submitted to:

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fax: (970) 264-2103 Deadline is 1 p.m. Tuesday for the following Thursday's edition. The SUN reserves the right to edit all submissions.

Elementary school accepting kindergarten enrollments

By Kendra Bridges Special to The SUN

Pagosa Springs Elementary School is now accepting kindergarten enrollments in the front office Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Business

CHAMBER NEWS

Economic outlook luncheon set for May 22

By Mary Jo Coulehan SUN Columnist

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) will be hosting an economic outlook luncheon with the theme being "Thinking Outside the Economic

The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at the new Pagosa Springs Arts Council building at 197 Navajo Trail Drive from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The CDC is pleased to have as the guest speaker Jeff Kraft, who is the division director for business funding and incentives with the state's Office of Economic Development and International Trade. Kraft will be in Pagosa, not only being the guest speaker on May 22, but is also working with a group of interested people and businesses on May 21 on how the state can assist our community on Opportunity Zone projects.

Kraft will cover topics such as state and local demographics, state programs and funding assistance, the new federal Opportunity Zone

initiative and how the state and Pagosa can take advantage of this economic opportunity, and future hot developments such as the hemp and renewable energy industries. The speakers from the state's economic offices always give an interesting presentation and are highly sought-after for their ease of understanding, relative data and clear presentations.

Those interested in attending can purchase individual tickets or your business can purchase a table. Tickets are available online at www. pagosaspringscdc.org. Click on the announcement listed on the home page to take you to the registration tab. Vegetarian or gluten-free lunch options are available.

If you have been interested in some of Pagosa's economic development issues and how we can move forward on these issues and how we can garner assistance from the state, you should be at the Thinking Outside the Economic Box luncheon.

Questions can be directed to the Chamber of Commerce, which is the administrative arm of the CDC,

Home-based business networking open house May 9

The Chamber will be holding a home-based business mixer on Thursday, May 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Pagosa Brewing and Grill.

As a home-based business, are you interested in growing your business? What kind of services might you need — better broadband being a given? If growing, do you need capital, space or business assistance? Are there other businesses out there that you might be able to collaborate with? How about just getting out for a change, meeting other like-minded business owners and exchanging ideas? What are some community amenities that you would like to take better advantage of?

Come out for an evening of idea exchanging and information. Networking is a powerful tool. Don't underestimate its effectiveness. We look forward to visiting and finding out more about your home-based

businesses, your business needs and your engagement in our community.

For more information, contact Mary Jo Coulehan at 264-2360 or director@pagosachamber.com.

Membership news

It was mentioned in last week's SUN article that the Maximizing Your Membership class to be held on Tuesday, May 14, would be from 9 to 10:15 a.m. There is a correction. The class will be held an hour earlier, from 8 to 9:15 a.m. The date remains the same, Tuesday, May 14. The free informational breakfast is open to the public and focuses on Chamber benefits and how you can best take advantage of them. Please reserve your seat at the table by contacting Rick at 264-2360.

We welcome two new businesses to the Chamber this week: San Juan Basin Public Health and Durango is The Payroll Department.

Our renewing members this week include Re/Max Eagle's Nest Realty, Kap Kreations and The Lindblad





Metzler elected to LPEA Board of Directors

By Indiana Reed Special to The SUN

Results of the board of directors elections for La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) were announced at the electric cooperative's annual meeting, held Thursday, May 2.

In accordance with LPEA's bylaws, annually one seat in each of LPEA's four districts comes up for election. Holly Leann Metzler and Joe Lewandowski are two new LPEA board members, with incumbents

Dan Huntington and Jack Turner and east La Plata County, 2,246 memre-elected to their seats.

In District 1, Archuleta County, with two new candidates running for the seat vacated by retiring Mike Alley, 1,855 members cast votes and Metzler received 1,106 votes, with Michael Whiting receiving 794.

In District 2, south and west La Plata County, out of the 2,478 votes cast, incumbent Huntington received 1,751 votes, compared to the 727 cast for challenger Jeffery Mannix.

In District 4, which covers north

Colorado Judicial Department launches pilot program for self-represented litigants to file documents electronically

rolled to e-file.

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Judicial Department recently launched a pilot program in Douglas and Larimer counties enabling self-represented litigants to file court documents electronically, commonly known as e-filing

The e-file pilot program is open to those litigants without attorneys in dissolution of marriage, dissolution of a civil union and custody cases. Approximately 75 percent of litigants in these case classes are

self-represented. Since the pilot launch on April 15, more than 125 self-represented litigants have en-

Only named parties to the case are eligible to e-file. Requests to waive fees cannot be made through the e-file system at this time. Thus, indigent parties will need to continue filing paper documents at the clerk's office in the courthouse.

More information on this program can be found at www.ColoradoEfilingInfo.com.

bers cast votes and incumbent Turner received 1,277 votes, with challenger Sarah Ferrell receiving 969.

In the city of Durango, District 3, only one candidate, Joe Lewandowski, submitted an election petition and he has been appointed to the board.

Out of the 25,411 ballots mailed in Districts 1, 2 and 4, a total of 6,624 LPEA members cast votes for an approximate 26 percent return, which is on par with the 2018 election, which was also 26 percent. In recent years, LPEA saw a 28 percent return in 2017; 22.5 percent return in 2016; 22.6 percent return in 2015; 25 percent return in 2014; and 22.5 percent return in 2013.

An estimated 350 LPEA members attended the LPEA annual meeting, including the 263 voting members registered. Balloting and tallying was managed by an independent Election Supervisory Committee, overseen by the La Plata County Clerk's Office which was retained by the LPEA Board of Directors as an independent third party.

"As a rural electric cooperative, LPEA exists to serve its members. Everyone has an interest and voice in LPEA's future," said CEO Mike

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Dreyspring. "We thank those who cast their votes and took time to participate in the cooperative process."

All members in good standing, who pay their electric bill to LPEA, are qualified to vote for the directors who represent them, as well as the bylaws, which are the governing directives of the cooperative.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the LPEA Board of Directors is Wednesday, May 15, beginning at 9 a.m. at LPEA's Durango headquarters, 45 Stewart St. (Bodo Park). Per the bylaws, officers will be elected at that time. Member comment will be heard immediately following.





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Medical center highlights first-quarter accomplishments

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

As part of her CEO report on April 23, Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb presented the board of the Upper San Juan Health Service District a list of the medical center's first-quarter accomplishments.

The three-page report details accomplishments in the areas of clinical programs/services for patient care, revenue cycle and financial goals, plant and equipment, compliance, quality program, and community presence and involve-

Clinical programs/ services for patient care

The first accomplishment highlighted is the medical center's work for the Hospital Transformation Program (HTP), which the document explains is a "Colorado Medicaid initiative that requires, over the next 5 years of the program, for PSMC to meet identified performance measures to receive the Medicaid supplemental payment."

For that program, PSMC tasked a director-level administrator and an HTP committee to address the HTP, completed community engagement with stakeholders meeting at PSMC and Mercy Regional Medical Center, conducted a scan of possible priorities relevant to PSMC and the stakeholders, and prepared a "comprehensive midpoint report for submission by April 19 deadline."

The second accomplishment topic noted involves suboxone, which the document explains is used to help physicians and advanced practice providers transition patients with dependence on opioids to suboxone.

PSMC, the accomplishment report notes, has certified three providers and is preparing to launch

The third accomplishment noted is that the new ear, nose and throat service line launched in 2018 is "proceeding successfully," with the number of procedures for the first quarter of 2019 exceeding budget.

The service line, Webb said, has "been very successful for us."

The oncology service line started in 2018, the accomplishment list noted, and celebrated its first anniversary during the first quarter of 2019.

Under the topic of behavioral health, Webb's report states that five members of the PSMC staff participated in a state conference on preventing suicide, with PSMC's social worker set to attend a national conference addressing suicide during the second quarter.

Webb's report further notes that PSMC's Dr. Kevin Kelly is facilitating an eight-week program on memory and healthy brains.

The final point under behavioral health notes that PSMC now offers behavioral health Monday through Friday and two Saturdays per month.

The report notes that telehealth services have been expanded to include infectious diseases and bone fragility.

Too, PSMC has added more respiratory therapy availability through an existing employee of radiology, the report notes.

The final accomplishment listed under clinical programs/services for patient care is "Assessed and prepared plans to expand, in a budget-neutral manner, the hours of Radiology services.'

Revenue cycle and financial goals

cycle and financial goals, the following accomplishments are listed:

• Ongoing efforts to enhance the ability to collect revenues, including: improving the number of clean claims and minimizing denials, changing the procedure to collect patient co-pays at the time of service, contracting with a third party to collect out-of-state Medicaid, contracting with a third party to handle motor vehicle and workers' compensation claims, contracting with a third party to outsource collecting self-pay, continuing "comprehensive chargemaster correction" and refining and enhancing the preauthorization process.

- · Ongoing efforts to decrease expenses, including: reduced personnel through restructuring and attrition, and eliminated certain ongoing contract expenses (such as leased space, service contracts for equipment and supply contracts).
- A project to optimize "surgery and supply chain charging for services performed.'

Plant and equipment

Accomplishments listed by Webb for the category for plant and equipment include continued work on the HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning), implementing the informational technology capital replacement plan, working to fit all existing employees into the main hospital/clinic building to avoid ongoing lease costs for space, and work on the automated pharmaceutical dispensing cabinets to a new platform that is a better machine with a lower cost that will improve patient safeguards.

Compliance

The accomplishments listed under compliance are:

• PSMC conducted an annual

• Participated in a Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment "tabletop to develop crisis standards for hospitals to facilitate protocols for disasters.

• A new facility-wide policy for prescription of opioids to meet the requirements of new regulations.

Quality program

Accomplishments listed under the quality program category center around quality reporting for various merit-based incentive payment and performance award programs.

Webb noted that a lot of resources go toward the quality reporting, which pays for itself.

For the merit-based incentive payment systems, commonly referred to as MIPS within PSMC, PSMC received high preliminary scores for 2018.

Kathee Douglas, PSMC's chief operating officer and chief nursing officer, informed the board that PSMC scored higher than ever before for the hospital quality incentive payment.

Webb noted that the quality metrics are designed "to have you prove you provide quality care" and focus on quality, not quantity.

Community presence and involvement

Under the final category of Webb's report, PSMC's involvement with other entities is highlighted, including PSMC employee involvement on a number of boards, work with Archuleta School District to support a student internship program and with speakers at careerexploration events, and more.

The report also notes that PSMC has 12 volunteers and added three new volunteers during the first quarter of 2019.

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Under the category of revenue hazard vulnerability assessment.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Monday, May 13

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors meeting. 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, May 14

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

Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting. Noon, Boss

Archuleta School District Board of Education Pagosa Family School visit. 2:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309

Lewis St. Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board meeting. 4:30 p.m., Visitor Center, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, Pagosa Springs High School

auditorium, 800 S. 8th St. Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers,

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

Wednesday, May 15

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

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

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

Thursday, May 16

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

Tuesday, May 21

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.

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation Opportunity Zone work session. 3 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Wednesday, May 22

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation Economic Luncheon. 11:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Arts Council building, 197 Navajo Trail Dr.

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

Thursday, May 23

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

Tuesday, May 28

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

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education work session. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.

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

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

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Local basins sit close to 180 percent of median in May, chance of above-average precipitation through August

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins currently have a collective snowpack total of 178 percent of median, a 13 percent increase from last week's total of 165 percent of median.

Once again, local basins have the highest collective snowpack total of the eight basins recorded, according to data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The closest basin to the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins is the Gunnison River Basin, which currently sits at 168 percent of median, up from last week's total of 152 percent of median.

by 12 percent from last week, going from 119 percent of median to 131 percent of median this week.

An 8 percent increase was noted for the Upper Rio Grande Basin with current totals being recorded at 142 percent of median when last week that basin's totals were 134 percent of median.

The Arkansas River Basin also saw an increase, 3 percent, with totals going from 125 percent of median to 128 percent of median this week.

A 1 percent decrease was reported for the Yampa and White River basins, with totals dropping from 108 percent of median last week to 107 percent of median this week.

The Laramie and North Platte

The Upper San Juan site increased River basins have dropped 3 percent from last week, dropping from 108 percent of median to 105 percent of median this week.

> Another 1 percent decrease was reported for the South Platte River Basin, with totals going from 111 percent of median to 110 percent of median this week.

> The Upper Colorado River Basin saw a 6 percent increase from last week, with totals jumping from 125 percent of median to 131 percent of median this week.

> The Wolf Creek summit was 126 percent of the May 8 peak and 124 percent of the median peak.

> Last week, the summit was 125 percent of the May 1 peak and 125 percent of the median peak.

> According to data from the National Weather Service (NWS) while no snow is on the forecast for Pagosa Springs, there is a chance of rain and thunderstorms through Sunday.

> However, on Wolf Creek Pass, the NWS has reported chances of snow ranging from 50-80 percent through Sunday.

"You've got to feel good," NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta said of the snowpack totals.

The cool temperatures and wetter weather that Pagosa Country has seen this spring have helped keep the snow in the high country around, he explained.

"These last storms and cool days have kind of slowed that melt, and that's beneficial," he said.

This year, Pagosa has been pretty fortunate to have the spring season that it has had so far, he added later. "Let's hope it keeps up and we'll

Drought monitor and precipitation outlook

have a good summer," he said.

According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture drought monitor map for the state of Colorado, Archuleta County has mostly been categorized as "abnormally dry."

There is a slight portion of Archuleta County that has been labeled as "moderate drought," however, and the northern portion of the county is out of drought.

The majority of the state of Colorado does not have any drought intensity according to the map, while counties such as La Plata, Montezuma and Costilla all have some amount of "abnormally dry" area.

In addition to drought monitor data, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has noted within its one-month and threemonth outlooks show chances of the precipitation being above average for the state, as well as chances for the southwest portion of the state to be cooler than average.

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Historic Preservation Month underway

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Information about Nursing Home Compare

ended the freeze on the health email toombudsman2@sjbaaa.org.

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

May is Historic Preservation Month in the Town of Pagosa Springs, and the month's events have been announced.

This year's theme is water.

The first event of the month is already underway: Voting for the Historic Preservation Month poster contest, with the entries currently up at Town Hall.

Posters were created by local students. Voting is underway for the next week.

Awards will given out for first, second and third place for people's choice.

By Kay Kaylor

Special to The SUN

The Historic Preservation Board

I advocate for residents at Pine

Ridge, a 24-hour extended care

home, and BeeHive, an assisted

living residence, as the part-time

long-term care ombudsman for

Archuleta County. Federal and state

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and Medicaid Services (CMS) up-

dated the Nursing Home Compare

website, located at Medicare.gov

under "Find nursing homes" on

the front page. The website allows

people to find and compare nursing

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that are certified by Medicare and

Medicaid. Included in the data are

measures of the quality of resident

Among the recent changes, CMS

care and staffing information.

In April, the Centers for Medicare

quality of care and quality of life.

school winners for the poster con-On May 23, the board will host a

also chose elementary and middle

screening of "Colorado Experience: The Redstone Castle" at The Liberty Theatre. That screening will be paired with

a presentation and discussion about the Historic Survey Plan being considered by the board. The consultant who helped with the draft plan is scheduled to be present.

Then, on May 30, the board will host a screening of "Colorado Experience: Hydro Power."

Another screening is planned for June 6, though the title of that film has not yet been announced.

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tional method of calculating health

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each facility's star rating. CMS also

introduced separate ratings for

short- (rehabilitation) and long-term

stay measures to reflect the level of

quality provided for these two sub-

For example, Pine Ridge has an

overall rating of five stars, while the

Four Corners Health Care Center in

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Free barbecue at Visitor Center: Enter the lottery to adopt a planter bike

By Jennifer Green

Special to The SUN

Back by popular demand, Mayor Don Volger is spearheading the annual initiative to place flowers throughout town.

Area businesses can get involved through the Adopt-a-Bike program. Thirty metal bicycle-shaped planters will be available through a lottery at no cost to interested businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Those selected will be asked to plant and maintain flower arrangements in the baskets throughout the year, changing decorations by season or holiday. Signs with the business/organization name will be attached to each display. The best designs will be recognized on the town's website and social media pages and participants will be com-

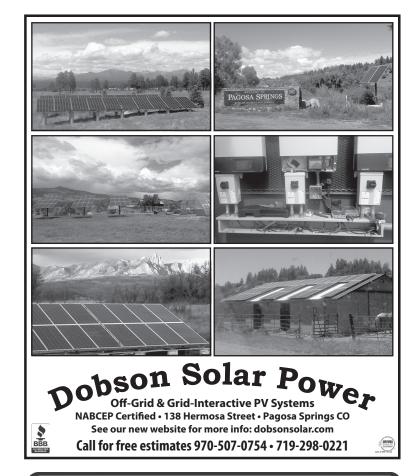
peting for beautification awards. "The purpose of this program is to generate enthusiasm throughout the community as well as enhance the appearance throughout town," Volger explained.

In addition, an interactive scavenger hunt to locate the bikes will be launched in early June. Locals and visitors will search for each bike display for the chance to win

various prizes from area businesses. Completed scavenger hunts will be returned to the Visitor Center for a spin of the prize wheel.

Enter the Adopt-a-Bike lottery by Friday, May 10, online at http:// bit.ly/2019BikePlanterSignup, stop by the Visitor Center or call 585-1200.

To kick off the 2019 campaign, volunteers will be organized for various clean-up efforts on Saturday, May 11, with a free barbecue at the Visitor Center beginning at 12:30 p.m. Winners of the bike planter lottery will also be announced during the event. Everyone is encouraged to get involved on May 11 to be part of this annual community initiative to beautify Pagosa Springs.





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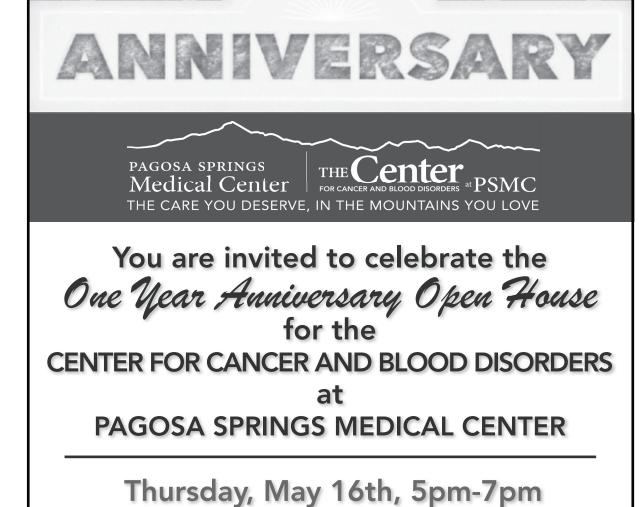
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Investigation

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Tuesday.

It was also revealed that County Commissioner Alvin Schaaf, who was an employee of ACSO until late last year, stored a generator obtained through the 1033 Program in his driveway.

Patricia Billinger, public information officer for Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS), which oversees the 1033 Program in Colorado, commented on Bishop's and Schaaf's actions as it relates to 1033 Program rules.

"Someone selling a used piece of clothing or a backpack that had been obtained through the program is not necessarily a violation of the rules. Per the agreement that law enforcement agencies sign, they must request materials for a justified law enforcement purpose and with the intent of using those materials, and not with the intent of selling, trading or giving away those materials. However, there are some perishable goods that, after agencies have used them, they can dispose of those however they see fit within local and state laws."

Billinger explained tents and backpacks fall into the perishable goods category.

Billinger was more cautious in relation to storing 1033 items in personal driveways, saying, "We would need to know whether that occurred during the time that the generator was considered federal property under the 1033 program.

Much of the property given to the ACSO through the 1033 program becomes property of ACSO after one year.

County statement

On Wednesday, the Archuleta **Board of County Commissioners** (BoCC) released a statement on the conclusion of CBI's investigation.

The press release states the commissioners "appreciate the time and effort put forth by the Colorado Bureau of Investigations" and the board is happy no wrongoing was identified, but that "the Board believes the CBI's summary report, authored by Agent Jack Haynes, contained personal opinions against current and former Archuleta County staff that are deeply concerning, unwarranted, and unprofessional.

"While no criminal wrongdoing was found, the Board remains concerned on how the assets received from the 1033 Program were disposed of by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. In order to protect any assets received by any Archuleta County department, office or elected official through any state, federal or local program or grant, including the 1033 Program, the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners will implement the following:

"1. The BoCC will notify the Colorado State Patrol Department of Public Safety that Archuleta County will no longer participate in the 1033 Program until further notice.

"2. The BoCC will direct the research of the 1033 Program protocols and insure that all conditions and stipulations of the Program are met, including the disposal of equipment and supplies that are no longer needed by Archuleta County.

"3. The BoCC will direct the development and consider adoption of a procedural policy for disposal of unwanted, expired, non-functioning equipment and supplies. This procedural policy will be codified by the BoCC into local law and will include criminal penalties for any violations.

"4. The BoCC will direct that all County Departments adhere to C.R.S. 29-1-506 that designates that an Annual Inventory of Archuleta County assets will be conducted in compliance with Colorado State Law. In addition, the BoCC will encourage all elected officials, including the Sheriff's Office, to participate in the Annual Inventory of Archuleta County assets.

"5. The BoCC will direct the Archuleta County Treasurer, Clerk and Recorder, Sheriff, and Assessor to furnish copies of any and all accounting, administrative, financial, recorded, or assessment records to the head of the Archuleta County Finance Department, as required by C.R.S. 30-11-121."

When asked when the county commissioners made a decision to direct county staff to implement the policies on the press release, Commissioner Ron Maez said that "it wasn't a decision, it was a direction" and that the matter was discussed in executive session on Monday.

According to Colorado state statute, no decisions can be made in executive session.

Background

In December 2018, 6th Judicial District Attorney Christian Cham-

pagne was approached by former Archuleta County attorney Todd Starr, who said he had information that Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez "had been misappropriating county funds and using them for personal expenditures. He cited the fact that the Sheriff used to live in his Mother's basement, but now has a large house on the nicest street in Pagosa Springs. He said that there was 2.2 million missing from the Archuleta County coffers and indicated that he believed Sheriff Valdez took these monies," according to CBI's summary report of the investigation.

Starr's initial statements to the district attorney were later called "a gross misrepresentation of a non-issue and the creation of a false narrative that created a criminal investigation in an attempt to resolve an internal governmental issue" in CBI's summary report.

After receiving Starr's request, the District Attorney's Office contacted CBI, which agreed to conduct the investigation.

In the full CBI report, released to The SUN on Monday, Starr said in his interview that Valdez was "a good person" and is a popular sheriff, but didn't think he was paying any attention to the 1033 Program.

Starr also downplayed his importance in the investigation during the interview, saying, "Well, your best source of information is going to be LARRY WALTON, the Archuleta County Finance Director. LARRY WALTON received some information or failed to receive some information that raised some yellow flags in his office ..." the report states.

Larry Walton and the finance office

On Feb. 25, Walton was interviewed by CBI.

During his interview with CBI, Walton spoke candidly about his belief that someone in the sheriff's office was doing something wrong.

According to CBI's report, Walton said during his interview, "I think someone has purposely, meaning the sheriff's department, has purposely circumvented the internal controls of the county in order to make their own decisions on the disposition of the [1033] material. Even at this point and time, I still don't have a list prepared by the sheriff's department that shows me what became of any of this material."

In an email to The SUN in February, Valdez stated that a full list of 1033 items had been submitted to the finance office.

"A list of the items was provided to the Finance in 2017. The bulk of the items in question do not fall within the parameters of the procurement policy," wrote Valdez.

In a press release by Champagne issued to The SUN on May 1, the district attorney did not settle Valdez's and Walton's conflicting reports, but explained that Valdez was under no obligation to provide any list of assets to the finance department.

"The investigation found that although the Archuleta County officials were concerned that the Sheriff had not provided them a detailed accounting of the Sheriff's Office assets, the Sheriff, as an elected official, was under no duty to do so. The investigation also found that the Sheriff's office was and is in full compliance with the rules and regulations regarding the 1033 program, based on independent audits performed by the Department of Defense and the Colorado Department of Public Safety, who have the responsibility and authority to administer the 1033 program," states the release.

During his interview, Walton also explained he suspected some 1033 assets were being misappropriated in July 2017, when he was requesting information about a water truck that he said he didn't know was on the county's books.

In an email to Susan Goebel-Canning, former public works director for Archuleta County, that was released with CBI's final report, Walton outlined his skepticism of the entire 1033 Program and stated that the rules of the program state the vehicle in question would have to be in use for a year.

That email states: "That vehicle was a donation from the military under the 1033 program. The program supplies law enforcement with equipment. It comes with the simple requirement that law enforcement USE the items for just one year, prior to sale or disposal. In execution, the program is something of a scandal, because there has been widespread abuse. Many law enforcement agencies have taken equipment they didn't need and/or didn't use and then sold them for the cash or traded

them for other items, etc... "Because the widespread abuse is widely known, it is important for this County to insure our law enforcement agency is a) using the stuff we took, b) for at least a year, prior to sale or disposal and c) that we can DOCUMENT that. It is not good enough to do a) and b) and then just say "take our word for it". The program requires compliance to be documented. In the grand scheme of government requirements, these are among the simplest and easiest I've seen.'

In an email from Billinger, she stated that in Walton's email, he "makes a completely unsubstantiated claim of widespread abuse and speculation on the intentions of law enforcement participants in the program."

Billinger was counseled on The SUN's inquiry by Chief Compliance Officer of CDPS Susan Redmond.

Of Walton's claims that law enforcement must "USE the items for at least one year", Billinger stated, "There is no explicit requirement regarding how frequently the equipment is used while it is 1033 property. For example, an agency that receives a first aid kit, saw or goggles may have a justifiable need, but may not have an occasion to use the equipment during the one-year 1033 Program term.

CBI's summary report of the investigation states that "There is a failure, either by purpose or otherwise, to understand the constitutional and statutory authority of the elected sheriff. Sheriff VALDEZ does not work for the BOCC [Board of County Commissioners], the county attorney, or for Finance Director WALTON."

1033 items being sold online

Adding to Walton's suspicion that something was amiss in regards to the 1033 Program, Walton explained in his interview with CBI that Lee Ann Martin, an employee of Walton's in the finance department, was browsing local sales online and noticed a large military tent for sale from Ausha Bishop, wife of Brandon Bishop.

On March 27, CBI interviewed Ausha Bishop.

When asked if she knew if 1033 items had been stored at her house, Ausha Bishop replied, "We had, uhm, a bunch of tools, uhm we also had a trailer that was registered in the county's name that stayed at our house, uhm and the county employees, when they needed it they would come and get it. And we also had a generator at our house and they have come and got that too when BRANDON became the coroner," according to CBI's final

report. When asked about the tent listed online, Ausha Bishop said she believed her and Brandon Bishop sold

the tent in 2017 for \$300 or \$400. In an interview with The SUN on Tuesday, Undersheriff Derek Woodman commented on Bishop's actions

"[Bishop's actions are] more of an ethical issue. It's not an illegal issue. It's certainly, by some of the way in which they were provided the inventory, they were led to believe that once it falls off of the 1033 Program inventory that it's personal property and they can do whatever. That was the information they were provided by the individual that was running the program at the time."

According to Valdez, the individual who "was running the program at the time" was former ACSO employee Rich Richmond.

Valdez confirmed that deputies were instructed that, after a year, as per the rules of the 1033 Program, the property they were issued would "fall off" the inventory list and it would become their personal property.

Regarding Richmond's instructions to ACSO staff, Valdez said, "That didn't come from me directly. that was kind of part of the program, I think. If you look at the emails from DoD, that's kind of their, basically, their statement is, after a year it falls off the list and its yours ...'

During CBI's interview with Brandon Bishop, he reported "the tent and backpack he sold online were 1033 items that no one wanted. He said the tent was full of holes and the poles were bent. Instead of throwing it away he put it on Craigslist and sold it. Someone in New Mexico bought the tent for \$250 or \$300," according to CBI's full report.

When reached for comment about his actions Wednesday, Bishop said, "We were all under the impression that all that property belonged to us personally after a year and those items I had for at least five. I had stuff here at my house for so long and nobody wanted it back at the county and I didn't know what else to do with it. If I would have known

at any time that the county was going to claim five to 10 years later that this property belonged to them, I never would have sold it."

The ACSO

Valdez and Woodman sat down for an extended interview with The SUN on Tuesday to address CBI's findings.

Valdez explained the whole investigation was difficult for his entire family and that he felt someone owed his family an apology.

"We're ready just to put this behind us, move forward, make whatever internal changes that we need to make in order to fix anything that maybe we learned from this and we're going to move on," Valdez said.

Valdez expressed frustration that when Walton learned of Brandon Bishop's behavior, that instead of coming to Valdez to solve an internal department issue, he aroused suspicion and implicated the sheriff in his concerns.

"We can't fix it if we don't know about it ... They never came forth to me so that we could look into it and

address it internally as our policy states. Instead, they made the assumption that I was part of that and automatically started looking elsewhere and that's where it gets a little frustrating," he said.

Woodman echoed Valdez's sentiment.

"Part of the problem is, if it was a timely notification, those individuals were current employees, it could have been addressed in a policy violation, in a disciplinary action. Now, they're not employees ... You can't retroactively address a disciplinary situation for someone who is no longer an employee and if there's a criminal violation, obviously we could, but, you know, there's no crime," said Woodman.

Moving forward, Valdez explained he wants a better working relationship with the county.

'There's a lot of trust issues. We have to work together, that's the bottom line. This, no matter what, we have to work together. And you know, me and my staff, we're ready to move on and move forward and put this all behind us. It just feels like there's been too much sneaking

around behind each other's back,' Valdez said.

Aftermath

Responding to the BoCC's press release that was issued early Wednesday, Valdez said, "We'll participate with the county and we'll sit down with them and go over these and work together to make sure that we're all on the same page.'

He added, "We need to create a good working plan that benefits evervone."

Commissioner Steve Wadley, reached for comment by phone after the press release was issued, said, "We want to make sure we clamp down on this.'

He added, "It's also important for us to make sure that the public has confidence in the BoCC and the public has confidence in the sheriff's department and we don't want to do anything to injure public confidence."

The case master report on the 1033 Program investigation completed by the CBI is printed in Section B of this issue.

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Valuations

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can be based on much different measurements

"[Some residents might say] 'My house went up 24 percent, but my neighbor's went up 15,' but they don't understand the square footage, the neighborhood — that all plays a part in the value and if they don't have that information, then everyone gets bent out of shape for no reason," explained Woodruff.

Woodruff explained if residents disagree with the recent valuation, they have the right to protest the valuation.

But "they have to prove we're incorrect in our value," noted Woodruff.

The assessor's office uses a land code and a residential code to determine the value.

There are approximately 400 different land codes, "where the location comes into play," said Woodruff, explaining that the residential codes "have to do with the type of the house itself."

"We set the vacant land value first by your land code, and then the type of residential code you have is determined what your price per square foot will be and then your price per square foot changes depending on, is it above grade, does it have porches, decks or whatever. All of those play a part, said Woodruff.

Example land codes are medium and large interior, adjacent

to greenbelt, small and medium lake, extra-large lake, among many

Woodruff explained that local residents are not taxed on the actual value of their home, "really ever."

To calculate what a property owner will pay in taxes, Woodruff explained, the county takes "the actual value, multiply it by that assessment rate [7.2 percent for residential, 29 percent for most other properties] and that gives you your assessed value, and that's the number you use to multiply your mill levy in order to get your

In a Facebook post by The SUN, readers were asked, "How much did your property valuation increase or decrease for your Archuleta County property?"

Carmelita Solis wrote, "Mine increased by 8000 and my taxes doubled."

Bill Hudgins wrote his property value increased 26 percent in Meadows 4. Robin White wrote that her

valuation increased 25 percent "for a tiny piece of vacant property "I'm paying close to \$700 for a

tiny, .17 acres. (150'x50' lot). It's

ridiculous!" wrote White.

'If people have paid attention to what is selling in Pagosa Springs and in Archuleta County, that's unfortunately what sets our

values. So, if we have people that are paying money, a lot of money, or paying higher values and sellers are selling for more money, we don't have any control over it. We don't get to pick and choose; we just have to take the data from the time frame and work with the data that we have," said Woodruff.

According to the valuation notices sent in the mail from the assessor's office, you may protest your valuation by mail, fax, email or in person.

• By mail, fax or email: If you wish to protest in writing, please include your estimate of property value as of June 30, 2018, and any additional documentation that you believe supports a change in the classification and/or valuation of your property. Written protests must be postmarked no later than June 1 to 449 San Juan St., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

• In person: If you wish to protest in person, present to the assessor's office your estimate of property value as of June 30, 2018, and a copy of any documentation that you believe supports a change in the classification and/or valuation of your property. You must appear in the office of the assessor no later than June 1.

The assessor's office fax number is 264-8319 and the office car be reached by email at assessor@

archuletacounty.org. john@pagosasun.com

Rezoning

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The zoning change is also contemplated by the town's Comprehensive Plan, he noted.

"The Archuleta County Commissioners are and have been proposing the detention facility, sheriff's office and potentially a new court's building would be located at this site. This was taken into consideration when revising the Comprehensive Plan in 2018, and the adopted Comprehensive Plan, under the Areas of Change section and map, indicates that 125 Harman Park Drive be rezoned to Public/Quasi-Public (PS) zoning. The County proposes to begin construction of a new 24,000 square foot detention facility on the subject property. The inclusion of a new Sheriff's Office and Courthouse are also potential future considers [sic] on this site, however, are not being proposed as of yet," Dickhoff's agenda brief on the topic explains.

The requested zoning is for uses related to community services, such as fire stations, schools, libraries, community centers, hospitals, Town buildings, utilities, cemeteries, and places of worship, the agenda brief

Dickhoff also explained the town

had received written comments from a neighboring property owner along a portion of the southern border of the property.

Those comments are against the development of a detention center

The other public comment on the topic came from audience member Bill Hudson Tuesday evening.

Hudson suggested that what the town was looking at was what the intention of Harman Park was when it was developed.

He suggested that while the county has been complaining about its jail being in a commercial/residential area at its old location, Harman Park is also a residential/commercial

He further explained that if the criteria for approving the request is because it's convenient for the county, then the council should approve it, but if the purpose of Harman Park is looked at, council would

vote against it. Council member Mat deGraaf noted he's never been a fan of the location.

Council member Nicole DeMarco added that she appreciated Hudson's thoughts, but that she puts a lot of

weight in the decisions of the town's boards who look closely at things.

With no other discussion relating to the rezoning, the five members of the council present voted unanimously to approve the ordinance upon first reading.

The second reading of the meeting will take place at council's May 23 meeting, with that meeting scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. at Town Hall.

"I think everything looks really good," Archuleta County Administrator Scott Wall said Wednesday of the county's plan to break ground

Wall explained that county staff had a bond rating meeting via phone with Moody's last week, and when that bond rating is delivered, the county will be able to see what interest rates it can obtain for the project.

The interest rates and amortization schedule, he explained, should come in the next 10 or 15 days.

Plans for the project, he added, are almost 95 percent complete, with architect Brad Ash set to meet with the general contractor next week to discuss the construction process.

"So, yeah, things are going good," he said.

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Powerbal

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one would choose to mail in that large amount of a ticket, but they can mail it in," Colorado Lottery representative Kim Hearst explained.

A completed claim form is also required so that the claims office can

process it, and the back of the ticket has to be completed with the correct matching information.

The deadline for claiming a winning ticket is 180 days from the date of the draw, Hearst noted.

"I sincerely hope whoever has

that ticket knows that they have a big ticket, but at this point, I don't know," she said.

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Wildfire Preparedness Day events celebrated locally

By Bill Trimarco Special to The SUN

May is Wildfire Awareness Month. Jared Polis, the governor of Colorado, and the governors of 10 other states have signed a proclamation to officially declare it as such. On a national level, Saturday, May 4, was Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. Across the country, local groups performed activities to mark the event. Here in Pagosa Country, two events were held.

Residents on the Lower Blanco set up a WUI checkpoint on County Road 335. WUI is the acronym for wildland-urban interface, which is the area where wildfire and homes come together. Almost every home in Archuleta County is within the WUI boundaries and can be touched by wildfire or the embers that blow ahead of the fire. At the checkpoint, volunteers handed out one-page reminders to their neighbors about the threat of wildfire in their community. Some

important things to check, clean up suggestions and contact numbers were also on the sheet. In previous years, these checkpoints have also been set up by other communities in order to spread the word.

The other local project was Operation Helping Hands. Over a dozen volunteers and members of the Archuleta County Emergency Management team went out and did some spring wildfire cleaning for elderly and disabled residents in the Pagosa Lakes area. The group split into teams and headed out to the homes of six participants in need of help. The efforts concentrated on removing combustibles from under decks and within 30 feet of the homes. Most of the work involved raking and bagging pine needles within that first 30 feet.

This spring cleanup helped protect our neighbors who can no longer help themselves. There were a lot of contributions to this project beyond that of the volunteer crews. The Pagosa Lakes Property Own-



Photo courtesy Bill Trimarco

Local groups perform activities to mark Wildfire Community Preparedness Day on May 4. The day included a spring cleanup and a wildlandurban interface checkpoint.

ers Association, Wildfire Adapted Partnership, the National Fire Protection Association, Firewise/USA and others had a hand in making this happen. The volunteers celebrated with a barbecue afterwards

at the Pagosa Lakes administration building.

For more information on how to prepare your home for wildfire season, go to wildfireadapted.org or call 385-8909.

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April 24 — Lance L. Walker, speeding

April 24 — Austin D. Willis, driving while

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May 1 — Marc William Murray, dog at

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May 1 - John Paul Davis, assault

6th Judicial District Court: Judge

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court:

April 17 — Jacob Kovacs, shoplifting.

counts, total fines and costs - \$55.

April 17 — Jacob Kovacs, shoplifting two

large (first offense no injury), total fines and

violation p/o criminal, driving ability impaired-

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two years probation, total fines and costs

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the incident. **Archuleta County Sheriff's Office**

Calls for service over two weeks: 251. April 22 - Noise regulations, Pineview Road.

April 22 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), improper registration, registration rescinded, canceled or issued for another vehicle displayed/possessed fictitious/canceled/revoked/suspended, County Road 600/Eagle Drive.

April 23 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), U.S. 160/Colo. 151.

April 23 — Aggravated motor vehicle theft, crimes against at-risk adult/juveniletheft no force, Ute Drive

April 23 — Information only, Great West Avenue

April 23 - All other thefts, Cloman Boulevard. April 23 - Violation of bail bond condi-

tion-misdemeanor, County Road 600. April 23 — Missing property, Solomon

April 24 — Drove vehicle under F.R.A. suspension, North Pagosa Boulevard.

April 24 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600. April 24 - Identity theft-possesses, all

other thefts, County Road 600. April 25 - Domestic violence, harass-

ment-strikes/shoves/kicks, false imprisonment, 15th Street/U.S. 160.

April 26 — Violation of restraining order, violation of bail bond condition-misdemean-

or, Great West Avenue. April 26 - Domestic violence, harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, criminal

mischief, Deer Trail. April 26 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, warrant arrest, warrant arrest, South 8th Street.

April 26 - Reckless endangerment, recklessly discharges a firearm, vehicular assault-reckless driving, unlawfully aims a firearm at another, County Road 982. April 27 — All other thefts, Red Ryder

Circle. April 27 - Information only, Caddy Circle.

April 27 — Failed to drive in single lane (weaving), drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drove vehicle when blood alcohol content 0.10 or more, 14th Street/U.S. 160.

April 28 - Criminal mischief, third-

degree criminal trespass, Canyon Circle. April 28 — Violation of restraining order, resisting arrest, trespass warning, Handicap

April 28 — Warrant arrest, Canyon

April 29 — Open burning in unincorpo-

April 29 - Menacing-felony-agg-weapon. harassment-insults/taunts/challenges,

April 29 — County warrant, Davis Cup

April 30 — Under investigation, County Road 600

April 30 — Agency assist, Nutria Circle.

May 1 - Unlawfully carrying a con-

cealed weapon, possession of weapons by previous offenders, false reporting to

May 1 — State warrant, Dyke Boulevard. May 1 — All other thefts, Seminole Drive.

Deer Trail. May 2 - All other thefts, third-degree

May 2 - Unattended death, Divide

May 2 - Drove vehicle when license

suspended, Panorama Place. May 3 — Second-degree forgery, Pon-

derosa Drive.

no location listed. May 3 — Fraud by check-other method,

May 4 — Drove vehicle without insur-

ance, County Road 600

May 5 — Information only, USFS Road

May 5 — Littering of public or private

Department

Calls for service over two weeks: 156.

April 22 - Animal/running at large, Bienvenido Circle.

April 24 — Traffic/license/insurance/ registration, Aspen Village Drive.

April 24 — Violation of restraining order,

April 25 — Agency assist, 14th Street,

April 25 - Information only, Country

April 28 — Warrant arrest, Hot Springs

Boulevard. April 28 — Drove vehicle when license

April 28 — Agency assist, Handicap

April 29 - Warrant Arrest, South 6th Street.

April 29 — DUI, U.S. 84. April 30 - Warrant arrest, Loma

lage Drive. May 1 — Animal/running at large, San

May 1 — Traffic/insurance/disobeyed

May 1 — Warrant arrest, Eaton Drive. May 1 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

Center Drive. May 1 — Animal/running at large, Talis-

Drive

May 2 - Possess/consume alcohol/

open container, San Juan Street. May 2 — Possess/consume alcohol/

open container, San Juan Street. May 2 — Animal/running at large,

May 3 - Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

May 4 — Animal/running at large, U.S

May 5 - Found property, San Juan

May 5 — Warrant arrest, 14th Street. **Archuleta County Court: Judge**

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less driving, total fines and costs — \$113.50. paraphernalia-possess, total fines and costs

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rated Archuleta County, Colorado Place.

Davis Cup Drive.

May 1 — Agency assist, Aspen Village

- Under investigation, Bunker

authorities, Ute Place.

May 2 — Warrant arrest, County Road

May 2 - Information only, U.S. 160/

criminal trespass, Meadows Drive.

View Place.

May 3 — Sexual assault (when victim and offender are the same or opposite sex),

Navajo Trail Drive.

May 4 — Agency assist, South Pagosa Boulevard

property, County Road 335. Town of Pagosa Springs Police April 25 - Identity theft, Cornerstone

Center Drive.

suspended, North 3rd Street.

April 30 - Agency assist, Aspen Vil-

Juan Street.

traffic device, U.S. 160.

May 1 — Fraud by check, Country

man Drive. May 1 — Warrant arrest, Goldmine

May 1 — Violation of probation, Eaton

Pagosa Street. May 3 — Criminal tampering, Lewis

May 3 - Failed to yield to oncoming traffic, South 10th Street.

May 3 — Information only, Vista Bou-

May 5 — Warrant arrest, Pagosa Street.

April 24 — Jairus Monaleto Lopez-Lehi, license plates-expired, total fines and costs

April 24 - Clinton L. Manzanares, care-April 24 — Clinton L. Manzanares, drug









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Outdoors







Scout Troop 807 participated in the District Camporee, held April 26-28. Scouts and Venture crews from throughout the San Juan Mountain District convened for a two-night event at Ute campground in outdoor skills including cooking, lashing, fire building, knot-tying, first aid and orienteering. The troop is gearing up for an active summer, including a climb up Pagosa Peak, backpacking and rafting trips, and trail service projects in conjunction with the Pagosa Area Trails Council. Boy Scouts of America programs provide citizenship, ethics, adventure, learning, challenge and responsibility to boys and girls alike from kindergarten through age 20. For more information on our local units, visit beascout.scouting.org.

Chimney Rock National Monument opens for the 2019 season Wednesday, May 15

By Nadia Werby Special to The SUN

Come experience a unique part of America's heritage this summer in the shadows of Chimney Rock National Monument's aweinspiring twin spires. Chimney Rock will open for the 2019 season on Wednesday, May 15.

The site is accessible for guided tours and audio-guided tours. The price for guided tours is \$16/adult and \$8/child (ages 5-12). The price for audio-guided tours is \$12/adult and \$6/child (ages 5-12). There is no charge for children under 5.

Chimney Rock National Monutours only. Tours begin at the visi-Then guests drive in their own vehicles to the high mesa. All tours are first-come, first-served. No reservations are required.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) sponsors monthly and annual events at Chimney Rock National Monument including the Night Sky: Our Solar System

It's springtime and the air is filled with the

At the next chapter meeting of the Wemi-

nuche Audubon Society on Wednesday, May

15, board member and ornithologist Stacey

Couch will host a "Birding by Ear Workshop."

The meeting will start with socializing at 6 p.m.

at the Community United Methodist Church

songs of birds, but do you know which melodies

belong to which of your feathered friends?

Program, Night Sky: Stars and tending or \$25 to attend the Full Galaxies Program, the Full Moon Program, Sunrise photo tours, geology tours, the Stories at Sunset Program, and the always fun and free Life at Chimney Rock Festival.

The first program of the season will take place on Saturday, May 18. The Full Moon Program occurs against the backdrop of the Great House Pueblo at the top of Chimney Rock Mesa. The program includes an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site, such as the ancestral Puebloan culture, archaeoastronomy theories or area geology. Then, guests watch the full moon rise to the ment is a protected archaeological music of Charles Martinez's Native site with limited access through American flute. (This moon-rise does not occur between the spires.) tor cabin, where fees are collected. You'll be torn between looking west to see the spectacular sunset and focusing on the eastern mountain range to see the first sliver of moon.

The program lasts approximately three hours including check-in, driving to the mesa top and hiking to the Great House Pueblo. This program is recommended for ages 8 and up. There is a \$20 fee for at-

birds out there.

Moon Program with an early tour.

Guests who plan to attend the early tour, please check in at the visitor cabin by 6:15 p.m. Guests who plan to attend the Full Program only, please check in at the visitor cabin between 6:45-7 p.m. The Full Moon Program begins at 7:45 p.m. The Full Moon Program is approximately 2.5 hours long. For tickets, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center. Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for the monthly and annual programs.

CRIA also hosts a lecture series several times a vear to offer the opportunity for the public and CRIA volunteers to gather and hear a speaker whose topic relates to southwest archaeology, archaeoastronomy and/or Chacoan culture.

The next lecture will be held on Thursday, May 9. Linda Baker, the director of the Southern Ute Museum in Ignacio, will be presenting "The Momentum of the Southern

Ute Museum since the Takeover by the Tribe in May 2016."

Baker will also discuss the relationship between the Southern Ute and Chimney Rock. The lecture is free of charge and will begin at 7 p.m., following CRIA's social hour at 6 p.m. at The Springs Resort and Spa (EcoLuxe building) located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd. The public is invited to join CRIA for the social hour preceding the lecture at 6 p.m. This is great way to meet our amazing volunteer team and learn more about Chimney Rock and ways to get involved.

Include Chimney Rock in your plans this summer. This ancestral Puebloan cultural site is located 17 miles west of Pagosa and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. To view the Chimney Rock National Monument 2019 Calendar of Events, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that runs the daily operations and interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under a participating agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest.

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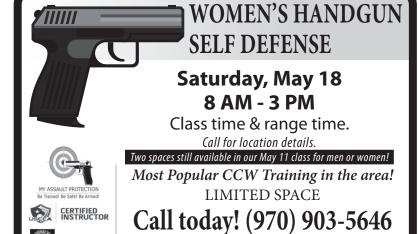
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> contribution of nonperishable food to be donated to its food bank. Call Jean Zirnhelt at 731-2985 for more in-

For information on local birding events, go to: www.weminucheaudubon.org and www. facebook.com/weminucheaudubon/.

Fun, informative morning set to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day

While colors and markings are key ways for

identifying bird species, bird song is a critical,

yet often overlooked, aspect of birding. If you're

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nificant portion of the numbers and species of

emphasize the reasons why birding by ear is a

valuable skill to develop. She will share tips and

free tools for learning and identifying birdsong.

Then we will work together as a group to listen

to recordings of birdsong common to the area

and discuss ways to memorize the songs.

In this interactive workshop, Couch will

By Jean Zirnhelt

Special to The SUN

By Stacey Couch

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Audubon Rockies, the U.S. Forest Service and the Weminuche Audubon Society are joining to present a fun and informative morning for kids and adults to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day this Saturday.

Bring the family and stop by our tent at Mary Fisher Park on the banks of the San Juan River in town between 9 a.m. and noon. Join us for a guided birding tour along the San Juan River trail (9 and 10:30 a.m. tours), meet a peregrine falcon, fly

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through migratory bird courses, understanding that the survival of participate in art activities and more.

Join with people from across the world as we come together to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day. Migration is an amazing feat in birds driven by the need to travel yearly to and from rich breeding grounds which have the resources to raise and feed young. Along the way, birds rely on finding suitable stopover points to eat and rest.

Events across the globe, including ones in South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, Mexico, Canada and even Pagosa Springs, are part of the migratory bird populations depends on international cooperation. Birds know no political boundaries and depend on diverse cultures coming together with the common goal of conserving them and the habitats they require to survive.

The theme of this year's event is

"Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution." According to worldmigratory-

birdday.org, 8 million tons of plastic enter the world's oceans each year. Find out why this is a problem for birds and what you can do to be part of the solution. For information, contact kbruno@audubon.org.

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EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

Help keep honeybees safe with DriftWatch

By Lisa Jensen SUN Columnist

Honeybees: Did you know that a honeybee flies 10 to 15 trips each day and makes 1,600 round trips in order to produce 1 ounce of honey? Honeybees need the honey, as well as pollen and water, to feed the hive in order to survive over winter.

During all this foraging, bees are pollinating flowers, which produce the food crops we need to survive. Over \$15 billion worth of crops in the United States are pollinated by bees each year. Every third bite of food you eat came to your mouth thanks to pollinators. Other pollinators include native bees, butterflies, moths, beetles and flies.

In one trip, honeybees visit 50 to 350 flowers and may visit a few thousand. Pollination occurs as honeybees are collecting nectar from one flower after another, incidentally transporting pollen from the anther of one flower to the stigma of another.

Bees forage on average over a 2-mile radius and may travel up to 6 miles from the hive. (By the way, bears can smell honey from 5 miles away.)

This means that bees are susceptible to toxins from pesticide not only near the hive, but from miles away.

If you are a beekeeper, perhaps you already know all that. You have likely also been checking on your hives, ordering new bees and getting excited about spring and the flowers that will soon start popping up and start the honeyflow.

One more thing you might do this spring is register your beehives on BeeCheck, the easy-to-use online registry accessed through DriftWatch: https://driftwatch.org.

To protect bees, Purdue University started DriftWatch, a voluntary online specialty crop site registry and mapping program. The registry now functions in 20 states, including Colorado (and Saskatchewan, Canada). This voluntary communication tool enables crop producers, beekeepers and pesticide applicators to work together to protect specialty crops and apiaries. Pesticide applicators can search the map to locate apiaries so they can contact beehive owners before applying pesticide. Beekeepers may then be able to contain their bees temporarily so they are not poisoned by the pesticide.

Beekeepers and agricultural producers can sign up on https:// driftwatch.org. Professional pesticide applicators can also sign up. To sign up as a specialty crop producer, you need to be a commercial producer, but to register your hives, you can be a commercial or hobby beekeeper. If you do not want everyone to be able to see the location of your hives, you can mark them as "private" and they will only be visible to registered applicators.

While not all professional applicators are registered in DriftWatch, our local Archuleta County Weed and Pest supervisor, Ethan Proud, is. He also took the Colorado Beekeeper Mentorship Program recently offered by Archuleta County's CSU Extension program to learn more about bees and how to protect them.

Bees are extremely susceptible to pesticides and other toxins, as well as a myriad of pests and diseases. One way we can ensure their survival (and ours) is by ensuring they are not exposed to pesticides. Some of us do this by growing organically, but due to the range that bees forage and that chemi-

cals can drift, we need to consider what other producers are doing beyond our own property. One way to help is by registering your hives on DriftWatch.

Upcoming events

May 25: Bee workshop. We will be heading to the Banded Peaks Ranch to visit with beekeeping experts and get hands-on experience with the bees. The workshop costs \$25 and is limited to 20 people. Lunch will be provided. This is an all-day workshop, so please wear appropriate clothing and anything else you would need for being outside all day. Please call the office to sign up and pay, 264-5931.

Aug. 1-4: Archuleta County Fair. Do you quilt or sew, can vegetables or fruit, grow hay crops, veggies or flowers? Maybe you do leather or wood work? Possibly brew beer or make wine? Or, maybe you have a hidden crafting talent that you would like share with us? If so, then you can enter the Archuleta County Fair Open Classes. Go to www. archuletacountyfair.com/exhibitsrules to find out how to enter. It's homegrown and county pride.

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Snow water equivalency increases, lakes remain

inches, an increase from last week's total of 33.3 inches, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

The SWE median has seen a decrease, however, going from 29.3

The median and averages are based on data from 1981 through

an increase of 13.1 percent from last week's total of 113.7 percent of median.

Precipitation has also seen an increase from last week to this week, 3 percent, going from 44.5 inches to 47.5 inches this week.

The precipitation average has also seen an increase from last week, jumping from 37.8 inches to 38.7 inches this week.

Precipitation this week is 122.7 percent of median, a jump from last week's total of 117.7 percent of median.

Four of the five lakes with recorded totals are full this week, with those lakes being: Hatcher Lake, Stevens Lake, Lake Pagosa and Village Lake.

However, all five lakes for practical purposes remain 100 percent full. Along with that, total cumulative available lake water for treatment

and delivery also sits at 100 percent. Those four lakes were all full

Lake Forest is an inch away from being full this week, when last week it was 4 inches from full. Total diversion flows remain at

9 cubic feet per second (cfs) with the West Fork diversion still contributing 3 cfs and the Four Mile diversion still adding 6 cfs.



Currently, a new UV disinfection system is being installed at the San Juan diversion and was supposed to be done already, he described further.

However, the pumps for the UV system have not been received yet, so the San Juan diversion has not been turned on, he explained.

According to the press release, about 2 cfs is going into Hatcher and 4 cfs is going into Stevens. From April 26 through May 2 of

this year, total water production was recorded at 10.90 million gallons. The Snowball water treatment

plant produced 3.63 million gallons and the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 7.27 million gallons. Last year, also from April 26 through May 2, total water produc-

tion was recorded at 10.46 million

gallons. From April 19 through April 25 of this year, total water production was recorded at 11.23 million gallons.

Last week, Ramsey hypothesized that increased water production was due to multiple small leaks, and as of May 7 Ramsey noted that more leaks are probably still around.

"We should be less than last year," he said. "I think we still got

River report

As of May 8, the San Juan River had reported flows of 1,490 cfs, according to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

USGS data notes that the highest recorded flow on May 8 came back in 1985, when the San Juan was flowing at 2,660 cfs.

The lowest flow total was a mere 188 cfs back in 2002.

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full, San Juan River flowing above average

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

As May begins to creep into Pagosa Country, surprisingly, the snow water equivalency (SWE) has seen a slight increase even with temperatures warming up.

As of May 6, SWE sits at 35

inches to 27.6 inches this week.

This week, the SWE is currently 126.8 percent of median,

Program assists landowners control targeted weeds

By Cynthia Purcell Special to The SUN

The San Juan Conservation District Noxious Weed Cost Share Program is a collaborative effort with Archuleta County Weed and Pest and CSU Extension service through funding from the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

The program intends to assist private landowners/managers with the cost of controlling targeted weeds on their property. The program is available to those who own, manage and/or operate taxable land in Archuleta and parts of Hinsdale and Mineral counties.

The program will reimburse landowners at a 50/50 rate up to a maximum of \$1,000 for treatment of approved weed species. Chemical expenses purchased from Archuleta County and any contracted spraying services are eligible for cost-share reimbursement. An Archuleta County Weed Management Plant (WMP) specifically developed for the property requesting reimbursement is also required.

To obtain a reimbursement application and WMP, please contact Ethan Proud, Archuleta County Weed and Pest supervisor, at 264-6773. Funds are limited and will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for submission is Oct. 15.



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Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation San Juan Chapter's annual banquet and fundraiser set

Special to The SUN

The San Juan Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation invites you to its annual banquet on Saturday, May 18, at 5 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

This is the do-not-miss social event of the year, with a chance to win top-notch firearms and other prizes. Best of all, you will have a great time while supporting a cause that is close to the heart of hunters, their families and the future of the

This year's banquet will include games, raffles, and silent and live auctions. Prizes include firearms and bows, trips and adventures, limited edition art, gifts, gear, exclusive home furnishings and much more. There will be a fullcourse meal from an incredible local caterer.

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Sports

TRACK

Pirates nab two first-place finishes at Terry Alley Invitational, new school record set

By John Finefrock

Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School track and field teams picked up a pair of first-place finishes at their lone home meet of the season on May 4 and broke a school record in the process.

Coach Connie O'Donnell noted that the Terry Alley Invitational has a view that other teams envy.

"It's got the best view of all of our meets, people always say that," said O'Donnell, adding that the meet is only attended by a small number of teams but that it's crucial for the Pirates to have an event in Pagosa Springs.

The school record that was broken was in the girls' 800-meter sprint medley, with Jessica Hartley, River Pitcher, Mackenzie Wedemeyer and Emma Heidelmeier running the event in 1 minute, 53.33 seconds, earning first-place and 10 points for the team.

The record had been held since

Wedemeyer also earned first place in the 200-meter race, finishing less than a half-second ahead of Jordan Elder from Dolores at 27.35 seconds, taking first place and earning 10 points for Pagosa.

"It made her second in the alltime top 10 list that I keep," said O'Donnell, adding, "I've kept it for over 20 years of everybody who's run. It's kind of hard to make because after 20 years there's some good marks on there."

The girls' relay team was on fire at the event, snatching first place in each event they participated in, continuing their dominant streak throughout the season.

In the 800-meter race, Megan Greenly and Michelle Sauceda took first and second places, finishing within a second of each other. Greenly finished at 2:42.60 and Sauceda at 2:42.87.

In the 400-meter race, Daily Valdez and Arden Blakemore finished close together as well, netting tnira- and iourth-places, and six and five points for the team.

"A lot of times, you'll see teams have people finish around the same



Arden Blakemore, Daily Valdez and Kylie Keuning dash for the finish during the 100-meter race at the Pirates' only home meet of the season, the Terry Alley Invitational, on May 4. Lexie Valdez (not pictured) took fourth in the event on the way to the girls' team netting first place.

time and I think that has to do with training," O'Donnell said.

Nell Taylor and Celia Taylor earned first and second places in the 1,600-meter relay, netting 10 and eight points for the Pirates.

Emma Heidelmeier earned third place in the girls' long jump, launching 14 feet, 10 inches and gaining six points for the team.

The girls' team took first-place at the event with 152 points, well ahead of second-place Monte Vista (108) and third-place Dolores (106).

On the boys' side, Cam Hinger ascended to the top as the day's champion in the 110-meter hurdles due to some good luck toward the end of the race.

"The poor Dolores kid tripped on the last hurdle and fell. He still got up and got second, but Cam beat him right at the end," O'Donnell said. "There was like bodies and hurdles flying everywhere at the end of that race ... They kind of caused each other to wreck."

The "Dolores kid," Cael McHenry, got his revenge on the 300-meter hurdles, when he bested Hinger by just over one second to earn first

Mason Blakemore was nipping at Hinger's and McHenry's heels in the 300, falling just behind them at third place, earning six points for

The boys' relay team had a stellar day, snatching first place in the 4x200-meter relay, the 4x400-meter relay and the 4x800-meter relay.

Michael Wedemeyer, who sat out this week's triple jump as he is currently ranked third in the 3A division in Colorado already, took first in the 200 to earn 10 points for the Pirates.

In Wedemeyer's absence from the triple jump, his teammates picked up the slack and placed

Nolan Kay and Aidan O'Donnell took second and third places, respectively, earning eight and six points for the team. Dean Hudran snatched first-

place with a throw of 37-2 1/2 in the shot put, not far ahead of his teammate, Evan Raymond, who got second with 35-5 1/4. Kaymona ana Huaran aiso aom-

inated the discus, with Raymond this time snatching first and Hudran nabbing second, with throws of 115-1 and 112-1, respectively.

The boys took first by a gigantic

margin with 226 points. No other team was close, with Monte Vista in second (94) and Dolores in third with 74 points.

Trackie of the Week was awarded to freshman Dimitriy Kholostov, who earned the accolade "because he improves every week and gets pretty excited about it. We tell him that's what track is about is competing against yourself and your time," O'Donnell said.

O'Donnell explained that the focus for the teams is qualifying for state, and some events need some improvement to reach that milestone.

"[Our goal right now is] definitely qualifying for state. So one of our big ones, we've got to really focus on our 4x8 and our 4x4's this week, and those relays are just so close," said O'Donnell.

The next event for the track and field teams is the Monte Vista Last Chance Meet.

It is indeed the last chance for all track and fielders to improve their times so they can qualify for the state championship.

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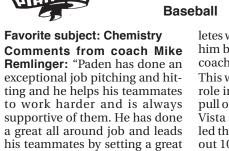
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example. He is one of those ath-

letes who makes everyone around him better and he is a pleasure to coach and represent our school. This weekend he played a crucial role in rallying his teammates to pull out the walk off win vs Monte Vista in game 2 at home. He also led the charge in game 1, striking out 10 with no walks or runs in 7 innings for the win.'

Tiger Woods will not play at Vets4Vets Golf Tournament

By Ted Eckerson Special to The SUN

We are sorry to announce that Tiger Woods will not be able to make the Vets4Vets Golf Tournament this year.

But, the good news is that we still have some openings left. So, come on out May 25 and honor all that have served. It is a four-man scramble. Get a team together,

or we have room for singles or couples.

Cost is \$85 per player. Lunch is included. There are lots of gifts to be given away. We hope to see you at our beautiful golf course here in

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BASEBALL

Pirates ride four-game win streak into final league games

By Randi Pierce Staff Writer

Thanks to a complete-game shutout by pitcher Paden Bailey in game one and a walk-off double by Ryan Lewis in game two, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team extended its win streak to four with Saturday's doubleheader.

With a 9-11 overall record and 4-4 Intermountain League (IML) mark, Pagosa is now No. 26 in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) standings, which help determine postseason play.

Pagosa welcomed the No. 42 Monte Vista Pirates to town Saturday, with both teams entering the day with equal 7-11 records.

Coach Mike Remlinger noted that he and the team are "super happy" after the weekend's wins.

"I mean, the goal was to go in there and win two games, and we did that," he said.

The first game proved to be a pitching matchup, with both teams' starting pitchers completing the game — with Bailey throwing 81 pitches and Monte Vista's Tucker Jones throwing 83.

Bailey and his Pirates held the Monte Vista bats quiet in the affair. allowing three hits while striking out 10.

Bailey did not allow any walks in the affair.

"Clearly, PJ pitched outstanding," the coach said of Bailey. "For me, any high school game where you have zero walks as a pitcher for seven innings, and then also the fact that you're more of a strikeout pitcher than not, and to have zero walks, I was super impressed with that."

Jones and his Pirates allowed three runs (two earned) on seven hits and no walks while striking out seven.

Pagosa's first run came around in the bottom of the first inning on a ground out by Zach Haines.

Two more Pagosa runs came around in the sixth, with Wyatt Schuchart logging an RBI in the inning. Those runs helped lead Pagosa to a 3-0 win.

Monte Vista committed two errors in the game, while Pagosa committed one.

A trio of Pagosa players logged two hits each: Bailey (both doubles), Ryan Lewis and Schuchart (including a double).

Bailey also scored two runs,

while Lewis scored one. Taylor Cotts added one hit in

The afternoon affair was a different matter, with Pagosa pulling out a walk-off 12-11 win over the

visiting Pirates. "Clearly, in game two we would liked to have not let them back into that game the way it worked out, but very happy with how the boys rallied to come back and score a run right there in the seventh and

said. By scoring two in the first, two in the second and three in the third, Pagosa took a 7-0 lead before Monte Vista found its way on the scoreboard with a pair of runs in

take care of business," Remlinger

the top of the fourth. Pagosa countered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the inning, and Monte Vista scored another run in the top of the fifth, with that run again countered by two from Pagosa in the bottom of the inning.

Monte Vista rallied for seven in



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pagosa's Paden Bailey slides into home ahead of a Monte Vista throw during Pagosa's 3-0 victory over the visiting Monte Vista Pirates Saturday. Pagosa is scheduled to host the Centauri Falcons this weekend to close out regular-season league play.

the sixth inning and another in the top of the seventh to tie the game.

"I didn't really have to say anything," Remlinger said. "They took it upon themselves to rally the troops a little bit right there. And I was super happy with that, the way my captains took control and then to not only say, 'Hey, let's do this,' but to turn around and start the inning off with a triple and put the pressure directly back on them after they'd just took the lead ..."

Pagosa started off the bottom of the seventh inning off with a triple by Bailey and went on to end the inning with a run-scoring double by Lewis to give Pagosa the walk-

Remlinger pointed out that he feels good teams don't dwell on why a lead was lost, but stay in the game and work to take the lead again.

Eric Huddleston started the game on the mound for Pagosa, allowing three runs (two earned) on three hits and four walks while striking out three.

Schuchart, Lewis and Cotts pitched in relief in the game, combining to allow eight runs (four earned) on five hits and four walks while striking out three.

Three different Monte Vista players took to the mound in the game, combining to allow 12 runs (10 earned) on 14 hits and seven walks while striking out two.

Pagosa committed five errors in the game, while Monte Vista committed four.

Bailey led the team with four hits in the game, including a double and a pair of triples, and an RBI.

Lewis followed with three hits, including two doubles, along with three RBIs.

Haines logged two hits, including a double, and a pair of RBIs.

The coach also pointed out that he was "super impressed" with Bailey's performance at the plate on the day, going 6-for-7 with two triples and three doubles.

Remlinger said Bailey "really stepped forward for us when we needed it."

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Now, Pagosa's Pirates will look to close out league action on a strong note, with the team welcoming the No. 36 Centauri Falcons to town, weather permitting.

The Falcons are 7-12 overall and sit in last in the IML with a 1-7 league record. The Falcons' league

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win came over the Monte Vista Pirates on April 20 by a score of 10-3.

Remlinger explained that the team continues to work on fundamentals and offense, and continues to maintain a next-game mentality.

"My big focus right now is to try to improve our offense, get more guys involved," he said.

Remlinger explained the team focuses on a model of next pitch, next play, as well as being realistic about the mental nature of the game and what a game of failure baseball is.

The games are slated to begin at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Heading into the final weekend of league play, No. 13 Bayfield sits atop the IML with an 8-0 IML record and 12-8 overall mark.

6-2 league mark and 10-8 overall record. Pagosa sits third, followed by Montezuma-Cortez (3-5, 10-8),

No. 12 Alamosa follows with a

Monte Vista (2-6,) and Centauri. ■ See Baseball A14

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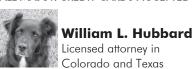
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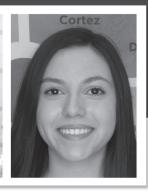
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DUST2 plans 'Wheelie Good Time' Membership Kick-Off Party and Back Yard Race

By Annie Sewell Special to The SUN

DUST2 has been talking about some exciting changes for 2019-2020 and, after a series of joint board meetings with the Wolf Creek Wheel Club (WCWC), it was determined that the often duplicated efforts of our respective organizations could be optimized by joining forces and resources into one organization.

After having received an overwhelming number of "yes" votes to our merger survey sent to current WCWC members, we are excited to announce that we have decided to move forward with the merger.

There are many exciting details, partnerships and projects starting this summer, and we want to invite you to learn more and get involved at our, "Wheelie Good Time" Membership Kick-Off Party and Back Yard Race on May 31 at 6 p.m. at the Schaffer's Shredder Race Track, located at 2445 County Road 400.

Highlights of the membership

• The first race in our 2019 Back Yard Race Series: Schaffer's Shred-

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Baseball

■ Continued from A13

The top two teams from each league automatically qualify for the regional tournaments, with the rest of the 32-team bracket filled out based on a variety of factors, including RPI.

Then, on Tuesday, the Pirates will close out the regular season with a road game in Salida against the No. 50 Spartans.

The Spartans are 3-11 on the season, with all three of those wins coming at home for the Spartans,

including a 3-0 win over the Falcons on March 16.

the came is still a "must-win game" in his mind, the team has been focused on this weekend's doubleheader.

He added that he cautions the team to not buy into what is said about a team's ability or inability, but to instead focus on becoming

That game is set to begin at 3

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Owner's Association, Inc.

RICHARD K MARSHALL, et al.

Case No.: 2019CV030006 Attorney for Plaintiff: Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC 700 South 21st Street Fort Smith AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814

Email: chris@hjclegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S): MERIBEL H COCKERILL MARIA ISABEL GIL SANTOS YVONNE JOHNSON VICTOR SCHWANKE SAMANTHA BAUMER

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This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your imeshare interest(s) located at Elk Run Townhouses for failure to pay assessments to Elk Run Property Owner's Association, Inc. The legal description for your real

property is below. Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley. Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, For

Smith, AR 72901. Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions: ELK RUN TOWNHOUSES BLDGS 1-4 MATTER AMOUNT

Property Owners: SYLVIA B WITT Building Number: 3 Lot (Unit) Number: 7112 Lot (Unit) Week Number: 25 Lien Amount: \$1.947.56

Property Owners: MERIBEL H COCKERILL Building Number: 3 Lot (Unit) Number: 7109 Lot (Unit) Week Number: 2

Lien Amount: \$1.835.72 Property Owners: MARIA ISABEL GIL SANTOS Building Number: 3 Lot (Unit) Number: 7109 Lot (Unit) Week Number: 47

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Building Number: 4 Lot (Unit) Number: 7113 Lot (Unit) Week Number: 33

Lien Amount: \$1,835.72 of Elk Run Townhouses as recorded in Plat File No. 317 under Reception No. 140480, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded June 26, 1986, under Reception No. 140481 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Lot (Unit) Week Number: 36

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Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun First Publication: April 11, 2019 Last Publication: May 09, 2019 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC

700 South 21st Street Fort Smith, AR 72901 Attv. Rea. No.: 51651

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Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Tel. 970.264.2400 Ptarmigan Property

James E Hemphill, et al

Owner's Association, Inc

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Email: chris@hjclegal.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
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Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions Ptarmigan Townhouses - PHASE I

Amount Property Owner: James E Hemphill, Individual and Co-Trustee of the Hemphill Family Revocable Living Trust dated August 21, 2001 and Martha K Hemphill, Individual and Co-Trustee of the Hemphill Family Revocable Living Trust dated August 21, 2001

Unit Number: 7207 Building Number: 4

in that property which is described as Parcel 'E'-Ptarmigan Townhouses as recorded in Plat Sheet No. 324 & 324A under Reception No. 153256, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and subject to that Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Ptarmigan Townhouses recorded February 4, 1988, under Reception No. 153260 and re-recorded on February 18, 1988 under Reception No. 153557 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta

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Lien Amount: \$2.228.39 Ptarmigan Townhouses - PHASE II

Amount Property Owners: Billy Gene Alexander and Linda S

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Unit Number: 7221

Building Number: 11 Unit Week Number: 36

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interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Published in the Pagosa Springs Sun

First Publication: April 25, 2018 Last Publication: May 23, 2018 /s/ Christopher B. Conley Christopher B. Conley Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC

Fort Smith, AR 72901 Published April 25, May 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2019 in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION SALE NO. 2019-005

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On February 20, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.

Original Grantor(s) MATTHEW COTTLE and ELIZABETH

CAMPOS, and KURT DARGAN
Original Beneficiary(ies) PAMELA CLARK MORRILI Current Holder of Evidence of Debt PAMELA CLARK

Date of Deed of Trust February 28, 2014

County of Recording Archuleta Recording Date of Deed of Trust February 28, 2014 Page No.) 21400977 Original Principal Amount \$45,000.00

when due together with all other payments provided for

in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. Lots 20 and 37, RIO BLANCO VALLEY SUBDIVISION UNIT FOUR, according to the plat thereof filed for record January 15, 1970 as Reception No. 72863,

Also known by street and number as: 139 & 164 Eagles Crest Place, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST. NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of

Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 06/20/2019, at the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

Last Publication 5/23/2019 Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

Archuleta, State of Colorado By: /s/ Elsa P. White, Public Truste

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Kenneth J. Miller #32909

Attorney File # MORRILL The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE Court Address: 46 Eaton Drive, Suite

P.O. Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Defendants: BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-1 6CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1 6CB; ANY PARTY IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT REAL

ORTEN CAVANAGH & HOLMES, LLC

1445 Market Street, Suite 350 Denver, CO 80202 Phone Number: (720) 221-9780 Fax Number: (720) 221-9781 Email:ihunt@ochhoalaw.com Case No.: 2019CV030038 Division: MG

SUMMONS [BY PUBLICATION] THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this Court an Answer or other responsive pleading. You are required to file your Answer or other responsive pleading within 35 days after the service of this Summons upon you Service of this Summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the Court.

to the Complaint in writing within the applicable time period, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint This is an action against real property situated in

Archuleta County, Colorado more particularly described as 672 E. Golf Place, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-9313. Said real property is legally described as: Lot 49 of Block 11 in PAGOSA IN THE PINES, according to the plat thereof recorded March 13, 1970 as Reception

Nos. 73014 through 73027. Dated: April 17, 2019 ORTEN CAVANAGH & HOLMES LLC By: /s/ Jonah G. Hunt Jonah G. Hunt, No. 34379

This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4(g), Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure. This form should not be used where personal service is desired.
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DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF ARCHULETA, STATE Court Address: 46 Eaton Drive, Ste. 1, Pagosa Springs. CO 81147 Case Number

2019CV30033 Division/ Courtroom: MG Blue Spruce Servicing Company, LLC,

Curtis Bullard, individually; Robin Denice Bullard, individually; Winona West, individually; San Juan River Village Metropolitan District; San Juan River Resort Property Owners Association, Inc.; Community Funding Solutions, L.L.C.; and Elsa White as Treasurer for

Attorneys for Plaintiff Christopher J. Conant Hatch Ray Olsen Conant LLC 730 17th Street, Suite 200 Denver, Colorado 80202 Phone Number: (303) 298-1800

Email Address: cconant@hatchlawvers.com

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this Summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained

from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the

complaint without further notice. This is a quiet title action to confirm that the Archuleta County Treasurer performed adequate diligence and gave adequate notice to all persons and entities with a redeemable interest in the subject real property of the pending issuance of a Treasurer's Deed as required by C.R.S. § 39-11-128, for property more particularly as described below, attached hereto and by this reference

The real property at issue in this lawsuit is generally described as: Lot 49 in San Juan River Resort Unit No 1, according to the amended plat thereof filed for record October 4, 1972 as Reception No. 76530. Commonly Known as 740 Harman Ave, Pagosa Springs Colorado 81147

Dated this 16th day of April, 2019. HATCH RAY OLSEN CONANT LLC By: /s/ Christopher J. Conant Christopher Conant Attorneys for Plaintiff Published in The Pagosa Springs SUN Last Publication: May 23, 2019

Pagosa Springs SUN. NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION
FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: CAROL A. BASSHAM

1815 MACKINNON AVE CARDIFF, CA 92007 1815 MACKINNON AVE

CARDIFF, CA 92007 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 1st day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to

NICK P LUPFER the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit Lot 230 IN LAKE HATCHER PARK, ACCORDING

TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD NOVEMBER 5, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 78738 Account Number: R001735 Schedule Number: 558336203048

Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2012-02333 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to NICK P LUPFER That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in

the name(s) of CAROL A. BASSHAM and ROBERT E. BASSHAM for said year 2011. That said NICK P LUPFER on the 27th day of March 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a

deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to NICK P LUPFER On the 4th day of September 2019, unless the same

has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Witness my hand this 3rd day of April 2019

/s/ Elsa P White Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published April 25, May 2 and 9, 2019 in The Pagosa

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION

FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom

It May Concern, and more especially to: CAROL A BASSHAM 1815 MACKINNON AVE CARDIFF, CA 92007 ROBERT F BASSHAM 1815 MACKINNON AVE CARDIFF, CA 92007

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 1st day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at

of Archuleta Courty,
public tax lien sale to
NICK P. LUPFER the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 250 IN LAKE HATCHER PARK, ACCORDING

TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD NOVEMBER 5, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO 78738. Account Number: R001802 Schedule Number: 558336204023 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2012-02335 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to NICK P. LUPFER

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of CAROL A BASSHAM and ROBERT E. BASSHAM for said year 2011.
That said NICK P. LUPFER on the 27th day of March

2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has

made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to NICK P. LUPFER On the 4th day of September 2019, unless the same has been redeemed.

time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Witness my hand this 3rd day of April 2019 Elsa P White, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any

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SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

ROBERT R PENNINGTON 1017 PAMPAS DR S E , UNIT SA

ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87108

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the

6th day of November 2014, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to PARADISE 2 PROPERTIES, LLC the following described property situate in the County

of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD OCTOBER 5, 2005 AS RECEPTION NO.

20510466. Account Number: R001265 Schedule Number: 558325401034
Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2014-03043

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to PARADISE 2 PROPERTIES, LLC

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2013 That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of ROBERT R PENNINGTON for said

That said PARADISE 2 PROPERTIES, LLC on the 27th day of March 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property

to PARADISE 2 PROPERTIES, LLC On the 4th day of September 2019, unless the same has been redeemed. Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any

time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 3rd day of April 2019 /s/ Elsa P White

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of IRENE MUNZER aka IRENE ZELLWEGER

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MUNZER Deceased Case No. 2019 PR 5 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before August 31, 2019, or the claims may be forever barred.

Peter Carter Personal Representative 117 Bayview Circle Pagosa Springs CO 81147 Published April 25, May 2 and 9, 2019 in *The Pagosa* Springs SUN.

Archuleta County Combined Courts 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 1 PO Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Case No. 19CV2

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Public notice is given on 4/15/19, that a Petition for a Change of Name of a Minor has been filed with the Archuleta County Court.

The Petition requests that the name of Javdrian Joseph Martinez be changed to Jaydrian Joseph Lujan. /s/ C Turner Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk Published April 25, May 2 and 9, 2019 in *The Pagosa*

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLO-PO Box 148 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Phone Number: 970-264-8160

INA GROUP, LLC, DAVID G. CONRAD, PAWSD, DABTLC1, LLC, TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, WEMI-NUCHE INVESTMENTS, LLC, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION Attorneys for Plaintiff John J. Barry, No. 10401 Witwer, Oldenburg, Barry & Groom, LLP

822 7th Street, Suite 760 Greeley, CO 80631 Phone Number: 970-352-3161; Direct: 970-313-4774 Fax Number: 970-352-3165 E-mail: JBARRY@WOBJLAW.COM THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint [petition filed with the court in this action, by filing with the cleri of this court an answer or other response. You are re quired to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Ser vice of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint [petition

may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the

2017-040 – A tract of land in Lot 15, Section 23, Township 35 North, Range 2 West, N.M.P.M., described as

1, Garvin Addition to the Town of Pagosa Springs County of Archuleta, State of Colorado; Thence East along the north boundary of said Lot 12 Block 1 to the Northeast corner thereof, said point also being the Southwest corner of a tract of land described

Thence North, 30 feet along the Westerly boundary of said tract, Book 133 at page 11; Thence West, parallel with the northerly boundary of

said Garvin Addition to an angle point in the northerly

tion to the point of beginning. State of Colorado; County of Archuleta Dated: April 23, 2019

Witwer, Oldenburg, Barry & Groom, LLP /s/ John J. Barry John J. Barry, No. 10401 Published May 2, 9 16, 23 and 30, 2019 in *The Pagosa*

Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Case No. 19C40

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

The Petition requests that the name of Dejuana Elivet Babayan be changed to Devina St. Claire. /s/ C Turne

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING ON MAY 21st Terry D. Clifford, has applied for Variances from the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations, on Lot 9X Block 16 Pagosa in the Pines, at 128 Divot Pl., Pagosa

prior to the public hearing at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on May 21, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. ir the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public co

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tural Estates (AE). Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CC 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta County Planning Commission on May 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Administration Of fice Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Norma Elaine Harman (Deceased) Case No. 2019 PR 30015 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the undersigned or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado

The Town has received an application for a Building Permit for Lot 10 in the Paradise Mesa Subdivision.

vided a Quit Claim Deed, releasing any interest the have in said PUE. Since the public utility easements were dedicated for public utilities recognized by the Town of Pagosa Springs as recorded on a plat # 441 with reception #1996006775 in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of Archuleta County, the public utility easements re-

quire vacation through a public hearing process. The Town Planning Commission will consider making a recommendation to Town Council regarding the "Vacation of Public Utility Easements", at a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 5:30pm in Town Hall. The Town Council will consider the first reading of an

ment, 8 days prior to each scheduled public hearing, to ensure written comments are included in the board packets that are sent out 7 days prior to each scheduled public hearing. Anyone interested in more infor-mation should contact the Town Planning Department at 970-264-4151 x225. Town Hall is located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd.
Published May 9, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN.*

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS for the Archuleta County Law Enforcement and **Detention Center Project in** Pagosa Springs, Colorado

Nunn Construction, Inc., acting as the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) for the above project, is requesting interested Subcontractors to submit lump sum proposals for the above referen Project Description: The project includes a new

Due Date: Lump sum bids will be received by Nunn Construction until May 22, 2019 at 2:00 PM. This information will be reviewed by Nunn Construction, Archuleta County, the design team and the owner's representative. The firms deemed to be the best value and most qualified for each trade scope package will

be recommended by Nunn for subcontract award. Submission Requirements: Please contact Nunr Construction's Spencer Leigh at (sleigh@nunnconstruction.com) or Rick Fleming at (rfleming@nunncon-struction.com) for additional information and for access to bid documents through iSqFt. Completed proposal packages shall be submitted by e-mail to sleigh@nunnconstruction.com or rfleming@nunncon-

included in the bidding documents. The Owner and Nunn Construction, Inc. reserve the right to waive any informalities or irregularities, and to reject any and all proposal packages. Neither the Owner, the Project Architect nor Nunn Construction, Inc. assume any responsibility for submission of any proposal package.

Published May 9 and 16, 2019 in The Pagosa Springs

kick-off party will include:

strategic plan with a Q-and-A.

brought to you by Tyler Albers.

The party will start with free

For more information, go to

Unit Week Number: 8

Unit Number: 7216 Building Number: 8 Unit Week Number: 8 in that property on which is located four (4) one-story buildings containing two (2) one-level townhouses units per building which are designated respectively 6, Units 7211 and 7212; Building No. 7, Units 7213 and plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 325 under Reception No. 156199, in the Office of the County

on June 7, 1988, under Reception No. 156200, Book 219, Page 33-38, in the Office of the County Clerk and

Property Owners: Jimmy McCartney Unit Number: 7217 Building Number: 9 Unit Week Number: 35 Lien Amount: \$2.185.20 Property Owners: Barry Leece

Lien Amount: \$2.185.20 Property Owners: Kevin Frie and Kyle Frie Unit Number: 7222 Building Number: 11 Unit Week Number: 29 Lien Amount: \$2.185.20 in that property on which is located three(3)one-story buildings containing two(2)one-level townhouse units per building which are designated, respectively, as Building No. 9, Units 7217 and 7218; Building No. 10, Units 7219 and 7220; and Building No. 11, Units 7221 and 7222 as per plat recorded on June 7, 1988, in Plat Sheet No. 326

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit in Ptarmigan Townhouses in that percentage

700 South 21st Street

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Outstanding Principal Balance \$6,246.29
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest Elsa P. White, Public Trustee in and for the County of Kenneth J. Miller 422 Pagosa St, PO Box 1020, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970) 264-2460

Pagosa Springs SUN.

Plaintiff: PAGOSA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

PROPERTY. Jonah G. Hunt, No. 34379 Marcus T. Dumville, No. 49471

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: ANY PARTY IN POSSESION OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY; and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT REAL oned and required to appear and

If you fail to file your Answer or other responsive pleading

First Publication: April 25, 2019 Last Publication: May 23, 2019

Archuleta County, Colorado,

Fax Number: (303) 298-1804

Atty. Reg.##: 40269 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT: WINONA WEST, Individually

made a part hereof.

This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4(g), C.R.C.P., as amended. This form should not be used where personal service is desired. Published April 25, May 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2019 in *The*

ISMAEL MENDOZA

Case Number: 18CV30095
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

complaint without further notice. This is an action to Quiet Title to the following de

in Warranty Deed recorded August 7, 1973 in Book 133

Thence South along the boundary of said Garvin Add

First Publication: May 2, 2019. Last Publication: May 30, 2019

Springs SUN. Archuleta County Combined Courts 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 1 PO Box 148

Public notice is given on 4/19/19 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta County Court.

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
Published May 2, 9 and 16, 2019 in *The Pagosa*

Springs, CO (PLN19-161). Applicant is requesting variances to build less than 30' from the front lot line and less than 50' from the golf course boundary in the Planned Unit Development (PUD R-1-90) zone Comments may be submitted to the Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org

TJ and Stacey Fitzwater, The Last Resort RV Park & Campground Inc., have applied for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) amendment to a Limited Impact Use, on Tract 1 of Hudson's Rio Blanco Subdivision #8 at 256 County Rd 339, Pagosa Springs, CO (PLN19-170). The proposal will add 8 new RV sites to the existing 20 RV and campground sites. The property is zoned Agricul

Public comment will be taken at the meeting. Published May 2 and 9, 2019 in The Pagosa Springs

on or before September 15, 2019, or said claims may be forever barred. Lisa Popowich, Eric Sobeck, Nancy Sobeck Co-Personal Representatives Published May 9, 16 and 23, 2019 in The Pagosa

Given the odd and irregular shape of this lot, the perimeter public utility easements (PUE) have been requested to be vacated. All utility providers have pro-

Ordinance for the proposed "Vacation of Public Utility Easements" at Public Hearings scheduled on Tuesday, June 4, 2015 at 5pm and second reading on Thursday June 20, 2019 at 5pm in Town Hall. Verbal Public comments will be accepted at each scheduled Public Hearing. Written Public comments should be received by the Town Planning Depart-

NUNN CONSTRUCTION

ground-up, 2-level, 23,000 sf structural masonry and structural steel frame Detention and Support Services

struction.com.
A pre-bid meeting date & time will be established and

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Soccer

Lady Pirate soccer clinches postseason berth, takes on No. 1 Mustangs

By Chris Mannara Staff Writer

The No. 32 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate (6-7-2 overall, 4-1-1 in league play) soccer team has found itself in the postseason for the first time since the 2017 season.

Pagosa was pitted against the No. 1 overall seeded Colorado Academy Mustangs (14-1 overall, 9-1 in league play) for a first-round matchup on May 8.

As of press time Wednesday, results for that game were not avail-

Pagosa was the lone Intermountain League (IML) team to make the postseason this year.

The winner of this matchup will go on to face either the No. 16 seed DSST: Byers Falcons or No. 17 Lutheran Lions on May 11.

This season, Colorado Academy has scored 82 goals and has only allowed four.

Pagosa, on the other hand, has scored 18 goals and given up 34.

The Mustangs closed out the 2019 regular season on a nine-game winning streak, outscoring opponents 56-3 in those nine games.

Despite being ranked No. 1 in the 3A classification, Colorado Academy was third in the Metro League standings, behind the Kent Denver Sun Devils and the Jefferson Academy Jaguars.

The Lady Pirates were able to capture first place in the IML standings ahead of Bayfield, Montezuma-Cortez and Alamosa.

Senior Mari Annest leads the Mustangs in goals with 31, while the next closest, sophomore Maya Pellegrini, has 13.

Lady Pirate sophomore Nicole Bartz leads the team in goals with seven, while senior Morgan Thompson is next with four goals.

Colorado Academy has two keepers that finished the season with more than 500 minutes in net, those goalies being Sarah Morrison and Juliet Cramer.

Morrison finished with a teamhigh 578 minutes in net this season and allowed three goals while also saving 30 shots.

Cramer had 520 goalie minutes and allowed just one goal while saving 20 shots.

For the Lady Pirates, freshman Trista Tully finished with 920 minutes in net, ending the regular season with 19 goals allowed and 150 total

The Lady Pirates know that the Mustangs are going to be a chal-



Lady Pirate senior Diana Scott attempts to get one past the Crested Butte Titan goalie during the May 3 matchup between the two teams. Crested Butte was able to hold Pagosa scoreless, coming away with a 2-0 win in the regular-season and home finale for Pagosa. Despite the loss, the Lady Pirates qualified for the postseason for the first time since the 2017 season and took on the No. 1 Colorado Academy Mustangs Wednesday. Results for that game were unavailable by press time Wednesday.

lenge, coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason explained in an interview Monday.

"I am sure that the girls will play their hearts out," he said. "We'll just see what happens."

In preparation for the Mustangs, Pagosa treated the game the same as it would any other, he indicated.

"We've had some great success on defense and some great opportunities to score. It's a growing team," he said of the Lady Pirates.

Before their first-round playoff matchup, however, Pagosa closed out its regular season with four straight losses, the final two coming up against the Bayfield Wolverines (7-8 overall, 4-3 in league play) and the 2A Crested Butte Titans (12-2-1 overall) on May 2 and 3, respectively.

A rival's revenge

Hitting the road to close out the season series against Bayfield proved to be tough as Pagosa dropped a 1-0 heartbreaker to the Wolverines, splitting the regular season series between the two league foes.

Bayfield came out to start the game hot, putting Pagosa on its heels for most of the first half, Kurt-Mason explained.

'That was the theme of the first half. Bayfield players were winning all the air balls and they were making their passes and they were making good runs," he said. "It didn't look like the Bayfield team we played the first time. Of course, our team didn't look like the team that we played with the first time, either."

In the second half, the Lady Pirates were able to rally and moved the ball more effectively.

Also in the second half, however, was when the Wolverines scored what turned out to be the gamewinning goal off of the foot of Mattie Moore, with the assist coming from Madison Wells.

"There were a couple of scoring chances right at the end that we didn't finish," Kurt-Mason said.

The Wolverines finished with 23 total shots against Pagosa.

Tully finished with 14 total saves against the Wolverines. In addition to her 14 saves, Tully

was nominated as player of the game by Kurt-Mason against Bayfield. "She just had a real solid game," he

Pagosa finished with 10 shots on net against the Wolverines.

Crested Butte

Next up for Pagosa was the regular-season and home finale against the Crested Butte Titans.

It wasn't the result Pagosa wanted

to end the regular season as they fell to the Titans 2-0 at home.

"We knew that Crested Butte was a solid team," Kurt-Mason explained. "But our girls stood up to

Twenty-one minutes into the first half, the Titans scored its first goal, squeaking one by Tully to take a 1-0 lead going into halftime.

However, Pagosa nearly equalized it off of a Diana Scott header that just missed the back of the net with 32 minutes left in the second half.

Crested Butte put the game away with 8:20 left in the second half off of another close goal just past Tully's outstretched hand to clinch the 2-0

Tully finished with 14 saves in total against Crested Butte.

The Lady Pirates finished with nine shots on goal against the Titans. The player of the game against

Crested Butte was senior Sarah Ross. "She has an uncanny ability of reading angles and when to come out on a player and when not to," he explained. "She has really come into her own as a central defender." chris@pagosasun.com



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Veterans Memorial Park launches new look and fundraising campaign

By Jim Van Liere Special to The SUN

To all residents of Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs, the time has come for the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County (VMPAC) to raise \$60,000 to continue the construction of the park this summer.

Last summer, construction of the park started in earnest by building the first half of the parking area and a concrete pad for a handicapped picnic shelter.

To continue the construction in an orderly manner, the VMPAC board would like to complete the parking area and site preparation for the construction of the trails, the memorial area, the facilities building, the picnic pavilion and the play area. It is essential that the site preparation be completed so the layout for the items mentioned can be finalized and the under-

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It is important to remember that once the park is completed, or even partially completed, visitation will be increased, which in turn, will increase the economy of the area.

By completing the parking area and, as funds permit, some trails could be constructed and more parking would become available for next fall, which would open the area for hiking, walking and cross-

The VMPAC is proud to reveal its new website. Visit us at www. vetsmemorialpark.org to stay informed of our progress, current events, fundraising and volunteer opportunities. So, as a strong community commitment, let's keep this park going by sending a donation through our website or via mail to Veterans Memorial Park, P.O. Box 2642, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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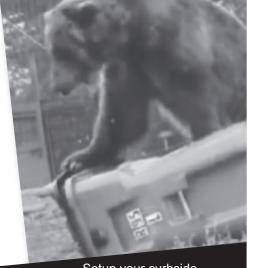
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LIBRARY NEWS

A 30 million-page library is heading for the moon

By Carole Howard

SUN Columnist, and the library staff

A little lunar probe aboard Israel's Beresheet spacecraft is carrying a 30 million-page archive of human knowledge etched into a DVD-size metal disc.

The Lunar Library, as the archive is known, constitutes a "civilization backup" to help ensure that our distant descendants never lose humanity's collective wisdom, according to Nova Spivack, co-founder of Arch Mission Foundation, the Los Angeles-based nonprofit behind the project.

The foundation is building a space-based archive designed to survive for 6 billion years or more — a million times longer than the oldest written records in existence today.

Sending a library into space isn't entirely new for the Arch Foundation. Before Elon Musk launched a Tesla Roadster into orbit around

the sun last year, Spivack and his in use, the top of the Lunar Library's team put in the glove box a quartz disc containing the entire text of Asimov's famous "Foundation" trilogy of science-fiction books.

For the Lunar Library, the scope had to be far wider.

"We're building a Rosetta Stone for beings who inhibit our solar system in the future," Spivack said. One small component of the

archive is a collection of songs, children's drawings and writings about Israeli culture and history. The rest is truly encyclopedic. It includes more than 200 gigabytes of data with the entire Englishlanguage version of Wikipedia, tens of thousands of fiction or nonfiction books, a collection of textbooks, and a guide to 5,000 languages along with 1.5 billion sample translations between them.

Since people in the far future may not have a DVD player handy, and might not speak any language now disc is engraved with tiny images of books and other documents explaining human linguistics, along with instructions on how to read the library beneath.

Lifelong Learning lectures

The fourth lecture in the free spring Lifelong Learning series on Thursdays takes place today, May 9, when Dr. Andrew Gulliford will discuss "The Woolly West: Colorado's Hidden History of Sheepscapes."

May 16 is "Financial Fraud Awareness" with Elsa White and Samantha Armitstead from the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office. There will be no presentation May 23. May 30 is "Chasing Denali," when author and adventurer Jon Waterman shares his observations from 40 years of mountaineering on North America's highest mountain.

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Colorado Bureau of Investigation case master report

Following is the case master report on the Archuleta County 1033 Program investigation completed by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. The investigation looked at the 1033 Program, and allegations included within the following interviews may or may not have been proven to be factual. The following information has not been edited by The SUN, except to remove extra spaces and lists of attachments. For more coverage on the investigation, see this week's front page.

Archuleta County Sheriff Richard Valdez interview

SYNOPSIS: On December 18, 2018, CHRISTIAN CHAMPAGNE, District Attorney for the Sixth Judicial District, requested CBI to investigate allegations of embezzlement involving Archuleta County Sheriff, RICHARD VALDEZ.

ACTION TAKEN:

On December 18, 2018, CHRIS-TIAN CHAMPAGNE, District Attorney for the 6th Judicial District in Colorado, requested CBI investigate embezzlement allegations made by TODD MERRITT STARR, former Archuleta County Attorney, against RICHARD VALDEZ, Archuleta County Sheriff. The request was made in the form of an email and the email request is attached to this report.

In DA CHAMPAGNE's email request, he provided, in part, the following information. "Mr. STARR requested a meeting with me to present a potential case for prosecution against the Archuleta County Sheriff RICHARD VALDEZ. He said that he had information leading him to believe that Sheriff VALDEZ had been misappropriating county funds and using them for personal expenditures. He cited that fact that the Sheriff used to live in his Mother's basement, but now has a large house on the nicest street in Pagosa Springs. He said that there was 2.2 million missing from the Archuleta County coffers and indicated that he believed Sheriff Valdez took these

A "Tip" was generated by AIC COLLIN REESE containing a timeline of dates and times AIC REESE spoke with individuals potentially related to this case. Tip 120 attached to this report.

On December 26, 2018, STARR called AIC REESE and provided AIC REESE with an overview of the allegations against Sheriff VALDEZ. STARR emailed AIC REESE documents he believes substantiate his allegations of theft.

On Friday, February 1, 2019, I was assigned to investigate STARR's allegation against the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and specifically Sheriff RICHARD VALDEZ.

On Monday, February 4, 2019, I reviewed the information STARR emailed to AIC REESE. The documents sent by STARR are attached to this report and include the following:

A. Document titled "1033 Program (Suspected Fraud and Abuse) Documentation"

In this document STARR outlined thirteen (13) dated events (timeline) and each event has handwritten numbers in red ink associated with the entries. The first date is December 5, 2014, and indicated on this date the "County Attorney reported 1033 problem to CBI Agent JEFF

The next date entered is July 25, 2017, and references an email string that includes Sheriff VALDEZ, in which the finance department is seeking information on a vehicle reported as a 1033 contribution.

The list of dates continue and include topics, "1033 agreement between sheriff and state", "written report to auditors on fraud", "verbal report to auditor KEVIN GOOD", etc.

The last entry date is October 10, 2018, and references "typing up notes on Suspicious Activity Reported earlier in the year". These documents are attached to this report.

B. Document titled "X12-Summary of Contingencies or Fraud during 2016 through fieldwork"

The document is subtitled, Weed & Pest Related Fraud. This document indicates that "a former county employee committed fraud against the county", the incident was reported to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and the sheriff's office investigated and filed criminal charges against the former county employee. The

Pest case, there are no other cases of fraud know to the Finance Director of other Finance Office staff".

The document also references the 1033 program and states in part, "the delay in obtaining 1033 paperwork can easily be attributed to turnover in both the fleet department and in the sheriff's office position that was in charge with 1033 program duties. However, the possibility exists that some kind of collusion existed between those employees to withhold paperwork, so that assets could be obtained under the program, and then either misdirected (to departments other than the sheriff's department, in violation of the 1033 rules) or for personal use and/or sale for personal gain".

The remainder of the document is a memorandum to KRISTE SHOCK-LEY and ANTON COLLINS MITCH-ELL from LARRY WALTON and is in reference to the Noxious Weed Advisory Board, suspicions of illegal activity and the matter was referred to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. There is no reference to the 1033 program or illegal activity by the sheriff's office. The document is attached to this report.

C. Document titled "State Plan of Operation Between the State of Colorado and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Department"

This is the agreement between the Colorado Department of Public Safety and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office that outlines the purpose, authority, use, and compliance of the 1033 program. This document is attached to this report.

D. An email dated July 12, 2018, sent to STARR from BRENTLY HEN-DERSON, former Archuleta County Administrator. The email contains an email STARR sent to Agent JEFF BROWN on December 5, 2014, and additional information STARR wanted to provide to Agent BROWN.

E. Email strings during June/July of 2017 involving county officials: Sheriff VALDEZ; BENTLY HENDER-SON, former County Administration; LARRY WALTON, County Finance Director; SUSAN GOEBEL-CAN-NING, Public Works Director; LEE-ANN MARTIN, and MIKE LE ROUX, Director of Emergency Operations. The emails are related to the reassignment of vehicles.

After reviewing the documents provided to AIC REESE by STARR, I could not find any information or evidence in the documents that support STARR's allegations or any evidence of criminal conduct by SheriffVALDEZ or other members of

the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. On or about February 4, 2019, I was provided emails between AIC REESE and Agent JEFF BROWN and the emails indicate Special Agents with the FBI and Special Agents with the OIG (Office of Inspector General) were notified of the 1033 issue in Archuleta County. An email in the email string, dated January 3, 2019, indicates DOD (Department of Defense) was "unable to find any illegal activity with respect to the AGSO and the 1033 program". The email string is attached to this report.

On Tuesday, February 5, 2019, I contacted SheriffVALDEZ regarding the investigation. Sheriff VALDEZ was very receptive and said he and his office would assist in any way with the investigation. A Colorado Driver's License photograph of SheriffVALDEZ is attached to this report.

On February 5, 2019, I contacted SUSAN REDMOND, Chief Compliance Officer for the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS), and requested a copy of the 1033 Audit Report for the audit conducted at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office on February 4, 2019. I also requested from CDPS, a copy of all 1033 items received by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. The audit report and the inventory list are attached to this report.

On February 5, 2019, AIC REESE provided some historical background information relating to Sheriff VALDEZ and unnamed official(s) in Archuleta County. The email included a declination email from DA CHAMPAGNE to Sheriff VAL-DEZ stating the district attorney's office was declining to file charges of "official misconduct" against the unnamed official(s)l. The date of DA CHAMPAGNE's email to Sheriff VALDEZ is January 29, 2019. The DA's

report states, "apart from the Weed & email also indicates Sheriff VALDEZ in Montrose and said he would call and GEORGE BARTER presented the case to the district attorney's office "several weeks ago", indicating the case was likely submitted in December 2018. DA CHAMPAGNE's email is attached to this report.

On Thursday, February 7, 2019, I called STARR's cell number (970) 264-8433, received no answer, and left a message for him to contact me to arrange an interview.

On Thursday, February 7, 2019, AIC REESE sent me an email communicating he received an email from Archuleta County Attorney, TODDWEAVER. In WEAVER's email, WEAVER informed AIC REESE that his office had been contacted by the local media requesting information on the investigation. The email from WEAVER and a Colorado Driver's License photograph of WEAVER are attached to this report.

On Monday, February 11, 2019, several attempts were made to contact STARR at (970) 749-0807. I contacted TODD WEAVER, current Archuleta County Attorney for assistance in getting a message to STARR. The phone call to WEAVER was recorded and the recording is attached to this report.

On Tuesday, February 12, 2019, I received a call from STARR and arrangements were made to meet at the CBI Office in Montrose during the morning of February 20, 2019. A Colorado Driver's License photograph of STARR is attached to this report.

On Friday, February 15, 2019, I received a voicemail message from SheriffVALDEZ regarding a newspaper article in the Pagosa Sun Newspaper. I returned Sheriff VALDEZ' phone call regarding the newspaper article and SheriffVALDEZ was asked to email a copy of the article to CBI.

On Monday, February 18, 2019, I reviewed the news article titled, "CBI investigating \$2.6 million in unreported county property". The newspaper article is attached to this report.

On February 20, 2019, at 10:18 AM, STARR called saying he was in Meeker, Colorado, and may be late getting to Montrose. STARR wanted to know if I could conduct the interview by phone and when told we needed to meet for the interview because I wanted to go over documents he had provided to CBI, STARR said, "I'm actually not the best person to talk to. Most of those documents were generated by LARRYWALTON, the Finance Director". STARR suggested WALTON should be the first person interviewed. STARR was told WALTON would be interviewed but he (STARR) needed to be the first interview. STARR agreed to meet in Montrose and said he would call when he arrived in Delta, Colorado. A Colorado Driver's License photograph of LARRYWALTON is attached to this report. The interview with STARR is contained in a supplemental report.

Archuleta County Attorney **Todd Starr interview**

SYNOPSIS: On February 20, 2019, TODD STARR was interviewed at the CBI Office in Montrose, Colorado.

ACTION TAKEN:

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On February 20, 2019, STARR arrived at the CBI Office in Montrose and the interview began at 3:33 PM. The interview was recorded and the recording is attached to this report.

STARR was told the reason he was the first person to be interviewed was because of the information he provided to the 6th Judicial District Attorney, CHRISTIAN CHAMPAGNE and his conversation with AIC COL-LIN REESE. He was provided a brief summary of DA CHAMPAGNE's request to CBI, referencing Sheriff VALDEZ' new home and "2.2 million dollars missing from the Archuleta County coffers".

After providing STARR with a brief summary of DA CHAMPAGNE's request to CBI, STARR said, "Well, your best source of information is going to be LARRY WALTON, the Archuleta County Finance Director. LARRY WALTON received some information or failed to receive some information that raised some yellow flags in his office and by his office I'm again referring to the Archuleta County Finance Department. The sheriff participated in the 1033 program and so LARRY came, I don't know if he came to me or the County Administrator first, but I was quickly involved and quickly advised the staff that we needed to alert the Board of County Commissioners, and we alerted the Board of County Commissioners and they instructed me to reach out to CBI. That was the first time we reached out to CBI which was, I want to say was 2015 or so, when we reached out to Agent BROWN. Shortly after that the Board of County Commissioners, don't know if they passed a resolution or if it was by motion, pretty sure it was an actual resolution, that, where they instructed the Sheriff's Office to no longer participate in the 1033 program without their, the Board of County Commissioners approval."

STARR said since that time well over a million dollars has been acquired through the 1033 program by SheriffVALDEZ, according to the records acquired by LARRY WALTON.

When referencing the STARR-BROWN 2014 email, STARR said he had never met Agent BROWN that he could recall, regarding the 1033 issue. STARR said he couldn't recall Agent BROWN "reaching out" to him, it was always him (STARR) reaching out to Agent BROWN. "At some point in time we became frustrated or concerned that Agent BROWN didn't care or worse, and so I then, and we also at that time were aware or became aware that the sheriff's office had acquired considerably more property under this 1033 program, so I want to say it would've been the summer, maybe June or July of 2018, I call the US Attorney's Office in Denver and they put me in touch with the FBI who put me in touch with PAUL MCMAHAN, the investigator for the Department of Defense". STARR said his conversation with Agent BROWN was by telephone and after the phone conversation he sent additional information to Agent BROWN by email. STARR was shown the information he sent to AIC REESE and was asked if there was information sent to Agent BROWN that was not sent to AIC REESE. STARR believed there was more than one email sent

When asked if he had direct knowledge that Sheriff VALDEZ or any sheriff's office employees had stolen 1033 property or any other property belonging to the sheriff's office, STARR said, "I'm not sure how to answer that except, no. Except that one of the employees in the finance department, who was not aware of any of this, or any of our concern about the 1033 program, printed off some, a sheriff's deputy, I think it's our now coroner, BRENDON BRE-SHARD, (Archuleta County Coroner is BRANDON BISHOP), I thinks his wife, on Facebook, you know on Facebook they have, I think something they call the Pagosa Online Yard Sale or something like that. And I believe it was a backpack that she had for sale and it had US Government on it and we believe, don't know for sure, but we believe, when we saw that, that that was one of the backpacks obtained under the 1033 program".

to Agent BROWN.

STARR believed LARRY WAL-TON obtained the photograph and Facebook information from his employee, MICHELLE CLARK. STARR said he believed it was BRENDON BRESHARD's wife selling the item on Facebook. STARR said BRESHARD was a "good guy".

When questioned about the lack of evidence of theft other than his "belief" 1033 items had been stolen, STARR said the "sheer volume" of items received from the 1033 program "would have to be somewhere, would have to be somewhere and the items are not in any of the county's storage facilities and the items were never reported to the county finance department which is what he would have had to have done under the policies of Archuleta County". According to STARR property obtained under the 1033 program becomes county property after one year unless the items are under a more restrictive classification code. "So what gives rise to the belief that there some wrong doing is that it wasn't, it wasn't recorded, it wasn't, it wasn't reported as assets, as an acquired asset. It was kept off the books and we can't find it. You know, Archuleta County is a small county and if you're getting stuff we'd know where it is. Also, I will tell you that I believe that was a little bit substantiated the other day because something, I believe it must have been you, but somebody told the Sheriff that CBI was looking into this".

According to STARR after Sheriff

VALDEZ and the Commissioners were advised CBI was going to conduct an investigation (STARR said he advised the Commissioners) there was a meeting between the Commissioners and Sheriff VALDEZ and the Undersheriff. During the meeting Sheriff VALDEZ said his office had not participated in the 1033 program since the Commissioners asked them to stop participating in the program. STARR told Sheriff VALDEZ that he had an agreement dated 2016 or 2017 indicating the sheriff's office was participating in the program. STARR said either he or Commissioner WADLEY asked Sheriff VALDEZ about one of the items that concerned them. They asked Sheriff VALDEZ why the sheriff's office needed woodworking equipment (\$15,000) obtained from the 1033 program. Sheriff VALDEZ said the equipment was used to construct targets or other related items for the gun range. Sheriff VALDEZ also told STARR that deputies from the sheriff's office had gone to the deputy's house (name unknown), retrieved the equipment, and returned the equipment to the sheriff's office. STARR said he became very concerned at that point that no one had advised the sheriff, "he's got some rights, we're just assuming he knows them at that point." STARR said there was another event that "fueled his concerns". STARR said he was driving home from Denver and was coming over Wolf Creek Pass. He said he saw Deputy RICH RICHMOND driving an Archuleta County Sheriff's vehicle, pulling a trailer that had "tons" of 1033 type property. STARR followed RICHMOND into Pagosa Springs. RICHMOND took the trailer load of equipment to his house instead of taking the equipment to a county facility. STARR said this happened a few years ago, was late at night, and admitted RICHMOND could have taken the equipment to a county facility the next day. STARR said this was another thing that didn't pass his "smell test". STARR said RICHMOND is no longer employed at the sheriff's office and was one of the people who were most involved in the 1033 program.

STARR was asked if the issue was that he and other county officials (Commissioners and WALTON) knew or believed 1033 items were stolen and sold or was the issue he and the other county officials didn't know where the 1033 items were located. STARR said, "It's mostly we don't know where it's at and then we get this little Facebook photo where they are selling something that seems to match the description of 1033 property, so then the concern becomes, are they selling it, and even if not, it's county property. It's not on county premises that we can see, so somebody is using county property for personal use. Now to some extent we all do now and again and I get that." STARR said he always tells his clients there is the legal reality and

the practical reality, "but when you start talking about 2.4 million dollars' worth of property."

When asked what his or the County Commissioners expectations of CBI is, STARR said, "the greatest thing in the world from the County's stand point is if somebody from CBI showed up with a check list and said Sheriff where's this, Sheriff where's this." STARR was told CBI's purpose was to determine if a crime had been committed; not to inventory the 1033 items. STARR believed if CBI inventoried the 1033 items we would conclude a crime had been committed. STARR believed most of the items on the 1033 list will not be found.

When told that since the Sheriff's Office has been involved in the 1033 program (2009) many of the items on the Sheriff's 1033 inventory list are uniforms, boots, underwear, STARR said, "We don't care about the boots". Regarding CBI not likely conducting such an audit of the 1033 items, STARR said, "I don't know where right falls in all of this but there's also a \$20,000 helicopter maintenance kit and we have no helicopter".

When discussing the authority of the Sheriff, County Commissioners, county policies, and the assignment of 1033 items specifically to the Sheriff's Office, STARR said, "wait a minute though, the Sheriff's Office is still part of Archuleta County, he may be a separate elected official but it is still public property, if the Sheriff, if the Sheriff acquires property, you know, if the Sheriff acquires 500 hats for \$10,000 and he sells 300 of them for \$5.000 that money by statute is county money and that, then if that money is not paid into the county

that's a crime". STARR said, "We (referring to himself and the County Commissioners) believe they have probable cause to believe that county property has been misappropriated. The reason we believe that is because there is such a high volume of property that, and maybe it goes down to this, we, the County Commissioner and Administration believe that county property is to be stored and maintained at the county and that if you take public property to your residence or you are using it for persona use which, as the Sheriff seems to have committed at that last meeting, that that's the crime. And so when we look in our, when we go through our zircon containers, and when we go look at our road and bridge, and we go look at the Sheriff's facilities, and we don't see these items, we go, looks like to us a crimes been committed, but we don't want to say, we, we don't know, and I think there's also a part of it that is, uh, I might characterize it as defensive on the part of the Commissioners and that is, you know what, if this blows up with the Denver Post comes and says where's this 2.4 million dollars property. We want to be able to say we told CBI it didn't look right.'

Regarding the question of theft, STARR said, "We don't know but we see a ton of smoke, we being Administrations staff, and that includes, that includes LARRY WALTON having asked on multiple occasions for the itemizations, for the list, Sheriff what are you getting under this. What have you gotten from the 1033 program, and being stonewalled at every step of the way. So you put that together, you put together this little ad thing for, how cares, who cares about a backpack, but are they selling other stuff."

STARR said in his twenty years of working in county government as county attorney or county administrator he has never come across a worse administrator than "RICH VALDEZ" (Sheriff VALDEZ). STARR said the problem with the 1033 program could be negligence and poor management on the part of Sheriff VALDEZ. STARR said Sheriff VALDEZ is a good person, does not have a "criminal mind", is not a "criminal hearted guy", is a popular Sheriff, and cares about the community. STARR believed Sheriff VALDEZ is not paying any attention to the 1033 program. STARR believed sheriff personnel are selling the 1033 items not realizing the items are county

STARR strongly suggested that I interview LARRY WALTON, county finance director and TONYA HAM-

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ILTON, former undersheriff for Archuleta County.

STARR has not nor was he aware that the County Commissioners or anyone from the County Commissioners staff, asked SheriffVALDEZ to investigate the possibility that 1033 items had been stolen. STARR said it was the consensus of the County Commissioners that the Sheriff not be asked to investigate the matter. They believed the matter had to be investigated by another agency.

STARR believed 1033 items, other than the restricted military property, after one year becomes county property and should be reported to the county finance director as county

The interview was concluded at

Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton interview

SYNOPSIS: On February 25, 2019, I interviewed LARRY WALTON at the Archuleta County Offices, 398 Lewis Street in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. ACTION TAKEN:

On Monday, February 25, 2019, at 10:23 AM, I interviewed LARRYWALTON, Archuleta County Financial Director, in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The interview was conducted in the County Administrator's Office located at 398 Lewis Street in Pagosa Springs. The interview was recorded and the recording is attached to this report

WALTON said he initiated the issue concerning the Archuleta County Sheriff's "1033 program". WALTON was asked to provide an overview of how the 1033 program became an issue and the following information was provided.

During the middle of 2017, WALTON was trying to "wrap up" the 2016 audit. WALTON began seeking paperwork on 1033 items and was having trouble getting the paperwork from the Archuleta County Sheriff's office and became frustrated. On July 2017, SUSAN GOEBEL-CANNING, Archuleta County Road & Bridge Director, wrote a memo to WALTON wanting to transfer a "1033 truck" to road & bridge. WALTON responded, "They have a water truck, I don't believe they have a water truck."

As a result of the July 2017 email from GOEBEL-CANNING, WALTON started seeking paperwork from the sheriff's office about the truck. Sheriff VALDEZ emailed WALTON on June 29, 2017, saying the sheriff's office would get the documentation for the water truck. According to WALTON, Sheriff VALDEZ asked MIKE LE ROUX, who to WALTON'S knowledge had not been involved in the 1033 program. LE ROUX emailed WALTON saving he would get the paperwork regarding the truck but later wrote WALTON saying they couldn't find the paperwork. LE ROUX told WALTON he believed fleet (Archuleta County Fleet) would have the paperwork on the truck and Sheriff VAL-DEZ also believed the paperwork for the truck was at fleet. WALTON sent an email to Sheriff VALDEZ saying he (WALTON) believed the Sheriff is the point of contact for the program and should have the paperwork for

A few days later LE ROUX contacted the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS) to obtain the paperwork for the truck. CDPS forwarded LE ROUX a complete list of all 1033 items given to the sheriff's office. LE ROUX forwarded the list to WALTON. At that point WALTON realized he was no longer searching for a particular item but a "massive" amount of stuff that hadn't been reported to his office. WALTON began thinking "pretty hard" about how to account for the items in their records and what portion of the 1033 items might be reported and what would not be reported. He said, "My suspicions were no longer a paperwork issue.'

Along with the paperwork, WAL-TON received an agreement between the sheriff and the state from LE ROUX. According to WALTON, in Archuleta County Policies, "only the **Board of County Commissioners** can execute an intergovernmental agreement or grant agreements and this particular agreement would have been classified as one or both of those. And was not reported to us and involved a large amount of stuff that had not been reported to us, so at this point, I suspect there might be some form of fraud so I reported that to BENTLY HENDERSON, County Administration".

In addition, WALTON frequently had conversations with the county auditors and "they frequently" asked if he suspected any fraud, and he reported the 1033 issue to the auditors. WALTON then considered ways to clear up the matter. To clear up

the matter would mean a complete audit of all county assets but he realized that was "easier said than done". WALTON gave examples of having to pull equipment from road & bridge and the sheriff's office; "things would be out of service, it would be a huge deal so they hadn't had that type of asset accountability in a long time."

WALTON said other than talking to the county administrator and auditors he was being quiet about the 1033 issue, not wanting to arouse suspicion. WALTON said part of his job is suspecting fraud when there are irregularities and most cases result in a misunderstanding or poor performance.

Given the issue concerned the sheriff's office and it was during an election cycle, WALTON "wanted to be careful", but while cleaning up the books, a female who works in "capital assets" reminded WALTON of the MOA (method of acquisition) code and by using the MOA code it was easy to run a query to determine which items had been received by the county as a "gift" rather than a county purchase. WALTON asked for a list showing what items had been "gifted" to the county and that list showed items totaling \$175,000 which was the amount WALTON expected. At that point it became clear to WALTON that a "massive amount" of material had been received through the 1033 program and not reported to the county. WALTON said the county had a lot of places to store stuff but the 1033 items were not in those storage areas. WALTON said, "Seemed like there was too much stuff to be missing or to be sitting on county property."

WALTON reported to the county administrator that the discrepancy appeared to be \$2.6 million. WAL-TON suggested someone look into the problem rather than just doing an "asset count" by his office. On April 30, 2018, WALTON prepared a memo expressing his concerns about the 1033 items that were unaccounted for and the memorandum/ information was presented to the board of county commissioners on May 1, 2018. The information was shared with the commissioners in an executive session, (closed session) and they directed the county attorney (TODD STARR) to investigate who the appropriate investigative agency would be. During this meeting WALTON was told by the county attorney and the county administrator that in 2014 the 1033 program had been an issue as well.

Regarding the 2014 1033 issue, WALTON said there had been a disagreement between SheriffVALDEZ and County Attorney TODD STARR. STARR had some "stuff" locked up that he thought was related to the 1033 program and had questions related to the items. The sheriff removed the items. STARR talked to the sheriff, undersheriff, and another employee who was involved in opening up the container containing the items STARR considered evidence. STARR believed Sheriff VALDEZ lied to him about the items. STARR reported this incident to Agent BROWN of CBI in December 2014. WALTON said when he learned of the 2014 incident he was a little annoyed because he became the finance director in May of 2014 and had not been informed about the incident. WALTON said he was a new employee at the time and may not have been informed because STARR may not have known if he was "involved in any of the wrong doing"

WALTON was told that following the 2014 1033 incident the commissioners told Sheriff VALDEZ not to participate in the 1033 program anymore.

Regarding the 2018 incident, STARR contacted the FBI and was directed by the FBI to contact the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General. WALTON said "we" supplied material to the DOD and eventually heard from the DOD that they were only interested in certain 1033 items and the items of their concern were accounted for and "they didn't care what happened to the rest of the stuff" based on how the program works. WALTON said he was not impressed with the DOD's handling of the issue. When to DOD removed their agency from the investigation, STARR contacted the DA in Durango and requested CBI investigate the allegation.

WALTON said he broke down the list of 1033 items provided to the sheriff office. One category is "fixed assets" and those are items that cost more than \$5000 and last longer than a year. WALTON calculated there was \$1.8 million of fixed assets. He said there was an additional \$1 million of items that would not be considered "fixed assets" and should've been "booked by the county".

ooked by the county". WALTON said LEE ANN MARTIN, an employee in WALTON's finance department, was browsing Craigslist "at some point and time". MARTIN was aware of the 1033 issue and while searching Craigslist found a large military tent for sale. The tent listed was a 16X16 tent and MARTIN recognized the seller's name as being the wife of BRANDON BISHOP, former sheriff's deputy and the newly elected Archuleta County Coroner. She did a screen capture of the item on Craigslist. After obtaining the information, WALTON reported the information to STARR. WALTON pointed out that there are tents listed on the sheriff's 1033 list and he believed the tent listed on Craigslist could be one of the 1033 tents. WALTON wrote a report related to MARTIN's findings on Craigslist and the report is attached to this report.

MICHELLE CLARK, another employee in the finance department, also found a military item for sale. CLARK reportedly has been to BISHOP's house and witnessed military items in his home. WALTON wrote a report related to CLARK's information and the report is attached to this report.

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WALTON said the comments from CLARK "colored" how he looked at the other information. WALTON said he wanted to believe the sheriff's office was just careless, not good at doing paper work, and all the 1033 items were present but not accurately accounted for. WALTON now believed there is reason to believe some of the 1033 items were "handed out and some of the items sold".

WALTON has had previous conversations with the sheriff about needing to "see all the contracts and all the agreements, we need to get approved by the County Commissioners, we need to get the paperwork on the stuff that is very serious stuff in some cases." WALTON said when he saw the 1033 agreement between the sheriff and the state; the agreement required the sheriff to keep inventory and records of the items received.

WALTON did a computer research of the state's 1033 program and noted that the state compliance office conducted a compliance review of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. In their review, "they theoretically have come down and sat down with the sheriff or someone in the sheriff's department and they had had one of those that presumably had gone okay, and I can't see how that could have gone okay unless the sheriff's department presented to that person immediately a list of what they had and an accounting for the materials that they possessed."

WALTON provided a form (dated April 9, 2018) related to the 1033 program, saying he didn't know the purpose of the form; however, the form listed the names of the person(s) the sheriff had put in charge of the 1033 program. (The form WALTON was referring to was the Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) application required by CDPS for a LEA to participate in the 1033 program). WALTON said MIKE LE ROUX is the person the sheriff has designated as the "point person" for the 1033 program; however, LE ROUX's name is not on the LEA application. WALTON acknowledged that LE ROUX might have been on a previous LEA application, "but at the time the sheriff was telling me, oh we don't seem to have this over at the sheriff's department but we'll get it for you or whatever, about that one vehicle. The next thing I knew in the email string, the person he was designating that to, is the guy named MIKE LE ROUX. MIKE LE ROUX doesn't work in the same, did not at that time, work in the same location as the sheriff. I've never heard him as being involved in that program other than a downstream recipient of some 1033 material. He, himself didn't seem to have the relevant information on hand and quite frankly I was, and still am, suspicious that he designated MIKE LE ROUX as the contact person almost because he was not in a position to talk too candidly about all this stuff that was received. Seems to me that it's likely that if we had all this, all of these particular forms, I would be surprised if MIKE LE ROUX's name ever appeared on any of them. And, so I almost, I'm telling you that I can't prove it but I'm suspicious that he handed it off to somebody who is not in a position to provide me with embarrassing information.'

WALTON suspects Sheriff VAL-DEZ is hiding the 1033 program from the finance department and the County Commissioners, "the depth and breadth of it in order to do with these materials what he pleased without interference from the county, you might say."

When WALTON was asked if he

and any information, other than the two documents provided by MICHELLE CLARK and LEE ANN MARTIN, that the sheriff or sheriff's employees were stealing 1033 property, he said, "I do not, no, not at all. All I've really got is, you know, over a number of years, uh, there is close to a million dollars of things that are not assets and \$1.6 million that are that have not been accounted for by the sheriff. The sheriff is currently maintaining that the list that the state sent us is the accounting of the material, as if to say, what he did with it when he got it is of no concern." WALTON said the sheriff was quoted in the paper and also said in a meeting that he was going to get "this stuff."

WALTON said the former undersheriff, TONYA HAMILTON left on "bad terms" with the sheriff and she may have information about the sheriff.

When asked why the issue of suspicion of theft was not brought to the sheriff's attention, WALTON said it was because the sheriff was suspected in the theft.

When WALTON was asked what he expected from CBI's investigation, WALTON said when he looked at the 1033 list with so much stuff on it, "I believe that I've been lied to about value, you know, items of very significant value that you and I and all the tax payers have paid for. I think someone has purposely, meaning the sheriff's department, has purposely circumvented the internal controls of the county in order to make their own decisions on the disposition of the material. Even at this point and time, I still don't have a list prepared by the sheriff's department that shows me what became of any of this material, just that they are going to get and so on. And I have no doubt they'll come back, probably some fixed assets will reappear, not all of them. Probably some assets they've given to other entities like the fire department or town or something like that, but not all of them. I think there will be items of significant value, cumulative and individually that has simply vanished in their inappropriate care because they have circumvented the internal control of the county."

When asked about the unknown 1033 items, WALTON said he didn't know what the specific items would be. He said there are some very expensive items on the asset list and he doubts the sheriff's office will account for all the items. He said the sheriff's office has said they can account for all the items. WALTON referenced a comment SheriffVALDEZ made about a carpentry set during a meeting with STARR and the County Commissioners. When STARR asked Sheriff VALDEZ about the carpentry tools, Sheriff VALDEZ said the tools were at someone's house and they could get the tools. WALTON said these 1033 items should not be at someone's house for personal use.

WALTON doesn't believe the Sheriff can account for the "smaller items" and if so it will be an extremely limited accounting. WAL-TON believed many of the smaller items have been given away or have been stolen. WALTON said, "I am outraged that the branch of government that is supposed to enforce laws, who routinely pick people up for stealing, and things of that nature, would consider themselves in a category where they could effectively do the same thing, take property that doesn't belong to them and use it for their own purpose without any accountability whatsoever. So I am very much hoping that someone gets, that somehow, even if it's on these small items that we have here, my ideal hope would be that in fact this tent, I suspect is actually, even though it is theoretically a possibility, it would be a remarkable coincidence, it's highly likely that was a 1033 tent, that he was selling it for his own enrichment. That it wasn't his to have it's highly likely he knew that and many members of the sheriff's department, though hardly all would know that. I think something small should be used to basically cut a deal with him to provide additional helpful information to find out what happened to larger items and someone should get prosecuted and held accountable. And I believe that will be extremely important for this county's future because we have trust issues with the general public and if they, if they end up thinking they can do just whatever they want they're never going to give us enough money to rebuild our infrastructure. There are already huge trust issues between the county and the general public that's being served here. So, I see this as potentially having a damning effect on our, I'm sure it's already had a big effect on the sheriff's department but if the matter was

dropped it would have a damning

effect for the long term health of the county in my personal opinion."

WALTON believed the sheriff's office needs a "paradigm shift" because they are too easy on themselves. WALTON said if he was picked for jury duty he would not trust what was being said by sheriff's deputies. He said if it depended on the testimony of the sheriff's office he would support the defendant because he does not trust the sheriff's office.

WALTON said TODD STARR believed the sheriff has broken the law in the disposition of the 1033 property. When asked to explain, WALTON said, "If he, (sheriff) if he chooses to give it, give county property to one of his employees then he (STARR) believes, and uh, not, just basically give it to them to sell, that they've committed a crime."

WALTON believed Sheriff VAL-DEZ has committed fraud. When asked to explain, WALTON said when he asked the sheriff for documentation on the 1033 program, the sheriff lied to him and that should be considered fraud.

At the conclusion of the interview WALTON provided me with a memorandum he prepared on February 2, 2019 and sent to RANDY L. WATKINS, two (1) page ledger sheets, and ledger sheets related to the CDPS 1033 program. These documents are attached to this report.

The interview was concluded at 12:01PM

Archuleta County Commissioner Steve Wadley interview

SYNOPSIS: On February 25, 2019, I interviewed Archuleta County Commissioner STEVE WADLEY at the Archuleta County Offices, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado

ACTION TAKEN:

On February 25, 2019, at approximately 12:02 PM, I interviewed Archuleta County Commissioner STEVE WADLEY at the Archuleta County Offices, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

WADLEY retired from the Albuquerque Police Department as a captain in 2000 and moved to Pagosa Springs, Colorado. WADLEY is currently serving his last term as Archuleta County Commissioner (term limited).

WADLEY wanted to express his concerns with the Archuleta County Sheriff's 1033 program. He is concerned that many items were being acquired through the program. According to WADLEY, the county is "on the hook essentially" for the property. He said the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) are responsible for finances for the whole county and they directed the sheriff to only obtain items "we" (BCC) have agreed to take, "because we wanted to clamp down on it because we felt like they were just running up there and loading their trucks up and we didn't know what happened to the property or anything else.'

WADLEY appreciated the fact that CBI has no interest in Archuleta County's internal controls but said, 'We finally got a report, inadvertently I believe, that showed over \$2.0 million worth of property and I saw many items on the list that didn't have a law enforcement function." WADLEY gave examples as aircraft repair kits and woodworking kits in the \$30,000 range. WADLEY realized the government figures are inflated, "the government way over paid for whatever it was, but still there were a lot of items and equipment and a water truck that we had no knowl-

edge of, big ticket items". According to WADLEY, about ten years ago Archuleta County was almost bankrupt and there was \$3.0 million missing. No explanation of where the money went was ever given and the money was never found. WADLEY said Archuleta County Citizens were not very trusting of the BCC. WADLEY explained, "So this is why we are very hands on and want to keep our hands clean and that is why we're, referred this matter, have somebody look into it, tell us yes or no and then we move on and take whatever internal action we take."

WADLEY said the federal government had no interest in this (1033 program) so "We contacted the DA again we are just trying to keep our hands clean."

WADLEY said he hoped there is nothing wrong but he was suspicious in light of the "big ticket item for sale on a Pagosa Garage Sale site that looks to be sold by spouse of sheriff's deputy".

WADLEY understood CBI's role in the investigation and expressed his concern for maintaining the public integrity of the BCC and the sheriff.

WADLEY said the sheriff is a "nice guy" and he doesn't believe the sheriff has done anything wrong other than he may have gotten too lax with internal issues. WADLEY doesn't believe the sheriff has a "stockpile of this stuff at home" but he believes other sheriff's employees may have 1033 items. WADLEY was not able to name any specific employees. WADLEY said there was too much stuff there to fit in any county location.

According to WADLEY, newly elected county coroner, BRANDON BISHOP recently told him he had a truck load of 1033 items at his house. When WADLEY asked BISHOP why he didn't take the items back to the sheriff's office, BISHOP said he couldn't take the items back because he didn't have a truck. WADLEY said BISHOP is now an elected official and "we can't even fire him."

WADLEY said the newly elected county commissioner, ALAN SCHAAF, was a sergeant and undersheriff at the sheriff's office and should have knowledge of how the 1033 program worked at the sheriff's office

WADLEY said when he looked at the 1033 property list it was "mind boggling", referring to the amount of items on the list.

WADLEY "hoped" nothing comes of the investigation. He said he would be relieved if everything was accounted for. "We don't have an agenda as far as trying to hang somebody out, our hope is that everything is on the square, but it's a big enough ticket and given the fact that something was being sold it gave us great concern that there may be a criminal violation. That's why we referred it out and we had to notify our auditors, cause you know, we've got to sign a thing that we have no knowledge of fraud and at this point we have suspicion of fraud, so we had to report to our auditors."

The interview with WADLEY was concluded at 12:29 PM.

Archuleta County Sheriff Richard Valdez interview

SYNOPSIS: On February 25, 2019, I interviewed Sheriff RICHARD VAL-DEZ at the Archuleta County Sheriff s Office.

ACTION TAKEN:

On Monday, February 25, 2019, at 1:39 PM, I interviewed Sheriff RICH-ARD VALDEZ, hereafter referred to as VALDEZ, at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. VALDEZ was advised that CBI was conducting a criminal investigation and he did not have to participate in the interview or answer questions. He was also advised an allegation of theft or misuse of items related to the 1033 program had been made; however at this time he was not considered a suspect. VALDEZ agreed to be interviewed wanted the issue resolved, and said if someone did something illegal his office needed to know. The interview was recorded and the recorded interview is attached to this report. For complete content of the interview refer to the recording.

VALDEZ was appointed to Sheriff of Archuleta County in October 2014 and was elected as the Archuleta County Sheriff in November 2014.

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office 1033 program started in 2009 under former Archuleta County Sheriff PETE GONZALEZ.

VALDEZ provided the following information related to the 1033 program. The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office assigned a coordinator to manage the 1033 program. The assigned coordinator was responsible for managing the items received from the 1033 program. There are different levels (Demilitarization or DMIL Codes) associated with the items in the 1033 program and many of the items obtained were items where the retention time frame for the sheriff's office was one year. (Note: the one year time frame is a time frame set by the Department of Defense (DOD) and regulated by the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS) whereby certain DMIL items are no longer inventoried by the CDPS Compliance Unit and become property of the law enforcement office, in this case the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office.)

Some items obtained through the 1033 program have to be retained and inventoried as long as the sheriff's office maintains possession of the items. (DMIL items with a DMIL Code of "D", for example, are items on loan to law enforcement but remain the property of DOD.) VALDEZ decided not to get any more Code D items. RICHARD RICHMOND was the coordinator of the 1033 program under former Archuleta County Sheriff PETE GONZALEZ and also under VALDEZ. After obtaining 1033 items, RICHMOND distributed the items to sheriff's office staff. Sheriff's office staff were required to maintain the assigned equipment for the

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required year and after a year the items "fell off the list" (Referring to items no longer being inventoried by CDPS Compliance and considered property of the Sheriff's Office). The sheriff's office didn't have to manage the items any longer and the items were issued to the deputies. Sometimes items were managed by the sheriff's office for a year and then some items were given to the Town of Pagosa Springs, Pagosa Springs Fire Department, EMS, and the Archuleta County Road and Bridge Department.

Once the items "fell off the list" (items retained longer than 365 days) the items were considered sheriff's office property and distributed to be used by the deputies. The items were considered perishable items. Examples given of perishable items were, boots, jackets, and sleeping bags. VALDEZ gave an example of search and rescue using sleeping bags obtained from the 1033 program for rescues including deceased bodies. Following the rescue the sleeping bags were disposed of. Items that were valued over \$5000 were reported to the Archuleta County Finance Department. The reporting of such items may have been done by the county road and bridge department and not by the sheriff's office. VALDEZ gave an example where the sheriff's office, in 2016, obtained a semi-truck, trailer, and a dozer, "high dollar pieces of equipment". These items were obtained to fulfill the sheriff's office obligation of their Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for fighting grassland fires. Part of the agreement required the sheriff's office to provide a truck, a low-boy, a dozer, an operator, and two fire trucks. VALDEZ said these items were obtained from the 1033 program to offset the cost of road and bridge having to purchase the items. When the items were obtained they were assigned to road and bridge but managed by the sheriff's office's 1033 manager. When the year expired and the items were no longer maintained on CDPS' list, the items were permanently assigned to road and bridge.

VALDEZ explained that certain items: backpacks, boots, fatigues, first aid kits, trauma kits, tourniquets, and other related items were assigned not only to deputies but also to search and rescue personnel and the wildland fire group. VALDEZ explained most of these items are perishable items and are disposed of when they wear out.

When asked if all items issued to deputies were returned to the sheriff's office when a deputy left his agency, Sheriff VALDEZ said not all items are returned and admitted that his office could've done a better job in controlling those items. VALDEZ said the items issued to deputies are perishable items and have short time use. VALDEZ said his office does not want deputies returning many of the items such as boots, clothing, or other items that are worn or disposable. Items of value and have long term use are retained by the sheriff's office.

VALDEZ was not aware of anyone selling 1033 items online and first became aware of this issue during a recent meeting with the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). VALDEZ questioned the BOCC about who and when items were being sold but the BOCC would not provide him with the information.

About a year ago VALDEZ was told by a sheriff's volunteer that when RICH RICHMOND (in charge of the 1033 program under Sheriff GONZA-LEZ), resigned from the sheriff's office, RICHMOND sold some military items at a yard sale.

When asked if he thought the sheriff's office was required or obligated to provide the county finance department with information about all items obtained from the 1033 program, VALDEZ said he believed his office had fulfilled that obligation when items obtained were registered/licensed with the county fleet department; anything with long term value or meeting the \$5000 threshold. VALDEZ does not believe all items obtained from the 1033 program have to be reported to the county finance department. VALDEZ said, "We thought we were doing what we needed to do and meeting our requirement with them.'

In 2017, after RICHMOND resigned, MIKE LE ROUX was put in charge of the 1033 program. During the transitioning of a 1033 truck from the sheriff's office to road and bridge, questions from the finance department arose about the truck. LE ROUX provided the finance department a complete list of all items the sheriff's office had received from the 1033 program. After the finance

department received the 1033 list, (LARRY) WALTON, the County Finance Director became upset and angry with the sheriff's office because he wasn't aware of all of the items on the 1033 list.

Following the 2017 incident with the finance director, VALDEZ did not receive any further communication from WALTON and felt his office had provided the necessary information related to 1033 items. Also, following the 2017 incident, VALDEZ decided he was not going to obtain any additional large, expensive items from the 1033 program. The exception was two zircons that were obtained from the 1033 program at the request of the Pagosa Springs Fire Department.

VALDEZ was frustrated when he was recently told by the BOCC that eighteen months ago they had information leading the BOCC to believe items from the 1033 program were being sold on line yet the BOCC chose not to notify him (VALDEZ) of the information. VALDEZ did not understand why the BOCC waited a year and a half to come forward with the information about the 1033 items.

When asked if there was some internal politics creating the 1033 issue, VALDEZ said, "Yes" and provided the following information. "This is the same exact MO Mr. STARR did back in October (2018). So this is the third time now. So back in October, I had, uh, an employee file a complaint against me and my office. Their rights, I don't have any problem with that, you know, I can't fix something if its, you know, if I'm doing something wrong, tell me, we'll fix it. He is the county attorney, when that individual filed it with HR he took it from HR and ran with it. He never told me about it, he never told HR or followed up with them. He contacted an outside agency, uh, I've got the name of the agency, to conduct an investigation on me and my office. He contacted them, so, and then I get a call from his paralegal that reads a script to me that says I am compelled on this such date that I am to be, I'm being investigated by this such and such of an allegation of such and such against an employee in my office, you know, went on this little spiel, you know, I went, what the heck is this about. So after it was done I asked the paralegal, I said, well is Mr. STARR going to represent me on this, because he's the county attorney. And so, she said I don't know let me have him call you. So, he called later and said, no, I can't, I don't represent you. I like, what do you mean you don't represent me. He said, I don't represent you, he said, I only represent the county commissioners. So I said, okay. I go that's interesting cause if something were to happen in my jail you're not going to cover me He said, only if the county commissioners tell me to. I said, so then I can go hire my own attorney. He said, only if it's in your budget. So I said, well that's interesting, I said because this all stems from the flood in the jail. Because when the jail flooded, we were evacuated, that's why we are here, we're out our office, we're out of our offices, we had to evacuate that place in 2015, 2016, and 2017. And so I've been kind of a thorn per se because I'm putting my foot down, I'm not going to put my staff back in that environment. So he's taking offense to that, so him and I have somewhat had, uh, kind of head butting but I've been professional the best I, I still remain professional. So, anyway, so the argument between him and I was, because I asked him to conflict out because I knew that if I, because of the flood, and because of my circumstances with my staff, that at some point I was going to have to get council myself so that I could, if I were to ever have to go against the board of county commissioners because, uh, requesting space, housing, or if it came down, you know, you have to build a jail argument. So I knew that his primary responsibility at that point is the county commissioners. And so it's been a conflict between the elected officials, then yeah, you opt out and I get my council then we go on our way. But he took it as I didn't want him, and I didn't. So that

Regarding the HR complaint, VALDEZ hired his own attorney, however STARR refused to communicate with VALDEZ' attorney regarding the nature of the complaint or the outcome of the complaint. The complaint was settled in October of 2018; however, STARR refused to provide VALDEZ or VALDEZ' attorney with the findings of the investigation until STARR's last day as county attorney. VALDEZ said he received a letter from STARR in January 2019, showing he (VALDEZ) was cleared of the employee allegation.

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VALDEZ said although STARR resigned as Archuleta County Attorney in December 2018, he has still been retained by the BOCC to monitor the 1033 investigation.

VALDEZ believed the 1033 issues were raised because of the various issues involving the Archuleta County Jail. Because of flooding and other environmental issues, VALDEZ does not have a jail and the sheriff's office is currently located in an airport hangar at the Archuleta County Airport. Persons arrested are transported to Durango and housed in the La Plata County Detention Facility.

If CBI conducted an audit, VAL-DEZ was confident all of the 1033 items would be found, the exception being perishable items such as boots, first aid kits, clothing, etc.

VALDEZ said other than the sheriff's office, his office has provided 1033 items to the county road and bridge department, fire department, EMS, and the Town of Pagosa Springs. Additionally, every item, including 1033 items, sold by the sheriff's office, is sold through the county auction. Regarding 1033 items, VALDEZ said the only 1033 items he has in his possession is a trauma kit and the kit is kept in his vehicle.

When questioned why BRAN-DON BISHOP had a 1033 trailer and a generator at his residence, VALDEZ said BISHOP borrowed a trailer that had a generator on it. The generator was removed at BISHOP's house in order to use the trailer for hauling wood. BISHOP was not able to reload the generator because of its weight. BISHOP returned the trailer and the generator was later reloaded and returned to the sheriff's office. VALDEZ was not aware if BISHOP had any other 1033 items and said if he did they would be items issued to him by former 1033 program manager RICHMOND. VALDEZ said RICHMOND is currently living in

When asked how he thought the 1033 issue could be resolved, VALDEZ said CBI was welcome to inventory all the 1033 items. He required all of his staff to turn in all of their 1033 items currently in their possession and the items are stored in several locations at the airport and in the basement of the old sheriff's office. The staff were required to return all 1033 items in their possession because of the pending CBI investigation.

When asked what 1033 items a sheriff's employee would have if they resigned from the sheriff's office, VALDEZ identified backpacks, boots, medical equipment (like gauze), trauma kits, gloves, goggles, sleeping bags, old style parkas with furry hoods, and small tool kits.

VALDEZ said the aviation tool kit referred to by STARR and the BOCC is nothing more than a small tool kit and the kit is not a complete tool kit. VALDEZ said that is something WALTON (finance director) doesn't understand; some of the items obtained from the 1033 program are partial items. A tool kit may be missing one or several items when received. Additionally, some of the item names on the list are misleading. VALDEZ said the term "truck carryall" is actually a vehicle they obtained and used for undercover work.

Sheriff VALDEZ said the 1033 issue is very frustrating to him. He said if the BOCC thought there was a problem, a theft issue, then they should have informed him of their concerns so he could resolve the problem. The items obtained from the 1033 program are not items purchased by the county, they are items obtained by the sheriff's office, and the items not only benefit the sheriff's office but the county as well. VALDEZ feels like he was not given

the opportunity to resolve the problem. VALDEZ has the impression the BOCC believes there is a crime and believes he (VALDEZ) is involved.

According to VALDEZ, WALTON doesn't like the 1033 program because it causes him more work. Additionally, WALTON doesn't like how the program operates and believes all items received through the 1033 program must remain with the county. VALDEZ said they comply with all the CDPS Compliance Office requirements. VALDEZ said they run the program as they have always run the program. Additionally, CDPS Compliance Officers recently conducted an audit of the sheriff's 1033 program and they didn't have any concerns with the sheriff's program.

VALDEZ told me about a complaint a road and bridge employee filed with HR in 2014 and because of the complaint, STARR went to road and bridge, seized some 1033 tools and secured them in a storage facility. RICHMOND, who was in charge of the 1033 program at the time, learned of STARR's seizure of the tools and went and removed the tools. When STARR found out the tools had been removed he became upset and complained to Sheriff GONZALEZ about RICHMOND removing the tools.

Recently CHRISTOPHER STACEY, a maintenance man for Archuleta County, told VALDEZ that STARR had given him some 1033 items, including a backpack and a trailer. STACEY wanted to know if the sheriff wanted the items. STACEY was told to return the items. VALDEZ did not know how STARR obtained the 1033 items and questioned why he would give the items to a county employee and then accuse the sheriff of giving/selling 1033 items.

When asked how the news media learned of the CBI investigation, VALDEZ didn't know but said former county commissioner, MICHAEL WHITING, told a sheriff's employee in December 2018 to "get ready for the first of the year, it's going to get interesting." WHITING also told a friend of VALDEZ, "Have you read the paper, just getting started or just the beginning."

VALDEZ said he had a letter that former Undersheriff TONYA HAM-ILTON sent to CDPS to clarify what happens to 1033 items when they "fall off the list" (reach the 365 day rule set by DOD and CDPS). HAM-ILTON was told that the items off the list become the property of the sheriff's office.

The interview was concluded at 3:12 PM.

Following the interview, VALDEZ took me to several locations around his office at the airport and showed me where 1033 items were being stored. We also went to the basement of the old sheriff's office and viewed items stored in the basement of the building. Photographs were taken of the items and the photographs are attached to this report.

Archuleta County Finance Department employee Lee Ann Martin interview

SYNOPSIS: On February 28, 2019, Agent ROSA PEREZ and I interviewed LEE ANN MARTIN at the Archuleta County Administration Office in Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

ACTION TAKEN:

On Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 9:56 AM, Agent ROSA PEREZ and I interviewed LEE ANN MARTIN. The interview was conducted at the Archuleta County Administration Office located at 398 Lewis Street in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The interview was recorded and the recorded interview is attached to this report.

MARTIN started working as an accountant for the Archuleta County Finance Department in October 2012 and part of her duties is booking all county assets. Since working for the county she has always had some knowledge of the 1033 items because of information she has received from the county fleet department.

Sometime in August 2018, MAR-TIN was browsing Craigslist for sale items and noticed a military tent listed for sale in Pagosa Springs. She opened the advertisement and took a screenshot of the ad and the seller. The ad listed the first name and phone number for the seller and MARTIN realized the name of the seller was ASHUA, the wife on the Archuleta County Coroner, BRAN-DON BISHOP. BISHOP was formerly a patrol sergeant for the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. MARTIN did not recall how much the tent was listed for. Other than seeing the item on Craigslist, MARTIN did not go to BISHOP's house to actually see the item and she does not know if the tent she saw on Craigslist was a tent obtained through the 1033 program. She said she wouldn't know the difference between a 1033 military item and a similar item purchased from a military surplus outlet store.

When asked how and why the information she saw on Craigslist was reported to the Archuleta County Finance Director, LARRY WALTON, MARTIN said she initially forgot about the information but brought the information to WALTON's attention because she knew there were tents on the 1033 list. MARTIN believed she brought the information about the tent to WALTON's attention sometime in 2018.

When asked when she became aware of issues related to the 1033 items, MARTIN said she has been aware of 1033 items related to the county fleet but she was never aware of all of the 1033 items.

MARTIN said during budget meetings with the sheriff and county commissioners (BOCC), the sheriff would inform the BOCC of various items he could obtain for the county through the 1033 program. MARTIN said she was aware the county extension office has a side by side (ATV) but her office has not received any information identifying the side by side.

When asked, in her capacity as the county accountant, if she was told or if she believed she should know about all the items received by the sheriff's office through the 1033 program, MARTIN said it is her understanding that if the county receives any kind of contribution, the contribution was supposed to be "booked" by her office.

When MARTIN began her employment with Archuleta County in 2012, she was not aware of any issue between the sheriff (PETE GONZA-LEZ) and the BOCC as it related to the 1033 program.

MARTIN said RICH RICHMOND, a deputy with the sheriff's office, was in charge of the 1033 program. RICHMOND left the sheriff's office in 2016 or 2017 and the 1033 program was transitioned over to someone else to oversee. "That is when there was more information exchanged and that's when we realized that there was a lot more on the list than what we were previously booking." According to MARTIN, MIKE LE ROUX was the person who replaced RICHMOND as manager of the 1033 program and it was LE ROUX who provided more information to the finance department about 1033 items. MARTIN believed she saw the 1033 list provided by LE ROUX in 2017. It was becauses he had seen the items on the 1033 list that alerted her when she saw the tent listed on Craigslist.

MARTIN was not aware of any sheriff's office employee selling 1033 items or other county property online or at yard sales.

When asked if she was aware of any theft or embezzlement by county employees related to the 1033 program, MARTIN said, "No, I mean I don't know. It's kinda one of those I don't know what they have versus what's on the list. I know the list is pretty long, but I don't know what they actually have."

When asked if she considered the 1033 issue theft because she didn't know what was on the 1033 list, MARTIN hesitated and said, "No, well I don't know. I mean if we don't know what they started out with versus what they have then we don't really know."

MARTIN gave one example of a violation she believed was committed by the sheriff's office. She said the sheriff's office obtained a bulldozer specifically for use by the county landfill. She considered this a violation because the bulldozer hadn't been used by the sheriff's office for the required 365 days. (Note: During the interview with SheriffVALDEZ on February 25, 2019, VALDEZ provided information about obtaining the bulldozer, a truck and trailer through the 1033 program to fulfill their AOP

agreement related to wildland fires.) When asked when the 1033 program became a theft issue, MARTIN said she knew there was "speculation that it's a theft issue." MARTIN then corrected herself and said maybe not a theft issue, "maybe a fraud issue, because they weren't being used for the purpose of that was specified in the agreement." MARTIN's definition of fraud is, "fraud issue being we're going to give you this item for X use, for this period of time and you're, instead of using it for X use, you're going to use it for this other use which isn't in compliance with the agreement." MARTIN again used the bulldozer as an example.

MARTIN also said it would be fraud if the sheriff's office obtained equipment from the 1033 program to remove snow from the driveway but instead used the equipment to patrol the back county.

MARTIN has had discussions with WALTON about the 1033 issue but she has not had discussions with

TODD STARR. MARTIN said STARR is no longer the county attorney but is still under contract with the county for certain things.

Regarding the side by side being used at the county extension office; when asked if there was any doubt the side by side was being used for county work or if anyone had talked to the sheriff or the extension office in order to resolve the issue, MARTIN said she had no doubt the side by side was being used for county work and she wasn't aware of anyone attempting to resolve the issue.

When asked if these issues "floating out there" were issues no one has tried to reconcile, MARTIN said "Correct". MARTIN wasn't aware of anyone asking for the paperwork related to the side by side. When asked if it was conceivable these issues could be reconciled if someone asked the involved departments, MARTIN said, "Yes". MARTIN wasn't aware of anyone contacting the sheriff to attempt to resolve these issues.

The interview was concluded at 10:36 AM.

When MARTIN provided the information about seeing a military tent for sale on Craigslist she provided the information to LARRY WALTON and WALTON prepared a memorandum summarizing MARTIN's information. WALTON's memorandum is attached to this report.

Archuleta County Finance Department employee Michelle Clark interview

SYNOPSIS: On February 28, 2019, Agent ROSA PEREZ and I interviewed MICHELLE CLARK at the Archuleta County Administration Office in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. ACTION TAKEN:

On February 28, 2019, Agent ROSA PEREZ and I interviewed MICHELLE CLARK at the Archuleta County Administration office located at 398 Lewis Street in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The interview was recorded and the recording is attached to this report.

CLARK has lived in Pagosa Springs for twenty-five years. She and her husband are firefighters with the Pagosa Springs Fire Department and she knows the law enforcement community. She became employed with Archuleta County in October of 2017 and works in the finance department in accounts payable and payroll.

CLARK said because of her involvement in the community she is aware that a lot of 1033 items have benefitted the community. CLARK's husband, a paid employee with the fire department, recently went with deputies of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office to pick up items for the fire department from the 1033 program. The items picked up were

taken to fire station #4. CLARK said she had conversations with a deputy, JOHN MARTIN, who is no longer with the sheriff's office, "when the program was hot and heavy" and the deputies told her the 1033 items issued to them had to be kept for two years. After two years, "when the sheriff's office was no longer liable for them, they could do whatever they wanted to do with them." CLARK explained, deputies were given a military backpack and told they had to maintain the backpack for two years, but after two years they could do whatever they wanted with the backpack.

CLARK was told by RICH RICH-MOND, the manager of the 1033 program, that the sheriff's office had to maintain control for the items for two years but after two years they could dispose of the items.

CLARK was asked about a backpack she saw listed for sale at a yard sale on Facebook. CLARK described the backpack as "one of these military backpacks that came through, that was given to the officers, and it was listed on the online yard sale by a prior employee's wife but I did see the one that was issued to JOHN MARTIN because it happened to be he came to dinner at my house within a day or two of when they were given to them so he still had it in his vehicle. He brought it in and was showing us how cool this was and whatever, so I knew what it looked like. So when it came through then it was like, oh, I know where that came from, I've seen that before." CLARK identified the seller of the backpack as BRANDON BISHOP, former sheriff's deputy, and the current Archuleta County Coroner. When she saw the backpack for sale she did not consider it a theft issue because she was aware backpacks had been issued to deputies and the required two year period had expired.

CLARK said the backpack being sold by BISHOP looked like the backpack JOHN MARTIN had shown her. CLARK could not remember

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when she saw the backpack for sale on Facebook.

Being a member of the fire department, CLARK is not issued any 1033 items.

During the years that CLARK has lived in Pagosa Springs she is not aware of sheriff's deputies selling 1033 items. The backpack being sold by BISHOP was identical to the backpack JOHN MARTIN had, but CLARK doesn't know for sure the backpack was a 1033 item. CLARK said when she saw the backpack being sold by BISHOP she made the assumption it was a 1033 item. She said it looked identical to the one she had seen. CLARK saw the backpack for sale prior to her employment with Archuleta County (October 2017) and she only told WALTON about seeing the backpack for sale when the 1033 items became an issue with the county. CLARK believed she had the conversation with WALTON about the backpack in September

CLARK said she was having a conversation with WALTON when the conversation about the 1033 program came up. CLARK told WALTON there had been a lot of 1033 items that have benefited the community and WALTON wanted to know what CLARK knew about the 1033 program. It was during this conversation CLARK told WALTON about the backpack being sold in a yard sale on Facebook. WALTON told her he would make a note about the backpack.

CLARK assumed the county has a concern about the 1033 program because of what she has read in the newspaper and CBI's investigation. CLARK said her understanding is there are a "whole lot of items that aren't accounted for in the financial area as far as within the books of the county.'

CLARK said what she knows about the current 1033 issue is what she recently read in the newspaper. Since reading the news article about the 1033 issue, CLARK has only spoken with WALTON who advised employees of the finance department, if asked by anyone about the issue, to say that CBI was conducting the investigation.

CLARK did not know who leaked the information about the 1033 issue to the news media and she has never had a discussion with TODD STARR about the 1033 program. CLARK said in her role in accounts payable, she has nothing to do with the 1033

CLARK said her conversations with JOHN MARTIN and RICH RICHMOND occurred before they both left the sheriff's office and she believed they both left in 2016. CLARK said MARTIN currently lives in Chromo, a small community

south of Pagosa Springs. The interview was concluded at 11:00AM.

Finance Director LARRYWALTON prepared a memorandum summarizing the conversation he had with CLARK about the backpack for sale. His memorandum indicates his conversation with CLARK was "sometime in early 2018" and the backpack for sale on the "Facebook on-line yard sale" occurred "about two years prior early 2016." WAL-TON's memorandum is attached to this report.

Former Archuleta County **Undersheriff Tonya** Hamilton interview

SYNOPSIS: On February 28, 2019, Agent ROSA PEREZ and I interviewed former Undersheriff TONYA HAMILTON in Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

ACTION TAKEN: On February 28, 2019, at 11:14 AM, Agent ROSA PEREZ and I interviewed former Archuleta County Undersheriff TONYA HAMILTON. The interview was conducted in River Pointe Coffee House, 445 San Juan Street in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The interview was recorded and the recording is attached to this report.

HAMILTON worked for the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for twenty-five years. She was appointed Undersheriff in October of 2014 and resigned from the sheriff's office in October 2018.

HAMILTON became aware of the 1033 issue recently because of an article about the 1033 program in the local newspaper and wasn't surprised to receive a call from CBI. She said once she read the news article she knew she would be hearing from someone. When asked what she thought of the 1033 allegation, HAMILTON replied, "My take, it's a bunch of bullshit. It's somebody trying to stir the pot."

HAMILTON said she never stole anything while working for the sheriff's office and was not aware of

anyone else stealing anything.

HAMILTON said when she became Undersheriff, RICH RICH-MOND was in charge of the 1033 program and he kept "meticulous" records on the 1033 items. RICH-MOND obtained needed equipment not only for the sheriff's office but for the county road and bridge department as well. RICHMOND assembled a "welcome package" for newly hired deputies that included a camouflage backpack, first aid kits, and other items deputies may need in the course of their work.

HAMILTON said most of the items obtained from the 1033 program were "DEMIL A" items and those items were only kept on inventory for a year. Examples of the DEMIL A items are perishable items such as backpacks, boots, first aid items, clothing, etc.

Any time large capital items were obtained, the sheriff's office always obtained approval from the county administration before acquiring the item. Capitol items included trucks, cars, or heavy equipment.

HAMILTON agreed that over a period of time items totaling \$2.2/2.6 million was probably obtained through the 1033 program but every piece of equipment was accounted for. HAMILTON believed the 1033 issue was created by LARRYWALTON, the county finance director.

HAMILTON wasn't aware of any 1033 issues when PETE GONZALEZ was sheriff. When HAMILTON became Undersheriff in 2014, RICH-MOND told her about the 1033 program and showed her the records he kept related to the 1033 program. HAMILTON said when RICHMOND retired, about two years ago, the 1033 program "kinda fizzled out" because they couldn't find anyone to run the program like RICHMOND. HAM-ILTON said RICHMOND received an award from the state for how he ran the 1033 program and the CDPS Compliance Unit wanted to use RICHMONDS' record keeping method as a model for other agencies to use. HAMILTON said ALICE HUYLER was the person at CDPS who ran the 1033 program at the time and the person RICHMOND communicated with.

HAMILTON said after "DEMIL A" items were issued to deputies by RICHMOND and the items went off inventory after 365 days, RICH-MOND told the deputies they could have the items. HAMILTON said the CDPS program director told RICH-MOND that CDPS didn't care what happened to the items once the item was no longer on the inventory list. When deputies resigned or left the department they were not required to return items to the sheriff's office.

HAMILTON said BENTLY HEN-DERSON, former county administrator, would be someone to talk to because the sheriff's office communicated more with HENDER-SON than WALTON. HAMILTON described WALTON as "not a people person, he's a numbers guy.

When HAMILTON left the sheriff's office in October 2018, she was not aware of a theft issue with the 1033 program. There was not an issue of theft, "not one clue." HAMILTON said after reading the news article her thought was, "This is LARRY WALTON trying to kick up dust." HAMILTON said the implication of shady things happening at the sheriff's office is "ridiculous". HAMILTON said whenever the county administration needed to know about 1033 items, they were notified. HAMILTON said the county administration didn't need to know about the number of boots, hats, first aid kits, etc., the sheriff's office obtained. HAMILTON said the perishable items were tracked internally by the sheriff's office.

HAMILTON was not aware of any personal or political issue between Sheriff VALDEZ and TODD STARR.

According to HAMILTON, the sheriff's office has saved the county over \$2.2 million dollars because of the heavy equipment they obtained through the 1033 program for the road and bridge department. HAM-ILTON said WALTON is alleging \$2.2 million dollars missing from the county because he doesn't have "a piece of paper in front of him that has every single item that we got listed on it but that's not how the program works, so I think part of the problem is LARRY just doesn't understand totally how the program works.

Maybe he doesn't think it's fair that the sheriff's department gets all this stuff, or has the ability to get this stuff". HAMILTON couldn't think of any reason the 1033 issue could be happening except for WALTON not liking the paperwork, doesn't like the 1033 program, or has something against the sheriff's office or

Before HAMILTON resigned

from the sheriff's office she filed a complaint against WALTON but added the 1033 issue seems to be directed more against the sheriff and not her. HAMILTON said there is no "wiggle room" in WALTON's world, everything is black and white. He is always right and he's the kind of guy who could sit in a room all day and look at numbers. HAMILTON said WALTON was very hard to work with. HAMILTON said the sheriff's office's need for a new jail created a lot of issues between her, VALDEZ and WALTON.

HAMILTON said MIKE LE ROUX took over the 1033 program when RICHMOND resigned and he never reported any concerns of theft or irregularities with the program. HAMILTON said LE ROUX was also a "type A" personality and ran the 1033 program accordingly.

When asked what she would do as the undersheriff if told a deputy sold a backpack at a yard sale online, HAMITON said she would not approve of that and would take action against that type of activity. HAMILTON said it was that type of activity the sheriff's office wanted to avoid. She said it was an unwritten rule that conduct was prohibited.

HAMILTON said most of the capital equipment, trucks, graders, etc., were obtained through the 1033 program for the benefit of other county departments such as road and bridge. If a department made a request, RICHMOND would see if the equipment was available. The equipment would be obtained and provided to the requesting department. All of the capital equipment was pre-approved by the county administration prior to the equipment being obtained.

The interview was concluded at 11:59 AM.

Archuleta County Commissioner Alvin Schaaf interview

SYNOPSIS: On February 28, 2019, Agent ROSA PEREZ and I interviewed Archuleta County Commissioner ALVIN SCHAAF.

ACTION TAKEN: On February 28, 2019, at 1:11 PM, Agent PEREZ and I interviewed Archuleta County Commissioner ALVIN SCHAAF at the Archuleta County Administration building located at 398 Lewis Street in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The interview was recorded and the recording is attached to this report.

SCHAAF was elected Archuleta County Commissioner in 2018, and took office in January 2019. Prior to becoming a county commissioner, SCHAAF was a deputy with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. SCHAAF began his employment with the sheriff's office in August 2007, and resigned in January 2019.

SCHAAF said the sheriff's office started the 1033 program around 2009 and has obtained a lot of items through the program. The sheriff's office has obtained trucks for the county road and bridge department and items such as backpacks, boots, clothing items, winter gear, etc., for use by deputies. SCHAAF was not aware of any theft by sheriff's employees.

When asked what recently brought about the 1033 issue, SCHAAF said in his personal opinion it was, "Overreach, lack of communication by one department to the other." SCHAAF didn't know anything about the counties' procurement policy until he became a commissioner and there is a lack of communication between the county administration and the sheriff's

SCHAAF was not aware, while employed at the sheriff's office, of anyone at the sheriff's office stealing 1033 items and he is not aware, since becoming a county commissioner, that there is or was a theft issue at the sheriff's office. SCHAAF said he is now aware of the other commissioners' concern but they (the commissioners) have no proof of theft.

SCHAAF said there is a lot of "stuff" the other two county commissioners (Commissioner STEVE WADLEY and Commissioner RON-NIE MAEZ) haven't shared with him (concerns about the 1033 program) and SCHAAF had a discussion with the other two commissioners about their not sharing information.

SCHAAF agreed the 1033 issue could be that the finance director (LARRYWALTON) is aware the sheriff's office is obtaining 1033 items from the military but doesn't know what items are being obtained or where the items are located. SCHAAF suggested to the other two commissioners that the finance director could have resolved the issue by simply calling the sheriff's office. The other two commissioners believe the finance director did his job by sending the sheriff an email to which the sheriff never replied.

SCHAAF believed WALTON, after not getting a reply from the sheriff, should have asked one of the commissioners to call and talk to the sheriff. SCHAAF said to his knowledge nothing has been stolen and he is disappointed the 1033 issue has gotten to this point.

SCHAAF did not know who leaked the information about the 1033 issue to the newspaper. SCHAAF believed the information was leaked to the newspaper by either former county attorney TODD STARR or former county commissioner, MICHAEL WHITING. SCHAAF said there have been bad relations between STARR, WHITING and VALDEZ ever since VALDEZ was elected sheriff. SCHAAF said the bad relations between STARR, WHITING, and VALDEZ center around the sheriff's refusal to move back into the old sheriff's office/jail. According to SCHAAF, STARR and WHITING felt VALDEZ was "holding them ransom" to get a new jail/sheriff's office.

SCHAAF said the issue with the old sheriff's office was an environmental issue. He and several other sheriffs' employees became sick because of the air quality in the building. SCHAAF was affected the most, spending eight days in ICU at the hospital. He said the commissioners claimed their sickness wasn't caused by the building; it was "emotionally based". Additionally, SCHAAF said the county refused to pay his hospital bill.

When asked if STARR was still employed by the county, SCHAAF said STARR has been retained by the county specifically for the 1033 investigation. SCHAAF was not in agreement with the commissioners' decision because STARR is no longer the county attorney and STARR initiated the 1033 investigation. SCHAAF considers that a conflict of interest.

The interview was concluded at 1:35 PM.

Archuleta County Sheriff **Deputy, Director of Emergency Operations** Mike Le Roux interview

SYNOPSIS: On February 28, 2019, Agent ROSA PEREZ and I interviewed MICHAEL LE ROUX. AC-TION TAKEN:

On Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 3:24 PM, Agent ROSA PEREZ and I interviewed MICHAEL LE ROUX in his office at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, located at 777 County Road 600 in Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

LE ROUX, in addition to being an Archuleta County Sheriff's Deputy, is the Emergency Manager/Director of **Emergency Operations for Archuleta**

LE ROUX, originally from South Africa, is a civil engineer and has spent time in Ireland and Australia prior to coming to the United States. LE ROUX is currently in the process of obtaining U.S. Citizenship.

From June or July 2017, to April 2018, LE ROUX was in charge of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office 1033 program. Sergeant MICHAEL SINDELAR was in charge of the 1033 program prior to LE ROUX running the program. Prior to taking over the 1033 program LE ROUX had to go through an extensive background process with the Department of Defense (DOD) before being appointed to run the 1033 program for the sheriff's office.

When LE ROUX took over the 1033 program he let the program "sit" because he wasn't looking for any items to procure from DOD. Shortly after taking over the 1033 program LE ROUX was involved in trying to transfer a 1033 vehicle from the sheriff's office to the county road and bridge department. This occurred in June/July of 2017. The sheriff's office had a 5 ton water truck they obtained from the 1033 program and wanted to transfer the water truck to the road and bridge department in exchange for ATV's to be used for search and rescue. During the transfer process LE ROUX became involved with Archuleta County Finance Director LARRY WALTON. There was an email string between WALTON, SUSAN GOEBEL-CANNING (Archuleta County Public Works Director), MICHAELTORRES (Archuleta County Fleet Dept.), Sheriff RICHARD VALDEZ, and others regarding the transfer of vehicles. Because of WALTON's need for documentation on the 1033 vehicle, LE ROUX requested a full inventory of equipment/items the sheriff's office had obtained from DOD from the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS). The information LE ROUX obtained from CDPS was provided to WALTON.

After providing the 1033 list to WALTON, LE ROUX received emails

from WALTON that he considered "slanderous" toward the 1033 program. WALTON's emails were also sent to Sheriff VALDEZ, the fleet manager, and the public works director. The email string occurred in July 2017. LE ROUX said he didn't take WALTON's negative comments about the 1033 program to be directed toward him. He took WALTON's comments to be directed negatively toward the overall 1033 program. LE ROUX said WALTON's email expressed WALTON's attitude toward the 1033 program. According to LE ROUX, WALTON believed it was a "breech" of the 1033 rules if 1033 items were stored in a location other than where he (WALTON) thought they should be stored and WALTON had his own definition of the "use" of 1033 items. LE ROUX used the 5 ton water truck as an example. The 5 ton water truck was kept at the road and bridge department instead of at the sheriff's office. LE ROUX said there wasn't room at the sheriff's office for the water truck so they kept it at the road and bridge department.

Other than the 1033 program issue, LE ROUX has always had a good working relationship with WALTON. LE ROUX has never been accused by WALTON or anyone else from the finance department of stealing items. LE ROUX was reasonably sure that WALTON, nor anyone else from the county administration, had contacted the sheriff to express concerns that 1033 items were being stolen.

LE ROUX said following the 2017 water truck issue he was not asked by anyone from the county administration to provide additional or further explanation of 1033 items. No one communicated suggested to him there was a theft issue. LE ROUX was not asked by anyone to show where items were located or asked tohelplocateitems. From July 2017, everything concerning the 1033 program was silent until the newspaper article was released in February 2019.

While LE ROUX was in charge of the 1033 program he felt like he was running the program correctly, following 1033 procedures, and assisting anyone having questions about 1033 items. While LE ROUX was managing the 1033 program he did not acquire any items from the program and was completely compliant with DOD and the CDPS Compliance Unit. LE ROUX said the sheriff's office has always been in compliance with CDPS and he believed the problem with the 1033 program is an internal problem, referring to the county administration.

LE ROUX said the issue of theft was first brought to his attention a week before the 1st newspaper article (February 2019). In February 2019, a week before the newspaper article, LE ROUX and SheriffVALDEZ met with the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) and were told that \$2.6 million dollars of 1033 items were missing. They were told the sheriff's office was unable to account for the items and the sheriff's office was in non-compliance with the 1033 program.

Following the meeting with the BOCC the sheriff's office began checking the items on the 1033 list. The CDPS Compliance Unit came to the sheriff's office in February 2019, and conducted a compliance check and all of the items the sheriff's office was required to maintain on inventory were accounted for.

When asked if there were internal political issues that created the 1033 issue, LE ROUX said the past eighteen months has been highly political because of issues involving the county jail and the sheriff's office being evacuated from its original office/jail on several occasions. He said former commissioner MICHAEL WHITING was not supportive of a new jail and the BOCC believed the sheriff could still occupy the old sheriff's facility. LE ROUX said he didn't have any proof or examples but he believed the 1033 issue is a "witch hunt" on the part of former commissioner WHITING and former county attorney TODD STARR.

LEROUX said he was personal friends with WHITING and met with WHITING at the end of 2018. During that meeting, WHITING told LE ROUX a couple of times, "Boy there's going to be a big scandal next year in the county". LE ROUX said WHIT-ING also approached his wife at a social gathering and said, "MIKE's job is just about to get a whole lot harder". LE ROUX said one of his friends was also told by WHITING there was going to be a scandal in January. LEROUX said knowing what he knows now and based on what WHITING told him in December (2018), he believed members of the county administration were putting together a plan for this investigation "for some time".

LE ROUX said WHITING was no longer a commissioner because of term limits. ALVIN SCHAAF, a former sheriff's deputy was elected to replace WHITING and took office in January 2019. According to LEROUX, the BOCC and the county administration did not inform SCHAAF of the investigation until February 2019.

LE ROUX believed it was WAL-TON raising the 1033 issue with former BOCC Chairman, MICHAEL WHITING, and former county attorney, TODD STARR that caused the CBI investigation. He said the \$2.6 million figure was arrived at by adding the dollar amount DOD assigned to items received by the sheriff's office and he recognized those dollar amounts were inflated government figures.

LEROUX was not aware of any sheriff's employee stealing 1033 items. LEROUX gave an example of how some of the disposable items, clothing, backpacks, and sleeping bags, are used and depending on their use, disposed of after their use.

LE ROUX acknowledged that Archuleta County is not a wealthy county. He said the acquisition of equipment from the 1033 program has not only benefited the sheriff's office but has benefited the county and citizens of the county as well. LE ROUX gave the example of the sheriff's office AOP (Annual Operational Plan). In order to acquire federal funds for wildland fires the county has to have an AOP and in order to fulfill the requirements of the AOP the sheriff's office has to have a dozer, operator, semi-truck, and a lowboy to haul the dozer. The equipment was obtained from the 1033 program; however, because the equipment is kept at the county road and bridge, WALTON claims the sheriff's office can't account for the equipment and the equipment being stored at the road and bridge facility is a violation of the 1033 program.

Prior to concluding the interview, LE ROUX said he would email me the documents he received from CDPS and which he forwarded to WALTON as well as his email string with WAL-TON related to the transfer of the 5 ton water truck. The CDPS documents and vehicle transfer email string are attached to this report. Interview was concluded at 4:08

Former Archuleta County **Sheriff Deputy Barry Adler** interview

SYNOPSIS: On Mach 4, 2019, BARRY ADLER, a former Archuleta County Sheriff Deputy, was interviewed by telephone.

ACTION TAKEN:

On Friday, March 1, 2019, at 9:50 AM, I received a voice message from BARRY ADLER. In the voice message ADLER said he was a former deputy with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, he knew CBI was in Archuleta County on the previous day (February 28, 2019) and he was told to call CBI.

On Monday, March 4, 2019, BAR-RY ADLER, was interviewed by telephone. The interview was recorded and because of reception issues there are two recorded portions to the telephone interview with ADLER. The two recordings are attached to this report.

ADLER worked for the Archuleta County Sheriff's office from March 2017 to May 2018 (Sheriff VALDEZ) administration). ADLER said he had some of the 1033 "stuff" in his garage and he was told he should

contact CBI. When asked who told him to contact CBI, ADLER said an Archuleta County employee. He said a county employee, not a sheriff's employee, gave him my CBI contact number.

ADLER said while he was a deputy with the sheriff's office he was given 1033 items, including a reflex scope for his AR rifle (ADLER said the AR was a personal rifle), and when terminated he returned the scope to Sergeant BRANDON BISHOP. ADLER said BISHOP was "apparently" known to sell 1033 items on eBay. ADLER said, "That's what was told to me." ADLER said, "Nobody trusts anybody here." ADLER said Deputy FLOYD CAPISTARNT was the person who told him that BISHOP sold 1033 items on EBay.

When asked again what county employee told him to contact CBI, ADLER said "FLORA", who works for the county commissioners (BOCC), told him to contact CBI and gave him my cell number. FLORA called ADLER and told him he should contact CBI. When ADLER was hired, FLORA worked in the HR department for the county.

ADLER said he left the sheriff's office because of issues. He briefly described an incident where deputies who were living with him responded

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to a burglary, arrested the suspect and in the process confiscated the suspect's bow and some broken arrows. The suspect's bow and arrows were left in ADLER's garage for "months". ADLER claimed he told the unidentified deputies to remove the items. The items were not removed, the deputies left the sheriff's office, and ADLER threw the bow and arrows away. The suspect was later released and wanted his bow and arrows returned. An internal investigation (IA) was initiated because of the bow and arrows and because ADLER was giving intoxicated females rides to their homes. As a result of the IA, ADLER was terminated.

ADLER provided the names of two former deputies CBI should interview: JAKE BEACH and RICH RICHMOND. ADLER said RICH-MOND ran the 1033 program "until he was forced to resign". ADLER said, "They forced him out before I got there.'

ADLER said he still has some 1033 items and was not asked to return the items when he left the sheriff's office. He said he had a scope but he returned the scope to the sheriff's office. The items ADLER still has in his possession include a big duffel bag, a tool kit, mittens, rifle magazines, and a backpack.

When asked if he was given the above listed items when he was a deputy or if he stole the items when he was a deputy, ADLER said he was issued the items.

ADLER said Sergeant MIKE SIN-DELAR has or had 1033 items in his garage, including a couple of welders. When notified of the 1033 investigation, Sheriff VALDEZ and the undersheriff, "went around and collected stuff from everybody that had 1033 items.'

ADLER didn't know if Sheriff VALDEZ was aware that deputies had 1033 items at their homes but thinks he was aware.

ADLER said when RICHMOND was in charge of the 1033 program RICHMOND had everything recorded and knew where everything

ADLER said Commissioner SCHAAF had some 1033 items but ADLER believed the 1033 items were issued to SCHAAF.

ADLER said when Sgt. SINDELAR issued him a scope for his AR rifle, SINDELAR told ADLER that he had two or three scopes and no one knew he had the scopes. He just took them and no one knew he had them in his possession. ADLER gave his scope to BISHOP. ADLER didn't know if BISHOP returned the scope to the sheriff's office or not. ADLER has the seriai number for the scope and will provide the serial number to CBI.

ADLER said RICHMOND will talk to CBI but CBI will have to call him. ADLER provided the number for JAKE BEACH and said BEACH can provide a contact number for RICHMOND. According to ADLER, BEACH is the only person RICH-MOND maintains contact with.

Prior to concluding the interview ADLER agreed to provide a report covering the information discussed during the phone interview. ADLER's summary report is attached to this

ADLER agreed to provide photographs of the 1033 items still in his possession. The photographs are attached to this report.

ADLER also provided a summary of the incident leading to his IA investigation and the results of the investigation. The summary report is attached to this report.

 $The \, phone \, interview \, with \, ADLER \,$ was concluded at approximately 10:10 AM.

Former Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Detective Sergeant Jacob Beach interview

SYNOPSIS: On March 5, 2019, I interviewed former Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Detective Sergeant JACOB WILLIS BEACH, by

telephone. ACTION TAKEN:

On March 5, 2019, at approximately 7:27 AM, I interviewed former Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Detective Sergeant JACOB WILLIS BEACH, by telephone. BEACH was employed with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office from April 2011 until April 2016. He was promoted from a deputy to detective sergeant and was a detective sergeant when he

In 2016, BEACH had issues with Sheriff VALDEZ and was given the option of resigning or being terminated, "They were going to terminate me for absolutely nothing, welcome to the sheriff's office".

When BEACH was asked why he was calling CBI, he said BARRY ADLER contacted him and said CBI

might want to talk to him about the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office 1033 program.

BEACH provided the following information. RICH RICHMOND was in charge of the 1033 program at the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office from 2012 to 2016. RICHMOND kept excellent records of the 1033 items and made sure 1033 items were stored properly. When RICH-MOND left, BEACH believes the 1033 program was administered by Deputy SINDELAR and then Deputy BRANDON BISHOP.

When asked if he knew or believed 1033 items were being stolen from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, BEACH said, "I don't necessarily know about stolen, I would definitely say not being used appropriately." BEACH gave an example, saying he was given a carpentry set because the sheriff had told RICH-MOND to throw the carpentry set away because it was taking up space. RICHMOND was loading the items to take to the dump. BEACH, because he was the firearms instructor, asked RICHMOND if he could have the items. BEACH said he could use the saws, etc., to build items related to firearms qualifications.

BEACH said he knew ALVIN SCHAAF (former deputy, now a newly elected Archuleta County Commissioner) got a generator and BRANDON BISHOP (former deputy, now the newly elected Archuleta County Coroner) got a welder.

BEACH said he was told by RICH-MOND that the 1033 items had to be used in a "professional capacity" for a year before the items could be transferred over to personal property. BEACH justified his having the carpentry tool because he built items to be used during firearms qualifications. BEACH said he was concerned how some of the equipment used/ stored at deputies' houses could be classified as a law enforcement purpose.

BEACH said he only knew what RICHMOND told him about how the 1033 program worked. BEACHsaid when RICHMOND was audited by the compliance unit, RICHMOND always passed the audits. BEACH said there were certain items that didn't "go off the list" and during each audit, those items had to be brought in to show they were still on the inventory. BEACH said RICH-MOND took pride in running the 1033 program and being able to get the sheriff's office good equipment. RICHMOND's purpose was not only to help the sheriff's office but to also be able to acquire a lot of equipment for the Archuleta County Road & BridgeDepartment. BEACH said RICHMOND was all about helping everyone because Archuleta County is a poor county.

BEACH again said he didn't want to say "stolen", but he believes some deputies got some 1033 items that they never intended to use in law enforcement and "probably hoped they could sell either online or you know, in pawn or something like that."

When asked who were or are the deputies that probably sold 1033 items, BEACH said BISHOP was a person who "Can't hardly walk down the street and find something on the road and he can turn around and sell things, you know, really easy." BEACH said he had no proof that BISHOP sold 1033 items and "Would never want to throw someone under the rug without having, you know, evidence." BEACH said he knew BISHOP was "big" on selling stuff he found on EBay.

BEACH said when he was with the sheriff's office and RICHMOND was running the 1033 program there weren't any missing items, or deputies selling anything. BEACH said he had 3 US Army backpacks and RICHMOND told him, "Keep this for a year, after a year you can do whatever you want with it, that was the rules of the 1033, so, you know, that's what most of us did. I mean. so my personal experience with this, is that there wasn't a lot of big ticket items that was disappearing because RICHMOND kept tabs on all of that stuff."

At the conclusion of the interview, BEACH again said he had no knowledge of anyone stealing or selling 1033 items and he only mentioned BISHOP's name because he knew BISHOP was actively selling various items on eBay.

The interview was concluded at 7:48 AM.

Ausha Bishop interview

SYNOPSIS: Interview with AU-SHA BISHOP.

ACTION TAKEN:

On March 27, 2019, at approximately 10:41 a.m., I interviewed AUSHA BISHOP at her place of employment located at 280 Bloss Place, Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

The interview with AUSHA BISHOP was recorded and the recording is attached to this report. AUSHA is the wife of BRANDON BISHOP, a former Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Sergeant and current Archuleta County Coroner. AUSHA provided the following information.

AUSHA's knowledge of the 1033 program is from her husband BRAN-DON being a sergeant at the sheriff's office. According to AUSHA, one of the deputies from the sheriff's office, "always went to Colorado Springs to get these 1033 things and these boys loved it. I mean it was tools and garbage. I mean a lot of trash stuff but they loved it, but that's really all I know about it.'

AUSHA didn't know how the 1033 items got issued to BRANDON or the other deputies. AUSHA said, "We had, uhm, a bunch of tools, uhm we also had a trailer that was registered in the county's name that stayed at our house, uhm and the county employees, when they needed it they would come and get it. And we also had a generator at our house and they have come and got that too when BRANDON became the coroner." AUSHA said the equipment was stored at their house located at 170 Evergreen Drive, Pagosa Springs, for the sheriff's office and, "We used it, I mean, BRANDON had the generator at our house in case the power ever went out but we never hooked it up. We never used it one time."

Regarding the tools BRANDON received, AUSHA said, "The tools, yeah, I mean, they were just crates of tools and they were in our shed and he would use them."

BRANDON was appointed Archuleta County Coroner in August of 2018 and then he was elected Archuleta County Coroner in November 2018. When BRANDON left his employment at the sheriff's office, BRANDON returned the trailer when he returned his sheriff's office patrol vehicle. According to AUSHA the tools are still at their residence but someone from the county came to get the generator. AUSHA doesn't know who from the county came to get the generator.

When asked what her understanding was of 1033 items being issued to employees, AUSHA said, "I think that most of it, you kept it for a year and then it fell off the list and they became yours. That's how we took it.'

When asked if she ever sold items in a Facebook online yard sale, AU-SHA responded, "I mean, I know that a bunch of people had done it at yard sales and even us selling em at yard sales, just, we got so many like surgical kits, uhm, boots, uhm, I mean this, we would get it in, he would get it in like boxes of stuff, I mean it was just, boots and coats and surgical kits, I mean, just stuff and we didn't need it after a year. I didn't want it, vou know. I don't want to store it. Get rid of that stuff."

When asked if she sold a military tent or backpack, AUSHA recalled receiving a 1033 military tent and initially she said she and BRANDON did not post the tent online for sale. AUSHA couldn't recall selling backpacks online either. AUSHA added that "we" may have posted some items on the Facebook online yard sale but she doesn't know what she sold online. When told someone reported seeing and saving the post of a military tent for sale online, AUSHA replied, "Oh okay, so maybe I did put it on there." AUSHA believed they sold the tent in 2017 and they got

\$300 to \$400 dollars for the tent. According to AUSHA, "I think every deputy got in on all this stuff. I think RICHMOND took it to somewhere and just divvied it out to each, uhm, deputy as I understand." The understanding regarding the items received from RICHMOND was, "We had to hold on to it for a year and then it became ours."

AUSHA believed she and BRAN-DON had the military tent, boots, backpacks, and surgical kits for longer than one year. BRANDON began at the sheriff's office in 2006. BRAN-DON received all the items from RICHMOND. AUSHA said, "don't even quote me on this," because she wasn't sure when BRANDON received the items from RICHMOND, but she thought it was not at the beginning of BRANDON's career (2006) but "like 2014, 2015, 2016, like something in there." AUSHA added that BRANDON also received "magazines for AR's" and "those have also been turned in [to the sheriff's office] too."

The items not returned to the sheriff's office were boots, backpacks, military tent, and surgical kits. AUSHA described the surgical kits as being, "They came in this little pack, a little pack you hook to your belt and inside were just like, uhm, kits that, you know, that were sterile.

You open them up they had needles and thread and all like a surgical kit." AUSHA estimated there were 100 surgical kits "that all went in the garbage". AUSHA said they didn't sell any of the surgical kits. AUSHA estimated there were 10 pairs of waterproof boots that are worn over boots and laced up. BRANDON told AUSHA the boots were "dry rotted" and AUSHA said, "I know those all went into the garbage". Regarding the backpacks, AUSHA estimated there were 10 backpacks and the backpacks were empty. When asked if any of the backpacks were sold AUSHA responded, "I don't, my husband is a freak about backpacks so I don't, I couldn't tell you if he sold any. He probably either returned them or he still has them." AUSHA said BRANDON received only one

military tent. According to AUSHA, BRANDON was not in the military and he does not have military items outside of what was received from the 1033 program. AUSHA's brother was in the military and she and BRANDON have shopped at military surplus stores but she doesn't know if they have any of the items they purchased from military stores anymore. AU-SHA said any military items posted online with her name as the seller would have been 1033 items.

BRANDON and AUSHA read the recent newspaper article about the 1033 program and theft allegation. BRANDON and AUSHA haven't been contacted by anyone regarding the 1033 program prior to the date of this interview (March 27, 2019). AUSHA believed every deputy at the sheriff's office received 1033 items from RICHMOND.

AUSHA described her involvement with the 1033 items BRANDON received as being, "The wife getting rid of it". AUSHA said, "We were told that you hold onto it for a year and it's yours, as long as it's not on the list, like the generator, the trailer, things like that that it was ours. And I didn't, I mean, they never told us this would be theft, or you know, that we couldn't get rid of it or sell it or any of that stuff. No, this is all new to us.' AUSHA said the 1033 items that had to go back to the sheriff's office have been returned to the sheriff's office.

Regarding the tools BRANDON still has, they are also in the category of items that needed to be kept for one year and then they belonged to BRANDON because those items were off the inventory list.

AUSHA and BRANDON haven't sold any items since the military tent sold in 2017.

The interview with AUSHA was concluded at approximately 10:56

Archuleta County Coroner Brandon Bishop interview

SYNOPSIS: On March 27, 2019, I interviewed BRANDON BISHOP in Archuleta County, Colorado. AC-TION TAKEN:

On March 27, 2019, at 10:42 AM, I interviewed BRANDON BISHOP in Archuleta County, Colorado. In addition to being the Archuleta County Coroner, BISHOP and his wife also work for a residential cleaning business and the interview was conducted at a residence located at 180 Bross Place, in Archuleta County, Colorado. The interview was recorded and the recording is attached to this report.

BISHOP began his employment with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office in 2006. While he was with the sheriff's office, BISHOP was promoted to the rank of sergeant (patrol). BISHOP resigned from the sheriff's office in August 2018, when he was appointed Archuleta County Coroner.

The interview with BISHOP was conducted on the balcony of the residence and before the recorder was activated, BISHOP asked if he needed an attorney. I explained that he was not a suspect but his name had been mentioned several times during our investigation. He was told if he wanted an attorney that would have to be a decision he would have to make. The recorder was activated and his question about an attorney was addressed. I explained why CBI wanted to talk to him and following the explanation, BISHOP provided the following information.

The 1033 program started with RICH RICHMOND and RICHMOND acquired a lot of 1033 items. BISHOP said he received a lot of 1033 items and would be able to provide a list of "all the stuff" he was given. When RICHMOND left the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, he contacted BISHOP because he (RICHMOND) had 1033 items he wanted BISHOP to pick up. BISHOP went to RICH-MOND's residence at 5:00 PM in the afternoon and RICHMOND "loaded my truck bed completely full of 1033 stuff." RICHMOND told BISHOP he was leaving town. Some of the items included numerous packages of some type of suture packets and two trash bags full of rubber boots that had holes in them.

BISHOP said the tent and backpack he sold online were 1033 items that no one wanted. He said the tent was full of holes and the poles were bent. Instead of throwing it away he put it on Craigslist and sold it. Someone in New Mexico bought the tent for \$250 or \$300. BISHOP didn't know if the backpack sold and indicated he still had about ten backpacks.

BISHOP said when RICHMOND was in charge of the 1033 program RICHMOND would acquire large items like trucks, generators, etc., and when he picked up those items he got what BISHOP referred to as "fluff". The "fluff" included backpacks, sleeping bags, tents, gloves, tactical vests, and other miscellaneous bags of military items. BISHOP said it got to the point where they said, "Okay, no more". BISHOP said at one point he had a trash bag full of 9mm magazine pouches and estimated there were at least 100 pouches in the bag. BISHOP said when the sheriff's office flooded he had a lot of the 1033 items piled up at his house. He said they had no storage space so a lot of the items got stored at deputies' houses. BISHOP believed the items belonged to him because they were not issued by the county. When BISHOP resigned from the sheriff's office no one asked for any of his 1033 items. BISHOP said the items were his and other deputies' believed the items were their property.

BISHOP said if he had known the property wasn't his he would never have sold it. He said he has never sold any county property.

In addition to the tent and backpack, BISHOP also sold a tactical load bearing vest. He said RICH-MOND gave him approximately sixty vests. BISHOP said many of the 1033 items he had were taken to the dump because he did not have storage room and many of the items were worn out.

BISHOP confirmed that when deputies were hired they were issued 1033 backpacks containing various 1033 items and the deputies were told they had to account for the items for one year but after a year the backpack and items became their property. BISHOP explained other 1033 items that always remained on the inventory list were items such as guns, magazines, scopes, etc. He said RICHMOND acquired additional items, such as backpacks, sleeping bags, and clothing items so these items could be issued to deputies and be kept after a year. BISHOF considered these items as an "incentive program". RICHMOND not only issued these items to sheriff's deputies but also to the state patrol, road & bridge, firefighters, and EMS.

BISHOP had a trailer and generator at his house but these items have been returned to the sheriff's office. BISHOP still has waterproof containers that he uses to store body bags.

BISHOP said the current issue is frustrating to him because he never considered the 1033 items to be an

BISHOP said on one occasion RICHMOND acquired 4400 pounds of hand tools in miscellaneous totes. When RICHMOND returned with the tools he gave the tools to deputies. BISHOP said in a way he believes that RICHMOND "kinda screwed the sheriff" by getting all the extra stuff. BISHOP doesn't believe Sheriff VALDEZ was aware of all the items RICHMOND was getting.

BISHOP believes the 1033 issue came up eighteen months ago and now it has surfaced again. BISHOP said the current 1033 issue was in the newspaper a week following allegations the county commissioners had illegally hired/appointed a new county attorney. BISHOP said there has been a fight between the county administration and the sheriff's office for a long time and to the extent it was a reason to leave county employment. BISHOP knows the sheriff 'has had hell" with the county commissioners. According to BISHOP, most of the issues are related to the sheriff having to abandon the sheriff's office/jail because of flooding and air quality issues and now the county has to build a new jail facility.

The interview was concluded at 11:06 AM.

Archuleta County Facilities Manager Christopher Stacey

SYNOPSIS: On March 27, 2019, Agent ROSA PEREZ and I interviewed CHRISTOPHER STACEY in Pagosa Springs, CO.

ACTION TAKEN:

On March 27, 2019, at 11:31 AM, Agent ROSA PEREZ and I inter-

viewed CHRISTOPHER STACEY in Pagosa Springs, CO. The interview was conducted at the Archuleta County Administration building at 398 Lewis Street in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The interview was recorded and the recording is attached to this report.

STACEY had been employed as the facilities manager for Archuleta County since August 2015.

During the investigation of the 1033 program in Archuleta County, Sheriff VALDEZ provided information that CHRISTOPHER STACEY, Archuleta County's Facilities Manager, had been given 1033 items by TODD STARR, the Archuleta County

After being told the purpose for the interview, STACEY provided the following information. During the fall of 2017, TODD STARR, the previous attorney for Archuleta County, had 1033 items stored in a zircon behind the old sheriff's office. The items were a lawn mower trailer. a gas can, a box with straps, and a backpack. The backpack contained a water canteen and some other items. One day STARR told STACEY, "This case is over, get rid of that stuff". STACEY told STARR he could use the gas can and the trailer. STACEY had been bugging STARR about the items being in the zircon because the items were taking up storage space. STACEY didn't know how or why STARR had the 1033 items. According to STACEY, STARR didn't have access to the zircon so someone would have had to give STARR access to the zircon. The items were in the zircon when STACEY began his employment with the county.

STACEY said when the 1033 issue was reported in the newspaper he told Sheriff VALDEZ about the items and all the items have been returned to the sheriff's office except for the box containing the straps. STACEY said the box of straps was thrown

STACEY said when STARR was the county attorney he (STARR) had an issue with the 1033 program.

STACEY said for the past four years there has been a lot of animosity between the sheriff and the county commissioners. STACEY said the issues were related to the sheriff not having an office or a jail.

When asked if he knew who leaked the 1033 information to the news media, STACEY said he didn't know but his guess would be STARR. STACEY said the news article was released a week after STARR left his position as county attorney.

The interview was concluded at

Archuleta County Administrative Assistant Flora Goheen

SYNOPSIS: On March 27, 2019, I interviewed FLORA GOHEEN at her residence in Pagosa Springs, CO. **ACTION TAKEN:**

During a telephone interview with BARRY ADLER on March 4, 2019, ADLER said he was told by a county employee that he should call CBI to provide information about the 1033 issue in Archuleta County. When asked to identify the county employee, ADLER said the employee was FLORA who works for the Archuleta County Commission-

On March 27, 2019, I met with FLORA GOHEEN at her residence, 76 Masters Circle in Pagosa Springs, to ask her why she had told ADLER to call CBI. The meeting with GOHEEN was on her front porch, was brief, and not recorded. The purpose of the meeting with GOHEEN was to determine if she had been or was being instructed to contact people to ask them to call CBI.

GOHEEN moved to Pagosa Springs in 2009 and began working at Archuleta County in 2016 as an administrative assistant and also in human resources.

GOHEEN was told the purpose for my meeting with her. GOHEEN said she had not been instructed by anyone to contact ADLER or other persons regarding the 1033 program. She contacted ADLER because she worked in the county human resource office when ADLER was hired and knew he had an issue with the sheriff's office.

GOHEEN expressed her personal belief that work conditions at the sheriff's office were not good and employees were afraid to discuss their work conditions for fear of losing their ob.

Prior to leaving, GOHEEN was asked if she was aware of an embezzlement case in Archuleta County in which three to four million dollars was reportedly embezzled and never recovered. GOHEEN said she believed the theft occurred in 2008 or 2009 but she didn't know if it was

■ Continued from B5 investigated or not.

Colorado Bureau of Investigation Agent Jack Haynes summary

SYNOPSIS: Summary for the 6th Judicial District Attorney's request to investigate allegations of theft of 1033 property by the Archuleta County Sheriff s Office, specifically Sheriff RICHARD VALDEZ.

ACTION TAKEN:

On December 8, 2018, CHRIS-TIAN CHAMPAGNE, District Attorney for Colorado's 6th Judicial District, requested CBI investigate embezzlement allegations made by TODD MERRITT STAR, former Archuleta County Attorney, against RICHARDVALDEZ, Archuleta County Sheriff.

The request was made in the form of an email and provided, in part, the following information. "Mr. STARR requested a meeting with me to present a potential case for prosecution against the Archuleta County Sheriff RICHARD VALDEZ. He said he had information leading him to believe that Sheriff VALDEZ had been misappropriating county funds and using them for personal expenditures. He cited the fact that the sheriff used to live in his mother's basement, but now has a large house on the nicest street in Pagosa Springs. He said that there was 2.2 million missing from the Archuleta County coffers and indicated that he believed Sheriff VALDEZ took these monies".

I was assigned the case on February 4, 2019.

TODD STARR:

Base on the allegations outlined in District Attorney CHAMPAGNE's request, I arranged an interview with STARR.

On Wednesday, February 20, 2019, prior to the prearranged interview, STARR called to ask if the interview could be conducted by phone. When told we needed to meet to review documents, STARR said, "Actually I'm not the best person to talk to. Most of the documents were generated by LARRYWALTON, finance director."

STARR did meet for an interview and during the interview DA CHAMPAGNE's request email was discussed with STARR. After reviewing DA CHAMPAGNE's email to CBI, STARR again said, "Well, your best source of information is going to be LARRY WALTON, the Archuleta County Finance Director. LARRY WALTON received some information or failed to receive some information that raised some yellow flags in his office..... The sheriff participated in the 1033 program and so LARRY came, I don't know if he came to me or the County Administrator first, but I was quickly involved and quickly advised the staff that we needed to alert the Board of County Commissioners, and we alerted the Board of County Commissioners and they instructed me to reach out to CBI. That was the first time we reached out to CBI which was, I want to say was 2016 or so, when we reached out to Agent BROWN. Shortly after that the Board of County Commissioners, don't know if they passed a resolution or if it was by motionwhere they instructed the sheriff's office to no longer participate in the 1033 program without their, the Board of County Commissioner's approval."

STARR said after contacting Agent BROWN in 2015 (fall of 2014 according to STARR's documents) he became frustrated because Agent BROWN, "didn't care or worse." STARR contacted the US Attorney's Office who arranged meetings with the FBI and Agents with the Department of Defense (DOD). Agent BROWN's memorandum related to STARR's 2014 request is attached to this report.

LARRY WALTON:

On February 25, 2019, Archuleta County Finance Director, LARRY

said he initiated the issue concerning the Archuleta County Sheriff's 1033 program. During the middle of 2017, trying to "wrap up" the 2016 audit, WALTON began seeking paperwork on 1033 items and was having trouble getting paperwork from the sheriff's office and became frustrated. In July of 2017, the director of the county road & bridge department wrote WALTON a memo wanting to transfer a 1033 water truck from the sheriff's office to road & bridge. WALTON responded, "They have a water truck, I don't believe they have a water truck." WALTON began seeking paperwork for the truck from the sheriff's office. MICHAEL LE ROUX, Director of **Emergency Operations for Archuleta** County and a deputy with Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, was in charge of the 1033 program for the sheriff's office and obtained a list of 1033 equipment/items from the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPD) and gave the list to WALTON. When WALTON received the 1033 list he realized the sheriff's office had a "massive amount of stuff" that had not been reported to his office. WALTON said, "My suspicions were no longer a paperwork issue." Along with the 1033 list of items was an agreement between the sheriff's office and the state. According to WALTON, only the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) can execute an intergovernmental agreement or grant agreement and to WALTON the 1033 agreement would be classified as one or both. WALTON reviewed the 1033 list and to him it, "Seemed like there was too much stuff to be missing or to be sitting on county property." After reviewing the 1033 list, WALTON reported to the county administrator that the discrepancy appeared to be \$2.6 million and WALTON suggested someone look into the problem. On April 30, 2018, WALTON prepared a memorandum expressing his concerns about the 1033 items that were unaccounted for and the memorandum was presented to the BOCC on May 1, 2018. STARR, who was then the county attorney, was instructed by the BOCC to investigate who the appropriate agency would be to conduct an investigation. It was during the May 2018 meeting with STARR and the BOCC that WALTON learned that STARR had been involved in a similar issue with the 1033 program in 2014 and became annoyed that he wasn't told then about what he perceived as a 1033 problem. (WALTON became the finance director in May 2014).

WALTON was interviewed. WALTON

Once the BOCC was notified in 2018, TODD STARR contacted the FBI and was directed by the FBI to contact the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Inspector General. WALTON said "we" supplied material to the DOD and eventually heard from the DOD that they were only interested in certain 1033 items and the items of their concern were accounted for and "they didn't care what happened to the rest of the stuff"based on how the program works. WALTON said he was not impressed with the DOD's handling of the issue.

WALTON researched the state's 1033 Program and noted that the state compliance office (CDPS) conducted a compliance review of the sheriff's office. In a CDPS review, "They theoretically have come down and sat down with the sheriff or someone in the sheriff's department and they had had one of those that presumably had gone okay, and I can't see how that could have gone okay unless the sheriff's department presented to that person immediately a list of what they had and an accounting for the materials that they possessed.'

WALTON didn't believe LE ROUX was actually in charge or involved in the 1033 Program because LE ROUX, according to WALTON, never had "the relevant information." WALTON

is "suspicious" that Sheriff VALDEZ designated LE ROUX as the contact person "almost because he was not in a position to talk too candidly about all this stuff that was received."

WALTON believes SheriffVALDEZ is hiding the 1033 Program from the finance department and the County Commissioners, "the depth and breadth of it in order to do with these materials what he pleased, without interference from the county, you might say".

When WALTON was asked if he and any information, other than the two documents provided by MICHELLE CLARK and LEE ANN MARTIN, that the sheriff or sheriff's employees were stealing property, he said, "I do not, no, not at all. All I've really got is, you know, over a number of years, uh, there is close to a million dollars of things that are not assets and 1.6 million that are that have not been accounted for by the sheriff. The sheriff is currently maintaining that the list that the state sent us is the accounting of the material, as if to say, what he did with it when he got it is of no concern."

When asked why the issue of suspicion of theft was not brought to the sheriff's attention, WALTON said it was because the sheriff was suspected in the theft.

WALTON said, "I think someone has purposely, meaning the sheriff's department, has purposely circumvented the internal controls of the county in order to make their own decisions on the disposition of the material. Even at this point and time, I still don't have a list prepared by the sheriff's department that shows me what became of any of this material, just that they are going to get and so on."

WALTON believes SheriffVALDEZ has committed fraud. When asked to explain, WALTON said when he asked the sheriff for documentation on the 1033 program, the sheriff lied to him and that should be considered fraud.

WALTON said the former Undersheriff, TONYA HAMILTON left on "bad terms" with the sheriff and she may have information about the sheriff.

Recently WALTON sent Sheriff VALDEZ an email, and documents, telling the sheriff to bring all 1033 items to a specific location so an independent audit could be conducted. WALTON's email and documents are attached to this report.

In addition to interviews with STARR and WALTON, CBI interviewed the following individuals:

1. STEVE WADLEY, Commis-

2. ALVIN SCHAAF, Commissioner 3. RICHARD VALDEZ, Sheriff

4. TONYA HAMILTON, former

Undersheriff
5. MICHAEL LE ROUX, Deputy &
Emergency Management Director
6. LEE ANN MARTIN, finance

department
7. MICHELLE CLARK, finance department

8. BARRY ADLER, former deputy 9. JACOB BEACH, former detective sergeant

10. BRANDON BISHOP, former deputy, current Archuleta County Coroner

Coroner
11. AUSHA BISHOP, wife of BRANDON BISHOP

12. CHRISTOPHER STACEY,

maintenance manager
13. FLORA GOHEEN, Administrative assistant for Archuleta County

During interviews with LEE ANN MARTIN and MICHELLE CLARK, both of whom are employed in the Archuleta County Finance Department under WALTON, reported to WALTON they saw military items for sale on online sale sites. Sometime in August 2018, MARTIN was browsing CRAIGSLIST and noticed a military tent listed for sale in Pagosa Springs. The seller was AUSHA BISHOP, wife of BRANDON BISHOP, at the time a deputy with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office. MARTIN did not

know if the tent listed was a "1033 tent"

CLARK said she was told by RICH RICHMOND, former manager of the 1033 program for the sheriff's office that the sheriff's office had to maintain control of 1033 items for two years but after two years they could dispose of the items. CLARK said she saw (early 2016 according to WALTON's memo) a yard sale add on Facebook where BRANDON BISHOP was selling a military backpack. She did not consider it a theft issue at that time (2016) because she was aware backpacks had been issued to deputies and they had a two year expiration period.

Both BRANDON BISHOP and his wife AUSHA were interviewed. Both admitted to selling the tent and backpack. BISHOP explained that RICH RICHMOND, who administered the sheriff's 1033 Program at the time, told all of the deputies that certain 1033 items had to be kept on inventory for two years. After two years the issued items were their personal property. BISHOP's explanation is consistent with the information provided by other deputies that were interviewed, including Sheriff VALDEZ and former Undersheriff TONYA HAMILTON. HAMILTON said the 1033 Program was administered in accordance with the rules provided by the CDPS

Compliance Unit. **The 1033 Program:**

The 1033 Program (formerly the 1208 Program) permits the Secretary of Defense to transfer, without charge, excess U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) personal property (supplies and equipment) to state and local law enforcement agencies (LEAs).

The 1033 Program has allowed law enforcement agencies to acquire vehicles (land, air and sea), weapons, computer equipment, fingerprint equipment, night vision equipment, radios, televisions, first aid equipment, tents, sleeping bags,

photographic equipment and more. In Colorado, the 1033 Program is administered by the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

County Elected Officials:

Other than the County Commissioners, the other constitutional officers elected to a four-year term are the Sheriff, Assessor, Clerk & Recorder, Treasurer, Coroner and Surveyor.

Constitutionally and statutorily, these elected offices are independent from one another and independent from the County Commissioners. Their powers and duties are prescribed by state statute.

The County Commissioners have no direct authority over the other elected officials in the county, except that commissioners approve budgets for all other elected officials' departments.

Media Release:

On Thursday, February 14, 2019, the Pagosa Springs Sun published an article, "CBI investigating \$2.6 million in unreported county property." The article stated, "According to county staff and elected officials, \$2.6 million in county property was unaccounted for as of Friday, February 8, 2019. The county staff also explained that the county's 2017 audit

has never been completed due to the

unaccounted-for property".

A separate article was published by the Sun, "Unaccounted-for property holds up jail financing". The article said Archuleta County is working to obtain a credit rating to close on financing terms for a new jail, but an investigation into \$2.6 million in missing county assets has delayed release of the 2017 audit and has complicated the process.

News articles related to CBI's investigation are attached to this report.

Analysis of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office 1033 Program:

As explained under the 1033 Program heading, the DoD supplies law enforcement agencies across the nation with a variety of military equipment and supplies.

According to records obtained from the CDPS Compliance Unit, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office has been participating in the 1033 Program since 2006. Sheriff PETE GONZALEZ was the Archuleta County Sheriff in 2006 until October of 2014. Sheriff RICHARD VALDEZ was appointed sheriff in October 2014, and remains the current elected sheriff.

The equipment prices on the 1033 Program list are inflated prices, however, those are the values used by WALTON in assessing the \$2.2, \$2.6 and \$2.8 million reportedly missing from the "county coffers" or "unaccounted for."

The following figures were calculated from documents CBI received directly from CDPS.

1033 Closed Property (**off inventory**) (Date range 10/2006-7/2016) **Total**: \$2,225,514.00

1033 Property Book (**on inventory**) (Date range 11/2013-2/2017) **Total:** \$595,095.00

Grand Total: \$2,820,610.00 1033 Closed Property (GONZA-EZ, 2006, 2015; 532, aptries) **Total**:

LEZ- 2006-2015: 532 entries) **Total**: \$1,362,113.00 (VALDEZ- 2014-to present: 300

entries) **Total**: \$863,400.00 1033 Property Book (GONZA-LEZ- 2006-2014: 7 entries) **Total**:

\$583,671.00 (VALDEZ- 2014-present: 81 en-

tries) **Total**: \$583,671.00 GONZALEZ (Closed Property + Property Book)= **Total**: \$1,373,538.00 VALDEZ (Closed Property + Prop-

erty Book)= **Total**: \$1,447,072.00 **Grand Total**: \$2,820,610.00

Conclusion TODD STARR told DA CHAM-PAGNE, he had information leading him to believe Sheriff VALDEZ had been misappropriating county funds and using the funds for personal expenditures and used the sheriff's purchase of a new home as an example. When CBI interview STARR, he quickly directed Agents to LARRY WALTON, the finance director for Archuleta County. When questioned about his "belief" 1033 items had been stolen, STARR said it was the "sheer volume" of items received from the 1033 Program and "the items would have to be somewhere". STARR said, "We (referring to himself and the BOCC) believe they have probable cause to believe that county property has been misappropriated. The reason we believe that is because there is such a high volume of property that, and maybe it goes down to this, we, the BOCC and administration believe that county property is to be stored and maintained at the county and that if you take public property to your residence or you are using it for personal use which, as the sheriff seems to have committed at that last meeting, that that's a crime."

STARR's statements and belief are very similar to those of WALTON. WALTON believes, as well as some of his staff, that all items have to be reported to him and that all items have to be at or stored at a specific location on county property and failure to do so constitutes fraud. WALTON believes the sheriff lied to him and that lying to him constitutes fraud.

WALTON said the 2017 audit could not be completed because of the 1033 issues. However, the sheriff's office has participated in the 1033 program since 2006 and the county has been able to complete the audits from 2006 through 2016.

Following STARR's reporting to Agent BROWN in 2014, the 1033 issue wasn't raised again until 2017, when WALTON became aware the sheriff's office was participating in the 1033 Program and the sheriff's office/jail became an issue. In 2017-2018 the DoD Office of Inspector General conducted a review or an investigation and did not find any issues with the sheriff's 1033 Program. In January 2019 the CDPS Compliance Unit conducted an audit and found the sheriff was compliant. During CBI's investigation, I visually inspected several sites with Sheriff VALDEZ where 1033 items were

No one interviewed during this investigation provided any information that Sheriff VALDEZ or any sheriff's employee had stolen 1033 items.

As shown in the analysis of Sheriff VALDEZ' 1033 Program, approximately half of the items being questioned by STARR and WALTON were obtained under Sheriff GONZALEZ' administration.

The issue in the case is not theft, the issue is control. There is a failure, either by purpose or otherwise, to understand the constitutional and statutory authority of the elected sheriff. Sheriff VALDEZ does not work for the BOCC, the county attorney, or for Finance Director WALTON.

The 1033 Program is an agreement between the sheriff, CDPS, and DoD for equipment and items to be used by law enforcement. It is the sheriff's prerogative how he runs the program as long as it is consistent with DoD and CDPS rules and guidelines.

Archuleta County has not lost \$2.2-\$2.8 million, it has gained \$2.2-\$.2.8 million. Not only has the sheriff's office benefited from the 1033 Program, Archuleta County, Pagosa Springs Fire Department, EMS, Emergency Management, and other agencies have greatly benefited as a result of the sheriff's office participation in the 1033 Program.

STARR's statement to District Attorney CHAMPAGNE is a gross misrepresentation of a non-issue and the creation of a false narrative that created a criminal investigation in an attempt to resolve an internal governmental issue.

Colorado Judicial Department opens application process for Family Violence Justice Fund grants

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Judicial Branch announced recently it has opened the application process for fiscal year 2020 grants from the Family Violence Justice Fund, which funds programs that provide civil legal services to indigent Coloradans who are victims of family violence.

The application form is available online at https://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Unit.cfm?Unit=fvjf.Completed forms will be accepted only via email.

The program was established by the General Assembly in 1999 to help indigent victims of family violence obtain legal services at no cost to them.

Grants will be awarded based on a formula which considers factors including number of clients served in the past year and the location of service. For fiscal year 2020, \$2.5 million is available for grants (additional funds may become available).

Applications must be received by the State Court Administrator's Office by 5 p.m. on May 31 to be considered for a grant. To be eligible, organizations must be nonprofit and currently serving the legal needs of indigent victims of family violence.

Successful organizations must be prepared to provide full legal services, including but not limited to assistance with divorce, child custody, child support and other related civil matters. Additional information regarding the fund and qualifications for organizations receiving grants may be found in section 14-4-107 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

Applications will be accepted only via email to jessica.zender@judicial.state.co.us. The deadline to submit an application is 5 p.m. on May 31. Questions may be directed to Jessica Zender at the email address above or by calling (720) 625-5947.

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Thingamajig Theatre's 'Ring of Fire' to open summer season May 17

By Thingamajig Theatre staff

Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company's 2019 "Broadway in the Mountains" summer season kicks off next week with the opening of "Ring of Fire" at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Opening nights are Friday, May 17, and Saturday, May 18, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

A special "Parents Play Date" is scheduled for the Sunday, May 19, afternoon performance, which includes free child care at the Pagosa Play Place.

"Ring of Fire" celebrates the music of one of America's most popular singer songwriters, Johnny Cash. The show does not, however, attempt to portray the man in black directly. Instead, the contours of Cash's life and art can be seen through narratives woven by his music. The story — told through Cash's music develops an earnest dialogue about home and family, the people you love and what holds people together in the face of tough times.

The group of five singers, actors and musicians that make up the "Ring of Fire" cast are multitalented artists from around the country.

Thingamajig audiences might spot a favorite from the years past: Steven Sitzman, who appeared in such Thingamajig productions as "Sister Act," "Big River" and "West Side Story." The other four performers are new this year to the Thingamajig stage: Rayshaughn Armant, Allie Tamburello, Nick Abbott and Tommy Paduano.

This talented group of artists will be singing and playing a variety of instruments to bring Cash's musical legacy to life right before your eyes.

Cash was born Feb. 26, 1932, in Kingsland, Ark., the fourth of seven children. He grew up with music as an integral part of his household and began to write songs and play guitar at age 12. After his graduation from high school in 1950, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving with the Air Force Security Service in Landsberg, Germany — where he organized his first band, the Landsberg Barbarians.

Following his discharge from the Air Force in 1954, he auditioned for Sam Phillips' Sun Records and with a couple of mechanics, Marshall Grant and Luther Perkins, formed a trio known as Johnny Cash and the Tennessee Two. The three friends recorded hit songs such as "Cry, Cry, Cry" and "Folsom Prison Blues."

Throughout the late the 1950s and into the 1960s, Cash continued to produce hit records. His songs "Don't Take Your Guns to Town," "I Got Stripes," "Understand Your Man" and "The Ballad of Ira Hayes"

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Friday

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Boys, 5:30 p.m.

Rosie's Pizzeria: Dan Evans, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Coyote Moon: Karaoke with Lisa Saunders, 9 p.m. Riff Raff downtown: Gary Gorence, 6 p.m. Riff Raff on the Rio: Brooks-i Band, 6 p.m.

Sunday

Riff Raff on the Rio: Bob Hemenger, 4 p.m.

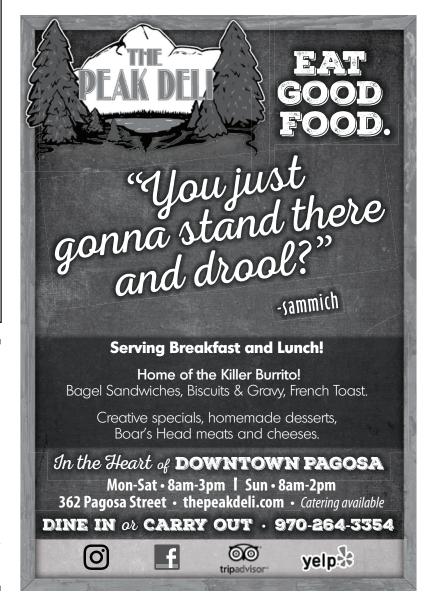
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■ continued from previous page all hit near the top of the record charts. Cash also produced arguably his most popular song, "Ring of Fire," at this time — co-written

with June Carter.

Despite Cash's success on the charts, he struggled throughout his career with drug and alcohol abuse. Following his divorce from Vivian Liberto in 1967, he moved to Nashville in 1967 and worked with June Carter, who helped Cash overcome his drug addiction. The two went on to marry in 1968 — and produced top charting duets, including "Jackson," "Long-Legged Guitar Pickin' Man," and "It Ain't Me, Babe."

In 1980, at the age of 48, Cash became one of the youngest inductees into the Country Music Hall of Fame. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inducted Cash in 1992 as one the few musicians recognized in both organizations.

Although he suffered from complications from diabetes, Cash continued to write and record, earning a Grammy for best contemporary folk album — "American Recordings" — in 1994, another Grammy for best country album — "Unchained" — in 1997, and a Grammy for the best male country vocal performance for his cover of Neil Diamond's "Solitary Man" in 2000. In 2003, Cash earned three CMA awards, and his video for "Hurt" won an MTV award and a Grammy.

Cash lost his wife to heart failure in May 2003. He passed away a few months later, on Sept. 12, 2003.

Cash's rugged simplicity and honesty in his work extended the scope of country music and broad-



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ened audiences throughout his career. "Ring of Fire" soars through his iconic music and will leave you humming "I've Been Everywhere" and "I Walk the Line" for days to come. You'll laugh along with "A Boy Named Sue" and struggle to not sing along with "Folsom Prison Blues."

This music-lovers' musical is directed by veteran artist Christopher Willard, who some Thingamajig fans may remember from "Fully Committed" — the very first production ever performed on the Pagosa Center stage.

Willard leads a talented crew of designers: Thingamajig costumer designer Nanette Cheffers ("A Christmas Carol" and "Legally Blonde, The Musical"); resident set designer and technical director for Thingamajig, Matthew D. McCarren, who has created yet another beautiful set design; and Laine Wong, long-time lighting designer, back for another season dramati-

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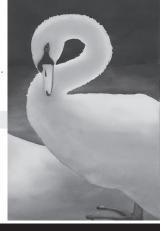
from the **Americana Project and** Intro to **Guitar Class** from Pagosa Springs High School will be performing songs in **Town Park** from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14. This is the **Americana** Project's "final exam" concert and each member of the class will be responsible for leading one original or cover song for their classroom grade. The show is free and will be moved into the high school commons if the weather doesn't cooperate. Please come out and support these fine young musicians. **Bring your** own chairs, blankets and refreshments.

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Theatre

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"Ring of Fire" is opening at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts on Friday, May 17. Opening night tickets — for May 17 and 18 — include a drink, dessert and exclusive invitation to a post-show "talk back" with the cast and crew.

"Ring of Fire" is a part of Thingamajig Theatre's "Broadway in the Mountains" summer season, which includes four other exciting musicals: "Mamma Mia!," "The Who's Tommy," "Jekyll and Hyde,

the Musical" and "Alice in Wonderland Jr."

To get tickets to this rock 'n' roll summer season, visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW (7469).

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Experience the magic of music at hand-drumming sessions

By Paul Roberts

Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free handdrumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, May 14, at

Music can be a bridge from disturbance to health. A young lady in my music therapy program at a psychiatric hospital said, "Music is the easiest kind of communication there is. It gives me an outlet for my emotional buildup, which I am having trouble expressing in other forms. Music is a great release for me. When I please myself musically then I please myself all around."

She continued: "I feel creative when I'm doing music. Right now, I don't feel very creative or spontaneous, as far as people go. I'm depressed and, as a result of it, I don't feel the spontaneity that you do when you're not.

"In music, it's almost as if I'm normal. I'm not sick when I play music. It's a realm that's beyond sickness, so it's marvelous for me. It's magic almost. I have said I'm going to kill myself in the morning and then in the afternoon, I'm singing my heart out. It's brought me time and time again out of depression."

A friend's question goes to the heart of one of life's mysteries.

"How can there even be such a

Pagosa Springs History Museum announces opening

By Frank Zellner

Special to The PREVIEW

Members of the Pagosa Springs History Museum organization are excited to announce the 2019 season opening celebration will be held Saturday, May 18, between 9 a.m. and noon.

A special quilt show will be featured, along with the museum's thousands of historical exhibits.

President Loretta Ross wants the entire community to make it a point to visit the museum and come to appreciate our community's heritage.

The museum is one of the community's valued treasures, depicting the history and cultures of the Pagosa Springs valley.

Refreshments will be served. This will be a perfect time to tour the museum. Please make it a point to see this treasure first hand.

Note: While the celebration is scheduled for May 18, the museum doors actually open on May 15.

Please contact Frank Zellner at circlez15@gmail.com or 264-2872 with any comments, concerns or questions.

thing as music and beings like us who are so affected by it?" she asks rhetorically.

The interesting thing about this question is that it shifts awareness away from rational thinking to a state of wonderment, wherein resides the marvelous magic of music.

The hand-drumming class is a family-friendly activity in which

joy, fun and playfulness abound. No previous experience is necessary. Drums are provided for those who do not have one. For more information, call 731-3117. The Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave.



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The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will honor local service individuals and organizations tonight, May 9, at 7 p.m. at Community Methodist Church at its concert, "An Evening with Friends."

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir concert tonight will honor local service workers

By Linda Parker Special to The PREVIEW

Tonight, the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) and the Sisters in Song will be honoring individuals and organizations who make Pagosa "the best kept secret in Colorado." The concert, "An Evening with Friends," will begin at 7 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church.

The PSGC, along with our community women's group, Sisters in Song, the audience will hear music about home, family and friends.

"So many individuals, businesses and organizations make Pagosa

the special place that it is, including law enforcement, firefighters, volunteers, veterans, ministers and teachers, and the list goes on and on," said Director Linda Parker. "Many people in Pagosa enrich our lives every day and we want to say 'thank you' by honoring those individuals and their work through our music. So many of these folks are taken for granted and we want them to know that what they do is appreciated."

Concert goers will enjoy familiar tunes such as "You've Got a Friend," "The Wind Beneath my Wings," "Friendship" and many others.

This concert theme is based on the travel plans for the PSGC this summer. Each summer, the girls have an opportunity to experience the arts in a variety of locations, venues and genres. Last year, the choir traveled to New York City for its summer educational trip. It was an amazing experience for all, but Parker wants the girls to under-

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The Kate Lee and Forrest O'Connor Band will perform on the Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival main stage on June 7 at 7 p.m. and again on June 9 at 3



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Kate Lee and Forrest O'Connor Band set to perform twice at Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass

By Crista Munro Special to The PREVIEW

The 14th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass returns to Reservoir Hill in downtown Pagosa Springs June 7-9.

This year's lineup features performers in the folk, bluegrass and Americana music genres, including legendary bluegrass supergroup The Del McCoury Band and the 2019 Best Bluegrass Album

Grammy winner, The Travelin' McCourys.

Also on the lineup are Sierra Hull, Sam Reider and the Human Hands, Dead Horses, Circus No. 9, Old Salt Union, FY5, Fireside Collective, Halden Wofford and the Hi*Beams, Bonnie and the Clydes, Sugar and the Mint and this week's featured group: the Kate Lee and Forrest O'Connor Band.

Americana duo Kate Lee and For-

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Concert

■ continued from previous page stand the importance of knowing what's in their own backyard.

This summer, the girls will enjoy the benefits of southwest Colorado, attending performances and activities in the Pagosa and Durango

"No matter where life takes our girls, there will be music and arts opportunities, if they know to look for them. Many of our girls haven't experienced the artistic side of our

community and the summer will be eye-opening for them," Parker went on to say. "With concerts, artistry and fun activities, the girls will be treated to four days of exploring our own backyard."

We hope the community will join us in celebrating Pagosa Springs and its people at the concert. There is no admission fee for "An Evening with Friends." However, donations will be gratefully



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Sunday Night Unplugged to feature vocalist Dale Scrivner

By Sally Neel

Special to The PREVIEW

This Sunday evening at 5 p.m., St Patrick's Episcopal Church's Sunday Night Unplugged will feature the vocal talents of tenor Dale Scrivener.

Sunday Night Unplugged is a service of meditation, a time to take a deep breath and enjoy the beauty of music, the luxury of silence, and the contemplation of spiritual readings and prayers. It is a monthly offering that takes place

on the second Sunday evening of every month and is free and open to the public.

Scrivener came to Pagosa Springs in 2018 as a part of the Thingamajig Theatre Company staff. He currently is working with Curtains Up Pagosa as its musical director and performs as an artist in various venues around town.

He certainly is no stranger to the arts at St. Patrick's nor to Sunday Night Unplugged. He will bring his beautiful tenor voice to enhance the contemplative setting this Sun-

day evening, no doubt enabling participants to further soak in the beauty of our surroundings and the prayerful quiet nature of the service itself.

"We are always delighted to have Dale with us at St. Patrick's. He willingly steps in to assist us whenever he is asked and always enhances our services with his beautiful singing voice and generous nature," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "I am certain that all who attend Sunday Night

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Festival

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rest O'Connor have earned national recognition as co-lead singers and primary songwriters of the O'Connor Band, a bluegrass group they co-founded along with O'Connor's father, seven-time CMA Award-winning violinist Mark O'Connor. They wrote the majority of the band's debut album, "Coming Home," which debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Top Bluegrass Albums Chart and won a Grammy Award in 2017.

Both independently and as part of the O'Connor Band, Lee and Forrest O'Connor have collaborated with Paul Simon, Zac Brown, Kenny Loggins, Clint Black, Bela Fleck, Jerry Douglas, Dan Tyminski and many others. Their music has accumulated more than half a million streams on Spotify, and they have performed at the Grand Ole Opry, the Ryman Auditorium and Fenway Park, as well as some of the most prominent festivals and performing arts centers around the country.

Lee and Forrest O'Connor were introduced in 2014 by Nashvillebased arranger Kris Wilkinson (Tim McGraw, Lady Antebellum, Brandi Carlile), who believed their powerful, expressive vocals and writing sensibilities would align. Forrest O'Connor, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Harvard and former Tennessee State Mandolin Champion, shared a love of '60s classic rock, '70s folk rock, '90s country, bluegrass and modern pop music with Lee, a Belmont graduate and violinist who frequently backed up stars ranging from John Legend and Kelly Clarkson to Keith Urban and Carrie Underwood at the CMA Awards and CMA Country Christmas shows.

They soon began performing together as a duo, and their first EP, "The Demonstration," reached No. 13 on the iTunes singer-songwriter chart with no label or promotion campaign. After performing for three years with the O'Connor Band, they're excited to focus again on their duo project with

the help of a backing band featuring two-time national mandolin champion Isaac Eicher, Grammy Award-winning bassist (and doctor of music) Geoff Saunders and country vocalist Mallory Eagle.

The Kate Lee and Forrest O'Connor Band will perform on the festival main stage on June 7 at 7 p.m. and again on June 9 at 3 p.m.

We're currently looking for our last few volunteers to round out the schedule. Work two four-hour shifts to earn complimentary three-day festival admission. It's a great way to meet people and have fun. Information about tickets, volunteering, festival schedules and performers can be found at www.folkwest.com/folknbluegrass. Tickets can also be ordered by phone at (877) 472-4672.

Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass is supported in part with matching funds from Colorado Creative Industries, a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade.









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Last year's Dancing with the Pagosa Stars was a great success. Bob **Brobst and** his coach. **Ashlev** Butcher, shown above, danced in the 2018 event. You'll want to see this vear's stars in action.

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Dancing with the Pagosa Stars tickets go on sale tomorrow

By Tess Wisher and Lisa Peters Special to The PREVIEW

Tickets for the most exciting event in Pagosa Springs this summer go on sale tomorrow, Friday, May 10, at 9 a.m. Dancing with the Pagosa Stars pits eight Pagosa Springs celebrities and their coaches against each other for the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy. You can witness this spectacular event for yourself on July 20 at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars will be held on July 20 at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. We have added a few more tables this year. Tickets for this exciting event will go on sale at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 10.

To purchase tickets, please call Lisa Peters at (281) 650-0875 or Dee McPeek at 317-3224 after 9 a.m. on May 10. No tickets will be available at Seeds of Learning. All tickets must be paid for at time of purchase and reservations require purchaser address, email, guest names as well as the star being honored with the purchase.

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Unplugged will agree that Pagosa Springs is very fortunate to have someone with his gifts and talents among us."

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Pagosa Springs Girls Choir seeking new members for 2019-2020

By Linda Parker

Special to The PREVIEW

Registration for the 2019-2020 Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) has been set for May 20 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs Middle School band room. The choir is open to girls who will be in the fifth through eighth grades in the 2018-2019 school year.

Information packets for public school girls will be sent home. Any girls who are home-schooled or are in an online educational program can obtain an audition packet by calling Linda Parker at 264-1434 or emailing her at singpagosa@gmail. com. The packet is also be available on the choir's website, www. singpagosa.org.

The PSGC is a community choir of girls who love to sing and who would like to further their music education. The choir is a wonderful opportunity for girls to learn about vocal and choral techniques and to perform in a select choral group. Girls will learn and perform highquality choral music in a variety of styles, including pop, folk and country (some music will include choreography and props). The girls also have the opportunity to study with a professional vocal coach during rehearsal time, where private mini voice lessons are taught. This is a service that is provided by the PSGC as part of the tuition

The PSGC performs regularly throughout the school year, both for community events and organizations, and presents its own concerts in December and in May.



Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will hold registration for new members on May 20 in the Pagosa Springs Middle School band room.

Additionally, featured soloists and choral groups are invited to be a part of the concerts, giving the girls the opportunity to work and perform with other talented musicians. A highlight for the girls each year is to participate in a master class taught by professional musicians, K.T. Sullivan and Natalie Douglas, both of New York City. The girls have also been featured on a Christmas CD with singer Judy James.

In addition to performance, the girls are able to participate in summer educational trips. The girls have traveled to Santa Fe, N.M., to study opera; they spent eight days in the Dallas/FortWorth area in June of 2015 attending performances of professional music theater; they travelled to Vail, Colo., to attend a performance of the New

York Philharmonic Orchestra; and to Salt Lake City to hear the Temple organ and the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir. To culminate their fifth year of existence, last summer, the girls traveled to New York City, where they visited landmarks and heard world-class music performances.

Rehearsals for the choir will be held on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m. in the band room at Pagosa Springs Middle School beginning the first Monday after school starts.

There is a nonrefundable registration fee of \$10 which will be credited toward the tuition fee of \$200 per year if a girl is ultimately selected. Scholarships are available; no student will be excluded because of financial reasons, and a

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Dancing.

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Please go to the Seeds website at http://growingseeds.org for additional ticket purchase instructions and for more information on our stars.

Tickets include a meal, the dance competition and open dancing before ending with the awards ceremony. A limited amount of first- and second-row tickets are available. The front-row seats cost \$200 each and include a personal waiter for serving food and drink. All other seats are \$125 each and do not come with a waiter. If paying with a credit card, there will be a small processing fee.

We expect to sell out quickly, so don't be left out — call early on May 10 for your reservations.

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Thingamajig Theatre Company offering pair of programs for parents and kids

By Bill Hudson Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company is pleased to offer two great programs for kids and parents during the 2019 "Broadway in the Mountains" summer season.

We will be partnering with Pagosa Play Place for our "Parents Play Date" on May 19 and, also, registrations are now open for the Whatchamawhozits Summer Theatre Camp for Kids, with early-bird pricing through

Thingamajig Theatre and the Pagosa Play Place are partnering together for a special "Parents Play Date" matinee performance on Sunday, May 19, at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. With the purchase of a ticket to Thingamajig Theatre's "Ring of Fire," parents can drop off their children, free of charge, at the Pagosa Play Place (located in Aspen Village, just a few blocks away from the theater) at 1:30 p.m., before the show. This way, both children and parents can enjoy an afternoon of well-deserved, worry-free recreation.

Curtain goes up on our "Ring of Fire" matinee at 2 p.m. on May 19. Reservations are a must for this special date. To reserve your child's spot and purchase tickets, call 731-SHOW (7469) or email thingamajigbox@ gmail.com.

"Ring of Fire" celebrates the music of one of America's most popular singer songwriters, Johnny Cash. The show does not, however, attempt to

portray the man in black directly. Instead, the contours of Cash's life and art can be seen through narratives woven by his music. The story—told through Cash's music—develops an earnest dialogue about home and family, the people you love and what holds people together in the face of tough times. The five singers, actors and musicians who perform "Ring of Fire" cast are multitalented artists from around the country.

And there's more. The Whatchamawhozits Summer Theatre Camp for Kids, for children ages 7 through 12, offers an early-bird registration option that ensures your child's spot in the camp. Early bird registration also offers \$50 off the price of the three-week camp. (Special requests for 6- or 13-yearolds will be considered.)

Professional performers hailing from across the country teach a variety of lessons, and the children will participate in the creation of a collaborative masterpiece while also learning valuable life skills like teamwork, collaboration, public speaking, articulation, critical thinking, self-confidence, physical fitness and, above all, empathy.

This summer, the three-week camp will run from July 1 to July 18, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp will culminate in three performances of "Aladdin KIDS" on July 19 at 2 p.m., July 20 at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., and July 21 at 6 pm.

Students can sign up for just the first week of camp, which focuses on or for the combined second and third weeks, where the kids rehearse and perform "Aladdin KIDS." Thirdly, students can sign up for all three weeks of theater fun. The cost for just the first week is \$150. The cost for just the second and third weeks is \$300. If registered before the earlybird registration deadline June 1, registration for all three weeks will cost \$350.

After June 1, the price for all three weeks will be \$400. For additional questions on the best summer camp in southwest Colorado, please contact Laura Moore at laura@pagosacenter.org or call 731-7469.

Thingamajig Theatre is a professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts producing musicals, comedies and dramas year-round.

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scholarship application is available by calling 264-1434 or emailing singpagosa@gmail.com. A payment plan for tuition will be available, so it can be paid throughout the year.

Registration is being held this year during our regular rehearsal time. Current choir members will be on hand to meet and welcome interested girls. They will also be available to answer any questions. Parents are also invited to attend.

"It's a time to get to meet each other so that new girls can get a better idea of the choir and the organization," said Parker.

If a girl has a conflict on the registration date, please call Parker at 264-1434. An additional registration meeting will be held in August.

"I hope the young girls in Pagosa will take advantage of this opportunity to learn about singing, to improve their own instrument and to see the possibilities that exist for them through working and performing in the arts," said Parker, director of the PSGC. "We have many very talented young girls in Pagosa, and I look forward to beginning this musical journey with them, as well as continuing the journey with current PSGC members.'



Defined by dignity or pride?

My Sweet Al came home from the doctor's office distraught. "I can't believe Mayor Abigail wouldn't take a plea bargain and has now been replaced."

"Who is Mayor Abigail? What plea bargain? Replaced?"

"The woman on TV who got her daughters in to college."

It took me a few minutes to process what he had said. "Al, get a grip! You are spending too much time in the doctor's office reading gossip magazines. Besides, Mayor Abigail on your favorite TV show is not the same person you are hearing about on the news."

My Sweet Al's favorite television series is "When Calls the Heart." He follows the show so closely that he followed the plot of one of the actresses right through to the evening news.

Apparently, the heart was called, won't bend, won't repent and can't see itself guilty. I'd be shaking in my boots and falling on my face before God if I were in the mayor's real shoes. According to the gossip magazine Al had read earlier in the day, the producers of "Heart" have already dismissed the actress.

My own teachable moments have taught me that if you hang on to your pride, you will lose your dignity. One of the Hollywood actresses in the current university admissions scandal may just be the perfect example of a person who can't let go of her pride. We see it all the time. Successful men fall, great churches go dark, and friends and family members sever all ties.

It is impossible to take away a person's pride. Try and a person will defend themselves with more pride. According to Job in the Bible, God spoke to him and asked if a man can look on everyone who is proud and humble him — if you can, then your own right hand can save you. We have known since the time of creation that no man can save himself.

I get it. We hold ourselves to a standard and then build ourselves up when we fall below a certain line. It starts with self-preservation Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



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of reputation, then the reimaging of the persona we present to others.

A character in an 18th century novel by writer Samuel Johnson said it best: "Pride is seldom delicate; it will please itself with very mean advantages." I am not judging, but it begs the question, is that what happened to Aunt Becky?

There is a difference between pride and dignity. Pride is clinging to a haughty, boastful self-view that may even sign autographs on the way to a courtroom. Our sense of identity is who we create ourselves to be rather than who we are.

Dignity is that expression of

who we are. It's not about our social status or our personal assets or achievements. Dignity is a state or quality of being worthy of honor and respect.

What a perfect example of irony. A person who acts squeaky-clean, but refuses to bow her heart for mercy when actions are anything but. Reality check. It's not about how we act, but who we are at our core.

My Sweet Al can't grasp the fact that his beloved Hallmark character may spend years in prison. He comments about it every time he hears a newscaster talk about her "other" story line. "The next time we see her it will be in 'The Walking Dead.'"

Final brushstroke: It can be difficult to separate "real-life" from the one portrayed, especially when a pedestal made of pride is involved. I've never thought there was anything wrong with climbing to the top, but may find we are on a slippery surface if we are not mindful. While I don't believe that God pushes us off, we can be thankful that he has a way of comforting us when we fall because of our own undoing.

Readers' comments

From M. Metcalf regarding "Borrowed beauty," published April 14, 2019. "This is so very provocative ... in that it reveals to me my own narrow eyesight, and provokes me to examine my heart, to root out my own tendency to judge only by what I see."

Send your comments to betty@ bettyslade.com.

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Snake on a stick

By Hank Slikker Special to The PREVIEW

I have a hard time with snakes. Not sure why, except when I see one, I move the other way. But I think I'm like most humans. We have protective DNA. Scientists call it ophidiophobia, or rather, fear of snakes.

I remember the first time I saw a "two-step" snake. It's a lethal bamboo viper we sometimes ran into on patrol in Vietnam as we moved through bamboo groves and elephant grass. Our unscientific name for it meant that two steps is all the time you get before you go down, before the venom strikes the nervous system. Thanks to our attentive point man, this one had no head.

Our fear of snakes may also be related to a spiritual DNA. After all, the Bible says the whole world is snake-bit. You may recall the primal story of Adam and Eve in Genesis. The great Prince of Deceit, or the enemy of souls, disguised himself as a serpent and lured our first parents into eating death.

Or you may have read about the thieving serpent in the Epic of Gilgamesh, the ancient Babylonian account of the flood. In the story, King Gilgamesh searches for and gains the gift of eternal life from Utnapishtim, the Babylonian Noah. But on his return home to the city of Uruk, the serpent steals the gift while the king sleeps.

We might say then, that in bringing death to the world, the snake holds the loftiest position in the spiritual underworld.

This seems kind of odd. And I say this because, if you've ever seen an ambulance, you might have noticed a serpent twirled around a stick inside the blue EMS symbol of the "star of life," whose six squared beams reference six themes involved in life-saving rescue.

But there's more oddness. The same snake adorns the stately logos of the World Health Organization and the World Medical Association. Also, an eminent statue of the father of medicine, Hippocrates, shows him with his famous Oath in his left hand, and a staff with a snake curled around it in the other.

In light of this, we might ask how

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an image related to death became such a lofty image of life.

Wikipedia tells us the snake image may come from ancient Greek mythology. It is known as the Rod of Asclepius, a Greek deity associated with healing and medicine. The entwined serpent on his walking stick reveals a belief that the snake possesses healing properties and references medicinal potions made of snake venom.

But there's another take on the origin of the image that precedes the Greek image by about 1,000

It might be the world has adopted the snake image from an Old Testament story about Moses, Israel and an angry God (Numbers 21). The story is about poisonous snakes God sends into Israel's camp to punish them for despising His provisions.

He had rescued the nation from 400 years of slavery and sent them on their way to a land all their own. But the road resembled traversing through Death Valley — no water, no food or 7-Elevens, no restrooms, or any other road-trip convenience.

So, God provided miracle food from heaven and miracle water from giant rocks. He could have turned the terrain into an oasis with cool springs, palm trees and dates, and wildlife for steaks and barbecues. But God does things His way. He no doubt believes a little hardship on the road of life never hurts. As old soldiers like to say, pain is weakness leaving the body.

But the people ultimately tired of His provisions and told Him they were sick of His leading and loathed His miracle food, day in and day out. He took it hard. Up until then, He put up with lots of displeasure, but murmuring lit an already short fuse. So, in response, He sent "fiery serpents" (perhaps referring to the sting of the bite) into their midst to punish them. Many who were bitten died, and many others got sick

So, they cried out to God and to Moses, who had less tolerance for bellyaching than God did. But Moses had nowhere else to go, so he interceded and begged God to do something. Finally, God tired of his special pleading and relented.

He instructed Moses to make a bronze snake replicating a fiery serpent, attach it to a pole and set it up in the middle of the camp. Then He told Moses to inform the people if they wanted to be healed of the snake bite to go look at the bronze snake on the stick. That's it. Life was just a look away (Numbers 21:8-9).

At any rate, when Jesus Christ, the Son of God, commented on His mission to earth to save humankind, He took the story of the bronze serpent as the best way to describe what he came to do. He said, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him [may] have eternal life" — John 3:14-15 (NASB). That's it. Eternal life is just one simple look away.

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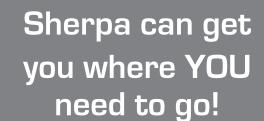








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UUs to celebrate Mother's Day

Special to The PREVIEW

"Nothing we do will be perfect," the title of an article in the Unitarian Universalist (UU) periodical UU World regarding racial justice work, applies equally to this Sunday's talk about motherhood.

The bar is set very high both by cultural expectations of mothers as well as mothers' own expectations, and failure is met with opprobrium and self-condemnation.

Yet if we take to heart the UU belief in the motive force of love, — "The governing principle in human relationships is the principle of love, which always seeks the welfare of others and never seeks to hurt or destroy" — learning to love our imperfections is indeed an important "motive force" and "principle of love" that introduces compassion where there are imperfections.

Motherhood is an art, not a science, and as challenging as it is, the rewards, perhaps, have no equal and perfection, as in any art, has no place.

Melissa Edwards, Sunday's lay

leader, will help us navigate some of the challenges inherent in motherhood through the exploration of motherly advice, trends that never caught on, animal kingdom mothers and mothering techniques abroad. Edwards hopes to expand awareness and tolerance to accept our differences in mothering, reserve judgments and build connection through compassion.

Edwards enjoyed life in Manhattan, Santa Monica, St. Croix, Lake Tahoe, Seattle and more before returning to her home state of Oklahoma for 25 years to help both parents navigate cancer and heal their relationships.

She feels her "gypsy years" are fueled her openness and curiosity. She has led a varied professional life, including national makeup trainer, outside sales, customer care (auto industry), research/design of CEU courses, design/decoration/contract work for a 4,000-square-foot decorative concrete showroom, and landscape design.

She is currently the proud owner of two small log cabins, managing one as a vacation rental. She now happily spreads her roots in Pagosa Springs, where she enjoys hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country and hydrotherapy at our hot springs. She loves her life of connection.

Ours is a welcoming congregation; we invite everyone to share in our faith community. Usually leadership is by Pastor Dean Cerny on third and fourth Sundays; however, this Sunday a lay leader will preside.

The Religious Exploration program for 2- to 9-year-olds continues in May on May 19 and 26. For more information, contact Anna Ramirez at afrancis_@hotmail.com.

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

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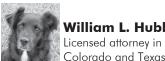
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Sunday's New Thought will honor mothers

By Lisa Burnson

Special to The PREVIEW

All are welcome to join the Rev. Janet Wyrick and the New Thought Center For Inspirational Living (NTC, formerly Pagosa Community of New Thought) on Sunday, May 12, at 10 a.m., for our presentation, "Honoring Mothers."

Please join us for a fun-filled celebration as we honor all mothers, including those who have nurtured biological and fostered children, as well as four-legged children, and our mother, the earth. All mothers will be given a gift of a flower.

Participants are welcome to

bring a potluck dish, but it is not required.

Upcoming events and more information

We have changed to summer hours and meet at 10 a.m. each Sunday

Reiki classes are held at NTC.

Please call NTC for more information. Donations are appreciated.

NTC is a New Thought center based on fostering living a spiritually centered life and promoting the philosophies of the Centers for Spiritual Living and the Agape Centers. NTC honors all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the divine.

We welcome local talent to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Have a hand in making a difference. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

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Zentangle, art classes and more offered by Senior Center

By Cheryl Wilkinson

PREVIEW Columnist

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The History (Book) Club

This group will be reading and discussing different eras in history.

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

The next meeting will be May 15 at 1 p.m. in the Community Café dining room at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center.

Questions? Call 731-6878.

Art classes

Art classes for the Senior Center will be provided by the Pagosa Springs Arts Council.

The next class will be held May 14 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in room B11 at Pagosa Springs High School. The instructor will be Kathy Steventon. The medium will be painting with a palette knife; materials will be provided.

Please RSVP to jenmwaite@ gmail.com or 264-2167.

Senior Center Caregiver Support Group

Learn practical self-care information, talk through challenges and ways of coping, learn about community resources and support. The next Caregiver Support Group is scheduled for May 21 at 1 p.m. and will be facilitated by Elaine Stumpo.

For more information, please call 264-2167.

If you are a caregiver of a friend or a family member, please join us for a support and respite group. Adults 18 and older are eligible to participate.

A support group can have significant positive effects on caregivers' overall well-being. It is a chance to speak with other caregivers who have common experiences with

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caregiving, learn about resources available in the community and nationally, learn how to keep yourself healthy so you can better deliver the care, and a chance for

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Lunch is served from 11 a.m.

Thursday, May 9 — New England clam chowder, spinach sautéed with mushrooms, bacon green beans, buttermilk biscuit with butter, milk and salad bar.

Friday, May 10 — Beef stroganoff, glazed carrots, roasted cauliflower snowflakes, milk, salad bar and chocolate cake with mocha frosting.

Monday, May 13 — Beef Philly cheesesteak, cream of broccoli soup, smoked paprika sweet potato fries, milk, salad bar and brownie.

Tuesday, May 14 — Tuna casserole with noodles, shredded Brussels sprouts, green peas, milk, salad bar and blueberry pie.

Wednesday, May 15 — Pork and green chili stew, sautéed cabbage, roasted Parmesan green beans with pine nuts, buttermilk biscuit with butter, milk and salad bar.

Thursday, May 16 — Turkey Rachel sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, milk and salad bar.

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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Build Pagosa and Pagosa Springs High School building trades classes auction

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Scene ... at the second annual dinner, dance and charity auction hosted by Build Pagosa and the Pagosa Springs High School building trades classes. Dog houses and a garden shed built by students were auctioned at the event, with that auction raising upwards of \$11,000. Dinner at the event was provided by the school's culinary arts students and music was provided by the San Juan Mountain Boys.





























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

Thursday, May 9

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.

Scholastic Book Fair: Dino-Mite Book Fair-Stomp, Chomp and Read! 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Families, teachers and the community are invited. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available, and there is always a huge supply of bargain books. For more information, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

Mountain View Homemakers. 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. Pagosa gardening guru Ron Chacey will be sharing tips for vegetable gardening in our area. A potluck lunch will be provided by members. For more information, call Tozi at 731-3360.

Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

Duplicate Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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member or of a special friend.
A person may attend one or all
of the meetings. Topics vary, so
there is no progression of subjects. Interested persons can call
the church office at 264-5508 for
further information.

Lifelong Learning Lecture: 'The Woolly West: Colorado's Hidden History of Sheepscapes.' 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Dr. Andrew Gulliford from Fort Lewis College will speak about historical archeology and the wide variety of sites related to sheep movements. He will show photographs and discuss cultural traditions and stories for Basque, Hispano and Greek herders and sheepmen who have grazed and still graze the state's public lands. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Home-Based Business Networking Open House. 5-7 p.m., Pagosa Brewing and Grill. Come out for an evening of idea exchanging and information. For more information, contact Mary Jo Coulehan at 264-2360 or director@pagosachamber.com.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Lecture Series. 7 p.m.,

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The Weekly Crossword

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ACROSS 1 Cracker spread

- 5 Billiards bounce
- **10** Play the lead
- **14** Verve
- 15 Antipasto morsel
- 16 Legal lead-in
- 17 Yearn
- **18** 1984 Olympics locale
- 20 Not to mention
- **22** Work boot feature
- 23 Slack-jawed
- **24** Kind of ring or swing
- 25 Get tangled up
- **27** Renounce firmly
- 31 Cattle call?
- 32 Tally, in Britain
- 34 Philly footballer
- **35** Bloom County penguin
- 37 Illustrious39 Meditative
- exercise
- **40** Tithing portion
- **42** Big commotions
- 44 Scoundrel
- 45 Female hormone
- 47 Attractive
- 49 Bit of news
- 50 Like one who errs?
- **51** Type of voyage
- **54** Lunatic
- 57 Speed up
- **59** Highchair feature
- **60** Chipping choice
- 61 Hulu offering
- **62** Zombie-stopper Grimes
- **63** Bad impression?
- **64** Quite proficient
- **65** Masseur's target

DOWN

- 1 College grant
- 2 Balm ingredient
- 3 Equivalent (to)

4 Captivate

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- **5** Publisher's imprint
- 6 "Leave me
- **7** What dough does, often
- 8 In vitro items
- 9 Trusted advisor
- **10** Place for a race
- **11** It's softer than gypsum
- 12 Square feet, eg.
- 13 Coarse file
- 19 Gander's mate
- **21** Bringing up the rear
- 24 Scooter's kin
- 25 Over-dramatize
- 26 Slangy refusals
- 27 Collapsible bed
- 28 Self-absorbed29 Like pond scum
- 30 Rough-and-
- 33 Tribal pole

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- 36 Hard on the ears38 MS Word file,e.g.

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- **41** Setting for "The Shining"
- **43** Vague amount
- **46** Taxonomic categories
- 48 Words to live by
- 50 In a lather

51 Hotel worker

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by Margie E. Burke

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- 52 Farmland unit
- 53 Coin anagram
- **54** Put forth a challenge
- **55** To ____ his own
- **56** TV legend Dick Van
- **58** Skelton of comedy

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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The Springs Resort and Spa EcoLuxe building. The presentation will be given by Linda Baker: "The Momentum of the Southern Ute Museum Since the Takeover by the Tribe in May 2016." Join us for social hour at 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir Spring Concert: 'An Evening with Friends.' 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Featuring a variety of songs that speak of home, family and friends. In addition, the choir will host a performance of the women's chorus, Sisters in Song. For more information, call Linda Parker at 264-1434 or email singpagosa@gmail.com.

Friday, May 10

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

Scholastic Book Fair: Dino-Mite Book Fair-Stomp, Chomp and Read! 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Families, teachers and the community are invited. There are a wide variety of books and price ranges available, and there is always a huge supply of bargain books. For more information, contact Lisa Scott at 264-2730 or sranch@centurytel.net.

Independent Living Skills Class. 9-10:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. For persons with developmental disabilities to develop skills to live the lives they deserve in their community. The series will focus on self-care and job longevity. For more information,

contact Salomon at Southwest Center for Independence at 903-8339 or email Mashi at mashi@ swilc.org.

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. 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.

ESL English as a Second Language. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Please check in at the front desk. Everyone will be helped on a first-come, firstserved basis. This is a free legal clinic via computer link for parties who have no attorney. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran's benefits and civil protection orders. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Gaming. 2:30-3:45 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.

Saturday, May 11

Walk for Moms. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Aspire invites Pagosa Springs community members to sign up. Open to people of all ages, including kids. All participants will receive a goody bag filled by event sponsors with a complimentary event T-shirt for those who raise \$100 or more. Additional prizes will be given for teams and individuals who raise higher amounts and for additional engagement. For more information and to register online, visit www.aspirepagosa.org/ upcoming-events.

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Weminuche Audubon Society: Migratory Bird Day. 9 a.m.-noon, Mary Fisher Park. Presented by Audubon Rockies, Weminuche Audubon and the U.S. Forest Service. Bird walks, meet a peregrine falcon, activities, information and family fun.

Tara Mandala Open House. 9:30 a.m., Tara Mandala Retreat Center. We invite the public for a free day of events, including a guided tour, a brief introduction to meditation with time for Q-and-A and a vegetarian buffet lunch. For more information or to register, go to www.taramandala.org/open-house.

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.

Fundamentals of Buddhism: A Practice and study with Debra Quayle. 10 a.m., Universalist Unitarian, Suite B-15, 70 Greenbriar Drive. All are welcome.

Boys' Varsity Baseball. 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Centauri.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Boys' Varsity Baseball. 1 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Centauri.

San Juan Stargazers: National Astronomy Day. 1-5 p.m., Visitor Center. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be activities for adults including viewing past lessons about amazing Hubble photos and improving telescope skills. There will be hands-on activities for children of all ages. At 8:30 p.m., telescope operators will bring their telescopes to the Visitor Center so you can see wonderful views of the moon.

Sunday, May 12

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, May 13

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

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

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call Beverly at 264-2064.

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

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

PALS Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. 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.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Tween Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-8th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center. CPR Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension Office.

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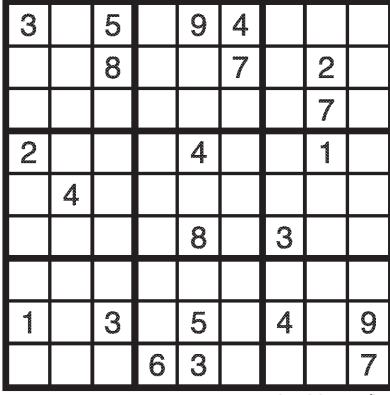
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Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

Tuesday, May 14

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.

Pagosa Springs Women's Golf Association. 9 a.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Call Lynne McCrudden at 946-2517 for more information.

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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.

Hand-Drumming Class. Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a hand-drumming class. All are welcome. Hand drums will be provided for those who don't have one. For further information, call 731-3117.

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

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Book Club for Adults. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. We will be discussing "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. Light snacks and beverages will be served. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Art Classes. 4-5:30 p.m., Senior Center. Kathy Steventon with the Pagosa Springs Arts Council will provide instructions on painting with a palette knife. Materials will be provided. There will be transportation from and to the Senior Center. RSVP jenmwaite@gmail.com or

call 264-2167.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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.

et's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn West Coast swing. West Coast is a form of swing dancing that is danced in a slow to moderate tempo blues, R&B and contemporary music. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to http://www.meetup.com/ Lets-Dance-Pagosa for more information.

Wednesday, May 15

Mountain High Garden Club. Field trip to Durango. Call 731-0044 to RSVP on or before May 11, or email info@mountainhighgardenclub.com.

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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.

ESL English as a Second Language. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more infor-

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

History Club. 1 p.m., Senior Center. Are you interested in reading and talking about history with others? Join us and bring your ideas and experiences as we start a history discussion group. The discussions will cover many historical subjects based on the preferences of the group. For more information, call Jim at 731-6878.

Teen Writers. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Calling all teen writers: Stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction — it's all welcome.

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For more information on Foster Care in Archuleta County, please contact Jacey Cox Jacey.cox@state.co.us

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Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center. Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group. 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

First Aid Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

Weminuche Audubon Society.

6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Stacey Couch hosts a "Birding by Ear Workshop." In this interactive workshop, Couch emphasizes the reasons why birding by ear is a valuable skill to develop. She will share tips and free tools for learning and identifying birdsong. Join us for socializing at 6 p.m. Call Jean Zirnhelt at 731-2985 for more information.

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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

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Thursday, May 16

Hai Chee. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

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Lifelong Learning Lecture: Financial Fraud Awareness. 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Elsa White and Samantha Armitstead will be joining us from the Archuleta County Treasurer's Office for an educational presenta-

tion about how you can protect yourself from becoming a victim of fraud. You will learn how to identify and protect yourself from loss of money, identity and have peace of mind. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Valor Academy Informational Meeting. 5-6:30 p.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. We will discuss the university model of education and how to register for the 2019-2020 school year. Go to academy@pagosavalor.org or call (970) 254-4782 for more information.

Friday, May 17

Pagosa Springs Rotary Club EKG Heart Screenings. Pagosa Springs Middle School. Free EKG heart screenings during physical education classes. This screening is for all eighth-grade students. Consent forms and a FAQs sheet will be sent home to parents prior to the screening. For more information, call Ralph Maccarone at 317-0371.

Pickleball. 9 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. 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.

ESL English as a Second Language. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Movie. 2:30-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Teen Miles Morales becomes Spider-Man of his reality, crossing his path with five counterparts from other dimensions to stop a threat for all realities. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 5-6 p.m., Community Center. **Thingamajig Theatre Company** Presents 'Ring of Fire.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Celebrating the music of Johnny Cash. The contours of Cash's life and art can be seen through narratives woven by his music. The story, told through Cash's music, develops an earnest dialogue about home and family, the people you love and what holds people together in the face of tough times. Go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

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The Old Spanish Trail is a historic trade route connecting northern New Mexico settlements in the Santa Fe vicinity with Hispaño settlements in southern California, especially in the Los Angeles area, first known as El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de los Angeles, which translates into English as



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This 700-mile-long trail is an important part of Pagosa Country history because for decades traders clip-clopped back and forth across the southwestern part of Pagosa Country, mostly to sell cotton in Los Angeles and horses in New Mexico.

Traveling on the Old Spanish Trail was not a task for cowards. The trail ran through areas of high mountains, deserts and deep cañons. Many historians consider it to have been one of the most ardu-

ous of all trade routes ever established in the United States.

First traveled in part by the 1776 Dominguez-Escalante expedition, the trail saw extensive use by pack animals from a b o ut 1830 until the mid-1850s

The name for the trail

comes from the publication of John C. Fremont's report of his 1844 journey for the U.S. Topographical Corps, guided by Kit Carson, from California to New Mexico. Fremont's report named a trail that had already been in use for more than 15 years. Fremont became known back east as "Pathfinder of the West" for his western adventures, but Kit Carson was more deserving of that honor.

In truth, Fremont was responsible for one of the more infamous



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

County Judge Fil Byrne is showing his age here in his courthouse office circa 1932. Byrne was one of the early county pioneers, having arrived circa 1878, when he served as the first local school teacher and first superintendent of county schools. Throughout his long career in Pagosa Country, Byrne served the community in almost every position, ending as you see him after serving eight years as county judge. Byrne was born in Ohio in 1858 and passed away in 1932.

blunders out West when he led an exploration party. Fremont was looking for a railroad passage across the Rocky Mountains during the dead of winter with the intent

of proving the pass could be used summer or winter. Several mountain men refused to guide Fremont when they learned he intended to cross the mountains a little north of today's Creede during the dead of winter. Freemont finally convinced

Old Bill Williams to be his guide. The expedition on Fremont's frozen course began with 33 men and 120 mules. When Williams recommended Cochetopa Pass, Fremont fired Williams and hired guides unfamiliar with these particular mountains and continued on his chosen course. Ultimately 10 men and 120 mules surrendered their lives to the deep snow and bitter cold.

Next week we continue by describing contributions to the Old

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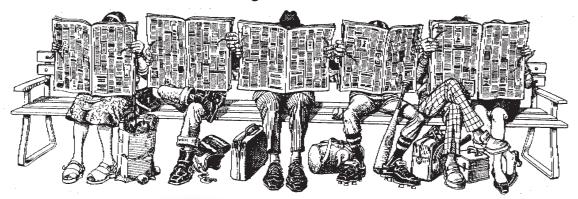
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VA to celebrate Women's Health Week with events at medical centers

In celebration of National Women's Health Week, May 12-18, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Centers (VAMCs) across the country will host events to support women veterans and connect them with the VA's health care services.

"VA is serving nearly a half million women veterans and we want to take care of even more," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "Events like these get them through the doors, so they meet VA health providers and learn firsthand about the comprehensive services and quality care VA provides to women who have served."

Women are among the fastest growing veteran demographics, accounting for more than 30 percent of the increase in veterans who served between 2014 and 2018. The number of women using VA health services has tripled since 2000, growing from about 160,000 to nearly 500,000 today. The VA offers a wide range of primary care and specialty services for women veterans, such as health screenings, preconception counseling, maternity care, menopausal support and more.

VAMCs with dedicated women's health clinics will celebrate National Women's Health Week by hosting either an open house or outreach events. Veterans attending these events can speak with health providers about the broad range of services offered at their medical centers and hear from experts on topics such as maternity care and child safe homes. Tours of the clinics and educational materials will be available.

For further information, please contact the Veteran Services Office.

For more information

The office of the Archuleta County veterans service officer (VSO) provides assistance to qualified military veterans and their families, or a veteran's survivors, in applying to and in obtaining VA program assistance, benefits and claims. This assistance is provided within the guidelines, policies and procedures

Veterans Corner



established by the Colorado Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. This is a mandated program of the state of Colorado.

For further information on VA benefits, please call or stop by the Archuleta County Veterans Service Office, located at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center in the Ross Aragon Community Center on Hot Springs Boulevard. The best way to contact me is to set up an appointment, for either at your home or in the office, so I can schedule a specific time in order to answer and assist each veteran in Archuleta County.

The office number is 264-4013; fax number is 264-4014 and email is raytaylor@archuletacounty.org. Bring your DD Form 214 (discharge) for applications to VA programs or benefits for which the veteran may be entitled to enroll, and for filing in the Archuleta County VSO office.

Veterans' groups

The following veterans groups meet in Pagosa Springs:

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- American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary: Second Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.
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- Veterans for Veterans: Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.
- Combat Veterans PTSD Group: Every other Tuesday at noon, Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St. Contact Gary Hanneman at 946-2540.
- Women's Group of Spouses of Veterans: First and third Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Sharon Carter's office. Contact Charlotte at 903-9690.

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MOVEMENT IS MEDICINE In Pain? Call for a group or individual session. Qigong, Tai Chi, Myofascial Release. Covered by most insurance. Maybe try this before that back, neck, shoulder. or knee surgery? Advanced Healing Massage (970)779-0185. By appointment only.

HOT SPRINGS HEALERS Wellness Center. Chiropractic, acupuncture, craniosacral, massage, water therapy in the hot springs. Auto and sports injuries. 1/2 hour \$60 and 1 hour \$120 treatment. (971)221-4797, hotspringshealers.

HELP WANTED

PAGOSA YARD/ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE. Mow, edge, trim bushes, pull weeds, dig, plant. 4 hours/ week. \$19 per hour. Call (505)980-3782.

LABORERS FOR GROUND MAINTENANCE needed full-time. Monday through Friday. Possibility of year round position. Call (970)759-9317.

RUNS WITH SCISSORS IS looking for a parttime hair stylist. Great downtown location and walk-in traffic. Call Julie at (970)507-1234.

HELP WANTAD: BARTENDER, WAITSTAFF, dishwasher and cook. Pick up applications at Pagosa Tire and Auto or The Roadhouse. Saturday from 10a.m.-3p.m. 27 Talisman Dr.

PAGOSA ROOTER IS HIRING a full- time employee. No experience necessary. Just have a good attitude and good work ethic. Call 946-3692 or come by 208 N. 14th St.

LOOKING FOR COOKS with experience. Starting pay \$15/ hour. Apply in person, Boss Hogg's, 157 Navajo Trail Dr. No phone calls

SUPPORT AIDE OR CNAs needed for Pine Ridge Extended Care. Able to work in a fast paced environment. Under new management. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr.

ADMIN ASSISTANT- You are looking for a parttime job that will keep you challenged, year after year, with a wide variety of administrative duties for an established Pagosa technology firm. You have a "servant's heart," as you work closely with like-minded co-workers, and engage with interesting clients. Requirements: Exceptional verbal, written and interpersonal skills; minimum 2 years employment in customer service and office administration; strong knowledge of MS Office. Finally, a good sense of humor and a sincere, innate desire to help others are required! Position offers a competitive hourly rate based on experience, paid time off, and profit sharing plan. (970)585-1235.

SMOKEN MOE'S NEEDS a night waitperson. Wednesday through Saturday, 3:30-9:30ish.

DENTAL ASSISTANT WANTED to help care for our growing family of patients. Want a job with a bright future? Willing to train (good wait staff make good assistants. There is always more to learn). Join an awesome team of hardworking professionals! Weekends and holidays off, beautiful facility, excellent pay. Gain satisfaction by helping people! Drop off or email resume to PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com.

AT YOUR DISPOSAL IS hiring year round fulltime Class B CDL drivers. Starting at \$17 an hour with benefits. Please apply at 128 Bastille Dr.

HELP WANTED

HIRING: SPRINGS RESORT & SPA is looking for enthusiastic and great customer service oriented associates. Current openings: Housekeeping, Cooks, Servers, Supervisor for Bath House, Grounds-Bath House, Pool Technician 11p.m.-7a.m., Security guard. Must be available to work holidays and weekends. Full- and parttime positions available. Great benefits medical and dental and vision insurance, vacation time and 401K. Please stop by to pick up an application or send your resume to vmedina@ pagosahotsprings.com. Please visit www.pagosahotsprings.com for more information.

DENTAL HYGIENIST: San Juan Dental is seeking a caring and compassionate dental hygienist to join our team. Please email resume to drericmsmithdds@aol.com or stop by our wonderful office and meet the team. (970)264-9436.

NOW HIRING FULL-TIME MEAT counter position. Must be positive and able to multi task. Potential management position. Please apply with Kevin at The Buck Stops Here Market & Eatery.

POSITION AVAILABLE- NAVAJO TRAIL Laundry, Part-time counter help needed, Please apply in person. 75 Navajo Trail Dr.

OFFICE ASSISTANT. The Archuleta County Department of Human Services is seeking applicants for an Office Assistant. Minimum starting wage is \$14.90 an hour DOQ-DOE. Ajob 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

PAGOSA LIQUOR HIRING FULL-TIME cashier. Please apply at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

MANAGER WANTED WITH RESTAURANT experience. Part time to full time. For full job description and application, call Boulder Coffee Cafe (970)585-1019.

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosaschools. com under the "Job Postings" icon. Openings for the 2019-20 school year are: High School Head Cheer and Dance Coach, Administrative Assistant for Maintenance and Transportation. Middle School Cheer and Dance Coach, Rus Drivers and Substitutes. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at Imijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS AVAILABLE full time. Flexible schedules and competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr.

CNA'S NEEDED, DAY SHIFT and night shift. Night shift differential. Apply in person. Pine Ridge Extended Care. Under new management.

GENERAL LABORER. Help wanted- full time. Please call (970)264-5000. Pagosa Cattle Company,

HUMANE SOCIETY OF PAGOSA SPRINGS. Thrift Store position available, Full time and Part Time. Position may include some weekends and the following: Helping with pickups and deliveries. Some heavy lifting; must be able to lift without restrictions. Must be a team player and willing to be cross-trained in various store duties. Must have transportation. valid driver's license, and Social Security Card. Pre-employment background check is required. Applications available only at the Humane Society Thrift Store (279 Pagosa Street). NO PHONE CÁLLS, PLEASE.

HELP WANTED

THE PAGOSA AREA WATER and Sanitation District is seeking applicants for the position of Utility Account Agent. This position will be a temporary full-time position with the potential of becoming a permanent full-time position. The duties entail accurately entering customer account information, customer payments, performing electronic file transfers and a variety of accounting and balancing processes. Excellent customer service, written communication, computer skills, and the ability to prioritize and work independently is required. Experience with the public utility industry would be an asset. Cover letter and resumes may be mailed to PAWSD PO Box 4610, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or emailed to nancy@pawsd.org. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Exceptional benefits package

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for friendly, customer service oriented Volunteers, Our volunteers greet and assist patients with way finding and information from our front entrance. Applications may be picked up at the volunteer desk (next to registration). Applications are may be submitted to jodi. scarpa@psmedicalcenter.org or returned to the volunteer desk.

FULL-TIME DETENTION OFFICER. Archuleta County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for a Full-Time Detention Officer This is a full-time position with excellent benefits. For job description and wage details, visit www. archuletacounty.org, submit application and resume to HR, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or fax (970)264-1879 or email rsmith@ archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

LOOKING FOR A JACK OR JILL of all trades for building maintenance work. Must be flexible and adaptive. (970)731-3005.

CNA CLASS STARTING MAY 14. Full-time positions available. Alternating weekends off. . Competitive wages and benefit package. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr.,

FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

SPA/ HOT TUB WATER CARE and Maintenance Person wanted. Need clean driving record. Maintain water chemistry, cleaning of spa/ filters/ covers, etc, chemical treatment, and more. Technical repair of heaters, pumps, plumbing, controls. etc. Deliver and replace covers, install accessories, help Spa/ Hot Tub Delivery Crew on deliveries and moving display tubs in and out of showroom. Training is provided. Please call (970)946-4673 for more information or visit us at Homespun Comforts, 301 N Pagosa Blvd, B-6.

FULL-TIME TELLER I. Bank of Colorado is a family-owned business with deep ties to the local community. We are looking for a Teller/ New Accounts employee to join our team, that can provide quality service by assisting customers accurately and efficiently. Can perform a broad variety of customer service and sales activities, cross selling all bank products and answer questions from customers and branch staff. . Ability to multi-task, and strong attention to detail. Cash handling experience preferred, long term employment desired. We offer health, dental and vision benefits, vacation and holiday pay. We are a Thrive Living Wage employer. Apply online only at http://pinnbank.balancetrak.com/. Member ÉDIC/FOE

NURSE WANTED. Must be IV port trained for in-home care 2x weekly. Call 946-1593.

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Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

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NOW HIRING:

Terry's Colorado Home Supply and Ace Hardware

is seeking Motivated, Dependable, Energetic, Detail Oriented individuals to join our team. Product knowledge is a plus; proficient computer skills, and excellent people skills are a must!

We are accepting applications for Full time and Seasonal positions.

Applicants will need to be available for weekend and holiday shifts.



COLORADO HOME Terry's ACE 525 Navaio Trail Dr.

GTS IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for part-time or full-time employment. Please apply within at 31 Goldmine Dr.

SEEDS OF LEARNING is accepting applications for a full-time assistant teacher position. Education and experience are required. Please contact Lynne or Melissa at (970)264-5513 for more information.

KITCHEN HELP, MORNING AND afternoon shifts. No experience necessary. Flexible schedule and competitive wages. Apply in person, Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs. EOE.

NOW HIRING PARAPROFESSIONALS at GOAL Academy High School in Pagosa Springs. We offer competitive wages and employee benefits. Please apply online at www.goalac.org. For more information, call (877)776-4625, ext. 027.

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I. The Archuleta Public Works Department is accepting applications for an Equipment Operator I. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits. For job description and wage details, visit www. archuletacounty.org, submit application and resume to HR, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or fax (970)264-1879 or email rsmith@ archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SENIOR Level Oncology Nurse Navigator (ONN) as an integral part of the oncology team in Pagosa Springs, our beautiful mountain town in Southwestern Colorado. The candidate must be experienced in providing high quality cancer care as well as having leadership and operational skills. The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Pagosa Springs Medical Center opened its doors in February 2018, with an overwhelmingly positive community response. In August 2018, we added a third experienced oncology-hematology provider. Our team is seeking a highly motivated individual who is capable of taking the lead on assessing patient needs, identifying barriers, coordinating referrals, providing education, and assisting with survivorship care plans for all Oncology/ Hematology patients. Applicant must possess specialized clinical skills in the oncology nurse navigation role and be well organized. Applicant will work closely with our three providers and cancer center staff to coordinate patient care and will cross train in Infusion for consistency during absences. BLS, PALS and ACLS required. Resumes and applications should be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter. org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

HELP WANTED

The journey to your next career starts here. WYNDHAM •DESTINATIONS Job Fair at Wyndham Pagosa! Located at 538 Village Drive Activities Center Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 3pm to 6pm. On the spot interviews and job offers! Refreshments provided! We would love to meet you! We are currently recruiting for Full-Time & Part-Time positions in Resort Operations & Sales. Benefits Include: ✓ Volunteer 8 hours; "WISH" day for your community **☑** Paid Time Off ■ 6% 401K Savings Company Match ■ 40% off lodging at 10,000 locations in over 100 countries

■ 10% Discount Employee Stock Purchase

☑ Health, Dental, Vision coverage within 30 days of employment

An award-winning company, year after year.



SERVER POSITIONS AVAILABLE NOW for soon to open tavern. The Iron Dram Whiskey Lodge is looking to hire servers. Applicants must be 18 or older. Please email resume with the word "resume" in subject line to info@irondramwhiskeylodge.com. Come be part of this new piece of Pagosa.

LANDSCAPERS, TREE MITIGATION, fence work. (970)403-2228.

SUMMIT SKI & SPORTS is hiring Part-Time Retail Employee for summer and possibly into fall and winter season. Experience is a plus, but will train the right person. Must be able to work weekends, especially Sundays. Accepting applications starting May 8th to May 13th, Apply in person at 172 East Pagosa Street.

WOLF CREEK REALTY is interviewing for an experienced broker who currently is or is interested in becoming qualified as a managing broker. Excellent opportunity for a thorough, detail oriented Realtor in a well established office. Great downtown main street location. Contact Eddie Ring (970)759-8032.

MECHANIC I & II. Archuleta County Public Works is accepting applications for a full-time Mechanic I and Mechanic II. These are full-time positions with excellent benefits. For job description and wage details, visit www.archuletacounty. org, submit application and resume to HR, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or fax (970)264-1879 or email rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PART-TIME DHS COMPLIANCE & Program Coordinator. The Archuleta County Department of Human Services is seeking applicants for a part-time Compliance and Program Coordinator. Minimum starting wage is \$24.30 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.

DENTAL ASSISTANT POSITION available now. If you are looking for a fun and rewarding career, this is it. Duties include helping with interesting procedures, being a patient advocate and operational maintenance. Be a part of a profession that is always in high demand. Will train career minded, motivated individuals. Please send resume to denprac@yahoo.com.

LOOKING FOR JOURNEYMAN MACHINIST that also has excellent office skills and is compulsively organized, 731-1200.

PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS & GREEN HOUSE

Pagosa are looking fill several positions both in our cultivation and retail environments. No experience is required; we love to train motivated people! We offer competitive wages, a happy, friendly work environment, employee discounts and more. Please stop by Pagosa Therapeutics for an application or email your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE- Are you organized? Do you work well under deadlines? Would you enjoy getting to know local business owners and managers? We are looking for a self-motivated sales person to join our team selling weekly paper, website and special issues. Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop and marketing experience a plus. Email your resume to helpwanted@pagosasun.com. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.

THE BUCK STOPS HERE is gearing up for the busy summer season. Taking applications for servers, bartenders, cooks and front counter. Serious inquires only. Please apply at 19 Navajo

PEAK DELI NOW HIRING multi-taskers to help coordinate deliciousness for summer. Stop in for application. No calls.

HIRING EXPERIENCED AND LICENSED PLUMBERS, and plumber helpers. (970)946-7096, leave message

FULL-TIME ASSISTANT COOK (experience preferred). Monday- Friday, 7a.m.-3 p.m. Send resume to Jeff@psseniors.org.

LOOKING FOR MECHANICALLY SKILLED person with Class A CDL. Pay commensurate with experience. 731-1200.

DESTINATIONS

WYNDHAM

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH DINER seeks server and also host for busy summer season. Must have a great attitude and work well with others even under pressure. We are a closely knit team and cooperation is key. The pace is fast but fun and camaraderie makes it easier. Must be available to work some weekends and holidays. Apply in person at The Rose, 408 Pagosa St., on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9a.m. to 1 p.m.

ROSIE'S PIZZERIA IS NOW accepting applications for full-time kitchen cook. Must be available nights and weekends. Please apply in person at 100 Country Center Drive, Suite C

ARCHULETA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION **ADMINISTRATIVE** Assistant, Archuleta County Administration Office is accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits. For job description and wage details, visit www.archuletacounty. org, submit application and resume to HR, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or fax (970)264-1879 or email rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity

NORTH PAGOSA SHELL HIRING full-time cashier. Please apply at 30 N. Pagosa Blvd.

PIEDRA VALLEY RANCH HIRING laborers to repair 35 miles of fence. Call 946-4615, ask for Robert.

PHYSICAL THERAPY TECH PRN for a busy outpatient clinic. Monday- Thursday on an as-needed basis. This is a great job for an active retiree or person who wants some extra work from time to time. On the job training. Email resume and letter of interest to admin.inbalancept@centurytel.net. No phone calls or walk-ins.

THE PLPOA IS SEEKING a seasonal position in property and environment maintenance. Work would include lawn and grounds maintenance. lakes and fisheries projects and general facilities upkeep. \$15/ hour. Please call Larry Lynch at (970)731-5635, ext. #205 for more information.

LABORERS, CONSTRUCTION WORK (970)403-2228

CAREGIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY. No experience necessary. Must be caring and compassionate. Visit us at www.peoplecarehs. com. Contact Devina at devinab@peoplecarehs. com or (719)320-9925.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER has openings for Nutritional Services Workers to prepare and cook food for hospital patients, staff and visitors. Must have a flexible schedule and willing to work nights and weekends. We offer full benefit package to our employees including health insurance, discounts at our facility, retirement and paid time off. Applications and resumes must be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

YARD SALES

ESTATE SALE

One day only

Saturday, May 11 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Many items

West on 160 to Cat Creek Road, turn left, go 4 miles, turn left on Apple, right on Lemon Court. 75 Lemon Court.

PUBLIC AUCTION AND CONSIGNMENT SALE. Proceeds benefit WHEC/ Hughes Pavilion covered arena. Saturday, May 18, 10:05a.m. at Rodeo Grounds. Accepting donations (100% tax deductible) and consignment items (commission paid) until day prior to auction. Will pick up significant items. Call Mike (970)759-8424 or Brian (970)779-8837.

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE. Friday and Saturday, May 10-11, 8a.m.-2p.m. Hand/power tools, tool chest, kitchenware, queen mattress/ box spring, etc. 377 Monte Vista Ct.

YARD SALE SATURDAY/ SUNDAY, 9a.m.-5p.m. each day. 168 Walnut Place.

HUGE YARD SALE at East Side Market, across from Ski and Bow Rack. Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11. Starts at 9 a.m. Ranch, garden and home items. Great prices, great stuff.

GIANT YARD SALE. Emptied a big nice house. Couches, beds, TVs, bar stools, etc. Saturday, May 11th. 9a.m.-1p.m. at PAGOSA SPRINGS CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 2313 Eagle Drive.

GARAGE SALE, MAY 10-11, 8a.m.-1p.m. 72 Moccasin Ct.

VACATION RENTAL SOLD, so all must go. Furniture, kitchen items, garage items and more. Lots of fun! Saturday, May 11th, 8a.m. sharp. Hwy. 160 west, left on South Pagosa, left on Capricho, straight on to Bristlecone (Timber Ridge Ranch), left on Sage, house #61. Rain or

BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

LOST & FOUND

FOUND: KEY CHAIN on N. Pagosa Blvd. Call to identify, 946-0037.

Classifieds

264-2100

Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

PERSONALS

IT CAN STOP! Let us help. 24-hour domestic violence or sexual assault hotline. Confidential. 264-9075.

PETS

ADOPT FROM THE Humane Society. Stop by or call 731-4771. You'll be amazed at what we have to offer. www.humanesociety.biz.

DOGGY DAY CARE 81147.COM. Open 365 days of the year! Full day and half day doggy day care and overnight boarding. Conveniently located just 1 mile from downtown Pagosa. Call (970)264-9111.

LIVESTOCK

RANCH SORTING STARTS NEXT week, May 18. Watch for ad in next weeks paper. Info call Rod Pepper, (970)264-1486.

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WANTED

IS IT TIME TO CLEAN your freezer out? Bring your meat and fish to the Wildlife Park to feed the animals. 11a.m.-4p.m. Feeding time is 2 p.m.

STAINING HOUSES. Exterior house painting and staining. Gravel driveways, roof tightening, gutter cleaning, build pads with gravel. (970)946-9571, (432)847-6451.

FOR SALE

RESTORED 1978 CJ5, \$15,000; 4.2 l6, under 20K on motor, 31 inch new AT tires, many extras. 2015 Suzuki 650 Enduro, \$5,000; 174 miles, many extras. Call for detail (650)898-4570.

ATTENTION CONTRACTORS AND HOME-OWNERS. Are you remodeling or tearing down? Call Durango Salvage, we buy and sell building materials. Tom, (970)749-2271, Mark 749-8235.

4-PERSON INFLATABLE RAFT with electric motor, oars, \$285. (2) 1-man pontoon boats, \$175 each, great for Pagosa Lakes. (505)205-9212.

8 EARTH PLANTING BOXES, heavy black plastic, 3 feet long, 10" wide, 10" deep, \$10 each or \$75 for all. Manure spreader, John Deere Model H, box 8 feet long, 3 feet wide, 2 feet deep, tires 80%, \$300. Bob Case 731-5593.

HIGH QUALITY TOP SOIL. Delivery included. (970)946-2281 or (970)731-4856.

JOHN DEERE TRACTOR MODEL 770 in excellent condition. 24 HP. 957 hours. Includes brush hog, rake, straight blade, box scraper, snow chains, pallet forks, technical manual. \$12,900. (970)731-1051.

PagosaSUN.com

FOR SALE



RAISED GARDEN, 3' HIGH, 10' diameter with 6' 6" deer barrier. Must be custom built on your property. See at 10373 W. Hwy 160, Pagosa Springs or call (801)201-2122.

2017 CUB CADET 42" riding lawn mower with auto transmission. Very low hours, excellent condition, \$1,000, (970)317-3344.

2004 BMW MOTORCYCLE. 35,000 miles. \$3,900. Call Jim Smith (970)264-3208.

IBANEZ PF40-12 PERFORMANCE acoustic 12-string guitar. Excellent condition. Accessories: leather and nylon straps, 2 capos, guitar pitch pipe, chromatic auto tuner, Seymour Duncan pickup, padded soft case. First \$400 takes it. Dan at (970)507-0256.

2-MAN PONTOON FISHING BOAT. Includes trolling motor and trailer. Pictures upon request. (214)755-9227.

16' HYSIDE RAFT. Older bucket boat. Needs a little TLC. Includes 4 paddles and miscellaneous parts for repairs. \$500. Call or text for pictures. (908)619-9892. Will consider trade for canoe.

FRED HARMAN OIL PAINTING (Too Late to Hibernate). Interested parties: ablais273@ gmail.com.

14 FT. JUMPSPORT TRAMPOLINE with net and spring covers, excellent condition, \$500. Full size Temperpedic mattress and box spring set with wooden bed frame, includes head and foot boards, \$600 OBO. ODC 1220 2 man pontoon boat, tubes are great, frame needs help, \$150.

2010 SUPER DYNA HARLEY. 9,700 miles, very fast, great condition, custom pipe. Ride proud for \$7,000, sold new 20,000. (970)731-2064.

BIRD LOVERS BIRD FEEDER. 40"x4', approximately 7' 6" to top of roof. Hold 30 gallons of feed that is caged to prevent deer from stealing it. Years of enjoyment for you and others, \$640. See at 10373 W. Hwy 160, Pagosa Springs or call (801)201-2122

GET YOUR FIREWOOD NOW! Guarantee yourself dry wood this coming season. Get a HUGE dump truck load, split and delivered for \$335! Ponderosa Pine. Contact Dan with FIRE&ICE at (970)582-0006.

ALL NATURAL, 100% GRASS finished beef and lamb, Berkshire pork, and organic free range chicken from GrassRoots Meats. Available at our warehouse on Mondays, as well as the Choke Cherry Tree and Joy's the rest of the week. www. grassrootsmeats.colo@gmail.com. Call Lois for more information, (970)582-0166.

FOR SALE

WRIGHT NATURAL BAKERY. Locally owned Whole Grain Organic Bakery. Delicious, nutritious items at Choke Cherry Tree and Joy's Natural Foods. Wrightnaturalbakery.com.

SELL OR TRADE YOUR GUNS. We buy for cash or trade it. No hassle. Licensed, bonded, insured. San Juan Trading Post, 635 San Juan St. 731-PAWN (7296).

BUILDING MATERIAL, SMARTSOFFIT, CONTINUOUS vented, 12 pieces, 16' x 24" pre primed and one finish coat (gray). Brand new, no flaws, dry and stored indoors. Ready for cash and carry, \$375. (970)946-9920.

WATER TRANSFER TANKS. 275 gallons. 6 miles west of Pagosa Springs on Hwy. 160. \$200 cash. Call Kurt (801)201-2122.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

COLEMAN POP-UP TRAILER. EXCELLENT condition, sleeps 8. Refrigerator, sink, stove and awning. 731-9715.

2010 12' COLEMAN POP-UP camper. Excellent condition, 2 king beds. \$6,700 OBO. (970)507-0260.

1999 FORD SEA VIEW. 32', 12' slide out, 32,000 miles. \$15,000 OBO. (970)946-6083.

2006 HI-LO TRAVEL TRAILER. \$5,500 cash or certified check. Sleeps 3, A/C and 2 year old tires. (915)852-4006 or (915)539-0812.

1994 HARLEY ULTRA CLASSIC Tour Glide. New tires, drive belt, oils. Very good condition, has about 22,000 miles. Asking \$5,000. Will negotiate. 903-9317.

\$7,500. 2001 SIERRA by Forest River 5th Wheel. 25' long and has 1 tipout. Call 759-8109.

2013 31 FT. TOY hauler camper trailer. Bumper pull, like new. Comes with gas pump, solar panel and power double bunk beds. Has been winterized since fall of 2017. Asking \$22,000. Call (970)264-2170 or (970)946-3783.

1997 COACHMAN CLASS C CAMPER. Ford V10, 24 foot, sleeps 6, 59K miles, TLC to make it excellent. \$10,000 OBO. Call 264-0463, leave message.

AUTOS

GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL! 4X4 Auto Sales, 21698 Hwy. 160 West, Durango. (970)385-7940.

USED JEEP WRANGLER SAHARA 2013. Excellent condition, \$22,900 with new tires. See at 10373 W. Hwy 160, Pagosa Springs or call (801)201-2122.

2005 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER. Runs good. Call Joe Bob Leake for information. (970)946-5563.

2015 TOYOTA TACOMA TRD Off Road, 4 door, 56,000 miles, \$27,300. (970)903-1614.

2005 DODGE RAM 2500. 3/4 ton, 4 door, 4" exhaust, with a programmable performance chip and 154,000 miles. \$20,000. (970)749-4033.

RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

73 POPLAR COURT. 3 story beautiful log home with amazing views in a quiet cul-de-sac. 3 bedrooms and a loft. 3 bathrooms, oversized 2 car garage, 2 decks. \$1,900 a month. Call Ginni at 731-2216.

RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

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LAKEVIEW ESTATES APTS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

- > 1, 2 & 3 bedroom units
- > On-site laundry facility
- > Tot lot
- > Access to Pagosa Lakes Recreation
- > Close to shopping and restaurants
- > We accept Section 8 vouchers

Contact on-site manager at: Lakeview Estate Apartments

857 N. Pagosa Blvd. or call 970-731-5666 TDD 800-659-2659

This institution is an equal opportunity provider, and employer.



SPACIOUS CHALET LOFT WITH gorgeous views, including Chimney Rock. 17 miles from North Pagosa Blvd. 2,108 sq. ft. \$1,800 per month, \$1,600 without horses. Horse property with all amenities. 2 bedroom 2 bath, furnished, floor heating, wifi. (970)883-2600.

ROOM FOR RENT in 3 bedroom house shared with 2 guys. \$500/ month plus 1/3 electric and propane. Near Wildlife Park on Hwy. 84. Call or text Paul for more info (970)946-0653.

DOWNTOWN HOME FOR RENT. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large yard, carport. Available June 1st. Taking applications for minimum 1 year lease. No smoking, no pets. \$940 per month. (970)883-5394.

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Out-of-this-world activities planned for National Astronomy Day event

By Joan Mieritz Special to The PREVIEW

Saturday, May 11, is National Astronomy Day sponsored by the National Astronomical League, of which the San Juan Stargazers Astronomy Club is one of over 250 clubs across the U.S. The Stargazers will be having events at the Chamber/Visitor Center from 1 to

since there will be something for everyone to do, regardless of age or skill level.

There will be activities for adults including viewing past lessons about amazing Hubble photos and improving telescope skills. People will be able to select a 20-30 minute lesson that they may have missed, or maybe there is a special lesson

5 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend you would like to see again. You will have a chance to ask about anything related to astronomy that has you curious.

> There will be lots of hands-on activities for children of all ages, 3 to 103. It may be fun for family members to work on an astronomy activity together. Among the many activities, you will be able to make glow-in-the-dark stars and constellations. We have new flashcards with constellations and Messier

Objects. There is an astronomy game to stump the best of us.

There will be refreshments for sale and donations taken for our scholarship fund. If you come, we are certain that you will learn something new about our amazing universe and you will have a wonderful time.

At 8:30 p.m., if the weather is clear, telescope operators will bring their telescopes to the Visitor Center so the people of Pagosa can see wonderful views of our moon. We will have educational material available inside the Visitor Center and then people can step outside to view the moon. It will be a comfortable, easy viewing experience, especially good for folks who can't make it to Chimney Rock.

Astronomy Day should be an enjoyable time to learn and appreciate our amazing universe. Everyone is welcome at this event. It will expand your life. Hope to see you.

Grief support meetings begin today

By Beverly Arrendell Special to The PREVIEW

Grief support meetings are scheduled at the Community United Methodist Church beginning today, Thursday, May 9, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The meetings will be held in the church library on Thursday afternoons through June 27. The meetings are free and are open to the public.

The purpose of the sessions

is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member (spouse, parent, child, close relative) or a special friend. Eight weekly meetings are scheduled. A person may attend one or all of the meetings. Topics will vary, so there is no progression of subjects.

Interested persons can call the church office at 264-5508 for further information. The church is located at 434 Lewis St. The Rev. Leighton Mekeal is pastor.

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Ben Bailey

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the violet-green swallow.

Violet-green swallows begin arriving in Archuleta County each April as they migrate north from Mexico and Central America. They take advantage of longer daylight hours, increasing temperatures and growing insect populations to breed and raise their young. Swift aerial acrobats, they swoop and chitter while catching and eating flying insects on the wing. You can spot them near water, in open areas and above our woodland tree canopies until they begin their southward migration in September.

Spotted from a bridge as they skim below, or viewed as they perch on a branch or wire, violet-green swallows shine with iridescent purple and bronze-green backs. Without the right sunlight angle, they may just appear to be dark-backed, small, sleekbodied birds with long wings. Their white undersides, cheeks and "saddlebag" shaped rump patches make them easier to identify. The colors of female and immature birds may look muted. Females have brownish caps.

Both male and female swallows work to build cup-shaped nests of grass and twigs in tree cavities and cliff niches. They will nest and raise their young near human homes when provided with nest boxes. They generally produce four to seven eggs, which they incubate for 11 to 20 days. Both parents provide care until the young fledge in 17 to 30 days.

Their populations are currently considered to be stable.

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