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County to consider Model Traffic Code

County roads could have speed limit of 20 mph unless otherwise posted

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners is anticipated to vote on the first reading of the Model Traffic Code ordinance at its next meeting on Sept. 3.

“The biggest thing with Model Traffic Code is it allows local control of our traffic laws,” Undersheriff Derek Woodman told the county commissioners at their work session on Tuesday.

Woodman told The SUN in July that the state traffic code doesn't really take into account the needs of rural Colorado or the nuances of living in Archuleta County and the county adopting the Model Traffic Code allows for tweaking the traffic laws to better fit the needs of the Pagosa Springs area.

Specifically, Woodman explained there isn't a state law that prohibits parking on county roads, which has been a problem for both snowplows in the winter and year-round for neighbors of homes that operate as short-term rentals (STRs), where guests sometimes park in county roadways.

■ See Traffic A8



Photo courtesy Dave Douglas

Raking in the food

Above: With fall just around the corner, Pagosa Country's bear population is entering hyperphagia, and this bear was seen raking in the food in the area of Buttress Avenue and South Pagosa Boulevard Tuesday. Right: Several bears have been spotted in the Timber Ridge subdivision lately, with area bears starting to look for easy sources of food in preparation to hibernate.



Photo courtesy Kathy McKimmy

Suspect in Vista homicide hears charges

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

An Archuleta County man is facing a first-degree murder charge in the death of Millie Mestas earlier this month.

The charge against Christopher Ross Maez was read by Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson during a hearing held on Aug. 26 at the La Plata County Courthouse.

Mestas, 47, is believed to have been killed the night of Aug. 6.

Wilson explained that it is a domestic violence offense and that the district attorney charges Maez with murder in the first degree, which is a class 1 felony.

“The complaint states that count No. 1, murder in the first-degree. On or about August 7, 2019, Christopher Ross Maez unlawfully, feloniously and after deliberation, and with intent to cause the death of a person other than himself, caused the death of Millie Michelle Mestas,” Wilson read. “That's a class 1 felony. That's potentially punishable by life in prison without the possibility of parole.”

■ See Homicide A8

County budget cuts could strip \$100,000 from town budget

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

Proposed budget cuts to the county's Road and Bridge Department could strip as much as \$100,000 from the town's budget.

Members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council confronted the Archuleta County commissioners about the county's proposed budget cuts at a joint town/county work session Tuesday.

The county can modify its distribution of property tax between the General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund and the Department of Human Services Fund once per year, which can have implications to the town's budget, according to an email sent to The SUN from Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

“Whatever part gets allocated to Road & Bridge, must be

shared with the municipalities located within the boundaries of the County. In our case, it must be shared with the Town of Pagosa Springs,” Walton wrote.

Walton wrote that the formula for calculating how much money the town gets is complicated, but with the county's proposed cuts to road and bridge in the 2020 budget, “I've suggested to the Town [the loss of revenue] could be as bad as \$100,000, but it may be a bit less.”

Since 2015, the county has allocated 25 percent of total property tax revenue to the Road and Bridge Department.

The proposed allocation for 2020 is 5 percent, according to Walton.

At the joint meeting Tuesday, town council members pressed the county commissioners about the funding decision, with council member David Schanzenbaker illustrating how much bigger the county's budget is than the town's.

“Keep in mind the county's budget is four and a half times

what the town's budget is,” he said. “So, the way I look at it, taking \$100,000 would be the equivalent of taking \$450,000 out of your budget. So, it's a pretty big impact although it seems like a small number.”

County Commissioner Steve Wadley explained that he didn't realize the decision to cut the county's Road and Bridge Department would impact the town at all, and explained the higher cost burdens the county has compared to the town.

“If you look at what the county's requirements are to provide, you guys don't have to provide human services, you guys don't have to provide the jail, you guys don't have to provide the county courthouse and we got 380 miles of roads that we gotta provide for,” Wadley said.

“... You know, you don't hear us telling you about all the things we have to pay for, but we do, we take care of our stuff.

■ See Budget A8

County may consider cap on vacation rental permits

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

In recent weeks, the county commissioners have talked about possibly capping the number of short-term rentals (STRs) allowed in Archuleta County.

STRs, or vacation rentals, are homes that are rented out for 30 days or fewer at a time. The county has had an STR permitting process since late last year.

Commissioner Steve Wadley explained at a work session Tuesday that he is “leaning” toward looking at whether it's a good idea for the county to limit the number of STRs

■ See Permits A8

Harman estate agrees to county's \$600,000 offer for house, 5.48 acres

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The estate of Fred and Norma Harman has accepted the county's \$600,000 offer for the Harman's previous residence, a 4,450-square-foot home and the 5.48 acres it sits on.

The property is located at 85 Harman Park Drive and is adjacent to 125 Harman Park Drive, where the county's new detention center is currently being built.

County Commissioner Ron Maez explained in a phone call Wednesday that with the purchase of the additional 5.48 acres next to the 4.98 acres where the jail is being built, it offers the county a path to address their capital facility needs, which includes finding a new location for the sheriff's office and the dispatch center, and possibly building a new courthouse.

“Now we have property to establish a plan,” he said.

At their regular meeting on Aug. 20, the county commissioners voted

■ See Harman A8

Back to school: Tuesday is first day of school



Photo courtesy Chris Hinger

Pagosa Springs Middle School staff summited Sheep Mountain on Sunday in their annual team-building activity before reporting to work on Monday. This is the fifth year in a row that the staff has climbed a Pagosa-area peak. In addition to Sheep Mountain, the staff has climbed Pagosa Peak, Black Head Peak, Treasure Mountain and Alberta Peak.

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

School is just about to start and Archuleta County students will be hitting the books for the 2019-20 school year.

The following are the hours of operation for each Archuleta School District school starting with the first day of school on Sept. 3.

Pagosa Springs Elementary School: 7:55 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:55 a.m. to 1:25 p.m. on Friday.

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Pagosa Peak Open School: 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Friday.

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EDITORIAL

'What if?' and a dream realized

What if?
The year was 1996 when Dan Appenzeller had his "what if?" moment that became the Four Corners Folk Festival. These days, thousands of people of all ages converge from all around the country for three days of live performances, workshops, campfire jams and children's programs that are the backbone of the popular, music-filled Labor Day weekend that was once one man's "what if?" moment.

Twenty-four years ago on Labor Day weekend, Appenzeller's vision became reality when the grassy meadow on Reservoir Hill became known as the "festival meadow."

Sally Hameister was the director of the Chamber of Commerce at the time, and in the Sept. 5, 1996, "Chamber News" column, she wrote, "Congratulations Four Corners Folk Festival — To all those who shed blood, sweat and tears, went without sleep and sustenance for extended periods of time, lost touch with your families, friends and the real world, and lived and breathed only for the Four Corners Folk Festival, congratulations on a superb job. As a 'ticket lady,' I had the opportunity to talk to lots of people who raved about their Festival experience, and I have no doubt that they will spread the word and return time and time again."

Hameister gave props to event director Dan Appenzeller: "Job well done. And, Dan Appenzeller — some people live out their lives without a dream, let alone a dream realized."

"Congratulations on making your dream come true."

Sitting down with SUN staff before the festival a few years ago, Appenzeller explained that, while the festival may have been his notion, it would have never continued if not for his wife, Crista Munro.

"She's the reason why the festival actually exists. She was born with wisdom that I have never, ever found in anyone else," he said.

Munro is the festival's executive director. When you add her wisdom and talent to Appenzeller's dream, you come up with world-class, legendary music festivals as we have grown accustomed to here in Pagosa Country.

Thankfully, the couple didn't stop dreaming after that first festival. Nowadays, there are two such festivals held annually on Reservoir Hill. Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass is celebrated each June and the Four Corners Folk Festival each Labor Day weekend.

Munro and Appenzeller moved away from Pagosa Springs eight years ago due to health issues. Yet, they continued pouring their heart and soul into our community. The two festivals have become an impactful economic driver for our community over the years.

Munro and Appenzeller return twice a year to the festival meadow — the same meadow where they exchanged their wedding vows just one month after they first made the 140-acre ponderosa pine forest on Reservoir Hill come alive with the sound of music.

A few years ago, Munro wrote, "Since 1996, we've amassed a FolkWest family made up of volunteers, staff, musicians and, of course, our amazing audience. We've watched as a generation of kids has grown up and started families of their own. We've shared in the sorrow of the passing of countless friends and loved ones. Through it all, the one thing that's remained constant is the music and its power to unite, heal and create joy."

This year, Appenzeller and Munro will celebrate 24 years of their music festival journey with all of us. Unfortunately, it's been a few years since Appenzeller's health has allowed him to come home to this altitude and join in the culmination of his dream with us, but his heart is with us all.

And, while there is a sense of excitement in the air as the final touches are being put in place for the Four Corners Folk Festival, there is also a tremendous sense of sadness as this will be their final festival in Pagosa Springs. Munro's and Appenzeller's journey has changed course and they will be beginning a new chapter of their life in Sisters, Ore., where Munro has accepted a position as executive director of the Sisters Folk Festival.

The couple will be missed deeply by their friends, volunteers, staff and audience.

We are forever grateful for that "what if?" moment, and for Appenzeller and Munro keeping the dream alive in Pagosa Springs.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

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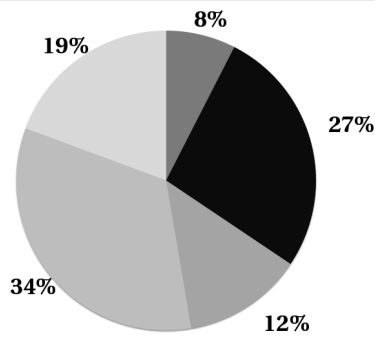
What can be done to improve test scores in local schools?

Poll results (93 votes)

- Better classroom learning environment — 8 percent
- Increased parental involvement — 27 percent
- More support for teaching staff — 12 percent
- Start at the top with school leaders — 34 percent
- Nothing, it is not about the test scores — 19 percent

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LOOKING BACK



From the March 20, 1980, Pagosa Springs SUN. **BOXERS** — Two local boxers who competed in the New Mexico State Tournament, and their coach. Left to right, Mark Aragon, who won the championship; Billy Lynn, coach; and Ronnie Archuleta.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 30, 1929

A farm produce sale will be given tomorrow by the M.E. Ladies Aid. Vegetables, eggs, etc., donated by the ranch ladies of this vicinity, will be offered to the public at reasonable prices.

County Superintendent of Schools Myrtle DeFoe last Friday issued diplomas to Gertrude Kingsley of District 12 and Lloyd Junior Clark of District 21, who this summer completed their eighth grade work and successfully passed the state examination.

Between sixty and seventy participated in the annual Hoosier picnic dinner and meeting held Sunday at the ranch home of Judge and Mrs. F.A. Byrne west of town. Besides a splendid dinner, an enjoyable time was had by all in renewing acquaintanceships.

Eugene Hatcher returned home last Friday from Denver, where he accompanied his wife and baby daughter, who remained in that city in order that the baby could enter the Children's hospital for treatment and observation.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 1, 1944

Keeping a promise made nearly two years ago, Lieut. Col. Gilbert T. Mullins of Pagosa Springs, Colo., aimed two 500-pound bombs at a string of boxcars during the D-day bombings along the French Riviera. Mullins made the promise when a stranger came up and introduced himself as the brother of a dead transport pilot who had crashed before he had a chance to fly overseas. The stranger gave Mullins a gold ring which had belonged to the dead pilot and asked Mullins to tie to one of his bombs. Mullins kept the ring through several campaigns, but fearful it "Might be the last big show," he tied the ring to a bomb which he released over the French Riviera.

All credit of this issue of The Sun should be given to Mrs. Larmon as she did practically every bit of it — writing, linotype, soliciting, press work, correcting mailing and everything else. This was the only way left to get The Sun to you this week because of broken glasses.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 28, 1969

Chokecherries are ripe in most areas this weekend and large crowds can be expected in most areas where the chokecherry bushes are thick. Chokecherries are very flavorful and chokecherry jelly is a great treat for almost anyone. In some cities and towns individuals and factories buy chokecherries and make jelly commercially. In most these cases the demand far exceeds the supply. Just another thing about living in this area, lots of chokecherries.

Coach Ron Shaw said this year that there are more high school athletes out for football than for a long time. There are 39 players listed on the roster and this number is expected to be larger after the actual start of school. Among returning lettermen who saw a great deal of action last year are Mick Bennett, Buster Heath, Richard Marquez, Richard Chavez, Robert Gallegos, Raymond Hise, Bob Handford, Steve Lynch, Ron Trujillo, and Don Trujillo.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of September 1, 1994

The fire Wednesday, Aug. 24 at Aspen Springs burned 50 acres of grassland and stands of oak brush and pine, but a well-executed effort by several local organizations and numerous volunteers quelled the blaze before it destroyed any structures or grew to unmanageable proportions. Pagosa Fire Protection District Chief Warren Grams said his department was joined at the fire scene by County Road and Bridge Department fire crews and equipment, a fire crew and equipment from the U.S. Forest Service, tankers from the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District and the Town of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County Sheriff personnel, and an ambulance crew from Emergency Medical Services. Grams said 60 firefighters labored with 11 pieces of fire equipment and two bulldozers (one from Archuleta County and one owned by Gary Scoggins, an Aspen Springs resident) to control the fire. The work went on from early afternoon Wednesday to 1 a.m. on Thursday morning, and involved 730 man-hours on the fire lines. Chief Grams said at least 10 residents of the nearby area donated their time and energies to the effort.



Letters



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Something's wrong with county government

Dear Editor:
After attending the 8/20 BOCC meeting, it struck me that something is seriously going wrong with our county government. In a previous Pagosa Sun article, BOCC Chairman Maez stated that the County wanted to negotiate a settlement with the plaintiffs in the 16CV4 lawsuit over election statute violations by former commissioners and attorney. Mr. Bryant was addressing the BOCC about beginning those negotiations and Maez emphatically stated that the contract they had offered the plaintiffs was not negotiable. I cannot speak for others in the audience or any of your readers who are trying to follow this issue, but that threw up a red flag for me. One week Maez says they want to negotiate and the next he very emotionally says the contract offer is not negotiable? This brings to mind the endrun on the Taxpayers Bill of Rights that is currently underway under the guidance of Maez, to fund the beginnings of a new judicial complex, disguised as just a jail. The funding scheme has been labeled as "Cer-

tificates of Participation". That is a fancy label to disguise debt based bonds for funding government pet projects. The registered electors of Archuleta County have twice refused to raise taxes to fund this project. Most people do not know that nationwide, unnecessary government construction projects have been going on for several years to infuse the stock market with a steady stream of new cash. Which in reality is just debt placed on the backs of everyone. Government backed debt is a no loose investment because they pick everybody's pocket to get the return on the investment.

This endrun on TABOR is being promoted internal by the Finance Director and supported by the Assessor by the increased property valuations. Tabor only allows for annual tax increases of 3% plus or minus a change in the CPI. Personally our property valuation went up 65% this last go round. Others around the county have experienced similar increases. This is how the Bonds are presented to the investment community as a solid investment. By increasing our taxes against our will, government officials can keep funding whatever projects they want. Our government, our community, our way of life is being ruined by our government officials.

Greg Giehl

Fantastic concert

Dear Editor:
Friday night 1 was privileged to attend the fantastic concert by

Gabriella de la pas at our Episcopal Church. The opening performance by "The Jeans" was moving and Gabriella's medley of Hispanic and Latina songs shared the joy of music and the rich cultures of our Southern neighbors.

I was only saddened that our many Hispanic and Latina Pagosans did not attend. Their absence was a missed opportunity for our divergent cultures to share in a joyful evening of song.

I sincerely hope something like this can be repeated and expanded, becoming even more inclusive.

Robert Hagberg

What great economy?

Dear Editor:
No Donald, the \$1.1 trillion dollar deficit isn't okay. The United States can't declare bankruptcy and stiff its creditors. Try to focus on a real economic plan.

No Donald, your trade war isn't working. China has a leader-for-life with time to play the long game. Farmers are hurting. Americans are paying more. The world economy is teetering toward recession. China didn't call last weekend. Melania hasn't met Kim Jung-Un. Try to get in touch with reality.

No Donald, the super-duper 401k balances of the 1% do not, of themselves, make a great economy. Those balances can rise and fall in a heartbeat – especially when ill-considered tweets rock the markets. Try to get a grip on your responsibilities with something other than your thumbs.

No, Donald, turns out you can't "order" that US corporations bring jobs back. Miriam Webster has a fine definition of Democracy. Read it. Try to comprehend.

No, Donald, the Federal Reserve Chief isn't an enemy because he won't play dangerous fiscal games. No more tantrums, please. These are serious times.

No Donald, low unemployment rates don't guarantee that the 99% are doing any better. Stop suing to eliminate health coverage for millions and stop trying to kick the poor off food subsidies. Try to justify your sell-out to the top 1% and try to explain why your administration is failing working people.

No, Donald, you aren't America's favorite president. With astounding ignorance and graceless arrogance, you're embarrassing America every day.

Sincerely,
K. Muth

National Improved Medicare for All

Dear Editor:
Why does healthcare in America cost so much? Why is every other industrialized country in the world able to provide lifelong healthcare to every citizen for half of what we spend?

Here's part of the answer: David Cordani, CEO of Cigna, "earned" \$19 million last year. Larry Merlo, head of CVS Health, raked in \$22 million. Michael Neidorff, CEO of Centene, made \$26 million.

Axios reports in 2018, 62 healthcare CEOs made a combined \$1.1 billion when calculating the actual value of cashed-out stock.

What were these huge salaries based on? The CEO's ability to make a profit for their shareholders. How do they make a profit? By denying us health coverage. By taking in more money in premiums than they pay out for our health needs.

How do these CEOs sleep at night? That's one question I don't have the answer to.

Partnership for America's Healthcare Future is a lobbyist group made up of health insurance and pharmaceutical lobbyists. They are busy spreading propaganda to ensure that this corrupt system of "healthcare" that puts their profits over our health continues. Last week the American Medical Association quit the coalition.

As long as the profit motive remains part of our healthcare system, we will receive expensive, substandard care.

National Improved Medicare for All (NIMA) will remove profit from the healthcare equation. It will provide lifelong healthcare for every American, just like every other industrialized nation has been able to do for its citizens, for less than what we spend now.

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Births



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The following are the July births with parents from Pagosa Springs as reported by Mercy Regional Medical Center:

Lucas Urijah Ray, Kyrstie Gordon and Travis Vigue, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, 1:23 p.m., July 19.

Cody Lee, Kylie and Tyson Ross, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, 7:09 a.m., July 25.

Parents are invited to submit photos of their baby and an official announcement to editor@pagosason.com to be printed in the newspaper.

Letters

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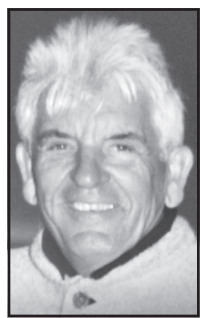
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Obituaries

Jack R. Madore

Jack R. Madore passed away July 16 with his devoted wife, Mary, youngest daughter, Pier, and best friend Mike James by his side.



Jack was born in 1939 in Flint, Mich., to the late Jack and Bernice Madore, and spent a decade as a young man as a tool and die maker at General Motors in Flint.

He then worked at IBM in Essex Junction, Vt., as a staff engineer for 18 years, during which time he won an Outstanding Contribution Award for his design work on a piece of equipment: "Mechanization of Monolithic Array Module Assembly." His work at both companies prepared him for his next step, the acquisition and expansion of a small engineering firm, Crow Company, in Tucson, Ariz., which he purchased in the mid 1980s and transformed into one of the premier specialty piping distribution and manufacturing companies in the southwestern United States, with locations in Tucson, Phoenix, Denver and Albuquerque. Crow Company's innovative work and great team caught the attention of a larger group that ultimately purchased the business.

Jack was passionate about engineering and design outside of

business, too. He restored, modified and built classic vehicles, custom street bikes, drag cars and roadsters, which led to many adventures and friendships. He built several houses in the Pagosa Springs area of Colorado after moving to the state in the 1990s, developed Navajo Peak Ranch in Chromo, Colo., and was instrumental in the successful start-up of Pine Ridge Extended Care.

He was also an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish — in the U.S., Canada and Africa — and served on ski patrol at Sugarbush Resort in Warren, Vt., teaching many a novice how to navigate a slope.

Jack is best remembered for his long-lasting and loyal friendships, his help and mentorship that he gave to many, his love for adventure, calm and amused enjoyment of all life's idiosyncrasies, and spirited creativity. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Sally. He is survived by his wife, Mary; daughter Pier Sullivan (Nate) of Bloomington, Ind.; son Jack (Tucson, Ariz.); daughter Sally Leatherland (Centerville, Va.); brother-in-law Charles Dorr (Leesburg, Fla.); and three grandchildren: Max, Zachary and Taylor.

Jack's life will be celebrated with friends and family in Colorado and Arizona at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the "Jack R. Madore Memorial Scholarship in Design Technology" at Ivy Tech in Bloomington, Ind.

Joseph 'Joe' Charles Silva

Joseph "Joe" Charles Silva passed away quietly at his home on Tuesday, Aug. 20; he was 67.



Joe was born in Chelsea, Mass., on Aug. 27, 1951, to Manuel and Clair Silva. He was the oldest of 10 children.

Joe and Susan bought their first home in Pagosa Springs in 2002 and finally retired here in 2016. His love for Pagosa Springs was very evident in his life by "showing off the town" to family and friends at every opportunity.

Joe loved his Harley Davidson motorcycle that he bought new in 1977. He was lovingly known

as "Mr. Fix It" by his family. Joe enjoyed kayaking, playing the guitar and fishing, and watching his favorite sports teams, the Denver Broncos and Colorado Rockies.

He is preceded in death by his parents, daughter Jennifer Nelson and niece Elizabeth Jonsson.

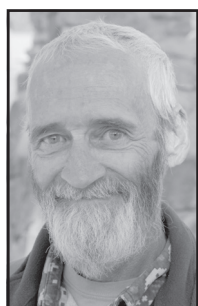
Joe is survived by his wife, Susan; children: Josey (Todd) Later, Jeremy (Jeska) Silva and Cassie (Danny) Porter; four grandchildren: Lilly, Olivia, Ben and Weston; nine siblings: Jerry, Dan, Marie, Andy, David, Holly, Darlene, Theresa and Chris; and many nieces and nephews, as well as extended family and friends all over the country.

Interment will be at a later date in Arizona at Lake Havasu Memorial Gardens.

He was a gentle soul and will be greatly missed and remembered by all those who knew him.

Bruce Eugene Young

Bruce Eugene Young passed away on Aug. 25 in Pagosa Springs, Colo. He was born Sept. 14, 1960, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Denver.



Bruce attended Lutheran High School in Denver and Golden High School. Prior to that, he proudly served as the sixth-grade debate team captain. He grew up enjoying concerts at Red Rocks. Later in life, he became the owner of a backflow company in Pagosa Springs.

In his healthier days, Bruce would spend every other summer backpacking for four to five months at a time. He believed that the best things in life are the people you love, the places you've seen and the memories you make along the way. Bruce described himself as a "blessed native" of the state of Colorado and really enjoyed all that the outdoors had to offer. He really learned how to "stop and smell the roses" and found great joy in the little things that really matter in life.

Following a backpacking trip along the Continental Divide Trail in 2001, Bruce stopped to pick up groceries in Pagosa Springs. He loved the town so much that he decided to make it his home. Bruce considered the community of Pagosa Springs to be his family and stated that the Lord's will brought him here for his journey. He loved to tell people the theme song from "Cheers" is how the people of Pagosa Springs made him feel.

Diagnosed in January 2011

with colon rectal cancer, he was blessed to meet many caring souls along his journey with the disease. Cancer was a blessing for Bruce. The daily inspiration he received from his friends in Pagosa Springs kept him going for years and he in turn became a great inspiration to those who had the pleasure to know him.

Bruce loved the little things in life: a cup of coffee, the colorful flowers in his garden and his long walks around the town, where he brought smiles to many in his neon or tie-dye attire, bright blue eyes, funky sunglasses and a smile. He was definitely a "skip instead of walk" kind of guy, and that's what made him so special. Despite his challenges, the joy these little things gave Bruce were constant reminders of God's love for him.

Bruce was especially proud of his model railroad that he created, which won Grand Champion in the Archuleta County Fair. He had a tremendous passion for trains. In the 2017 Fourth of July parade, Bruce pedaled the entire route of the parade on a bicycle that he turned into a train — a float he built by himself. On the engine were the words, "I think I can. I think I can." Crowds cheered him along the parade route, with many not knowing he was under the care of hospice at the time. He was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Bruce is survived by the community he loved and the community who loved him in return. He is also survived by his faithful service dog, Tellme, and his daughter, Briana Young.

"I'm going to go sliding into the end of my life yelling, 'Whoopie!'" Bruce said. Coming from a man who rode his mobility scooter in the skate park, did donuts in the parking lot and dressed up in silly costumes for his friends at Pine Ridge to enjoy, it's safe to say, he did just that.

Dr. Jack M. Rudd

Dr. Jack M. Rudd, DDS, of Wichita, Kan., died Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the Catholic Care Center in Bel Aire, Kan., at the age of 85.



Jack was born the son of Harold and Vivian (Phares) Rudd on Wednesday, May 9, 1934, in Wellington, Kan. He graduated from Wellington High School and went on to graduate from the University of Kansas. Jack then received his postgraduate degree of doctor of dental surgery from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. Dr. Rudd operated a dental practice in Wellington, Kan., and later in Derby, Kan.

In 1975, Jack and Mildred R. Rudd were united in marriage in Derby, Kan. Together, they celebrated 37 years of marriage before

her passing in 2012.

Along with his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and two step-daughters: Amy Hawthorne and Kathleen Loehr.

Survivors include his daughter, Lori Page and her husband, Mike, of Nappanee, Ind.; daughter Sherri Newlin and her husband, Tod, of Wichita, Kan.; step-children: Mary Fowler and her husband, Steve, of Rose Hill, Kan.; Peggy Clark and her husband, Brad, of Wichita, Kan.; Ann Loehr, of Hutchinson, Kan.; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister, Ann Fogal and her husband, Les, of Clarkston, Wash. At the request of Jack, there will be no services held.

A memorial fund has been established in his memory to the Wellington Humane Society, P.O. Box 494, Wellington, Kan. Contributions may be mailed or left with the funeral home.

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Lark Sanders and Dalton Stickney were united in holy matrimony Aug. 13. Family and friends witnessed the joyous event and joined them for dinner and dancing to live music. The wedding was held in the foothills near Denver.

Lark is the daughter of Jim and Nancy Sanders, of Pagosa Springs. Dalton's parents, Mike and Denise Stickney, currently reside in Palm Coast, Fla.

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Call to Artists

Mosaic Project

Artists who have canvasses they have created for the 2019 Mosaic Project should return those by Friday, September 6 to either Two Old Crows Gallery or the Chamber of Commerce.

The Mosaic Project canvasses will be unveiled at the **Mosaic Project Event** at the PSAC Center on September 19 from 6-9 pm. The center is located on Navajo Trail Drive.

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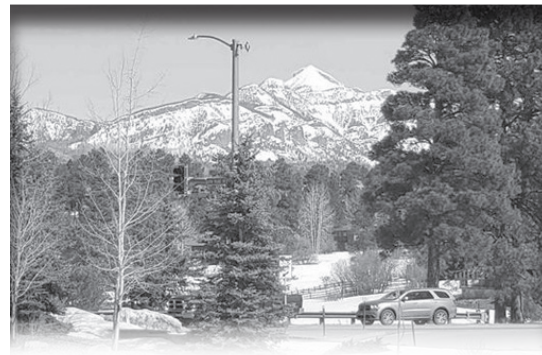
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Local project receives technical assistance grant from state

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

An effort that is looking to breathe new life into an old downtown building received a boost recently in the form of a Rural Technical Assistance Program grant from the Colorado Office of Economic and International Trade (OEDIT).

The project, which aims to ultimately turn the former Pow-erhouse building off of Hermosa Street into a space for co-working,

business accelerator space and meeting space, received a Coworking 101 technical assistance grant earlier this month — one of two projects in the state to receive the grant.

“With a growing national trend towards remote employees, freelancers, and independent professionals, and increased mobility for both businesses and startups, Coworking spaces have become a progressively popular and increasingly vital alternative to the traditional

workplace,” an OEDIT document about the grant program explains. “These shared collaborative spaces have shown measurable successes in attracting, retaining, and engaging the ever-growing population of location-neutral workers and entrepreneurs. For the Coworking Space 101 initiative, OEDIT will partner with Proximity Space and Startup Colorado in a two-phase initiative to both provide communities with a comprehensive overview of coworking as both a

business and community asset, as well as work to identify end-users.”

According to Michael Whiting, a volunteer consultant on the project, the award is a nonmonetary grant that will help those involved better understand the co-working portion of the larger project, including technical assistance with a market analysis on the need for co-working space.

“In that regard it’s a narrowly focused grant designed to help us understand that piece,” he said.

Whiting noted the grant also provides peer support from other co-working projects that are underway and further along.

The grant will also help determine which of the three aspects of the project is completed first, with Whiting noting there is information available already on the need for meeting space in Pagosa Springs, and the project takes into account other current efforts to add meeting space in town.

The business accelerator space, he explained, could have offices for organizations such as the Region 9 Economic Development District, Fort Lewis, Small Business Development Center and Pagosa Springs Community Development Center to provide local business with an aggregation of resources.

“This is a suggestion of a useful community purpose for the building,” Whiting said, explaining the building, as it stands today, is about 9,000 square feet.

The current concept, he explained, is to finish out a second floor in the building, which would put it being around 14,000 square feet of floor space.

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SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Town staff work to apply a seal coat to Lewis Street Tuesday morning. Streets Department staff has worked to apply the seal coat to help preserve asphalt pavement throughout town since early July.

CHAMBER NEWS

Community events abound in September

By **Mary Jo Coulehan**
SUN Columnist

It seems like there is a rush of late-summer feelings: still plenty of warm weather, outdoor activity and, of course, events. September is a busy month for a number of events as we round out the summer season.

We would like to take this time to say goodbye and thank you to one event promoter and welcome another as the baton changes for FolkWest and the folk festivals. Twenty-four years ago, there wasn't much going on in Pagosa Springs over the Labor Day weekend. Dan Appenzeller and Crista Munro developed a folk music festival which will celebrate its 24th year.

For the initial few years, pretty much everyone could fit under the tent. Now the event has grown to be a huge draw over the Labor Day weekend, being a destination event. The infrastructure investments that Appenzeller and Munro have added to Reservoir Hill are not well publicized. Working with the Town of Pagosa Springs, improvements such as seeding the meadows, electric, roads and mitigation have been accomplished.

They were visionaries that established a solid event that now is being taken over by another

Pagosa Springs Chamber member and regional partner — KSUT Public Radio. As KSUT expands its event schedule, primarily based in Durango, we welcome them to our community to continue the partnerships built by FolkWest and to expand the already-solid festival. It was a good fit and natural progression as KSUT has always been a large sponsor of the event. The Chamber wishes Appenzeller and Munro the best in their new endeavors and we will miss the years of collaboration, brown bag lunches in Town Park creating future events and their investment in our community.

A result of one of those brown bag lunches is another event that occurs in September — the Mountain Chile Cha Cha. Done in collaboration with Jacque Aragon in memory of her mother and her well-known green chile, Munro and Aragon created the Patty Aragon Green Chile Contest and Mountain Chile Cha Cha. The event has morphed throughout years, but the green chile cook-off, beer garden and margarita contest and the morning 5K, 10K and half marathon trail race are still staples.

This event takes place on Sept. 28 in Town Park with the race, now sponsored by the Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club, occurring on the ter-

rain of the Reservoir River Ranch. It begins in Town Park at 8 a.m. The popular band Sangre Joven will play again this year beginning at 1:30 p.m. The beer garden opens at 10 a.m. and the green chile tasting and margarita contest opens up at 12:30 p.m.

For \$10 each, you can get tastings of the entries to the green chile cook-off and the margaritas provided by some of Pagosa's best known restaurants. There are people's choice awards in each of these tastings. If you are interested in entering the green chile cook-off, visit www.ilovegreenchile.com and download the registration form.

We will also mention that on Sept. 20-22, the Chamber will host ColorFest Weekend. This is another event that has morphed through the years, with Reach for the Peaks with Mike and Liz Marchand heading up the balloon rally for over 20 years and the Chamber hosting a “wine and cheese” event. The Chamber took over the balloon rally when it was at risk of ceasing and a whole larger weekend was created. The Chamber has since partnered with other agencies to make this an inclusive, exciting weekend for all. We will talk more about this event in next week's article.

Collaboration is the success of

so many events in Pagosa and these three are just examples of what first started as a hope and a dream and have turned into solid visitor attractions and local favorite events. They celebrate our stunning scenery and surroundings, our heritage and our businesses. Nothing is constant but change and, while these events may change in ownership or directors, the core values don't change and the events continue to grow with the support of our businesses and community support.

Membership news

We have several new businesses to welcome to the Chamber membership this week including Atlas Physical Therapy, Jersey Lily's, Sohum Mountain Ranch and Sohum Financial Planning LLC.

Our renewals this week include Visionary Broadband, Terry's Colorado Home Supply/Ace Hardware, Crossfit Pagosa, Handy Man Dan Home Repairs, Pagosa Area Association of Realtors and Centerpoint Church.

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Council discusses policies for new and existing sidewalks

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a meeting on Aug. 22, the Pagosa Springs Town Council provided staff its recommended direction and opinions regarding policies for existing and new sidewalks.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the town has handled sidewalk policy in a lot of different ways, adding that it would be beneficial to have a direct method to how the town can address sidewalk issues in the future.

For existing sidewalks there are three potential policy options, Phillips explained. Those options include:

- Option one: The town covers 100 percent of the cost of repair and replacement of sidewalks.

- Option two: Both the town and property owner evenly share the total cost.

- Option three: Property owners cover 100 percent of the cost.

For option one, the town would budget a set amount each year based on what it can afford for sidewalks, Phillips explained.

Town staff would conduct the inspections of the sidewalks under option one and eventually create a list of sidewalks that are in most need of repair, Phillips noted.

Some of the repairs could be done by town staff in-house, but others would have to be done in full sections that could potentially need to be contracted out.

The advantages for option one are that the town would control the sidewalk program from start to finish, and the general public would be happy that it would not have to contribute, she explained.

However, the town would not be able to address as many issues each year due to the town paying the full cost, Phillips added.

Option two, the 50/50 split, would also involve a list being

created and would have adjacent property owners being notified they were on the list for potential replacement and repair for sidewalks, she explained.

"And then, we would ask them to contribute either up front 50 percent of the cost towards repair and replacement or we would go ahead and do the repair and then try to get their half of the funds for that project," she said.

Option two would allow for the town's sidewalk budget to be stretched further and would also develop some shared responsibility with the town and the property owners.

Disadvantages for option two involve extra administration when it involves getting the property owners to pay their half, she explained.

"Some people might absolutely disagree with the need to repair and replace it," she said.

Option three would allow for the town to save money and not have to do any repairs, but Phillips noted that this option brings disadvantages in angering property owners and also getting them to pay for any potential repairs or replacements.

"We will probably end up having to take people to court. There's going to be a code-enforcement component to that where we'll have to be citing people for that if they're not coming into compliance and doing the repairs," she said.

Public Works Director Martin Schmidt added that, under this scenario, the town would eventually end up paying for the repair anyway and would have to place a lien on the property.

Option three is what is currently in the town's sidewalk code, Schmidt noted.

"It's been that in our code, but we've kind of done it different ways," Phillips said.

No matter what option is preferred, the town would still have

objective criteria in place, Phillips noted.

"The cost of trying to get people to pay is significant. I would lean towards town covering 100 percent of the cost and repair," council member Nicole DeMarco said. "I think there's a lot of efficiencies when we can master plan our repair and maintenance."

Council member Mat deGraaf noted that he preferred option one as well, adding, "I want to be a place where people feel that their government is looking out for them, not constantly penalizing them."

Council member David Schanzbaker noted that option two could make some property owners not even want a sidewalk in front of their property, which is something he explained he is not in favor of, later adding that he was in favor of option one.

"I don't see us making any significant progress if we have to rely on available funds in our budget to do that work," council member Tracy Bunning explained, adding that he was in favor of option two.

Council member Matt DeGuise noted that he was also in favor of option one, as did council member Madeline Bergon.

"I can't fathom putting that financial burden on people," Bergon said. "I don't think that's fair to ask other property owners in neighborhoods or commercial spots to front those costs."

If there is gross neglect or misuse of existing sidewalks, Bergon noted that property owners should be liable for some replacement costs.

"Even though we won't be able to do as many sidewalks if we do it 100 percent, I'm definitely leaning that direction now," Mayor Don Volger said. "I'm leaning towards 100 percent for town because it's more efficient."

New sidewalk policy

Town staff was also looking for direction in regard to areas in which sidewalks do not already exist, Phillips added later in the meeting.

In its Land Use and Development Code, the town requires all new developments that are not single-family homes or duplexes to put in sidewalks, she explained.

"We do have, though, a requirement that new commercial and new subdivisions have to put in a sidewalk," she said. "So, that's the time where we put it on the developer at the time that they're building and that's done at a 100 percent on the developer cost."

In the areas where there are gaps in the sidewalk connectivity, the town could propose a 50/50 partnership with property owners on the cost to install, Phillips explained.

In the case of entire block or street that does not have sidewalks,

the town could also propose a 50/50 cost share to install, but the town would want to have buy-in from the property owners.

"We certainly wouldn't want to go in there and say, 'Hey, we're going to do this. And by the way you owe us 50 percent of the cost,'" Phillips said.

The town would like to see 70 percent or two-thirds of the property owners willing to participate in the implementation of new sidewalks, she added later.

"The reason why we're putting forward a 50/50 for these types of situations is because it is so expensive to put in sidewalk where it doesn't currently exist," Phillips said.

"I think offering the incentive to private property, to communities that wanted to put in their own sidewalk, but we recognize it is a benefit to the entire community, is a good policy," DeMarco said.

The goal for the town is to have a pedestrian-friendly community that is also walkable, and sidewalks are a part of that, deGraaf noted.

"I would like to see us continue to work to get sidewalks installed wherever we can, however we can," he added.

Schanzbaker explained that splitting the cost is still going to be a large price on the property owner and noted he is in favor of the town taking on the cost for new sidewalks.

"It just seems like it's going to get messy and complicated," he said. "It just seems so much cleaner for us to take on that responsibility and get it done."

Bunning explained that his position was the same on new sidewalks as it was for existing sidewalks, a 50/50 split.

"I just don't see us making progress that we need to make to make a difference paying for it all ourselves," he said.

DeGuise explained that he is in favor of looking at areas that actually need sidewalks rather than areas that just want them.

"I think it would be nice to get some sort of contribution from property owners, but it would also be nice to offer them something in return," Bergon said, noting that she doesn't know what that compensation would be.

According to documentation provided at the meeting, based on direction, town staff will work with its attorney on an ordinance for consideration.

Phillips explained in a follow-up interview that a potential draft ordinance could be presented to town council on Sept. 19.

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Colorado man still missing at Navajo Lake

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A Colorado man who was also formerly a Pagosa Springs resident is still considered as a missing person after possibly having gone overboard while sailing on his sailboat at Navajo Lake State Park on Aug. 7.

Navajo Lake State Park Superintendent Chris Smith explained that John Porter, 78, a resident of Durango, was sailing on his sailboat alone and was not wearing a life jacket.

Porter's sailboat was found on Aug. 7 and was unoccupied, Smith noted.

In an email sent to The SUN on Aug. 26, Smith explained there were no new updates on Porter's whereabouts and daily patrols are still being conducted.

Those with any information pertaining to Porter's disappearance can contact Navajo Lake State Park at (505) 632-2278. chris@pagosasun.com

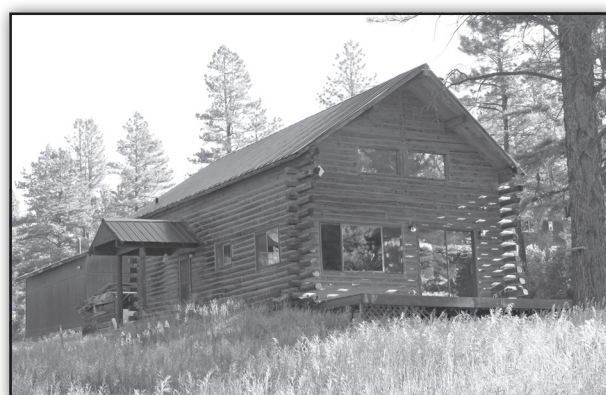


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Pagosa Housing Partners to hold CommunityTalk monthly

By Lynne Vickerstaff
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Housing Partners (PHP), a newly formed nonprofit organization that is promoting workforce housing and affordable housing solutions in Archuleta County, held its first CommunityTalk this past Monday, Aug. 26, featuring a panel discussion at the Community United Methodist Church on the topic of health and housing.

PHP plans to host monthly community discussions touching on the various aspects of housing needs in Pagosa Springs. Compelling evidence exists that the community is in the midst of a housing crisis, where homes are unaffordable to workers to rent or purchase, which in turn is making it more difficult for many employers to find qualified employees.

Last year, the Town of Pagosa Springs contracted with PHP to

conduct a survey of employees and retirees in the county to establish the areas of greatest need. The survey was constructed around the assumption that many Archuleta County residents are struggling with both housing costs and housing availability. That assumption was supported by the 2017 Archuleta County Housing Needs Study cooperatively commissioned by the town and county.

National housing organizations typically recommend that individuals and families should not pay more than 30 percent of their household income (before taxes) for housing costs, which includes mortgage or rent, utilities, taxes and insurance.

Based on the respondents of PHP survey, more than half of Archuleta County households are paying more than the recommended 30 percent on housing. In the housing assistance business,

these households are referred to as "cost-burdened." But the stress is not evenly distributed among the various income levels.

None of the surveyed Archuleta County households making more than \$5,000 a month are "cost burdened." But of the 81 surveyed households earning less than \$2,000 a month, 14 of them had no housing — they were living in tents, cars or staying with friends or relatives. That was 17 percent of the survey respondents. If this PHP survey represents an accurate cross-section of Archuleta County — and that's admittedly a big "if" — then nearly one in five of our lowest-paid employees have no permanent housing.

Additional survey data revealed that — assuming the data reflects the whole community — our overall community has about 2,400 low-income "cost-burdened" households and an additional

1,000 middle-class families who are likewise paying too much for their housing.

The survey results provided community feedback, along with state statistics, and input from other town and county organizations to create a plan of action — the "Roadmap to Affordable Housing" — prepared by PHP, which was accepted and adopted by the town council earlier this year. PHP is now engaged in educational and organizing activities, as well as the development of a home-sharing program called RoomConnect. This program offers free background checks for homeowners with vacant bedrooms that they might wish to rent out to local workers as one part of a local housing solution.

You can view the Roadmap and the community survey results, and other housing information, at the PHP website, pagosahousingpartners.org.

The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over week: 146.
Aug. 19 — Warrant arrest, Meadows Drive.

Aug. 19 — Violation of restraining order, domestic violence, harassment by phone or computer, U.S. 160.

Aug. 19 — Domestic violence, menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service, false imprisonment, criminal mischief, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Aug. 19 — Criminal mischief, East Golf Place.

Aug. 19 — Harassment by phone or computer, County Road 500.

Aug. 19 — All other thefts, Oren Road.

Aug. 20 — Agency assist, County Road 4027, Ignacio.

Aug. 20 — Third-degree criminal trespass, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Talisman Drive.

Aug. 21 — Fraud by check-other method, County Road 973, Ignacio.

Aug. 21 — Second-degree criminal tampering, Lodge Pole Drive.

Aug. 21 — Owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, failed to display valid registration, County Road 600/U.S. 160.

Aug. 22 — Unlawful ownership of vicious dog, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Aug. 22 — All other thefts, Brook Drive.

Aug. 22 — Violation of restraining order, Eagle Drive.

Aug. 22 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, River Run Drive.

Aug. 22 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, Great West Avenue.

Aug. 23 — Disorderly conduct-misdemeanor, U.S. 160.

Aug. 24 — Offenses related to marijuana and marijuana concentrate, Bonanza Avenue.

Aug. 24 — Warrant arrest, South 7th Street/Piedra Street.

Aug. 24 — Unlawful ownership of dangerous dog-misdemeanor, animals running at large, Valley View Drive.

Aug. 24 — Warrant arrest, North 5th Street/San Juan Street.

Aug. 24 — Drove vehicle while under F.R.A. suspension, North Pagosa Boulevard/Park Avenue.

Aug. 25 — Domestic violence, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Sandstone Court.

Aug. 25 — Second-degree assault-aggravated assault-weapon, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, Echo Lane.

Aug. 25 — Violation of restraining order, violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, domestic violence, intimidating a witness or victim, River Run Drive.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 126.

Aug. 19 — Agency assist, South 5th Street.

Aug. 19 — Cruelty to animals, South 6th Street.

Aug. 19 — Animal/running at large, South 8th Street.

Aug. 20 — Burglary, South 10th Street.

Aug. 20 — Theft, Aspen Village Drive.

Aug. 21 — Information only, North 8th Street.

Aug. 22 — Warrant arrest, South 8th Street.

Aug. 23 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.

Aug. 23 — Trespass warning, Eagle Drive.

Aug. 24 — Animal/running at large, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Aug. 25 — DUI/careless driving, Eagle Drive.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

Aug. 20 — Gabriel Martinez, robbery, six years Department of Corrections, total fines and costs — \$473.50.

Aug. 20 — Dustin Michael Caldwell, assault 2-strangulation, seven days jail, two years probation, total fines and costs — \$1,673.50.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Aug. 20 — Michael Christopher Hanley, signal lamp violation, total fines and costs — \$48.50.

Aug. 20 — Michael Everett

Blanchard, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$89.50.

Aug. 21 — Jacob B. Johnson, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.

Aug. 21 — Seth A. Chavez, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.

Aug. 21 — Savannah R. Shaw, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

Aug. 21 — Jonathan D. Mcswain, speeding 10-19 over limit, driving under restraint-outstanding judgment, total fines and costs — \$283.50.

Aug. 21 — Ryan A. Antonelli, driving while ability impaired, 20 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, total fines and costs — \$776.50.

Aug. 21 — Damian R. Buhler, driving under the influence, one day jail, 48 hours community service, nine days electronic surveillance, one year probation, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, total fines and costs — \$1,971.

Aug. 21 — Ashley Ann Parker, driving under the influence, 25 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 12 months probation alcohol evaluation and supervision, total fines and costs — \$1,320.50.

Aug. 21 — Stetson Ruthardt, driving under the influence, 385 days jail, 365 jail suspended imposition, 10 days electronic surveillance, 24 months probation, 56 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$2,590.50.

Aug. 21 — Stetson Arletus Ruthardt, violation of bail bond conditions-misdemeanor, 24 months probation, total fines and costs — \$1,444.50.

Aug. 22 — Jessy R. Maez, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, two years jail, total fines and costs — \$968.50.

Aug. 22 — Elizabeth Munro, drug paraphernalia-possess, total fines and costs — \$157.50.

Aug. 22 — Branden Michael Barber, criminal mischief-\$750-\$1,000, 50 hours community service, 12 months probation, 50 hours community service, one year probation revoked, total fines and costs — \$2,728.05.

Aug. 22 — Kelton C. Hanley, own dangerous dog-injury/cause death, total fines and costs — \$219.50.



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Education

Preliminary school and district frameworks released, school district to appeal school ratings

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Preliminary school and district performance frameworks were released on Monday, with Archuleta School District planning on appealing the preliminary ratings for two of its schools.

According to the preliminary frameworks released by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES) and Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) both received preliminary ratings of "Improvement Plan: Decreased Due to Participation."

Last year, PSES received a final rating from the CDE of performance plan while also meeting 95 percent participation. PSMS received that same final rating from the CDE as well last year.

This year, Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS), the district's lone charter school, received a preliminary rating of "Priority Improvement Plan: Decreased Due to Participation."

Last year, PPOS earned a final rating of being on a priority improvement plan, but met 95 percent participation.

Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) received a preliminary rating of performance plan while also meeting 95 percent participation.

PSHS received a final rating last year of performance plan, but within that final rating, it was noted that PSHS had low participation.

ASD as a whole received a preliminary rating of being accredited with an improvement plan with the rating being decreased due to participation.

Last year, the district's final rating was accredited and it also noted ASD met 95 percent participation.

According to the CDE's website, ratings for schools and districts are based on achievement and growth on state assessments as well as postsecondary items such as graduation rates and college matriculation rates.

Issue clarification

ASD Superintendent Linda Reed explained in an interview on Aug. 26 that the ratings for both PSES and PSMS were caused by human error.

Reed explained that she received a phone call from a CDE staff member that informed her that PSES, PSMS and PPOS did not meet 95 percent participation rates and would subsequently have their preliminary ratings affected.

What ASD does each October is a report of how many kids are in

the district and what grade they are in, often referred to as the October count, Reed explained.

The maker of the Colorado Measures of Academic Success standardized test, then takes that October count data and uses it to determine the ASD test roster, Reed explained.

Within ASD's own student-counting system, called Infinite Campus, the district has students that may be part of Pagosa Family School, the district's shared-schooling educational program, or that are a part of traditional home-schooling that take electives at ASD's public schools, Reed explained.

These students are grouped, by whatever grade they are a part of, into Infinite Campus along with their public school peers, Reed explained.

Eventually, a student biographical data report (SBD) gets sent back to ASD and gives the district an opportunity to check and see that the students within the report are actually still enrolled within the district and able to be tested.

Not only does ASD check to make sure students are still in the district and did not move away, but that it does not include home-school students who do not take state standardized tests, Reed explained.

ASD staff goes through student by student to verify that each student is able to be tested, Reed explained further.

"What we think is that the wrong SBD report got uploaded into the system that still had family school, disenrolled kids, in it," Reed said.

The district has not been able to confirm that this is the cause behind the affected participation numbers, but that is the belief so far, she added.

The CDE does allow for districts to participate in a request-to-reconsider process before the final ratings are released in December, according to the CDE's website.

ASD participated in the request-to-reconsider process for PSHS last year due to the high school's preliminary rating.

According to Reed, as part of the request-to-reconsider process, districts can request to have three years of participation data considered.

"Based on my rough calculations, if we do that with the elementary school, the middle school and the district, all of those are above 95 percent," Reed explained, adding that PSES, PSMS and the district have had history over the past three years of meeting 95 percent

participation.

For PPOS, this process might not apply as the school only has two years of data available, she noted.

"We need to talk to CDE and find out about them. We just don't know," Reed said, noting that PPOS tested 100 percent of its students last year.

The request-to-reconsider process takes some time, but ASD has already been in contact with CDE representatives who are in charge of this process, Reed explained.

Mitigation strategies

Moving forward, more people will check the SBD report before it gets submitted, Reed indicated.

"There's so much information in each of these reports it's sometimes a little daunting to analyze them," Reed explained. "My initial reaction is that there need to be three people that take a look at that before it's uploaded and submitted."

Sometimes mistakes can happen when you have a small district like ASD, Reed added later.

"It was an accident and it was a mistake and we're all human," she said. "I appreciate that there is an avenue for us to appeal."

Principal comments

Despite the error that led to PSES's rating being decreased due to participation, Principal Justin Cowan wrote in an email to The SUN that both students and staff continue to make him proud.

"We are once again named a school of performance, the highest

category awarded by the state. I am particularly happy with the high rate of growth we have. By growing our kids more than one year within our school year we are ensuring achievement continues to rise as well," he wrote. "This has come through setting high expectations and moving forward with a clear plan for our kids. My staff is doing what's best for kids; it's hard work. I'm really proud of them."

PSMS Principal Chris Hinger explained in an interview that, outside of the error that led to a decreased rating, he is still very pleased with PSMS's rating.

According to Hinger, PSMS earned 68 percent within its preliminary school rating and last year the school was at 68.5 percent, and the year before that, PSMS was 10 points below that rating.

"We had a very strong performance rating," Hinger said. "I'm stoked."

PSHS Principal Sean O'Donnell noted that the high school is proud of its rating, but is always looking for areas to improve.

"We have a lot of room for improvement, especially in our achievement and growth," he said.

PSHS wants to make sure that every student who graduates has a plan for their next step in life, he noted.

PPOS School Director Angela Crossland was not available for comment by press time Wednesday. chris@pagosasun.com

Reasons why reading is important

I recently read an article by Catherine Winter titled the "Ten Benefits of Reading: Why you should read every day." Many writers have written articles about the "Five (or Ten) Most Important ..." and you can fill in the blank. I've been intrigued by these articles because I can quickly skim through the headlines and see what people are thinking. Then, of course, I consider how the author's opinions align with mine.

We were in total alignment about improved focus and concentration. I identified with this because of the books I've read that I just can't put down. Summertime reading is usually the best time to grab a popular book on the best-seller list that captivates our imagination and sends it into another place and time.

This article, however, discusses how the Internet pulls our attention in several directions all at once. In a single five-minute particle of time, a person may divide their time between checking email, working on a task, chatting online with a couple of friends (Skype, Facebook, etc.), checking Twitter and cellphone messages, while possibly interacting with another person. What this does is cause stress levels to rise and productivity to decrease. Yikes, that's a scary thought.

While reading a book, in contrast, your attention is focused on the story. If you only read 20 minutes before you go to work, you'll be

more focused by the time you get there. It can be a real benefit for those who take the bus.

Besides focus and concentration, there are other reasons why you should read every day. They include knowledge, stress reduction, vocabulary expansion, memory improvement and stronger analytical skills.

Children should also read every day. Annabelle Short cites 10 reasons why reading is important for kids. She lists vocabulary expansion, making sense of the world around them, improved grammar, enhanced imagination and, in my opinion, most importantly, "it leads to their future academic success."

I've frequently written about the importance of teaching reading at the elementary school level because I believe it's the school's most important mission.

During the next two months, I'll be traveling around the district speaking to community members about the READ ACT, or SB19-199. This bill was passed unanimously by the 100-member state legislature. It makes reading a top priority for grades K-3. It's a law that, when enacted with fidelity, can improve academic success for all students.



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By Helen Wilkinson
Special to The SUN

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Outdoors

Southwest Paddlefest planned at Navajo Lake

By Mary Kurt-Mason
Special to The SUN

The days are sunny, the water is warm and the crowds are gone. It's time for the Southwest Paddlefest at Navajo Lake.

This exciting event is planned for Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Windsurfer Beach and includes the chance for one of the participants to go home with a brand new HALA paddle board.

Bring your own paddle board or rent one there to participate in the 1K race, timed obstacle course or the best dance/trick routine. There will be multiple divisions for all ages, so if you're able to hold a paddle and can sit, kneel or stand on a paddle board, there will be an event for you.

A special prize will also be arbitrarily awarded for best costume.

Single event entry fees range from \$20 to \$25 for children and \$45 for adults. Random draw-

ings for registered participants will take place throughout the day including one for a brand new HALA paddle board. (Must be present to win.) Register online at www.gowjp.com/swp or call 731-4081.

Discounted camping at Windsurfer Beach is available for the Southwest Paddlefest. Call 731-4081 for camping information.

Save the Saturday after Labor Day for the Southwest Paddlefest and come to Navajo Lake for a great ode to summer.



Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

Lots of fawns are being spotted throughout Pagosa Country, including these two in Chromo.

Wildlife Sporting Plate funds new hunting and angling opportunities

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

They have become more and more frequent on Colorado's roads, streets and highways. Now, revenue from the license plate known as the "Wildlife Sporting Plate" is helping to fund new hunting and angling opportunities across Colorado.

After launching the Wildlife Sporting Plate in 2016, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) collected revenue from license issuance and annual renewals. This year, license-generated funds were awarded for the first time, totaling \$450,000 in grants.

Designed by CPW, the license plate features elk silhouetted against a vibrant sunset and a native greenback cutthroat trout highlighted against the snowy Rocky Mountains. The message, "Hunters and Anglers Fund Conservation," is displayed prominently at the bottom.

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also provide an opportunity to pay it forward to the next generation of sportspeople. To date, more than 18,000 plates have been issued.

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"The additional funding we've put into these programs is consistent with our goals as a part of the Future Generations Act," said Dan Prenzl, director of CPW. "The projects that they bolster will grow our hunters and anglers in Colorado and expand access to the outdoors."

River flows drop below 100 cfs

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

On Aug. 28, the San Juan River finally dropped below 100 cubic feet per second (cfs) with a reported level of 83.2 cfs.

That total is below the average for Aug. 28, which, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, is 168 cfs.

The highest flow total recorded for Aug. 28 came in 1993 when the San Juan had a reported flow of 2,600 cfs; the lowest recorded flow total of the San Juan for Aug. 28 came in 2002, when it had a reported flow of 8.29 cfs.

Water report

Three out of the five local lakes recorded have dropped from full from last week to this week, while one went from a couple of inches from full to full.

Hatcher Lake is currently 10 inches from full, or 96.91 percent full, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

Last week, Hatcher Lake was 7 inches from full.

Stevens Lake went from 1 inch from full to 9 inches from full, or 97.32 percent full, this week.

Lake Pagosa was 2 inches from full last week, but is now full.

Village Lake remains full, as it was last week.

Lake Forest went from 1 inch from full to 3 inches from full, or 97.73 percent full.

Total diversion flows remain at 4.5 cfs with the West Fork diversion adding 3 cfs and the San Juan diversion adding an additional 1.5 cfs.

Total water production was listed at 17.03 million gallons for Aug. 16 through Aug. 22 of this year.

Contributing to that total, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 5.85 million gallons, the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 7.93 million gallons and the San Juan water treatment plant produced 3.25 million gallons.

In that same time frame last year, water production totaled 18.48 million gallons.

From Aug. 9 through Aug. 15 of this year, water production totaled 14.15 million gallons.

As of Aug. 26, precipitation data was recorded at 58.7 inches, the same as it was last week.

The precipitation average increased from 47.2 inches to 48.2 inches from last week to this week.

This week, precipitation data is 121.8 percent of median, when last week it was 124.4 percent of median.

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Grass seed available for landowners

By Cynthia Purcell
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Conservation District is offering local landowners the opportunity to purchase a variety of seed mixtures for different conservation uses such as erosion control, weed suppression and grazing land improvement.

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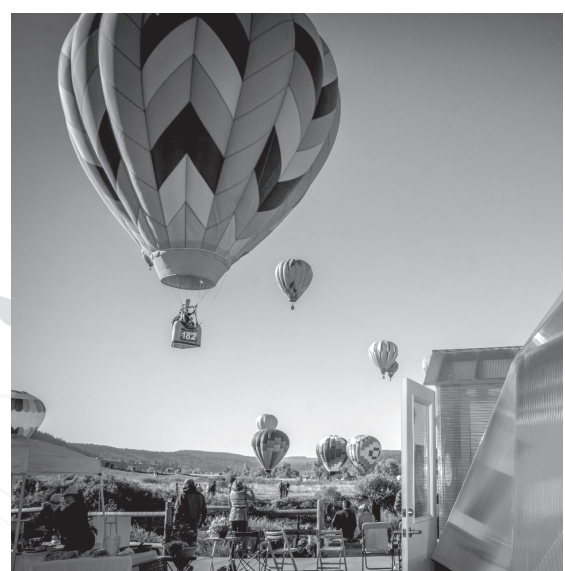
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Landfill fire believed to have been caused by heat and spontaneous combustion

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A fire that occurred at the Archuleta County landfill is believed to have been caused by heat and spontaneous combustion.

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Deputy Director of Emergency Operations Christina Kraetsch explained that around 6:45 p.m. on Monday there was a smoke report off of County Road 500 near the landfill.

When first responders arrived on scene, they realized that it was actually the landfill that was burning, Kraetsch explained.

"It's a pretty significant-sized burn for the dump. Usually we have a fire almost once a year and this is definitely one of the larger ones," Kraetsch described, estimating that the fire was about 2.5 acres.

Kraetsch and Mike Le Roux, director of emergency management, estimated that the landfill sits on a 42-acre parcel, with about 20 acres used for working with the trash.

The 2.5-acre portion that burned was holding all of the trash at the time of the fire, the pair explained.

With the cause of the fire still unknown, Kraetsch offered that the fire could have also been caused by someone dumping hot ash or coals at the landfill.



Photo courtesy Archuleta County Office of Emergency Management

Fire personnel respond to a reported 2.5-acre fire at the Archuleta County landfill on the evening of Aug. 26. The fire is believed to have been caused by heat and spontaneous combustion of trash at the landfill. The landfill is currently closed until further notice.

"It's common and this stuff happens with landfills and they're guessing that it was kind of spontaneous combustion mixed with the heat of the day yesterday," she explained.

As of Tuesday, the landfill is

closed until further notice, she added later.

For the general public, Kraetsch recommends that they don't breathe in the smoke.

"This smoke is not good. If they can't get out of the smoke, then

leave the area," she said.

Kraetsch noted that, as of Tuesday, there were no active flames at the landfill, but that it was smoldering and that there were quite a few hot spots.

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Firefighters to visit town for Prescribed Fire Training Exchange

By Bill Trimarco
Special to The SUN

Firefighters, smoke and low flames may be visible in the next few weeks across the San Juan Mountains as prescribed burns continue with the assistance of the San Juan Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (TREX), set to take place across the San Juan National Forest (SJNF) between Sept. 10 and Sept. 24.

The TREX will bring together firefighters from across the country and local partners including the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership and The Nature Conservancy's Prescribed Fire Training Exchange Program, to assist the SJNF with its prescribed burn objectives.

These local partners are uniting around the mission of TREX: to provide opportunities for firefighters, scientists and managers to work and train together, and build their experience in prescribed burn practices, fire effects and other conservation efforts affecting forests in southwest Colorado.

For example, two Mountain Studies Institute staff will attend to gain

experience with fire effects monitoring in order to improve skills and knowledge about how to evaluate the effects of fire during and after a burn.

In 2018 alone, TREX programs around the country completed more than 13,000 acres of ecological prescribed burning and provided training for over 500 people across eight states. TREX events equip participants with essential skills for managing both planned and unplanned fires.

The San Juan TREX and associated prescribed burns will be led by a team of professionals representing local and regional Colorado- and New Mexico-based federal, non-profit and private agencies and organizations in a truly collaborative effort to improve land health for people, animals and forests.

Fire practitioners from around Colorado will attend in addition to participants from California, Idaho, Nebraska, New Mexico and Utah. Additionally, the Colorado Prescribed Fire Council will hold a meeting in Durango in conjunction with TREX on Sept. 19, which will draw additional fire professionals

from across the state to discuss barriers to prescribed burning and new tools and techniques for smoke management, among other subjects.

Prescribed burns will occur primarily in ponderosa pine forests across the SJNF. Fire Management Officers have determined priority areas in need of fire treatment on national forest lands, and those priorities include areas between Pagosa Springs, Bayfield and Dolores. The TREX crew will travel throughout the national forest's three districts to assist with one or more burn units per day. Weather and fuel conditions are closely monitored by fire managers and burns will only be conducted when conditions are right to ensure safety.

Ponderosa pine forests are a fire-adapted ecosystem, which historically experienced frequent, low-intensity fires on a large scale. Prescribed burns replicate these fires, reduce fuels near communities and improve wildlife habitat. Burns also compliment steps homeowners and community members can take to make their communities more fire adapted. More information is available by contacting Wildfire Adapted

Partnership and visiting www.wildfireadapted.org.

To learn more about the San Juan TREX, visit www.sanjuanheadwaters.org/trex and <http://nature.ly/trainingexchanges>.

Additional organizations supporting the San Juan TREX include The Nature Conservancy's Fire Learning Network, Mountain Studies Institute, Colorado Forest Restoration Institute at CSU, Chama Peak Land Alliance and individuals from across the country.

Letter to Verizon regarding poor service approved by town council

Other public entities included in signatures

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A letter touching on quality of service issues that various local agencies have experienced with Verizon was formally approved for submittal by the Pagosa Springs Town Council at a meeting on Aug. 22.

The letter includes signatures from, among others, members of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners, Archuleta School District, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District and Pagosa Fire Protection District.

The letter explains to Verizon

leadership that the poor service and dropped calls experienced in Archuleta County impact the quality of life and can have serious consequences for the public's safety and health.

"Businesses struggle to adequately serve customers. Emergency dispatch services rely on residents and visitors having proper cellular coverage throughout the County," the letter reads.

The letter also asks the Verizon leadership team to look at potential new investments locally and asks the status of new towers and equipment.

Other business

Also at the Aug. 22 meeting, town council approved the following ordi-

nances upon first reading:

- Ordinance 918, relating to the authorization of the purchase of land to formalize San Juan River public access.

- Ordinance 919, relating to amending the official zoning map regarding property known as 3500 West U.S. 160.

- Ordinance 920, relating to the accepting conveyance of land from the Archuleta School District for the South 6th Street right of way extension and town shop improvements.

The second reading of these ordinances will take place at the Sept. 3 meeting of town council, which will begin at 5 p.m. in Town Hall.

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FOOTBALL

Pirate gridders to take on Durango tomorrow night

2019 football season marks one of opportunity and growth

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The 2018 season of the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team was described by coach Myron Stretton as one of missed opportunities.

Last season, the Pirates went 3-6, which included a 1-3 record in league play, and were one win away from making the postseason for the second straight year.

This season, Pagosa is looking to retool and make another postseason run with a team that includes some familiar faces and new ones on the gridiron.

From last year to this year, Pagosa lost graduating seniors at positions such as quarterback, corner back, running back, safety, linebacker, wide receiver, and both offensive and defensive lines.

Stretton explained that replacing those players at those skill positions is a work in progress, but is looking pretty good so far.

"You take what you got and you try to get the best combination of kids you can on the field," he said.

At the high school level especially, every time you replace a player at a certain position, the new player can bring something completely different that the former player did not.

"A lot of times, it's really hard to compare one kid to another," he said. "We're still trying to work out who's going to be where for sure and it will probably be an ongoing thing, at least early in the season."

This year, Pagosa has 36 players out for football, which Stretton described as "not too bad."

Within that 36 include a lot of underclassmen, whom Stretton and the rest of the Pirate coaching staff are trying to fit into positions.

"When your numbers are kind of low, you try to, again, just find the best combination of guys that you can put out there," Stretton explained.

In losing a number of skill posi-

tion players from last year to this year, Stretton explained that the Pirates will still be running their option-centric offense as they did last year.

"We're still going to run option, but depending on, again, how things start to pan out, you maybe do this more, maybe do that less," he said. "The thing at any level is you try to get your most explosive players the ball as much as you can and make the defense defend your biggest threats."

However, the defensive side of the ball will be an area of note for Pagosa in the 2019 season, Stretton indicated.

"You take what you got and you try to get the best combination of kids you can on the field," coach Myron Stretton said.

"It seems to me that, for some reason, that we have more holes to fill defensively than we do offensively," he said.

In the Pirates' secondary last year, Stretton explained that there were some good athletes back there, but they were undersized, which can make things tough.

This year, Pagosa will have four new starters in the secondary, Stretton explained.

"Even though we don't play a lot of teams that throw the ball a lot, it can be a game changer," Stretton described. "They only have to complete a few passes a game to really make a difference in the game."

However, despite the acknowledgment of some holes in the 2019 Pirate defense, Stretton explained that he remains optimistic.

"I think we've got good kids all the way across the board," he said.

In preparation for the 2019 season, Pagosa participated in a scrimmage at Salida High School against the Buena Vista Demons on Aug. 23.

The Pirates looked "pretty good overall" in scrimmage play against Buena Vista and did not make too

many mental mistakes, Stretton described.

"When we executed, things looked really good. But there were a lot of times that we didn't execute well offensively and defensively," he said.

Durango

Pagosa will open the 2019 season on the road against the 3A Durango Demons tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Pagosa also opened the season against Durango at home last year, and lost 34-6.

Durango finished the 2018 season with a 6-5 record and lost in the first round of the 3A state tournament to the Erie Tigers by a score of 40-0.

Pagosa will obviously be looking to leave Durango with a win tomorrow, but Stretton explained that he would like to see the team's execution improve every week.

"We've got guys playing new positions and we still have a lot to learn," he said. "If we execute in any game on our schedule we have a chance to win."

Schedule

The following schedule for Pirate football was accurate as of Tuesday, but is subject to change.

All games start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Following the season opener against Durango, Pagosa will have its home opener of the 2019 season against the La Junta Tigers on Sept. 6.

The 2A Pirates will then travel on Sept. 13 to face the 1A Centauri Falcons.

Pagosa will return on home on Sept. 20 to take on the Basalt Longhorns.

On Sept. 28, Pagosa will hit the road to take on the Moffat County Bulldogs at 11 a.m.

On Oct. 4, for homecoming, Pagosa will play host to the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

Then, on Oct. 11, a two-game road trip begins for Pagosa, starting against Salida.

On Oct. 25 Pagosa will then travel to take on the Bayfield Wolverines.

To wrap up the regular season, Pagosa will play host to the Alamosa Mean Moose for senior night on Nov. 1.

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SOCCER



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Pirates team captain Will Villalobos jockeys for the ball against Crested Butte on Tuesday. Villalobos had all four of the Pirates' shots on goal against the Titans. Coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason called Villalobos a "smart player" with a lot of "strength and savvy."

Boys' soccer team falls 8-0 to Crested Butte

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School boys' soccer team fell 8-0 to the Crested Butte Titans in Tuesday's season opener.

The Pirates were down 3-0 at the half to the Titans, then allowed five goals in the second half to ultimately lose 8-0.

"The thing that hit me the most was that our endurance, we need to focus on that for the next 10 days," said coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason, adding, "Our guys have a lot of skill. They know where to be and what to do, but when they start to get fatigued, like they did after 20 minutes in the game, they're making mental mistakes, which lead to physical mistakes."

Kurt-Mason said that the Crested Butte team "had legs" and was "moving well throughout the game."

Pagosa goalie Wyatt Ziegler had 28 shots on goal come his way in the game, blocking 20 of them.

"He had a busy day; there were too many shots on goal. Most games, if it's a tight game, an even match, there'd probably be eight shots on the goal. It usually takes nine shots on the average to get a goal," Kurt-Mason said.

Pirate team captain Will Villalobos had four shots on goal against the Titans, with Kurt-Mason noting that Villalobos was the spark that generated what offense the Pirates had on Tuesday.

"Our offense was generated by Will," said Kurt-Mason, adding, "He was nonstop. That is a kid with a lot of speed and endurance and strength and savvy. Real smart player and he didn't let down the whole game."

Kurt-Mason explained that the Pirates have a lot of freshmen and the first game of the season provided an opportunity for them to see the speed of high school sports.

"We had a number of freshmen starting and a number of freshmen playing throughout the game and

they got a lot of touches on the ball. They now understand what it's like to play a high-octane team like Crested Butte," Kurt-Mason said.

According to the team's roster, the freshman Pirates are Mario Olivares, Noah Slingerland, Jordan Pham, Kaylor Christians, Carson Young, Joah Dunn de Pulido, Kelton Christians, Clayton Hubbs, Gabe Gallegos, Kameron Winkler, Jonathan Nasralla and Kaeden Thomas.

Kurt-Mason noted that the team now has "an opportunity" to increase its endurance so it can play an entire game at full-speed.

"I'm looking to improve the teams' fitness level to be able to play for 80 minutes and still have some left in the tank," Kurt-Mason said.

Now, the team has some time off, with the Pirates' next game being on Friday, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m. at Alamosa High School.

The Pirates play Manitou Springs the next day at 11 a.m. at Manitou Springs High School.

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GOLF

Pagosa's Nathan Smith ties for first at Black Canyon Invitational

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Last week was a good week for Pagosa Springs High School golf team, with five Pirates heading to Montrose for back-to-back tournaments that pitted the Pirates against not only other 3A golfers, but also 4A and 5A competition.

"It was good trip," coach Mark Faber said, adding, "They're good kids and they played well, so, hey, I'm happy with it."

The week was especially good for Pirate Nathan Smith, who tied for first at the Black Canyon Invitational in Montrose and for seventh at the Cobble Creek Invitational the following day.

"He played well," Faber said, adding, "There was some really good competition there. ... He really played well two days. It was fun to see, it really was."

And, the coach noted, the rest of the Pirates played well, with Taylor Cotts shooting in the 80s both days and Dylan Manzanara continues to get better playing different courses.

Kaden Hessman played well at times, Faber noted, and Erik Wyman overcame a rough start. "He just got better every time he played, so that was good to see," Faber said, adding, "So, all in all, it was a good trip."

The following scores are courtesy the Colorado High School Athletic Association Golf App.

Black Canyon Invitational

On Aug. 21, the Pirates took on 13 other teams at the Black Canyon Golf Course for the Black Canyon Invitational, finishing ninth at the end of the day, thanks in part to Smith's first-place finish.

As a team, the Pirates finished behind three 3A teams and five 4A teams at the tournament.

Smith led not only the Pirates on the day, but also the other 81 competitors, by shooting five over par for a score of 75.

Smith tied with two other golfers for first.

Smith's effort include shooting par on 10 holes and birdie on two.

Cotts finished 22nd on the day with an 85.

Hessman finished tied for 54th with a score of 95, and Manzanara followed with a 97 to finish 61st.

Wyman rounded out the Pirate competitors at the tournament, shooting a 114 and finishing 78th.

Cobble Creek Invitational

The following day, the Pirates were at it again in Montrose, this time on the Cobble Creek Golf Course for the Cobble Creek Invitational.

This time, the Pirates placed 12th of the 17 teams present, finishing behind three 3A teams, six 4A teams and a pair of 5A teams.

Smith again led the way for the Pirates, this time finishing in a five-way tie for seventh out of 104 golfers by shooting a 75—three over par.

Cotts followed in 40th with an 85, and Manzanara logged a 74th-place finish by shooting a 94.

Hessman and Wyman tied for 80th with scores of 99.

Up next

Now, the Pirates will take a break from official tournament play until Sept. 6, when they'll head to Monte Vista.

Between now and then, the Pirates will continue to work individually and will play intra-team tournaments to keep up

■ See Golf A17

CROSS-COUNTRY



Photo courtesy Rachael Christiansen

Lady Pirates Nell Taylor and Megan Greenly race last week. The Pirates participated in back-to-back meets on Aug. 23 and 24, with Taylor and Greenly leading the team in both races.

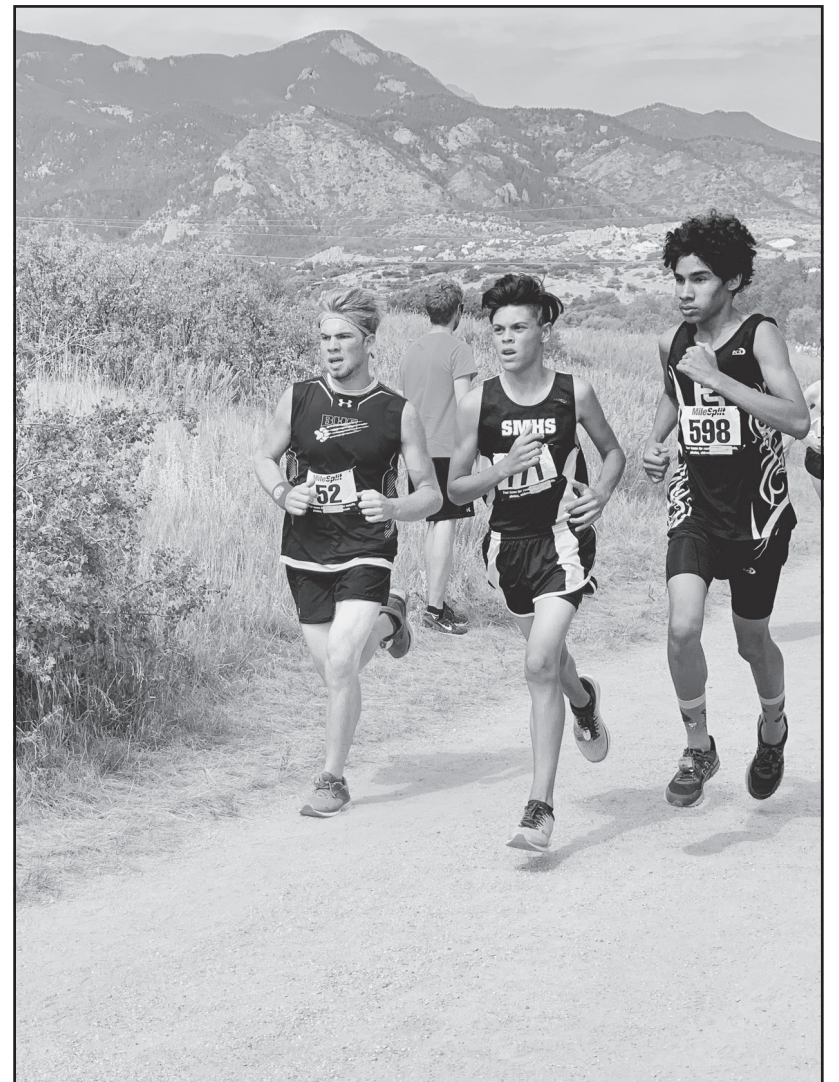


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Pirate Gabe Heraty works to overtake competitors during the opening weekend of the cross-country season. Heraty opened the season at the front of the pack for the Pirates in a pair of races on Aug. 23 and 24.

Pirate cross-country starts season with 'awesome experience'

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

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Cheyenne Mountain Stampede

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams started their season with what coach Scott Anderson called an "awesome experience" last weekend — a camping trip and a couple of races on courses the Pirates hope to fare well on at the end of the season.

The team raced in Colorado Springs Friday and El Jebel Saturday, respectively, and camped a couple of nights in the process — a move Anderson noted gave the Pirates an edge and helped them come together better as a team.

With two races already in the books, the team is off this weekend and will be back in action on Sept.

The season started with a warm day at the Cheyenne Mountain Stampede, which also serves as the pre-state meet at the Norris Penrose Event Center, on Aug. 23.

And, while the Pirate teams are already facing injury, Anderson indicated the races went really well, with the girls finishing sixth and the boys finishing 13th.

The Lady Pirates' effort was led by a top-10 performance from sophomore Nell Taylor, who finished ninth overall and 8th among finishers racing as part of a team.

"Nell Taylor ran a beautiful race, almost exactly as we kind of laid it

out," Anderson said, adding, "It was a great day for her.

Taylor ran the course in 21 minutes, 49.10 seconds.

Finishing not far off of Nell, Anderson explained, was Megan Greenly, who placed 20th overall with a time of 22:49.20.

Anderson noted that he expects Taylor and Greenly to run together as the season progresses.

Ivory Carpenter finished third for the Lady Pirates, coming in 48th in 25:52.80.

"Ivory's done an excellent job taking another step beyond where she was last year," the coach said.

Michelle Saucedo crossed the line next, in 49th, with a time of 26:15.50, with the coach noting she ran a solid race despite struggling

with a foot issue.

Due to other physical issues, the Lady Pirates' roster on the day was filled out with two first-time varsity runners, Sophia Raymond and Megan Foster, with Anderson stating the runners have "definitely progressed and upped their game."

Raymond finished 64th in 30:57.00 and Foster finished 69th in 34:15.30.

The guys' squad, too, the coach indicated, had a good day.

"It was a great start to the season," he said, adding that, while the team hoped to get out from the gun a little more toward the front of the pack, the Pirates got boxed in toward the middle.

That, he indicated, served as a

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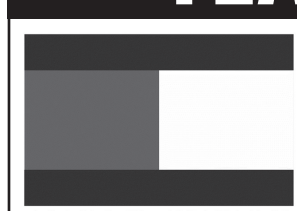


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DUST2 team races at Chalk Creek Stampede for season opener

By Amanda Gadomski
Special to The SUN

DUST2 was excited to start its 2019 season at the beginning of August with 28 riders from grades five through 12. Seven of those riders raced in the Chalk Creek Stampede last weekend in Nathrop.

Riding as a first-year varsity rider, Brae Bergdolt started the weekend off strong. Bergdolt was one of 60 riders to qualify for varsity this year from his strong sophomore performance last year. This season, he will have to ride double the mileage each race in the varsity category. He completed his first 24.4-mile race on Sunday in 1:53:31 placing him in the 31st position.

Sophomore boys Sawyer Blakemore and Davis Parker came ready to race after having one season under their belts. Both racing 12.2 miles, Blakemore placed 29th with a time of 1:02:21. Parker placed 58th after narrowly missing a crash at the start. His chain fell off in the mess and he was stalled to the back of the riders. He was able to charge his way back, completing the race in 1:08:09.

Arden Blakemore, sophomore girl, raced her first race as the only female representing Pagosa Springs this weekend. She persevered through sandy conditions and high winds to finish the race in 2:03:59, placing her 35 of 39.



Sophomore rider Davis Parker competes in last weekend's Chalk Creek Stampede.

Freshman boys Ethan Bergdolt, Carter Kasson and Tucker Mashue were the last racers to compete this weekend. Ethan Bergdolt had a very well-placed first race, landing him 36th out of 136 riders with a time of 1:10:31. Kasson placed

51st after having a mechanical issue throughout the race preventing him from using any of his lower gears and finished with a time of 1:12:14. Mashue did the ride in 1:19:01, moving him up to 77th place from starting in 104th

position.

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Freshman boys pose for a photo at the Chalk Creek Stampede. Pictured, right to left, are Carter Kasson, Ethan Bergdolt and Tucker Mashue.

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Cross-country

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learning experience.

The first Pirate across the line on the day was Gabe Heraty, who finished 41st in 19:18.20.

Jack Foster followed with a 20:00.20 to finish 54th, with the coach noting the runner had a good day.

Cam Hinger, who is still nursing a foot issue, finished strong, Anderson explained, with that foot issue anticipated to be a factor much of the season.

"He ran well and had a great day," Anderson said of Hinger, who finished 82nd in 22:02.30.

Mason Blakemore crossed the line next for the Pirates, finished 88th in 22:35.10.

Clayton Cayard finished 90th in 22:45.20, followed by Trenton Buffington in 91st in 22:55.00 and Cooper Evans in 92nd with a time of 23:48.90.

Basalt Longhorn Cross Country Invitational

The next day, the team com-

peted in El Jebel at a meet hosted by Basalt.

The course will also serve as the regional course in October, and the Pirate teams used the meet as a workout and an opportunity to see the course.

"Essentially we, what I'll call the varsity runners that were in the race ... the idea was to get out at what we'll call a comfortably hard tempo pace and ... the goal was to get a decent workout in, but to surveil the course, get an idea of what it's all about," Anderson said.

Then, he added, after the first 2 miles, the Pirate runners were challenged to see how many people they could pass in the final mile.

"The overall plan worked really well," he said, adding the kids enjoyed the challenge in the last mile.

Anderson noted it was really good the teams saw the course, with it being different than they expected and having a couple of strategic points, such as the tight start.

"It was really good to see that," he said.

Despite using the meet as a workout, the boys' squad finished fifth and the girls' team finished seventh at the meet.

Heraty crossed the line first for the Pirates, placing 29th in 21:46.90.

Blakemore was next, finishing 34th in 22:00.40, followed by Jack Foster in 35th with the same time.

Cayard finished 42nd in 22:53.50, Noah Weiszbrod finished 51st in 23:50.60, and Tomas Mcneill finished 56th in 25:06.80.

On the side of the Lady Pirates, Taylor finished 21st in 23:40.00 and Greenly followed in 22nd in 23:40.40.

Carpenter finished 36th in 25:39.40, Megan Foster finished 58th in 30:49.30 and Katriel Davies finished 66th in 35:43.90.

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Practice rope rescue

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Archuleta County Office of Emergency Management, along with Upper San Juan Search and Rescue and Pagosa Fire Protection District personnel, took part in a practice rope rescue on Aug. 24. The technique, specifically called the Norwegian Reeve rigging component, allows rescuers to be lowered and raised to the carriage system like a rope elevator.

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Friday, Aug. 30

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

Tuesday, Sept. 3

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

Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Executive Management board meeting. 9:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting. 1:30 p.m., Archuleta County

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

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

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Archuleta School District Board of Education summit. 9 a.m., Sunset Ranch Cabins, 4186 E. U.S. 160.

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation regular board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

Thursday, Sept. 5

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

Monday, Sept. 9

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting,

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Archuleta School District Board of Education meeting. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

Tuesday, Sept. 10

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

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

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.

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Four Corners Folk Festival

Reservoir Hill • Friday, Aug. 30 — Sunday, Sept. 1



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This weekend's Four Corners Folk Festival will feature the talents of 14 musical acts, including The East Pointers.



Thursday
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Tim Sullivan, 7 p.m.
Riff Raff downtown: John Welton and the Awakening, 6 p.m.
Springs Resort pools: Steve Blechschmidt, 6 p.m.

Friday
Riff Raff downtown: State 38, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff on the Rio: John Welton and the Awakening, 6 p.m.

Saturday
Coyote Moon: Karaoke with Lisa Saunders, 9 p.m.
East Side Market: Open Mic with Steve Rolig, 9 a.m.
Riff Raff downtown: Leah Orlikowsky, 6 p.m.
Springs Resort atrium: Steve Blechschmidt, 6 p.m.

Sunday
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5 p.m.

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

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24th annual Four Corners Folk Festival this weekend

By Crista Munro
Special to The PREVIEW

This year marks the 24th annual Four Corners Folk Festival in Pagosa Springs and the final festival with FolkWest at the helm.

Beginning in 2020, KSUT Four Corners Public Radio will be taking over operations of the festival, stepping up their role after 24 years of being a sponsor and media partner.

The festival kicks off on Reservoir Hill on Friday, Aug. 30, at 3 p.m. and will wrap up on Sunday, Sept. 1, around 9 p.m.

Once again, people arrive from all over the country to experience the amazing musical lineup, which this year includes a wealth of talent and variety of musical styles from artists The Earls of Leicester, Billy Strings, Molly Tuttle, Darrell Scott, Amy Helm, The Mammals, The East Pointers, Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley Band, Lindsay Lou, JigJam, Mile Twelve, Wild Rivers, Maybe April, and The Arcadian Wild. It's truly one of the finest lineups in FolkWest's history and represents a return to the festival's more folky roots.

From newgrass to Irish trad to the country folk, the one thing all this year's bands have in common is stupendous talent. There are bands on the lineup that residents of southwest Colorado wouldn't have an opportunity to see without traveling to a major city, including rising bluegrass star Billy Strings —

who at age 27 has been consistently selling out large venues all around the country — and Grand Ole Opry favorites The Earls of Leicester, Jerry Douglas' traditional bluegrass project.

All this incredible live music will take place on two stages through-

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Festival

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 event will also feature music workshops, arts and crafts vendors, a food court, beer, cider and wine garden, morning yoga sessions and lots of picking circles in the campgrounds.

Festival admission is free for children 12 and under (accompanied by an adult) and there will be plenty to do and see in the Four Corners Kids tent. On Friday, kids can enjoy a juggling show at 2 p.m. and upcycled arts and crafts from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday have free crafts from

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., face painting, juggling shows by Andy the Juggler and balloon animal artistry by Ruby Balloon.

Free parking shuttles will start

operating on Friday, Aug. 30, at 12:30 p.m. Venue gates open at 1 p.m. Festival-goers may bring their own blankets, tarps or chairs for seating in the meadow, or may claim a spot on one of the 1,100 general

admission seats under the tent. Coolers and outside food are allowed; however, alcoholic beverages, glass containers and unsealed beverages may not be brought in. Free filtered water is available in the food court and participants are encouraged to bring their own (empty) refillable water containers to help eliminate festival waste.

The festival is supported in part by sponsorships, generous donors and a matching grant from Colorado Creative Industries.

Lots more information about this year's Four Corners Folk Festival is available at the website www.folkwest.com or by calling (877) 472-4672.

A free festival app is available for download; search "FolkWest" in your app store. If you've never been to Reservoir Hill for a FolkWest festival, this is the year to do it. Bring the family and come up for a day. You'll be hooked.

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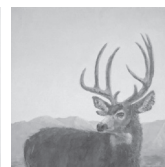
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Final weekend for four Broadway in the Mountains shows

By Bill Hudson
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company's 2019 Broadway in the Mountains summer repertory season approaches its dramatic finale this weekend, with five exciting musicals playing in rotation tonight through Sunday at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The productions include "Ring of Fire," "Mamma Mia!," "The Who's Tommy," "Jekyll and Hyde, the Musical" and "Disney's Alice in Wonderland JR."

This is the final weekend for three of the four Broadway musicals, as sung and performed by Thingamajig's professional acting company from all across the U.S., from Portland to Phoenix to New Orleans to New York. But "Ring of Fire" — a musical retelling of the Johnny Cash story — will continue through Sept. 15, playing Thursdays through Sundays.

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Shows

■ **continued from previous page** cal “Mamma Mia!” give two final performances this weekend — tonight, Thursday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. and a matinee on Sunday, Sept. 1, at 2 p.m.

“Mamma Mia!” is the hilarious romantic comedy musical featuring music by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus of ABBA fame. This heartwarming musical tells the story of Sophie Sheridan as she prepares for her wedding by inviting three former love interests of her mother in the hopes of figuring out which is her father. With iconic songs such as “Super Trouper,” “Dancing Queen,” and “Mamma Mia,” you will be struggling not to jump up and dance in the aisle. All of the music in “Mamma Mia!” will have you dancing in your seat and singing your favorite ABBA tune for days.

‘The Who’s Tommy’

“The Who’s Tommy” plays its final show on Saturday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Based on the iconic 1969 rock concept album, “The Who’s Tommy” is an exhilarating story of hope, healing and the human spirit. After witnessing the accidental murder of his mother’s lover by his father, Tommy is traumatized into a catatonic state and, as the boy grows, he suffers abuse at the hands of his sadistic relatives and neighbors.

As an adolescent, he’s discovered to have an uncanny knack for playing pinball and, when his mother finally breaks through his catatonia, he becomes an international pinball superstar — and the next Messiah?

The Pagosa Springs production of the rock opera will feature the 16 members of Thingamajig’s summer repertory company, plus special appearances by Gabriel

Gonzales (as the 4-year-old Tommy) and Christian Gonzales (as the 10-year-old Tommy).

‘Jekyll and Hyde, The Musical’

The final showing of “Jekyll and Hyde, the Musical” is set for tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m.

The Thingamajig Theatre’s production of “Jekyll and Hyde, The Musical” unfolded under the guidance of three Thingamajig veterans: Director Melissa Firlit, Musical Director Boni McIntyre,

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and Choreographer Pia Wyatt. The production features Perry Davis Harper as Jekyll/Hyde, with Bailey Claffey and Samantha Luck as his conflicting romantic interests.

“Jekyll and Hyde is a story that we all sort of take for granted; we all know something about it. But I don’t think we’ve truly explored it ...” said Firlit. “The music has such

a feeling of movement and propels the story forward. The show feels epic, in many ways, just because of the music behind it. So if you think you know the story — you should come see the musical ...”

‘Ring of Fire’

“Ring of Fire” — playing this Saturday at 2 p.m. and continuing through Sept. 15 — celebrates the music of one of America’s most popular singer songwriters, Johnny Cash. The show does not attempt to portray The Man in Black directly, but instead presents a sung narrative of Cash’s life and art. The story develops an earnest dialogue about home and family, the people you love and what holds people together in the face of tough times. A cast of five performers — Steven Sitzman, Rayshaughn Armant, Allie Tamburello, Nick Abbott and Tommy Paduano — sing and play a variety of instruments to bring Cash’s musical legacy to life right before your eyes.

More information

For information on how to donate, purchase tickets and get further show information, please visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW (7469).

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Community Fall Festival and Raffle set for Sept. 8

By Roxanne Schick
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Catholic Community is preparing for the upcoming Community Fall Festival and Raffle. This event was previously called the Pagosa Catholic Community Picnic and many thought that the event was for only Catholic members of the community. Hence, we changed the name to Community Fall Festival and Raffle.

The Community Fall Festival and Raffle will be held on Sunday, Sept.

8, at Town Park from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is a free event and everyone in the community is welcome. There will be free food provided by the Knights of Columbus, kids' lawn games, snow cones and a cash bar. The Retro Cats band will donate their time and musical talent. Dance students will entertain the crowd while the band is taking a break.

There will be a raffle with the following prizes: first prize, \$2,000; second prize, \$500; third prize, package for eight for an escape room.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the JP II office, 731-5744, and Town Park. The drawings for these prizes start at 3 p.m.

In addition, there will be brown bag raffles. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5, and drawings will start at 2:30 p.m. The prizes for this raffle were donated by local and out-of-town businesses.

Mark your calendar for this family event and spend a day full of fun, merry-making, wonderful food and the opportunity to win cash and fabulous prizes.

Dr. Fran Korten to speak in Pagosa Sept. 11

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

On Sept. 11, the people of Pagosa Springs will have a special opportunity to meet and hear Dr. Fran Korten.

She will be speaking in the Ruby Sisson Library's large meeting room on Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m.

She will speak briefly on several topics: death, which is the latest featured topic for YES! Magazine; important changes needed for America; the world economy; and the state of our planet. She knows the latest on what is happening and always shares with us ways that individuals can actually do something. There will be time for your questions, too.

It is hard for me to do justice describing Fran and her husband, David Korten, who wrote "When Corporations Rule The World"

and many other books on how the world's economy must change. The empire model of our economy which we have been in for thousands of years is no longer sustainable with huge profits going to big corporations (which is now "the king") and everyone else getting the short end of the stick. The economy needs to function for the benefit of the community and every single person. The profits should go to making life better for everyone, not just a few. The focus and end goals of our economy need to change.

Rather than my explaining more about who they are, I'm asking you to go to the Earth Community website: pagosaearthcommunity.org

and look at the section titled "Dr. David Korten and Dr. Fran Korten." It will help explain the significance of these two extraordinary people who are working to change the world. And it should help you see why it would be of value for you to come to Fran Korten's talk.

The Pagosa Earth Community is open to everyone. We hope you will decide to come to our programs and become an active member. To join, you simply read and agree with our mission statement and fill out a membership form including your email address. This will put you into our communication system. There is no membership fee. We hope to see you.

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Sandy, Jackie, Mary and Becky coming together for Liz Curtis Higgs. Curtis Higgs will be the featured speaker at a women's retreat on Sept. 18 and 19 at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

International speaker on women's issues coming to Pagosa Springs

By **Lynne McCrudden**
Special to The PREVIEW

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where they are in their spiritual life.

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The women of Pagosa Springs and surrounding areas are encour-

aged to come spend some time with this remarkable, approachable lady.

Curtis Higgs will be giving a retreat at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church on the evening of Sept. 18

■ **See Speaker on next page**



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Community Band looking for musicians

By Susy Mekeal
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Springs has many hidden treasures, and some of those hidden treasures are the residents. If you play a musical instrument, we would like to invite you to join our band.

There are a range of members in our band, with some who have music degrees to those who haven't played in many years, and we welcome all. This is a great place to meet

new people or see old friends and work together to put a shine on your instrument and a new piece of music. Our band includes woodwinds, brass, percussion and strings.

It is such a joy to play music and put on a concert and we are looking forward to a great concert for this fall. The theme will be Broadway and movie music that will be familiar to all. Our directors, Larry Elginer and Larry Baisdon, use their vast experience and expertise to bring

out the inner musician and create an enjoyable experience for all of the musicians involved.

The first rehearsal will be on Sept. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. Rehearsals will move to Monday nights from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and the concert will be on Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. Rehearsals are held at Pagosa Springs High School; enter through the glass double doors on the right front of the building. The band room is the first room to the right. We'll see you there.

Rehearsals for Community Christmas Concerts to begin

By Richard Bolland
Special to The PREVIEW

Folks are working hard putting up firewood, wrapping up outdoor projects and getting the kids ready for the start of school. With all that going on, how far away can Christmas be? Answer: Not as far as you think.

The Pagosa Springs Choral Society is beginning its rehearsals for this year's edition of the Community Christmas Concerts, which will be performed on Dec. 6, 7 and 8 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

The first rehearsal for this 60- to

70-member, non-audition choir will be held on Sept. 10, with registration beginning at 6 p.m. and the rehearsal at 7 p.m. There will be a \$20 registration fee to defray the cost of music. Rehearsals will continue each Tuesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. except for Thanksgiving week.

The Choral Society is pleased to announce that, once again, Dan Burch, music director for Pagosa Springs High School, will serve as the director of the choir and Venita Burch will provide accompaniment.

The concert series features both sacred and seasonal selections

including "Winter Wonderland of Snow," "All Is Well" and George Frideric Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." A select jazz ensemble will offer two more light-hearted selections, including "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow."

Not only do the rehearsals provide the opportunity to sharpen musical skills, but it is also a great way to renew old friendships and make some new ones. So, if you can carry a tune and would like to be a part of the community's celebration of the Christmas season, you are cordially invited to be part of this year's choir.

Speaker

■ continued from previous page and the morning of Sept. 19. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Visitor Center, at Bookends bookstore on main street, at Choke Cherry Tree store uptown and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, which is next to the hospital. Tickets are \$45 either

cash or check, made out to Spirited Women, are accepted forms of payment.

It doesn't matter where you are on your spiritual journey or even if you haven't started a journey, Curtis Higgs has something to share with you. She will make you laugh and help you see that

our foibles in life are universal and forgivable, that God is always with us, even if we have a hard time seeing him in our daily lives and struggles. Give yourself some "me" time and come learn and laugh with Curtis Higgs.

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The Mosaic Project canvases will be unveiled at the **Mosaic Project Event** at the PSAC Center on September 19 from 6-9 pm. The center is located on Navajo Trail Drive.

To purchase a ticket for a random drawing of a canvas, go to ps-artscouncil.org, Two Old Crows Gallery or the Chamber of Commerce.

Learn more about Pagosa Springs Arts Council @ ps-artscouncil.org



Enrollment open for 12th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic

By **Jacque Aragon**
Special to The PREVIEW

Enrollment is open for the 12th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic (PAGCC). The cost to enter is \$10.

All participants will receive an entry gift. Winners in the meat, vegetarian and overall people's choice categories will receive \$200 each and trophies, while second- and third-place winners receive medals and bragging rights. Registration is first-come, first-served, so don't miss your chance to participate in this event.

Commercial entrants pay \$25 and first place will land them a special award. Commercial entries are also eligible for the people's choice award of \$200 for first place and medals for second and third place.

The PAGCC is part of the 14th annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha. The Cha Cha will be held rain or shine on Sept. 28 in Town Park.

This event is free and also features a music concert by New Mexico's Sangre Joven, trail races hosted by the Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club (ilovegreenchile.com to enter), a Mexican beer garden, margarita contest, green chile roasted and for sale, and a kids' corner.

For more info or to enter the cook-off, please call Jacque at 946-7636 or register online at ilovegreenchile.com.



Photo courtesy Jacque Aragon

Enrollment is open for the 12th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic, part of the Mountain Chile Cha Cha on Sept. 28. The cost to enter is \$10.

Auditions set for 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory'

By **Dale Johnson**
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP), now in its 30th anniversary year, is excited to announce its winter production of the popular "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," a musical.

CUP has been waiting for just the right time to bring this fabulous and fun musical to the Pagosa Springs stage and the time is now.

"Willy Wonka" is a favorite of CUP President Kim Moore and we are excited to bring this show to life in her honor. The musical will run for four shows only, Nov. 21 to

24, just in time to kickstart your holiday plans, so save the dates.

Auditions will be held on Sept. 13 from 2 to 8 p.m. in the high school music room. All roles are currently open, from ages 10 to 85. Watch for more details concerning auditions. CUP is saving the world one musical at a time.

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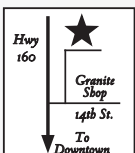
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19th Hole Concerts raise \$7,800 for Archuleta County nonprofits

By Tracy Pope
Special to The PREVIEW

This summer's 19th Hole Concerts raised \$7,800 for six Archuleta County nonprofits, with each nonprofit receiving a \$1,300 grant. The recipient organizations are:

- Aspen House,
- LASSO,
- Pagosa Area Trails Council,
- Pagosa Springs Arts Council,
- Pagosa Springs Girls Choir, and
- Rise Above Violence.

Through four years of hosting the 19th Hole Concerts, the Archuleta Committee of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado has watched the popularity of the events grow into steady support.

"Our concerts have proven to be fun community-building events," said Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. "It is awesome to see so many people come together to support local nonprofits."

The 19th Hole Concerts featured a different nonprofit and music talent on Thursday evenings, June 13 through July 25, at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. The cover charge for each concert was a \$10 donation, with all proceeds pooled and distributed to the six nonprofits selected.

The generous support of corporate sponsors covered event expenses, allowing all proceeds collected at the door to go directly to the recipient organizations. The featured nonprofits collaborated to promote and generate attendance



Photo courtesy Tracy Pope

This summer's 19th Hole Concerts raised \$7,800 for six Archuleta County nonprofits. Pictured left to right (back) are: Bob Milford, Pagosa Area Trails Council; Cathy Reece, Aspen House; (front) Sherry Phillips, Pagosa Springs Arts Council; Linda Parker, Pagosa Springs Girls Choir; Evelyn Tennyson, LASSO; and Carmen Hubbs, Rise Above Violence.

at the concerts through marketing tasks, with the Community Foundation organizing the grant review and planning process.

"This grant opportunity relies on collaboration and cooperation in the nonprofit sector in Archuleta County," said Wrinkle. "The more the nonprofits work together, the more success they will see. This year nonprofits had the extra benefit of exploring the value of video marketing."

As a community facilitator, the Community Foundation works to

increase sustainability and success for nonprofits while maximizing effective grantmaking for philanthropists to make southwest Colorado a better place to live. The Community Foundation serves Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties.



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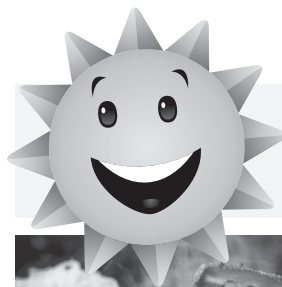
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Hand-drumming sessions a family-friendly activity

By Paul Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday at noon.

The 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.

“I really enjoy the class,” said Logan. “I think it’s a great way to kick off your week and fill you with joy.”

Logan is a Pagosa Springs seventh-grader.

He added: “It’s definitely worth coming. You don’t have to know how to play drums to be here, you just kind of play, and everyone goes along with each other. You can do what comes naturally. Everybody is really united. We all come together in a drumming circle and see what happens. I don’t know why, it just ends up flowing.”

“We do a few songs. I like the transitions; they’re really subtle. We’ll be doing one song and sometimes I don’t even notice it’s the next song. It’s a different song, but you don’t even notice a change. Everybody is still just doing their thing. It’s just great.”

He continued: “I like that there are varieties of drums that make different sounds. It’s not like all of us are playing the same exact sound, over and over. We all have a little bit different drum, which makes a little bit different sound. And, people are bringing things like plastic cups and stuff, and we get those going, and it just blends right in, into a beautiful song.”

Do you do any other music?
“I play a little bit of piano. I like music. It’s a great thing. You don’t have to make it a career, but if you ever have spare time, which everybody does, then you can grab anything to drum on, like the cup. You finish your water, or your juice, or something — you can just start tapping on your cup, or the wall, even. It doesn’t have to be a drum. It can be anything you can



Photo courtesy Paul Roberts

“I really enjoy the class,” said Logan, a Pagosa Springs seventh-grader of the Tuesday hand-drumming class. From left to right are Logan, Tyler and Carla Florez.

play on.”

What do you think is the value in that?

“I think it’s pretty nice because if I’m in a bad mood, the two things that like really cheer me up are drawing and playing music. If I’m in a bad mood, I’ll start tapping on my night stand or something like that, and then you forget about how you’re feeling and you’re all into the music. That all goes away and you’re happy, just into the music and what you’re doing. You can drum on anything that’s nearby. It can help cheer you up. That’s why I think it’s a great way to kick off your week.”

Have you always been into tapping on things?

“Yeah, ever since I was little. Like if I was walking down the stairs to get a glass of water or something, I’ll tap on the staircase with a pencil or something. I like making noise, seeing what kind of sounds this thing makes, or, ‘Oh, this makes a different sound,’ and put that together and see what it sounds like.”

Do you plan on continuing with

your music?

“Yeah, I do. Once school starts, I’m going to get into some piano lessons, again, probably, and I might do a little bit of drumming. I’ll take music as an elective. What I’ve really been working on, for the past couple of times that I’ve chosen music, is the piano. I did do a little bit of drums in the music class, also.”

Do you have anything you’d like to add?

“Not really, just that it’s great.”
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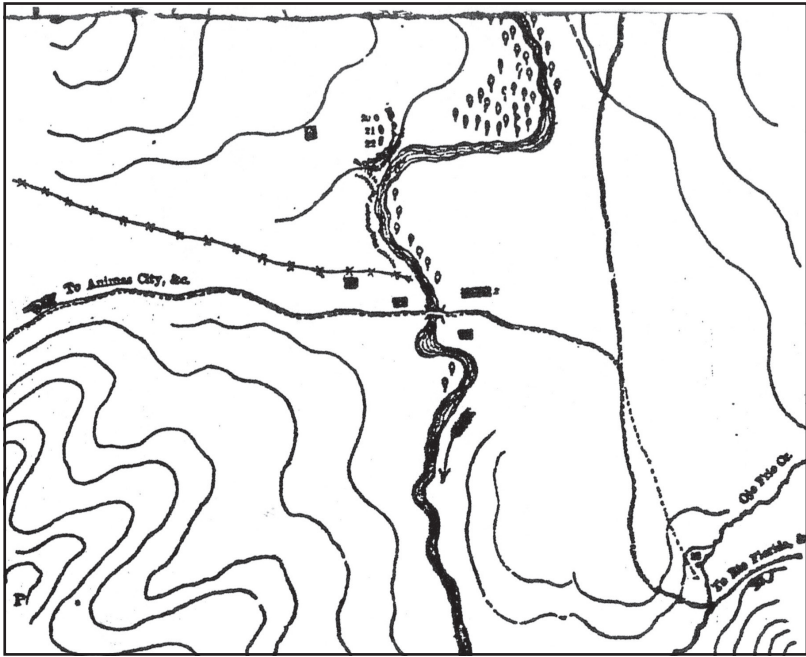


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This topo map shows the entrance to Pagosa and the Hot Springs via Mill Creek. The bridge across the San Juan was about a mile downstream from the Hot Springs. Joseph Clarke's buildings mentioned in this article are located next to the bridge. Those buildings were the beginnings of Pagosa Springs.

Hot springs, hot water and high hopes

I've been writing about the struggle for ownership of the Pagosa Hot Springs during the early years of Pagosa Country settlement. We've learned that title to the Springs was granted by the U.S. government to owners who paid with Valentine Script. Those owners sold their interest in the springs to the Pagosa Springs Company, a Leavenworth, Kan., firm which operated the springs for many years.

Last week, the name Joseph Clarke entered the picture and I promised to explain who this Joseph Clarke character was. Here goes.

One could say the community of Pagosa Springs started June 5, 1878, when the first post office opened for business. In truth, the Town of Pagosa Springs incorporated in 1891. But lots of folks lived around the springs before legal incorporation.

The first postmaster was Clarke. It would be reasonable to proclaim him as the "Father of Our City."

In 1877, Clarke opened a general store and rooming house about a mile south of the Hot Springs near where Mill Creek, then known as Rio Frio, spills into the San Juan River. A bridge spanned the river just north of the juncture of the creek and the river. Crossing that bridge was a toll road incorporated in New Mexico that ran from Abiquiu to what we know today as Silverton.

Clarke operated the post office from his newly opened general store. His application for the post office privilege claimed there were 100 residents. Among others, Clarke also managed the Hot Springs bath houses.

The townsite of Pagosa Springs was surveyed into streets, blocks, and lots and those lots were auctioned off in 1885, the same year Archuleta County was created and



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was therefore no longer part of Conejos County. Clarke purchased 50 of those lots, including all of the lots on the east side of Block 21, the principle business district. He later moved to Durango, where he was elected as a La Plata County commissioner and soon disappeared from public view.



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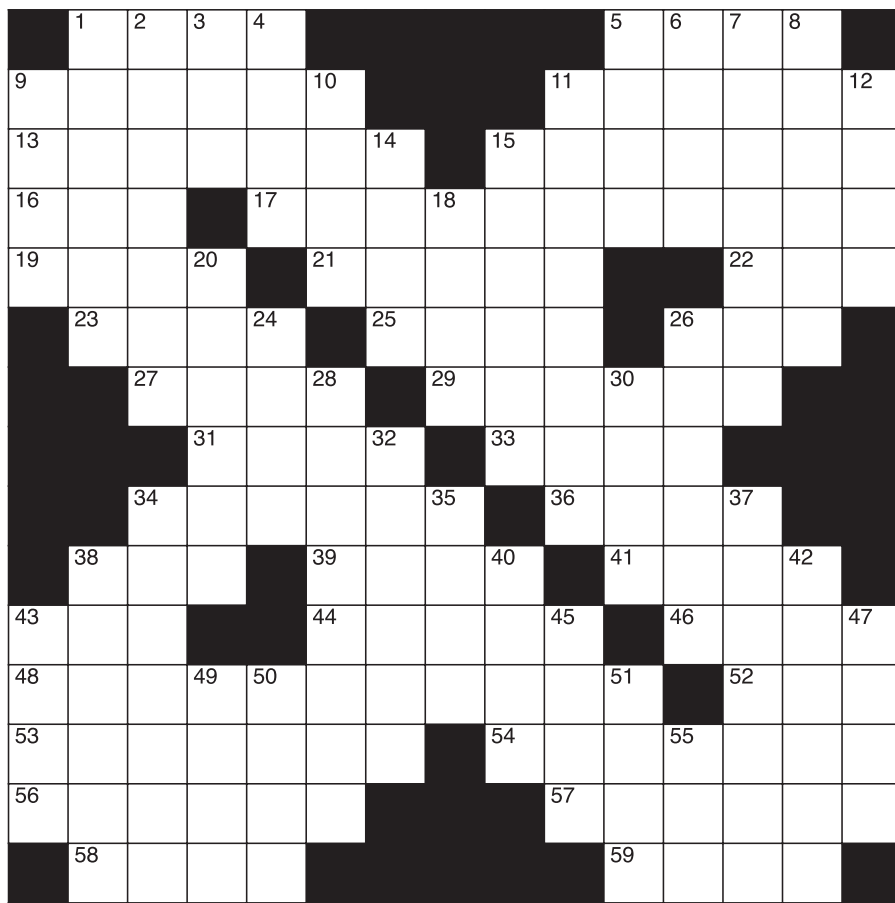
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- 15. Elected official
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- 17. Couldn't be happier
- 19. Enormous
- 21. Hunter's tool
- 22. Georgia rockers
- 23. Cold wind
- 25. Beginner
- 26. Where you sleep
- 27. Without
- 29. We all have them
- 31. Spoiled
- 33. Platform
- 34. Drama and horror are two
- 36. In abundance
- 38. Turf
- 39. Inventor Musk
- 41. Negative answers
- 43. French river
- 44. Saps of energy
- 46. Type of sandwich
- 48. Sets apart again
- 52. Engage in a contest
- 53. Sufferings
- 54. Freestanding sculpture
- 56. Digs into
- 57. Fish have them
- 58. Speaks



59. Storage unit

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Spread over
- 2. Dyes
- 3. British thermal unit
- 4. Small city in Maine
- 5. Having an affection for
- 6. Welsh for John
- 7. Plays that ridicule
- 8. Not of your right mind
- 9. A way to get there
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- 11. Relating to neurons
- 12. "Family City USA"

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- 15. Flew high
- 18. Wreaths
- 20. Got rid of
- 24. Shortly
- 26. Confer
- 28. Monies given as support
- 30. German electric car
- 32. Objects of an earlier time
- 34. Flat-bottomed boats
- 35. Small waterbird
- 37. Willingness to please others
- 38. Military actions

- 40. Brooklyn hoopsters
- 42. Took to the seas
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UU talk to focus on dogs and the interdependent web

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

This Sunday's speaker will be of interest to a great many of us. Unitarian Universalist (UU) member Bob LeCour will speak about his life with his dogs and there are so many of us who also do share our lives with our dogs.

"My destiny put dogs in my life from the time I moved to Colorado to the present in a big way," said LeCour.

In this talk, LeCour will speak about his experiences as developer of a large kennel, show dog breeder, sled-dog racer, weight-pulling trainer and the owner of a wonderful series of pets. He hopes to show how these animals helped him to find himself. This talk supports our seventh principle: respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part.

LeCour was raised in the east, educated in the south and west, and has lived most of his life in the high country of Colorado, which he considers home ground. He worked as a science teacher and library administrator on the Front Range of Colorado. He lives full-time now in Pagosa Springs with wife Karen and dog Cadmus.

Let's explore this seventh principle a bit further. On the most immediate level, it creates awareness of our interdependence with creatures other than human and with the natural environment. Such an awareness can grow into life practices that counter the dangerous myth of the natural environment

as a "resource" to be exploited — a myth that was created at the birth of our nation and is with us still. While none would claim a perfect environmental record, still many UUs actively practice good stewardship of our planet. We do that individually and as members of the Pagosa UU Fellowship Social Action Committee whose recent agenda includes items that range from concrete efforts to reduce the use of plastic in our homes to supporting the creation of the Marine Arctic Peace Sanctuary.

Our fellowship offers an opportunity to participate in positive social and environmental action and support in spiritual growth. We welcome diversity and invite everyone to share in our faith community. On the third and fourth Sundays (Sept. 15 and 22), leadership is by Pastor Dean Cerny. On this Sunday, lay leader LeCour will lead the service and present the program.

On Sept. 15, the Religious Exploration (RE) program will resume. Parents come meet the RE coordinator, Anna Ramirez, and learn about our program for children. Service on Sept. 15 will take place at the gazebo in the Whispering Pines Town Home Park (corner of Park and Eaton). This will be a family-friendly potluck event with attendees bringing a tasty something to share, chairs and plates and utensils. For more information, contact Ramirez at afrancis_@hotmail.com.

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



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New Thought topic: one with each other, one with God

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

“We believe in the unity of all life, and that the highest God and the innermost God is one God.” — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC, formerly Pagosa Community of New Thought) on Sunday, Sept. 1, at 10 a.m. to explore and discuss the concept that all people are the incarnation of the One Spirit. Our speaker will be Shayla White Eagle McClure.

We encourage all to join our community of affirmative-minded individuals who share joy, laughter, and spiritual awareness of their connection to spirit and their abil-

ity to co-create a life that expresses infinite possibilities.

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Meditation circle

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Blisters, scrapes and bandages

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

Sarah begged, “Mama, please let me wear my new flats.”

“You need to break them in around the house first. If worn too long, nasty sores will appear on your heels,” her mom cautioned.

Sarah rolled her eyes in stubborn defiance. “You worry way too much.”

Despite her mother’s warnings, Sarah hurried off to school in her new shoes. By the end of the day, she regretted her decision. The reason stuffed in her unicorn backpack as she hobbled barefoot home.

One look at her daughter’s feet made her mom’s heart break. “Let me clean those blisters and put a sterile dressing on for extra protection.” Mom rushed to the bathroom cabinet to retrieve antibacterial ointment and bandages.

A few days later, Sarah’s brother, Joey, lay beside his bike and sobbed. “Daddy help.”

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“It’s just a little scrape,” he calmed his son and lifted him into his arms. Joey put on a brave face, while Mom held his hand and Dad administered the antiseptic.

“All done. You’ll be back on your bicycle in no time.” His dad smiled at his son’s bravery as he covered the scrape with a protective bandage. The medicine prevented contamination while the gauze provided a shield against further injury.

As children of our Heavenly Father, we sometimes stumble and receive spiritual grief. Invisible to the naked eye, but painful.

Determined to live life our way, we rebel against God’s will and rush off without regard to the conse-

quences. Despair knocks us down and, in humility, we hobble back to Jesus.

Sometimes injuries occur because of unavoidable circumstances. Through no fault of our own, life brings us to our knees. We cry out to our Heavenly Father and he rushes to our side. He lifts us up and administers his tender mercy as a balm to our bruised self-image.

God sanitizes our wounded heart with the oil of His Holy Spirit poured deep into our injured soul to end the spread of infection. The process is difficult, but necessary.

His love shrouds us as we mend from the inside out. Exposed to the light of His Word, the old scab falls away to reveal a restored and stronger version of us.

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” — Psalms 147:3 (NASB).

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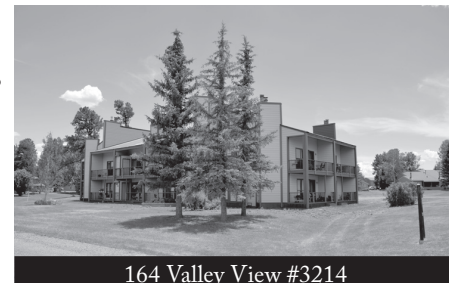
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Learning to deal with that empty nest

By John Lough
Special to The PREVIEW

Is that young adult in your home packing suitcases and heading off for their first year of college? Or maybe there's that bedroom you walk by sadly every day remembering how lovely the wedding was, but how empty that room is now.

From college, to marriages, to a new out-of-town job, there are all kinds of reasons for why a child is no longer sharing that home with Mom and Dad. Whatever the cause, the emotions that parents experience when their children depart are often ones of sadness, loneliness and even depression.

The common term for this occurrence is "empty nest" syndrome. It's based on the bird maturing and leaving the nest. While we all want our children to grow up and live independent lives (no, Junior still living in the basement when he's 37 is usually not anyone's goal), it still can be difficult when the children are gone and the house suddenly seems much more empty.

While empty nest syndrome is not a clinical disorder or diagnosis, it is a transitional period in life that highlights loneliness and loss. Realizing that our son or daughter is now independent enough to be out there facing the world on his or her own can be bittersweet and emotionally challenging. We are proud that we have helped them grow and mature to be able to stand on their own two feet, but we're also sad to see them gone and to realize that

most of our hands-on parenting is no longer needed.

There are ways, however, to reduce the sadness and stress that might come with a child's moving out. In today's age of instant communication, simply staying in touch is easy and can ease the sense of being left behind. The goal, of course, is not to become a "helicopter parent," constantly hovering and trying to be involved in the child's every decision even though he or she may now be thousands of miles away.

Instead, try simply staying in touch, maybe with a weekly text or email or phone call. It can also help to talk with friends who have also had children leave the home.

For some people, empty nest syndrome can be a real problem, leading to severe depression. In such cases, professional help can be valuable. Consider talking with a professional counselor who will be able to help you manage these difficult emotions.

"Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association (ACA). Send your comments and questions to ACACorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.

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Medicare 101 and navigating Medicare session set for Sept. 5

By Christina Knoell and Kay Kaylor
Special to The PREVIEW

Medicare is complicated. It is important that you know your rights, options, deadlines, possible penalties and where to find the information you need.

Did you know that assistance is available in Pagosa Springs through the nationwide State Health Insurance Program? Trained and certified Medicare counselors are available by appointment to guide you when dealing with Medicare enrollment, questions and problems.

One of the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA) volunteer Medicare counselors, Katy Deshler, will offer a free Medicare 101 class on Thursday, Sept. 5, at the Ruby Sisson Library to help you get started. The class will start at 10:30 a.m. and will run until about noon. Please call Kay at 264-0501, ext. 1 to reserve your spot because space is limited.

Medicare help has been offered in Archuleta County at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center for more than 15 years. SJBAAA is the sponsoring agency for free Medicare counseling services at the Senior Center (the west end of the Ross Aragon Community Center). On most Mondays, called Medicare Monday, counselors are available by appointment. Counseling occurs on additional days during the annual Part C and D Open Enrollment Period, Oct. 15-Dec. 7, and sometimes by phone or appointment on other days.

Please call the phone number above to make an appointment

or to ask questions. Some SJBAAA counselors are also trained as Senior Medicare Patrol counselors and they can help with possible health care fraud, errors and abuse.

Medicare eligibility begins at age 65 unless you are younger and have been on disability for almost two years. Three months before (and until three months after) your birth month, you can enroll in Medicare and start making decisions about your options. Some of the questions you need to consider follow:

- Are you eligible for Medicare Part A and Part B? Do you need both?
- Do you have a retirement plan that will work with Medicare?
- Do you want a Medicare supplement (also called Medigap)?
- Would you prefer coverage through a Medicare Advantage plan or cost plan?
- Do you want a Part D drug plan to avoid a monthly penalty? If so, which plan would work best for you? This varies depending on which drugs you take.
- Do you qualify for help with Part B or D premiums?

Generally, you can enroll in Medicare online at www.ssa.gov or by calling the Social Security Administration in Durango, (888) 472-6115. If you are already receiving a Social Security check, you will be automatically enrolled in Part A and Part B, but you will need to enroll in Part D and Part C or supplements yourself. You can also find valuable information at www.medicare.gov.

If you are already on Medicare and have a Part D drug plan or a

Part C supplement, you need to review that plan each year during the Open Enrollment Period because plan premiums and coverage of drugs change each year. Medicare counselors can help you during that time, or you can go to www.medicare.gov to review your plan.

Also, contact Medicare, (800) 633-4227, if you have not received your new Medicare card and number since the mailings to beneficiaries have ended.

You also can sign into MyMedicare.gov to see if your card was mailed and, if so, print out an official card.

If you are receiving Social Security disability, you will probably be eligible for Medicare starting 23 months after your disability begins and will have a limited period to enroll in a Part D drug plan. It is important to know all enrollment deadlines to avoid penalties. Also, depending on your income and assets, you may be eligible for Extra Help with drug plans or Medicare Savings Programs for Part B.



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The Four Corners Folk Festival offers something for everyone, including activities and artists for kids. Festival admission is free for children 12 and under who are accompanied by a adult.

Preview Calendar

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

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Duplicate Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Local Author Book Launch. 5 p.m., Sisson Library. Frank Bergon launches his new collection of 12 essays about contemporary Westerners in California's San Joaquin Valley. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Mamma Mia.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Friday, Aug. 30

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

Pickleball. 8 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.

Open house. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 76 Mas-

ters Circle. Contact Erika Hampton, broker associate, for more information, 507-0022.

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

English as a Second Language. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call

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264-2209 for more information.

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

Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

24th Annual Four Corners Folk Festival. 3 p.m., Reservoir Hill. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.folkwest.com.

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

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Jekyll and Hyde.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies. 6:45 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is timed for when the moon is absent from the sky. Visitors can enjoy the night sky in a truly dark-sky environment and see fainter objects that the moon's light would normally obscure. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Saturday, Aug. 31

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pickleball Clinic. 9 a.m., South Pagosa Park. All ages are invited to learn the fastest-growing sport in America. Paddles and balls will be provided by the club. Bring tennis shoes, sunscreen and water. For more information, visit pagosapickleball.org.

Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. For more information, contact Pauline Benetti at 264-5232.

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 of the Retreat Center and Tara Temple, a brief introduction to meditation with time for questions and answers, and a vegetarian buffet lunch. For more information and to

register, go to www.taramandala.org/open-house.

24th Annual Four Corners Folk Festival. 11 a.m., Reservoir Hill. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.folkwest.com.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, 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. LEGO contest winners announced at 12:15 p.m.

Pi Beta Phi. 11:30 a.m., Shanghai Chinese Restaurant. Please bring your checkbook to pay your annual national and local dues. RSVP by Aug. 29 to Carole Howard.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Ring of Fire.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Family Storytime: Fun with Chalk. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Chalk is a lot of fun, especially when you make your own. Join us for stories and a recipe for creativity. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'The Who's Tommy.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Sunday, Sept. 1

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Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Mamma Mia.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

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, Sept. 2

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community

Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

Beginning Modern Square Dance Lessons. 5-6:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. The High Country Squares will be starting a beginners class for anyone wishing to learn the art of modern square dance. Couples and singles are encouraged and welcome to come and give this form of dance a try. For more information, call Jim Park at 731-9910, Steve Keil at 731-0044 or email info@HighCountrySquares.com.

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Chi Energi. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A variety of movements and stretches to create energy for the healing of our mind, body and soul.

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Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Yoga Fusion Class. 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

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

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop-in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Hand-Drumming Class. Noon, PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a hand-drumming class. All are welcome. Hand drums will be provided for those who don't have one. For further information, call 731-3117.

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

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Pickleball. 1-5 p.m., Community Cen-

ter. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

PALS Adult Education. 2-7 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.

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

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Wednesday, Sept. 4

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

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park (South 8th and Apache streets). Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Audubon Rockies Volunteer Training Orientation. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. For questions or to RSVP, contact Keith Bruno at kbruno@audubon.org.

Family Storytime: Music and Movement with Diann Tater. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages.

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Answer: Anna Camp

EARLY DEADLINES

for the issue of

Thursday, September 5

Display Advertising

Noon, Friday, Aug. 30

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Legal Advertising, Articles and Letters

Noon, Thursday, Aug. 29

Change in hours:

Monday, Sept. 2, The Pagosa Springs SUN office will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

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Get up and groove with fun songs and movement activities. Join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga Flow Class. 10-11 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Amy at (609) 204-1998.

Labyrinth Guided Walk. 10:30 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. In the wooded area behind the parking lot at the wooden cross. A guided tour of the "Charters" design labyrinth, a path of releasing, receiving and renewal. The labyrinth is also available to the public seven days a week.

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

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.

Fermentation Class: Bread. 1-3 p.m., CSU Extension building. The cost is \$25 and includes materials, instructor and a jar of food to go home with. Space is limited. For more information and to register, call 264-5931.

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

Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Summer Artist Reception: Rocky Halls. 5-7:30 p.m. Two Old Crows Gallery, 468 Lewis St. For more information, call 264-0800.

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.

Resilient Archuleta. 6 p.m., CSU Ex-

ension office. Watershed Enhancement Partnership efforts.

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

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Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Ring of Fire.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

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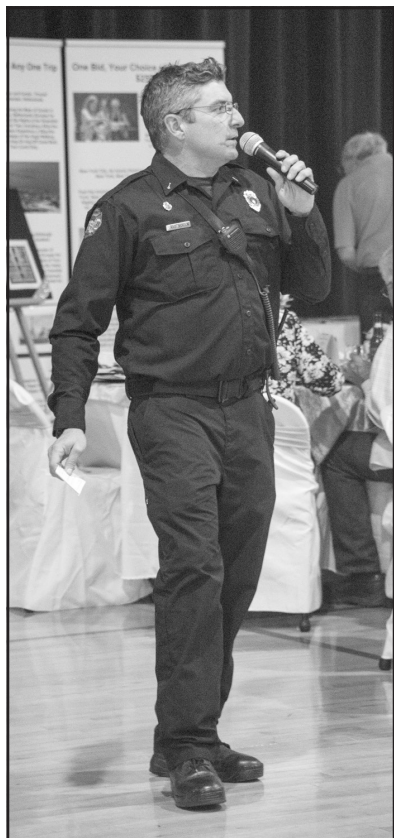
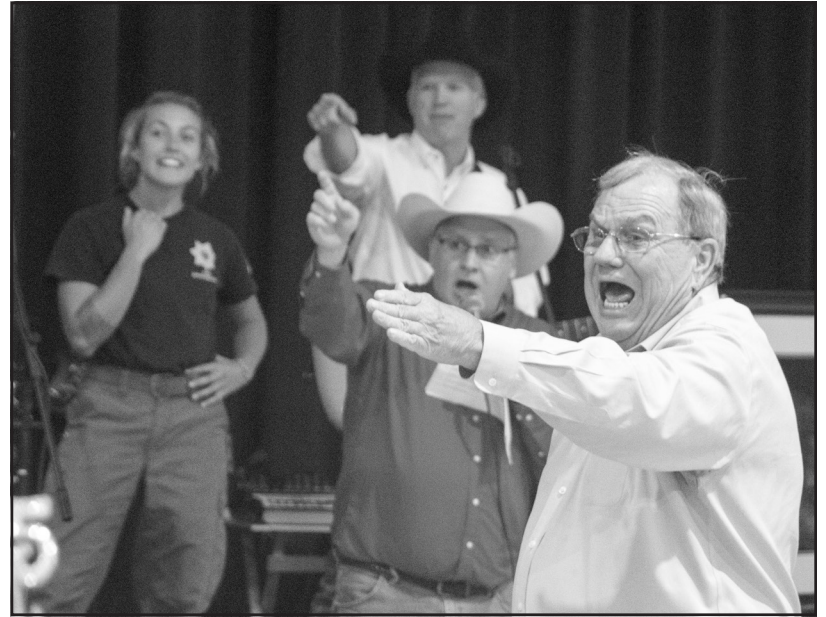
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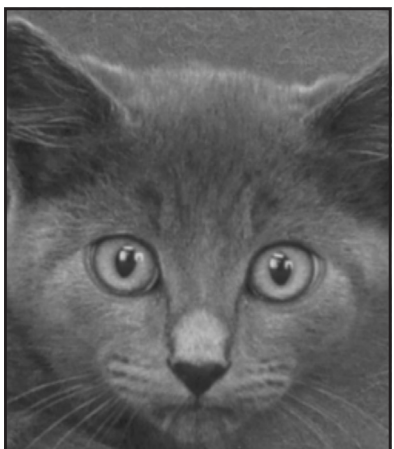
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Parelli Foundation to host 2019 Western Derby fundraising gala in Pagosa Springs

By Summer Wyatt Bacharach
Special to The PREVIEW

The Parelli Foundation will host its annual Western Derby Gala fundraiser on Sept. 6 during Parelli Natural Horsemanship's Savvy Summit.

This benefit event promises a night of fun and excitement

featuring an exciting "Western Derby" featuring licensed Parelli professionals jockeying to answer trivia questions to make it to the winner's circle.

The event kicks off at 7 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, and will include silent and live auctions.

Bidders will have the opportu-

nity to bid on unique items and experiences.

Gala attendees will be treated to a barbecue dinner, beer, wine and cocktails.

Tickets will not be sold at the door and space is limited. Ticketing information can be found at parellifoundation.org/western-derby-gala-2019/.

Summer Wyatt Bacharach, executive director of the Parelli Foundation, promises this to be "a truly

exciting event, a night of fun, where supporters can gather to celebrate the work of the foundation and help us to raise funds to continue to support our mission: Making the world a better place for horses and humans through natural horsemanship education. This will be a super fun way to raise funds for a mission we all value. You won't want to miss this one-of-a-kind event."

The Parelli Foundation provides scholarships and grants through its

unique programs: Horse Welfare, Future of Horsemanship scholarships for youth, Career and Equine Talent scholarships and Therapeutic Horsemanship, including the Heroes and Horsemanship Initiative. The foundation has provided funding totaling over half a million dollars to therapeutic riding centers, horse welfare organizations, and individuals interested in natural horsemanship education since its inception in 2012.

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

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

An inhabitant of both open woodlands and cottonwood galleries along streams, this striking bird is a hard one to forget. Mature males are a bright orange color with a black chin and distinct black line through their eyes. Look for a clean white patch on the wing contrasting their otherwise black flight feathers. Females are less flashy, with a more yellow-orange casting on the head and gray-white belly. Juveniles oftentimes mimic the female plumage for the first year, but males don the black head markings and eventually molt into bright orange breeding plumage in their second spring.

Their elaborate courtship displays often involve a hopping dance from branch to branch, bowing as the males attempt to attract a mate. Oriole nests are typically a beautiful woven sack made of grasses, other fine fibers and lining of cottonwood seed or other soft material. One may find these locally in either a mature oak grove or overhanging a river dangling from a cottonwood branch. Once established, the female will typically sing elaborate songs as the male flies locally to defend the nest and territory from other potential nest offenders. Oriole songs are complicated, oftentimes seemingly presented as a stitched-together series of different songs varying in pitch and intention.

Some folks' first occurrence with a Bullock's oriole is when they catch something quite a bit bigger than a hummingbird sourcing nectar from their feeder. These birds will oftentimes capitalize on sugar-rich sources of food upon arrival from spring migration.

They utilize a means of feeding called "gaping," whether with big caterpillars or big-bodied fruits, where they drill their fine bills into soft flesh and pry open the food source for further extraction. Yum. Truly a wide-foraging species, these birds won't hesitate to eat most everything, from insects to seeds to flower nectar.

Bullock's orioles spend a great percentage of their time in Mexico and will begin fall migration for points south soon.

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

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