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Commissioners to weigh new courthouse location, design

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

At a special meeting on Monday, the Archuleta County commissioners are expected to vote on where the district and county courts and related court functions will be in the future, either renovating the existing downtown courthouse or building a new court facility in Harman Park.

The 6th Judicial District and Archuleta County courts vacated the Archuleta County Courthouse in mid-September 2017 citing health and safety concerns with the building.

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Springs Resort hosts community meeting about proposed development

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Springs Resort and Spa held another public meeting last week to discuss the plans for 27 acres of undeveloped property adjacent to the existing resort.

The Springs previously held community meetings in February and March, before beginning discussions with local governments about the proposed urban renewal project, and has announced that more will be held in the future.

The meeting, like the first two, was headed by David Dronet, the managing principal for the ownership group of The Springs, who explained that The Springs,

■ See Springs A8



Photo courtesy Michael Remke

Professionals from across the U.S. are in southwest Colorado conducting prescribed burns in partnership with the San Juan National Forest. Burns have been coordinated near Bayfield and Pagosa Springs. Participants are practicing fire management skills and gaining new fire certifications while improving forest health.

TREX assists with prescribed burns

By Emily Hohman
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (Trex) is officially underway. Around 30 fire professionals from across the U.S. and local communities are in southwest Colorado to conduct prescribed burns in partnership with the San Juan National Forest, practice fire management skills and gain new fire certifications while improving the health of our forests.

While our communities experienced the negative impacts of wildfire during the 416 Fire in 2018, these prescribed fires are intended to produce positive benefits for land and people by reducing fuels near communities, improving wildlife habitat and reducing tree and shrub density, thereby promoting

healthier forests.

Shared stewardship of our forests requires increasing coordination and training across fire and forest management entities. A primary goal of the Trex is to increase local capacity, knowledge and skills for prescribed fires by providing fire training, and creating new relationships and trust among participating groups.

For firefighters, Trex is a collaborative environment designed to enhance the sharing of experience and learning across agencies, as well as seeing firsthand how low- to moderate-intensity fire can restore forests and create safer conditions for communities.

Preparing our forests for fire is no easy task. In a typical day, Trex participants wake by 6 a.m., eat breakfast and prepare their personal protective equipment, tools, chain saws and

engines before joining Forest Service and local fire professionals on the burn site. To determine if conditions that day are acceptable to burn, the burn boss (the individual in charge of the burn) reviews the burn plan — a comprehensive document that sets the parameters and requirements under which a burn may be conducted and which can take a year or more to prepare.

If conditions are favorable, fire practitioners use natural and previously constructed fire lines — roads, streams or paths — to contain the fire within the predesignated area called the “burn unit.” Crews walk on foot with hand tools and use engines and ATVs to continuously patrol and ensure that fire does not spread beyond this boundary.

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Bear finds its way into local home

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A local homeowner received a surprise visitor on the night of Sept. 13 as a young bear found its way into a home.

Around 8 p.m. on Sept. 13, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) received a call from a homeowner on Carino Place that a bear was trapped downstairs in their home.

The homeowner was upstairs when the incident happened and they made the call, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Area Wildlife Manager Matt Thorpe explained.

The door into the downstairs area of the home was shut, but it was not locked, and the door had a lever instead of a doorknob and the bear smelled food inside, Thorpe described. This led to the bear being able to get into the house.

The door closed behind the bear, causing it to be trapped inside, he added later.

An ACSO deputy and a Colorado State Patrol trooper responded to the scene and were able to scare the bear out of the house, Thorpe explained.

CPW was then notified, which led to a wildlife officer setting up a bear trap to try and catch the bear, Thorpe added.

The bear trap was set for a couple of days, but the bear was not caught, leading to CPW pulling the bear trap, he added later.

“As far as I know, we haven't had any other calls about this bear in that area,” Thorpe said.

There had been reports of a bear in that area that had been getting onto homeowners' porches, but it was not confirmed this was the same bear that entered the home on Carino Place.

Based on the description of the

■ See Bear A8



Photo courtesy Renea Smith

Partners in Education purchased emergency buckets for each classroom at the elementary school. These emergency buckets contain a flashlight, makeshift toilet, toiletry supplies and other things that may be utilized in case of an emergency. Of course, it is hoped that these items are never needed, but they were provided as a precaution in an effort to put safety as a first priority.

Preliminary numbers show school district growing by 78 students

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Early Archuleta School District (ASD) enrollment numbers show the district currently sits at 1,737 total students, according to a Sept. 9 report from ASD Superintendent Linda Reed.

Last year, preliminary district enrollment numbers had the total enrollment for ASD at 1,659 students, which did not include students from Pagosa Family School (PFS).

This year's report, given during the board's regular meeting on

Sept. 9, outlines current enrollment for Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES), Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS), Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS), Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) and PFS.

In total, PSES has the largest amount of students among all ASD schools, with 565 total students.

As of Sept. 11, 2018, PSES's total enrollment was 544 students.

At PSES, the largest grade as of Sept. 9 was fourth grade with a total of 129 students. Third grade has 124 students, while second grade has

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EDITORIAL

Controlled burns: A little inconvenience for a lot of good

Smoke was prevalent throughout most of Archuleta County this past week.

Thankfully, the somewhat suffocating smoke came from prescribed burns in the region and not from a truly devastating and unexpected wildfire.

The smoke was pretty unbearable for a few days, but for those of us who endured months of smoke from the Little Sand fire in 2012 and West Fork Complex wildfires back in 2013, when hundreds of thousands of acres burned in the Piedra area and just north of Pagosa Springs, we can tell you that a few days of discomfort are far better than having yet another devastating wildfire in Pagosa Country.

There were plenty of days and nights during those wildfires that we endured much worse conditions than what we experienced recently. And back then, we remember several days that the wind was so strong and the smoke was so thick from the wildfires raging nearby that we weren't certain where exactly where the flames were.

The fear was real.

To us, the inconvenience of these recent controlled burns far outweighs the alternative.

We hope the work done to mitigate devastating wildfires through controlled burns this past week will prove to be successful in the future.

In order to maintain healthy forests and the economic viability of our forests, forest management is essential. Forest management practices include thinning and prescribed burning to create healthier, more productive forests.

Prescribed burns, also known as controlled burns, can help to maintain and restore habitats.

According to SmokeyBear.com, "Prescribed fire is one of the most effective tools we have in preventing wildfires and managing the intensity and spread of wildfires. However, a prescribed fire is still fire, thus fire-management experts are extremely careful in planning and executing one. These specialists know what the optimal conditions and timing are to conduct prescribed fires based on years of training and experience. The weather conditions, topography, fuel types and equipment all determine how a prescribed fire is conducted."

Smokey's website also states, "Fire has always been part of the environ-

ment, and as one of the most important natural agents of change, fire plays a vital role in maintaining certain ecosystems. Native Americans understood this and used fire to run game, maintain prairies and keep ecosystems healthy. Prescribed fires, also known as prescribed burns or controlled burns, refer to the controlled application of fire by a team of fire experts under specified weather conditions that helps restore health to ecosystems that depend on fire.

"Prescribed fires help reduce the catastrophic damage of wildfire on our lands and surrounding communities by:

"Safely reducing excessive amounts of brush, shrubs and trees

"Encouraging the new growth of native vegetation

"Maintaining the many plant and animal species whose habitats depend on periodic fire."

We salute the crews who were out on the fire lines ensuring the safety of our community last week.

Yes, we were inconvenienced by smoke from those controlled burns, but it's a lot better than the alternative.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 20, 1929

The court house hot water well has been completed, the well cased and the water is now being utilized to heat the court house. The well was drilled to a depth of 149 feet, providing a good flow of water with a temperature of 131 degrees.

John Crook of Monte Vista, who is in charge of the biological survey work in this section, was an official visitor to Pagosa Springs last week. He states that he now has four trappers at work exterminating predatory animals between the Yellowjacket and Continental divides.

We recently failed to chronicle the departure of Miss Marie Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Nelson, who has entered Denver university. She was a recent winner of one of the Bonfils scholarships to that institution, and is making her home in Denver with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hughes.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 29, 1944

Headquarters, 13th AAF, Southwest Pacific — Technician Fourth Grade Julien E. LaVarta, whose wife Mrs. Margaret LaVarta resides in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, has been presented the Good Conduct Medal. Sergeant LaVarta is a cook and baker in an Engineer Aviation Battalion of the 13th Command operating in the Southwest Pacific. A veteran of 16 months overseas service, Sergeant LaVarta was associated with the Springs Resort before entering the Army in March, 1942.

Mrs. Ben K. Lynch surprised her husband with a stag dinner last Thursday evening in honor of his birthday. Those present were A.W. Olson, John Hammond, Rube Connelley, H.R. Hughes, Wilbur Voorhees and Everett Dunagan.

Mrs. G.M. Tucker and Mrs. Gladys Schoonover returned Sunday from Denver where they had attended the Grand Chapter of Colorado, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Joy honored Mrs. C.O. Dunagan on her birthday with a lovely dinner last Tuesday evening. Those present to enjoy Mrs. Joy's famed cooking were Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Diestelkamp, Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Dunagan and the host and hostess.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 18, 1969

The cross atop the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church was split by a bolt of lightning last Thursday morning. Damage to the church was very slight, except for the cross. The lightning cracked through the sky, jarred the downtown section of Pagosa Springs, and struck with a resounding crack. Ceiling plaster in the belfry flaked off, but not in large quantities. Some church lights were knocked out as were the lights in the Catholic parsonage next door. Bricks flew from the cross, some landing on the walk in front of Alley's Store, across the street. A window in the Citizens Utilities Co. building, just south of the Catholic Church, was broken by parts of flying brick. Other parts of the damaged cross were thrown in various directions. No structural damage was noted, according to church authorities. The bolt of lightning was precursor to a terrific rainstorm. A total precipitation fall of 1.30 inches was recorded in less than an hour later in the day.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
September 22, 1994

The town of Pagosa Springs has recently received numerous complaints concerning noise, particularly loud noises resulting from the operation of motor bikes. Town officials would like to remind all residents that Section 11-3 of the Municipal Code defines "disturbing the peace" as making or causing unreasonable loud and discordant sounds or offensive conduct which cause public annoyance or discomfort and disturbs the public welfare. Therefore, the town will be actively enforcing the disturbing the peace public nuisance sections of its Municipal Code.

Increasing public outcries about drug and alcohol use by local youngsters have prompted promises from law enforcement agencies that they will place additional emphasis on halting the problem. The Ministerial Alliance pledged its assistance in a cooperative effort to bring an end to the situation. "We believe if we will all work together in a concentrated effort, we can send out a strong message to abusers of the law that we will not tolerate this type of activity."

WHADDYA THINK?

Should there be stronger enforcement of animal control laws?

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LOOKING BACK



From the April 17, 1980,
Pagosa Springs SUN.

SKI PATROL ELECTION — The Wolf Creek National Ski Patrol held their election recently and elected Bob Clark, Patrol Leader and R.D. Hott Secretary-Treasurer. Pro Patrol Leader Jim Whiting is shown congratulating the two Archuleta County patrolers. Tom Schmidt, from Del Norte was elected assistant patrol leader. These members will serve in these offices for the 1980-81 ski year.



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Letters

Letters to the Editor are printed as received and are not edited for grammar or punctuation, but may have been edited for content or style.

'No Donald'

Dear Editor:
I would like to give great thanks to K. Muth.

Thank you for recognizing our so called President for what he is. A blithering idiot on most topics, especially world history.

I would like to add if I may ... No Donald, It's not OK to open our great American National Parks for mining and fracking.

No Donald, It's not OK to lift regulations on air quality and water quality.

No Donald, It's not OK to end the endangered species act. It's not OK to once again in danger the symbol of our great country, the bald eagle, and pollute our Mother Oceans.

No Donald, it's not OK to decimate the great public places, public lands and national parks that we have created. That belong to us. Not You.

No Donald, you are not going to serve multiple terms, thank goodness, we have laws against that.

And finally, no Donald it's not OK to cozy up and be best buds with the most evil, communist, murdering dictators, in the world.

Gods Speed to our Great Country.

C. Baker

URA/TIF and blight area

Dear Editor:
If you do a Google search for "Pagosa Springs", the first and third results are The Springs Resort & Spa. (Second is the Town's official Visit Pagosa Springs website.)

Imagine if the Town Council designates their marquee tourist attraction — The Springs Resort & Spa and their hot springs pools — a slum and blighted area eligible for \$79 million in tax credits over 25 years. That's exactly what the Pagosa Town Council is considering at the request of Springs Resort principal David Dronet and Jack Searle, owner of the adjacent vacant 27 acres. This \$79 million tax subsidy request is a gross misuse of Colorado's urban renewal law (CRS 31-25-102) on Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for Urban Renewal Areas (URAs).

The think tank Independence Institute (independenceinstitute.org) report, "The Empty Promise and Untold Cost of Urban Renewal in Colorado" by Bruce Baker with Mike Krause, exposes the underlying URA/TIF fraud. I quote the Executive Summary of that 30-page report:
"This paper examines the empty promises and untold costs of Urban Renewal Areas (URAs) and the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in URAs in Colorado. The paper will show that:
- Urban renewal authority and discretion is being routinely abused, in direct violation of the legislative intent of the law.
- URAs/TIF has failed to bring economic benefits commensurate with the costs.

Why are there no competency tests for hunting licenses when there are such tests for everything from being cosmeticians to driving vehicles to carrying personal protection? The lack of ability/judgement to see what you are aiming at and the lack of accuracy lead not only to injured animals in pain while such "sportsmen" wait over an hour for something to die but also to the numerous accidental shootings of hunters each year.

Cynda Green

'Inept hunter'

Dear Editor:
The Sept 12 headline was "Man Attacked by Injured Bear on Hunting Trip". Ignoring the fact that the bear probably was not on a hunting trip, a more accurate headline should have been: "Inept Hunter Causes Husband to be Bitten But Is Still Allowed to Retain Hunting License".

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L.R. "Jeff" Jeffrey

Corruption

Dear Editor:
America is at a junction it hasn't seen since before the civil war, and we are poised to have a second civil war. Lawlessness and insurrection is afoot again today, but on a far larger scale. The deep state swamp is alive and well in the federal government, but it also streams down to our state and even our local county governments. The problem is that far too many of us are consumed with distractions meant to keep us from seeing the swamp creatures at work, and have consumed the lies being propagated through the fake news media. Our county government and court is corrupted and denying due process. The state government and courts are complicit. The federal government ... well, it doesn't take much to see the criminals entrenched in their cushy positions that we have given them and yet do not hold them to their hired jobs. Our money is being stolen under the guise of a fraudulent tax on our wages which the Supreme Court declared as unconstitutional and illegal many decades ago. Our voting rights are suppressed and governments are trying hard to prevent us from our rightful position as masters over their actions. Fake news is an extension of the criminal cabal deep state feeding Americans lies. The federal reserve private wealthy family's banking cartel is stealing our money under government sanction by creating fiat currency out of nothing and charging us interest on it. Criminals go free under a two tiered justice system and they laugh at us "mere mortals" for even thinking we can

make a difference. However, there is hope because many Americans have taken the red pill and are waking up to the harsh truth that we have been deceived, cheated and defrauded for decades. The light is on the enemies, and the traitors and criminals are frantic with fear of exposure. The key is for patriots to not only continue to wake up and educate themselves, but to make a stand against the clear evil all around us. We must be brave, we must unite, and we must be dedicated to restoring this republic, this union of 50 states, and eliminate the criminals at all levels of government, and that includes our local government. If we expect real change to come, it must begin at our local level because we will never change Washington without cleaning our own nest and making it an example. Hiding from the truth will only destroy us. ... "Whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know the worst, and to provide for it." Patrick Henry. Are we willing, or will we just nod our heads in agreement with this and go back to sleep?

Jeff Maehr

Support for Forest Service

Dear Editor:
Please support the forest service and their efforts to reduce available fuels and regenerate our forests with prescribed burns, allowing natural fires to burn when appropriate and with mechanical thinning where possible.

Complaining about the smoke and crying emoji's are not going to help our situation. Nobody likes the smoke or the inconvenience of temporary trail closures from these burns however it's necessary to return our forest to health. It's the only effective and most natural way to reduce fuel loads in most areas. The public has demanded fire suppression for over a hundred years effectively killing our forests that rely on fire for survival. It's time we support the use of fire or face the reality of horribly destructive wildfires such as the fires in California last fall. Most of us have chosen to live in this area and build houses in fire prone areas. Now we need to live with our choices and accept

the costs of living this close to a forest that has evolved with fire. The forest service needs our support in their efforts or we'll face a Missionary Ridge, Hayman or Mendocino Complex type fire in our area.

I've owned/operated and lived at Sportsman's Campground & Mountain Cabins in the Upper Piedra area since 1996. The lightning caused Little Sand fire burned 24,000 acres in 2012 and got less than 2 miles from us. Yes, the smoke was inconvenient and of course we temporarily lost some business however the benefits of the fire far out weighed the cost. We need more of these types of fires.

There is an immense amount of information on fire and forest health available. Please do some research if you have any questions.

Jon Reed

With a song

Dear Editor:
"With a Song in My Heart" ... Yes, that describes the members of the community-wide Girls Choir in Pagosa Springs. Under the direction of Linda Parker, members are united in the joy of bringing song to the hearts of others at a variety of community events, e.g., the upcoming Veterans Memorial Day Breakfast.

This is a joyful activity, no homework, simply attend scheduled rehearsals throughout the year. It's members are successful students who enjoy service to others "with a song". In addition to "appearances", they contribute to the community through service activities such as serving at "Loaves and Fishes".

By invitation, they "car-pool" to perform at events out of town — quite an honor. They are a "classy" group, representing Pagosa Springs. Lasting friendships grow through song.

Their membership is open to girls from 5th grade through 8th grade and if interested, girls are welcomed to visit a weekly rehearsal, every Monday, 3:45PM at the Middle School, or contact their Director, Linda Parker at 731-9024.

Yes, they do it with love.

Patty Tillerson

Housing crisis

Dear Editor:
Representatives of several hous-

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Dispatch board discusses ways of fairly sharing capital costs

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Capital costs, and how best to share them, was a topic of discussion for the members of the Archuleta County Emergency Communications Services Executive Management Board at a special meeting held on Sept. 10.

Town of Pagosa Springs Manager Andrea Phillips brought up the idea of splitting capital costs up among the various local agencies represented on the board.

"I just wanted to kind of throw it out there," she said.

Phillips explained that costs are usually divided up via a calls-for-service formula, but she explained that for things such as equipment and facilities it could be more fair to share those costs more equally among the four local agencies.

"Since it is something that we all will use equally. They have to have that equipment. Even if you have two calls for service a year," she said.

Between the town, Archuleta County, Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) and Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), the costs could be split up 25 percent each for the capital costs.

"Operationally, yes, I think it makes sense to pay based on the volume of calls that they're answering for each agency," she explained, "but some of that equipment feels

like it should be shared more equally."

Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman commented that the dispatch board could have the authority to go back and modify the existing intergovernmental agreement the four agencies already share to add any cost-sharing policies.

Some of the items that could potentially have their costs split up evenly are things such as consoles and communications equipment in dispatch, Woodman added later.

There are certain items, for example a bidirectional amplifier (BDA) in the Lower Blanco area, that are needed for entities in the community, but that piece of equipment does not benefit the town because its jurisdiction does not extend to that area, Pagosa Springs Police Chief Bill Rockensock explained.

"When you're talking about being fair for all these things as far as capital goes should the town pay 31 percent of those costs for that BDA when we're not even using it?" Rockensock asked.

The town is the second-highest payer of these costs, and with the possibility of new capital expenditures on the horizon, the town will not be able to afford it, Phillips explained.

Operational costs have gone from \$60,000 to a projected

\$250,000, Rockensock explained.

"I agree the way that it's set up for capital expenditures is not fair," PFPD Fire Chief Randy Larson commented. "I'm just not sure that my little department should be on the hook for a full quarter of it."

In other communities, fire departments and emergency medical services are the same entity, but the local community is in a unique situation in that those organizations are separate, Larson explained, suggesting that the equal share could be 33 percent for each entity instead of 25 percent.

Some local agencies are going to use more equipment than another agency, board chair Connie Cook explained, but every single person in the county is affected by these local agencies.

"And what's our job is to provide the public service to take care of our county," Cook said. "I do agree that the capital funding structure needs to change and it needs to be a little bit more equitable and a little bit more fair."

Not every outcome is going to make every agency happy, but compromises will have to be made in order to provide the public services the community needs, Cook added later.

"In a very direct way, we're providing these services and we're all scraping the bottom of the barrel and there's nothing coming from

the community, like directly," Cook said, noting that the community does pay sales tax in the county and town in an indirect way.

A small sales tax increase, of 1 percent for example, could potentially go a long way, Cook explained.

The community's history is one that is not favorable toward tax increases, Cook added later.

"I think we have to come together as four entities and continue to try to educate our public that to have a sustainable model for emergency services in this community, there's going to have to be an increase in the funding source," PSMC CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb said. "People have got to understand that if they want to have access to emergency services here in this remote area, ultimately we all have to come together and get a tax increase of some kind."

Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center Emergency Communications Manager Kati Harr explained there are a lot of opportunities to educate the public in the future to outline the future of emergency services.

"I think that we can show that adequate and skilled response takes money for training, for equipment, for operating costs," Harr said. "I'm a big believer in creative solutions and I think there's opportunity for public outreach."

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Letters

Continued from A3

ing and health organizations gathered on Tuesday, Aug. 27, with plans to form an ongoing community coalition to address the housing crisis in Archuleta County. The group included representatives from the Town of Pagosa Springs, many local nonprofits, Archuleta County Housing Authority, local health organizations and Pagosa Housing Partners (PHP).

One of the goals of the new Pagosa housing coalition is to help keep organizations, agencies and local governments apprised of funding sources and other legislative changes that might benefit the growth of affordable housing in Archuleta County.

The outlook for affordable and workforce housing has brightened somewhat, as the result of several new laws passed by the Colorado General Assembly during the 2019 legislative session, and signed by Gov. Jared Polis. Some of the new legislation offers protections for tenants facing eviction — a growing problem in Colorado and elsewhere, as market-rate rents continue to increase in an unprecedented fashion forcing some existing renters out of housing for higher rent or short-term rental incomes.

Other laws have increased the amount of subsidies available from the state government to directly support affordable housing.

HB 19-1228, for example, increased the cap on the total 2020-2024 state tax credits allowed under the state's Affordable Housing Tax Credit (AHTC) from \$5 million to \$10 million per year.

Between 2015 and 2018, four developments in the state were financed with direct support from AHTC included permanent supportive housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Other federal and state credits supported another 19 similar

projects. Twenty-seven percent of homes developed during this period provided affordable housing for seniors. The increase in credits from \$5 million to \$10 million will raise additional private-sector equity to develop and preserve affordable housing in Colorado.

Another new law — HB 19-1245 — stipulates a minor change in the way the state's sales tax vendor fee allowance is administered, reducing the amount some businesses can claim as an allowance. It's expected to generate roughly \$8 million in the first two years for investments in affordable housing across Colorado and as much as \$45-50 million per year in the future. One-third of the funds will be dedicated to housing for extremely low-income households living at 30 percent of area median incomes (AMIs) or below.

Thirty percent of the HUD family median income in Archuleta County is about \$18,300 per year. An employee working full time, 52 weeks of the year and earning minimum wage in Colorado earns about \$22,900 annually.

HB 19-1245 is revenue-neutral, meaning it does not impact the state's budget. It affects retailers with annual revenues over \$12 million; it will provide tax breaks to smaller retailers and local businesses.

Another housing law, HB 19-1322, will appropriate \$30 million of unused funds in the state's Unclaimed Property Trust Fund for three years, while protecting existing uses of the Fund. Eligible uses of these additional funds include grants and loans for mobile home repair, land and infrastructure costs to support affordable rental housing development, and the development, acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing. The law allows rental assistance programs to be developed for low-income households, home-

less or disabled veterans, domestic violence survivors and others.

These are big changes coming over the next several years that will mean significant money for housing. The purpose of this group is to prioritize and prepare for these expenditures. Having everyone at the table to work on this issue for the community will put us in a good place down the road.

You can learn more about local housing organizations and housing options on the PHP website, pagosahousingpartners.org.

Lynne Vickerstaff

Addiction

Dear Editor:

The last week of August was a good week for two members of our community as they left for private rehabilitation centers. They will spend seven to twelve months acquiring the tools necessary to support their sobriety and avoid future relapse. This was made possible by a few generous individuals in Pagosa Springs and Durango. These people leaned in, found the facilities and provided the funding to help these two young people make meaningful changes in their lives. I cannot thank them enough for their support.

There are others as well who make profound impacts that should be recognized. Those who work inside the justice system and the mental health profession who strive to improve and change the lives of those wrecked by the scourge of drug addiction. They are the unsung heroes often maligned by the very people they try to help. They deserve our praise and support.

Recently I read a book that gave me a new understanding of how the brain is affected by substance abuse titled, "Mastering the Addicted Brain". Addiction is a chronic, relapsing brain disease that is unique. Its management is

extremely complex, in large part because of its many interacting components — biological, behavioral and social. Addicts are frequently admonished and told to "go get their life together". The problem is that they only have the context of an addict's life to reference. To live a non-addicted life, they must first unlearn their old habits while acquiring new, healthy ones. This is very stressful as the introduction to drugs most often occurs during adolescence, preventing the child from maturing and growing into adulthood the same way so many of us have. Staying off drugs means replacing the drug memories with non-drug memories. This only happens by participating in non-drug activities over and over and over to build up a bank of non-drug memories. It takes physical energy and sound emotional health to build a satisfying and meaningful life. It is a long road ahead for those plagued by addiction, and they need support from those around them.

As a community we should pray for those people who try to overcome their drug addictions and help when we can. It is a hard road ahead for those individuals; family and community support are crucial for them to succeed.

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Business

Reduced memberships reflected in 2020 Community Development Corporation budget

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At a Sept. 11 meeting held by the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC), the board of directors approved its budget for 2020.

The budget notes that the CDC's membership dues will be going from the 2019 budgeted amount of \$20,000 to \$8,000 in 2020.

Year-to-date totals show that the CDC's membership dues currently sit at \$15,451.61.

CDC Board President Jodi Scarpa explained in an interview on Sept. 17 that this is due to the CDC not getting enough memberships.

"We have maybe 25 to 30 members and this year we said we would get more membership, but then we had the private sector out saying, 'Well we're going to do our thing, fund our thing,' and now that's kind of fallen apart," Scarpa said.

That is not the only reason why

the CDC did not get members; another reason is because the CDC board members were not out trying to get new memberships, she noted.

"All of those things combined. We didn't have a push from the board," she said. "So, we said, OK, we had to shortfall. It's unrealistic for us to say that we're going to have that many, so, we'll budget realistically."

Scarpa explained the situation "isn't great" and that the CDC will be relying more on government money until it can figure out how to attract and retain

members.

The total program income for the CDC went from the 2019 budgeted amount of \$23,500 to \$11,500 for 2020.

Total income for the CDC was budgeted at \$274,600 in 2019, while in 2020, that line item is budgeted for \$262,400, and year-to-date totals for 2019 have total income for the CDC at \$167,011.22.

Scarpa noted that the drop in the membership line item correlates with the drop in the income line items for 2020.

For 2020, the budget's total ex-

pense line item is \$260,160, while 2019 was budgeted at \$267,760.

Year-to-date expenses for the CDC total \$143,535.97.

Under expenses, enterprise zone (EZ) contributions were budgeted for \$4,000 in 2019, with year-to-date totals showing \$3,192.90 for that line item. In 2020, only \$200 is budgeted for EZ contributions.

Scarpa explained that the EZs are geographical designations, made by the state, based on need and low income.

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado administers the tax credits for the enterprise tax program, Scarpa noted.

"That's based on we have to pay a small fee for participating in that per membership," she explained of the line item. "When the members sign up, it's like a donation."

Since the CDC cut the memberships within the budget, that EZ fee goes down, Scarpa explained.

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Medical center to host community open house

By Angela Wirth
Special to The SUN

On Thursday, Sept. 26, Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) will host a community open house from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m.

The open house is a chance for the community to learn more about the many services PSMC provides, speak to providers and receive educational materials.

Attendees will be able to walk through the

departments and participate in a variety of educational displays, as well as get an up-close look at a state-of-the-art EMS ambulance and the Air Medical emergency transport helicopter.

According to Jason Webb, clinic director and EMS director, "If you attend this open house, I guarantee you will learn of a service we offer here at home that you previously didn't know we had."

PSMC provides a wide range of services such as The Center for Cancer and Blood

Disorders, including infusion therapy and lymphedema therapy; primary care services, including women's health and prenatal services; gastroenterology; ear, nose and throat; cardiology; general and orthopedic surgery; behavioral health; neurology; radiology; lab services; telemedicine; inpatient; a 24/7 emergency room; and EMS/ambulance services.

This family-friendly evening will include music, food, giveaways, interactive displays and much more.

CHAMBER NEWS

It takes a lot of work to pull off ColorFest weekend

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

September 19-22 celebrates ColorFest weekend for 2019. This year, we are excited to again partner with community organizations and one new agency as it adds its own bit of color to the weekend festivities.

Even before the actual event begins, there is a lot of prep that goes into getting ready, especially infrastructure. In an effort to demonstrate the community involvement necessary in events such as ColorFest and to engage our younger generation in community projects, we are partnering with the Pagosa Springs Middle School seventh-grade class. It will be helping us with infrastructure preparation for the athletic field. Along with physical work, the students are learning about the economic impact, planning and preparation, and more. We hope to build on this learning experience in future years.

Then, beginning on Thursday evening, the Pagosa Springs Arts Council hosts the Mosaic Project Extravaganza with individual artistic tiles comprising the mosaic. Professional, amateur and just interested parties have donated stunningly colorful tiles to this project.

Your \$35 ticket allows you to obtain a tile, randomly numbered to match your ticket number. The evening will also consist of heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and live music. The event will take place at the Arts Council's new building at 197 Navajo Trail Drive. While at the event, view the Rise Above Violence art display for its upcoming event, Art Above Violence, on Oct. 5. Tickets for the Mosaic Project Extravaganza are available online at www.ps-artsCouncil.org or at the Chamber.

On Saturday morning, two returning ColorFest activities will occur. Breakfast with Balloons, held at the Goothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park, will take place beginning at 7:30 a.m. Get your ringside seat and watch the hot air balloons mass ascend and fly right overhead. A gourmet breakfast, live music and lots of color will take place. You can purchase your tickets online at www.pagosagreen.org or at the Chamber of Commerce.

Beginning at 8 a.m., Rise Above Violence's Color Run/Walk commences. Travel along the Riverwalk and the downtown area and view the balloons as you get "colorized" along the way. Registration for this event is at www.riseaboveviolence.com.

There are many other activities occurring this weekend, including the hot air balloon mass ascensions, the Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival on Friday night, the Bands and Brews Festival on Saturday afternoon, and the drawing for the Pagosa Adventure Package raffle. You do not need to be present to win the package; however, you do need to purchase a ticket. Online ticket sales have been cut off, but you can still purchase tickets at the Visitor Center or at the Chamber events throughout the weekend up until the time of the drawing.

We also encourage our attendees to be safe at all the events. Consider booking a ride with one of Pagosa's transportation companies and leave the driving to them.

For more information about ColorFest activities, please refer to the article that accompanies this week's PREVIEW cover.

Business After Hours Lottery

The Chamber will be opening up the lottery to host a 2020 Business After Hours (BAH) on Oct. 1. Watch for next week's Chamber article for a few changes being made to the program. We want our busi-

nesses to have the best event and experience and have our attendees also have a great experience.

If you are interested in hosting a BAH, start thinking about three possible months you would like to bid for, who will be preparing your food, if you could team up with another business and some marketing ideas. Business After Hours do not take place in January and September due to other major Chamber events. For more information about hosting a BAH, contact Rick Artis, membership coordinator.

Membership news

Welcome new members Java the Cup and Sushi Fusion.

Our renewing members this week include La Plata Electric Association, Team Pagosa Realty Group, Just Click Printing, Sunset Ranch Cabins, Pagosa Springs Timeshare Rentals, Payment Logistics and Associates Insurance Group.

Welcome to ColorFest all our visitors, balloon pilots and locals and enjoy the cooler weather and the stunning balloon scenes as our balloonists light up the morning skies with colorful balloon envelopes against the backdrop of the mountains, lakes and downtown area.

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Archuleta Dems to hold chili supper

By John Porco
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Democratic Party will hold its annual chili supper at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27, at the County Extension building, located at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. 84.

In addition to a variety of chili with all the trimmings, we will have salad, cornbread and ice cream sundaes. Beer and wine will be available for \$5. A donation of \$10 is suggested for an adult dinner;

children are free.

In addition to great food, this year's supper will feature some wonderful speakers. Joining us will be Morgan Carroll, chair of the Colorado Democratic Party, who will provide an update on state initiatives to elect Democratic candidates in 2020 and the current political climate. Our state representative for HD59, Barbara McLachlan, of Durango, will discuss the upcoming legislative session as well as 2019 accomplishments. We will hear from two of the

candidates for U.S. House District 3 trying to unseat Scott Tipton, State Rep. Donald Valdez and Dr. Root Routledge.

Valdez is a rancher from La Jara in the San Luis Valley. His district, 62, covers a wide swath of south-central Colorado from the New Mexico border to the suburbs of Pueblo and encompassing parts of eight counties.

Routledge is a tech entrepreneur and Air Force veteran from Durango. He is an advocate for combating climate change.

Finally, we have invited all of the Democratic candidates for the U.S. Senate.

All donations benefit the local party. If you want to donate chili or other food items such as grated cheese, ready-to-serve salad and dressing or chips and salsa, if you want to volunteer to assist, or have questions, contact Sue Yalom at 731-1091 or Becky Herman at 903-0788.

Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there for an interesting and enlightening (and delicious) evening.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Sept. 19

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

Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District special meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Friday, Sept. 20

Meet and Greet: new county development director. 9 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Monday, Sept. 23

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

Lewis St.

Tuesday, Sept. 24

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

Dispatch Executive Management Board special meeting. 11 a.m., location to be determined.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 25

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

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

Thursday, Sept. 26

Pagosa Springs Town Council

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

Upper San Juan Health Service District community open house. 5:15 p.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Tuesday, Oct. 1

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 9 a.m., administration office, 309 Lewis St.

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education notice of gathering. 4:30 p.m., Strater Hotel, Durango.

Wednesday, Oct. 2

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

Monday, Oct. 7

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

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

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation regular board meeting. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District conference room, 100 Lyn Ave.

Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosasan.com with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.

Archuleta County welcomes new development director



Brad Callender

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The re-branded Archuleta County Development Services Department, formerly the Planning Department, has a new development director and his name is Brad Callender.

Callender's position was formerly titled planning manager.

Callender comes to Archuleta County after a two-year stint as a planner II for Commerce City and 13 years as a planner for Oconee County in Georgia.

In an interview Tuesday, which was his second day at his new job, Callender explained he had not yet received broad directions from the county commissioners or County Administrator Scott Wall, but Wall noted in an email that Callender

will discuss goals for the Development Services Department with the commissioners at their work session on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

"This is an absolutely beautiful place. I see why so many people seek it out," Callender said, adding, "I'm in a position to help contribute to the community and I'm looking forward to that."

Callender contrasted the development climate in Commerce City and the current issues facing Archuleta County, noting that the Pagosa area is much different than the metropolitan Denver area.

In Commerce City, Callender noted that vacation rentals could be "licensed at will."

Callender now oversees the county's vacation rental program, which has an annual permitting process.

Wall explained that Callender

will be supervising planning, code enforcement, building inspections and will be the county's "point person" for the 2020 census.

Asked if he had any special message for the public of Archuleta County, Callender replied, "I just look forward to serving the citizens of Archuleta County."

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At the commissioners' work session Tuesday, architect Brad Ash presented three different options for a county courthouse, with two of the options being a renovation of the existing courthouse downtown and one option being to construct a new courthouse on county-owned property at Harman Park.

The three options Ash presented to the commissioners were:

- Renovating the courthouse on San Juan Street with its existing square footage, which has a projected cost of \$5.5 million.

- Renovating the courthouse on San Juan Street and expanding the footprint by about 1,000 square feet, which has a projected cost of \$6.3 million.

- Constructing a new courthouse facility in Harman Park, which has a projected cost of \$5.1 million.

Both options to renovate the existing courthouse include about \$600,000 in Ash's projected price to purchase the adjacent property for parking.

Ash explained at the meeting that the courthouse on San Juan Street has a "pretty significant settling issue" and noted that one side of the building is about 6 inches

lower than the other.

Ash said it would cost about a million dollars to "shore up" the foundation of the downtown courthouse and that they would essentially have to "gut" the building to renovate it.

"We're gutting the entire building. This is taking up all the interior finishes, this is removing the ceiling, this is taking out the fire sprinkler system. It's basically a shell," Ash said.

Commissioners Steve Wadley and Ron Maez offered hints of opposition to remodeling the downtown courthouse, with Wadley saying, "The county needs to move government offices off of riverfront property" and Maez saying that even if the county did remodel the downtown courthouse, "We're still stuck on a property that we can't really grow on."

In a follow-up phone call, Ash explained the first option would retrofit the existing courthouse and keep the square footage the same.

Ash noted that design has a lot of cross traffic from probation to the court office and that jurors or other folks who utilize the building would have to line up outside in certain circumstances.

The second option, with the



Rendering courtesy Reynolds Ash + Associates

A rendering depicts what a new courthouse at Harman Park could look like. The county commissioners are expected to vote between this design and location and renovating the downtown courthouse at a special meeting Monday.

increased square footage, would allow space to bring jurors securely through the building and allow

them a place to wait, among other improvements.

The third option, building a new courthouse on county-owned property at Harman Park, received the most positive comments from Wadley and Maez.

Wadley noted that although the new construction at Harman Park is the cheapest option, it also makes sense to put the courthouse in close proximity to the county's new jail to save on transportation costs.

"Even if the numbers were flipped, I'd still say this is a better deal because we're not going to have to provide transportation forever," Wadley said.

The discussion then turned to funding, with Wadley asking Eric Hogue, court executive for the 6th and 22nd judicial districts, how much money in grants was out there for this project.

"I think the plan is to request the full \$2 million from Underfunded [Courthouse Facility Commission]. I think we'd be remiss if we didn't go in for the biggest ask we

can," Hogue said, adding, "DoLA [Colorado Department of Local Affairs] has a million sitting out there in Tier 2 money that I think you're absolutely positioned to be in a good place for, and then I don't know what is in the county's capital justice fund..."

Hogue estimated that if the county had about a million dollars in that fund, "At that point, [with grant funding] you are \$700,000 away from a new courthouse at Harman," adding, "That's a pretty small gap in the scope of a \$5 million dollar project."

Maez confirmed during the meeting that there will be about \$900,000 in the Justice System Capital Fund in 2020.

Jeffrey R. Wilson, chief judge of the 6th Judicial District, said he had spoken to a member of the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission and felt confident Archuleta County could receive a substantial amount of grant funding.

"They are super supportive of us now in terms of what they want to

do to help us," Wilson said, adding, "I think this is the time to strike."

Maez and Wadley expressed support for the third option, constructing a new courthouse at Harman Park for \$5.1 million, with Maez calling it a "no-brainer."

"I think this, the plan at Harman, it's gonna be probably the best decision. I don't think we need to be downtown, that property will better serve the public as commercial property in the future than it will as government, [tax] exempt property," Maez said.

"All the justice system under one roof is the way and I said that from day one," said Wadley.

In a follow-up phone call, Wadley explained that the new building is exclusively for the courts and probation and that there is "no plan" on where the offices for the assessor, clerk and treasurer could go in the future.

The special meeting is set for Monday, Sept. 23, at 8:30 a.m. in the commissioners' meeting room at 398 Lewis St.

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Springs

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in a partnership with the Searles (the owner of the vacant land) and construction firm BWD, are looking into and talking with the community about what a potential development might look like.

"Ultimately, we've now gone into a stage of a discussion where we've completed an initial plan, we've done some initial underwriting and determined that the public infrastructure will have to have some payment vehicle or the development doesn't happen," Dronet said.

Dronet recapped what was discussed and heard at the previous community meetings before delving into where the project is in the process now.

Dronet summarized the process the partnership's design team has taken so far, including sun studies and mapping, and summarized the community feedback previously provided, including the importance of the Riverwalk, wetlands and interaction with the river.

He also pointed out the sentiment that the development shouldn't be "normal" because it is a special place, and that it should be walkable, a community gathering place, shouldn't be a tourist-only place, that the public plaza should be near the mother spring and more.

Dronet then showed examples of what high density, medium density and low density development could look like on the site, with the areas near the river slated to be lower density.

He further noted central concepts for the design and noting that they looked to towns with "amazing interaction with people" as examples, and places that allowed for cars, but were not built for them.

Further, he highlighted the use of the geothermal at the site for a greenhouse that could help feed an on-site restaurant.

The area near the public plaza and the mother spring would be the highest density, he indicated, with three-story buildings around a half-acre plaza that could, in a festival setup, hold at least 2,000 people.

Dronet noted the design is conceptual.

A draft economic impact study for the project given to the town further explains that the plan contemplates a multiuse development that will include a community plaza adjacent to the mother spring; a 50-unit hotel with retail, food and beverage; spa and bathhouse space; 20 bungalow-style lodging units; additional food and beverage space; an 8,000-square-foot greenhouse; office and events space; and 236 dwelling units comprising detached homes, townhomes and duplexes, and multifamily units.

The development is anticipated to take 15 years, with the first phase, set for 2021, consisting of the hotel rooms and spa, plaza area and some multifamily housing.

After discussing the design concepts for the site, Dronet explained that those involved started looking into what it would take to make the development possible, noting that feedback has been positive and he'd seen that developers also

wanted to develop it in the 1920s.

The question, he noted, is why it hasn't been developed.

"If you talk to the past developers of it, it's because the public infrastructure necessary to make it happen doesn't exist," Dronet explained. "So, we, there are lots of ways to accomplish it, but, ultimately, identified the use of tax-increment financing, specifically an urban renewal authority, as a way for the developer to pay 100 percent of all development costs, 100 percent of all infrastructure costs at no increase in taxes to the community and at no use of any tax dollars from the community under your current tax."

"We pay for it all and then based on growth created only on this property and taxes paid only on the newly created business, we can be reimbursed only for the public infrastructure. It can't go for profit, it can't go for vertical buildings, it can't go for any privately owned spaces."

The draft study explains that, "Subject to negotiation with each local taxing entity, the following types of revenue can be captured:

- Property taxes – all taxing entities.

- Town and County sales tax revenues generated on-site.

- Town- and County-share of Town lodging tax revenues generated on-site."

Dronet then explained the economic impact study, explaining that, currently, the overall property including The Springs generates \$1 million per year in tax revenue.

Under a URA, that base remains untouched, Dronet explained, then explaining that the study found that new tax dollars would flow to the taxing districts.

He added that they wanted to find a net-positive way to develop the property even during the construction of the property.

He added that the town would gain \$10 million during the life of the project, and more after it is complete.

Public infrastructure, Dronet explained in response to a question from the audience, includes things such as roads, utilities, the plaza, sidewalks and anything else that would be dedicated to the town.

In response to another question, Dronet noted that several million dollars would be put in a transit fund for the town to apply to Hot Springs Boulevard once a traffic plan were created.

Dronet also explained that the proposed project boundaries include The Springs and the Hot Springs Boulevard/U.S. 160 intersection, with the latter to allow for the town to access government funding for potential road improvements.

In response to further questioning, Dronet stated that the cost for the town to maintain the public infrastructure with revenues flowing to the town throughout the project period, but that public infrastructure does not generate revenue to attract private investment.

Jack Searle noted that he had looked for partners to develop the property previously, with them all noting that it was too risky and that he is only committing the land.

Dronet indicated the project

would not pencil without the tax financing, and if the community said it didn't want the development, they wouldn't do it.

"We want it," audience member Jeff Posey stated.

Audience member Mark Weiler called the project a "future road map for how to pay for infrastructure" the community can't afford, noting that 100 percent of the risk is on the investor.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb added that the only way to be able to maintain things such as dispatch and the hospital district is to have growth, which the project would bring.

Dronet also addressed the criticism of audience members of the term "blight" in relation to urban renewal, and he noted that term is only used in the context of an urban renewal authority and conditions surrounding infrastructure, health and safety, and more.

Posey noted the condition survey for the project identified the hot water as being dangerous.

"I hope you mitigate that," he joked.

Later in the meeting, Dronet added that the project is also contemplated in the town's comprehensive plan, including using tax-increment financing.

Dronet noted that it has been estimated by engineers that it will take \$30 million to \$35 million to build out the public infrastructure.

During additional discussion during the public meeting, Dronet touched upon the increased cost of construction in rural areas, that other developers could have asked for the same financing, that the site is not the most appropriate place for affordable housing but that The Springs is working to be a part of the solution for affordable housing, that the partners are meeting with the Audubon group, and more.

What is an urban renewal authority?

URAs and urban renewal laws "allow municipal governments to engage in urban renewal projects as a means to improve blighted areas," according to a Colorado Legislative Council Staff issue brief by Katie Ruedebusch.

Slum and blight conditions, that document explains, include:

- Deteriorating structures and deteriorating site improvements;
- Faulty street or lot layout;
- Unsanitary or unsafe conditions;
- Inadequate public facilities;
- Code violations; or
- Other distresses concerning property that are found within Colorado Revised Statute 31-25-103(2).

"Through planning and public improvements, urban renewal projects encourage the development of housing, mixed use, office parks, and industrial or retail land to revitalize areas," the document explains.

It further explains that Colorado's urban renewal laws allow municipalities to create URAs, with a URA responsible for improving conditions in an affected urban renewal area.

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Bear

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bear, Thorpe explained that it was around 2.5 years old.

"Those are the ones that tend to give us the most trouble. Those guys that have been kicked loose from mom and are trying to find their way in the world," he said.

If the bear had been caught, it most likely would have been euthanized, Thorpe noted.

"I would be concerned about it having that association of houses and food. It's one that I think it would

be less likely to be successful if we did try and move it somewhere else," he said.

Bears that break into houses are generally ones that CPW does not try and move, he added later.

Because the bear was not caught in a trap, CPW is no longer looking for it, Thorpe explained.

"Certainly, we appreciate when the public lets us know about these kinds of incidents," he said.

This incident is a reminder for homeowners that exterior doors with

latches are a lot easier for bears to open, he explained.

"It would probably be wise to keep your doors locked. Just keep in mind that we're in that hyperphagia, which is that voracious feeding behavior where bears are out foraging 20 hours a day trying to pack on as many calories as they can before they go into their dens," he said. "We just need to be very cautious and aware of any kind of attractants that can bring bears in."

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School

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96 students.

Rounding out the totals for PSES, first grade has 116 students and kindergarten has 100.

PSMS has 526 total students, with the largest portion coming from seventh grade, with 154 students in that class.

Both fifth and sixth grade have 120 students each while eighth grade has 132 students.

PSMS's total enrollment was 519 as of Sept. 11, 2018.

PSHS has a total of 508 students, with the senior class having 93 students.

Burns

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Designated crew members often use devices called "drip torches" to ignite the leaf and pine needle litter that carries the fire.

Depending on the number of acres to be burned, the process may take one to several days to complete, and the crew will monitor and patrol the unit for days afterward to ensure all fire stays within the burn unit. The weather is continuously monitored during this entire period and fire managers communicate frequently with experts at the National Weather Service and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, which regulates smoke emissions in the state.

Throughout this two-week TREX, most participants will complete specific tasks in a "task book" in order to earn new fire qualifications and advance their skills. Par-

The freshman class at PSHS has 140 students, 10th grade consists of 143 students and 11th grade has 132 students.

PSHS's total enrollment was 505 on Sept. 11, 2018.

PPOS has a total enrollment of 103 students with the addition of sixth grade this school year.

PPOS has 20 kindergartners and 19 first-grade students, according to Reed's report.

PPOS has 12 students in each in the second and third grades, while in fourth and sixth grade there are 15 students each.

Fifth grade has 10 students at

PPOS.

Last year, PPOS's total enrollment was 91.

PFS has five high school students enrolled, while at the elementary and middle school levels it has 32 and 35 students, respectively.

The total district enrollment does not include the district's Colorado preschool program students, and Reed noted the district will not know those numbers until a later date.

Reed later commended ASD's office staff for keeping an accurate enrollment count.

Participants will also tour completed burns, talk with local ecology and forestry experts, and learn from the diverse experiences of other TREX participants.

Participants will take the skills and knowledge they gain here back to their home regions in Colorado, New Mexico, Nebraska, Idaho, Utah and California, thereby strengthening fire management programs and practices across a wider area than just southwest Colorado.

So far, burns have been conducted by the San Juan National Forest near Bayfield and Pagosa Springs. TREX participants are also assisting the Bureau of Land Management with a prescribed burn near Dove Creek, Colo. Before the program ends on Sept. 24, TREX participants hope to assist with additional prescribed burns in these areas if weather and other conditions are favorable.

A relatively new model to this region, the Nature Conservancy's TREX program was started in 2008 to fill a need for more professionals and private individuals trained in prescribed fire. TREX and similar cooperative burn efforts have previously occurred in southeast Colorado and across New Mexico.

As our perceptions and practices around fire shift more toward proactive management and active burning, more people capable of conducting burns safely are needed. In 2018, TREX programs in eight states burned more than 13,000 acres and trained more than 500 individuals in the safe and effective use of prescribed fire to benefit people, animals, forests and grasslands across the nation.

To learn more about prescribed fires, forest health and the San Juan TREX, please go to: sanjuanheadwaters.org.

Building a healthier community by promoting mental health

By Claire Ninde
Special to The SUN

In southwest Colorado, we count ourselves fortunate to call this beautiful place our home. Our small communities are part of a vital ecosystem that allows us to thrive in our daily lives and connect with each other and the land.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) recognizes that building resiliency through strong connections creates healthier residents and healthier communities. These connections act as part of local suicide prevention. September is National Suicide Prevention Month and SJBPH would like to highlight the power of creating connections to support good mental health.

Mental health is a state of balance in our thoughts, emotions and behaviors. Positive mental health allows us to feel good about life, supporting our ability to participate in daily activities and accomplish our goals. Challenges to our mental health can include varying levels of stress, anxiety and trauma, with some individuals experiencing significant mental illness.

Whether an individual is experiencing stress from a tough day at work or suffering from severe ongoing depression and despair, evidence suggests that connection with others can help. While most of us are not professional therapists trained to address mental health conditions, we are all able to reach out to someone who is struggling.

This can even include strangers.

As part of a larger collaborative suicide prevention effort with numerous other partners in the region, SJBPH is promoting a statewide mental health campaign called Let's Talk, aimed at making mental health conversations easier. The way we think about mental health affects how comfortable we are talking about it and how we respond when someone else needs support.

The Let's Talk campaign provides simple guidance on how to start conversations about mental health and how to share important resources with those who need additional help. The campaign provides several tools including videos, posters and other materials that can be used to build awareness of these simple steps. For more information, check out the website at LetsTalkCO.org.

Even without guidance from something like the Let's Talk campaign, all of us can make meaningful connections. This might include checking in with an elderly neighbor who is often alone, reaching out to a single mom who works two jobs and struggles to find time for her children, or a conversation with a pre-teen who feels like an outsider at school, but loves to discuss Harry Potter books with anyone willing to listen.

Evidence shows that connection between adolescents and their parents or families has been associated with decreased suicidal

behaviors. Building resilience in youth through meaningful connections with family and other trusted adults promotes coping skills, problem-solving skills, general life satisfaction, good self-esteem and a sense of purpose.

The Let's Talk campaign is just one aspect of the collaborative work taking place in local communities by partners that represent a wide range of individuals and organizations. Some of these include local school districts, communities of faith, youth-focused organizations, mental health organizations and practitioners, families, caring individuals and many others.

This years-long collaborative effort has resulted in a process to identify and build on strengths that exist in our region that create more resilient communities and to address gaps that create challenges in this process. This work, co-led by the Thriving Communities Program at SJBPH, has created a framework with a central steering committee and additional work groups to address needs such as building suicide prevention awareness, providing suicide prevention training, drafting a community-wide plan to respond when suicides occur, and ensuring that entities and organizations are working closely with each other when providing services to people experiencing mental health crises.

The Archuleta County Suicide Prevention Collaborative has identified three priority goal areas:

increase awareness of suicide and local suicide prevention efforts; increase community resources and supports available for those at risk for suicide and for those are suicide loss survivors; and develop and promote appropriate suicide intervention, peer support and training opportunities for all individuals in Archuleta County.

This group meets regularly on the fourth Friday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon at the Archuleta Integrated Healthcare Clinic.

This work is not a program to be implemented, but an innovative way to approach public health problems, demonstrating that working together helps us all be more effective than we would be working alone.

A concept that lies at the foundation of the suicide prevention and mental health promotion work that is occurring throughout our region is that connection with a caring individual can change a life.

Join with SJBPH and its partners this month in acknowledging that we all have a role to play in suicide prevention by creating meaningful connections with friends, family members, classmates, co-workers and even strangers.

For more suicide prevention information, visit the agency's website at sjbpublichealth.org/suicideprevention and LetsTalkCO.org to learn more about how to start a conversation about mental health.

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Suicide is second leading cause of death for ages 15 to 24

By Celia Lowry
Special to The SUN

September is Suicide Awareness Month and, unfortunately, suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 24. Younger children can be at risk as well. Therefore, it is important for everyone in the community to learn the warning signs in order to help prevent youth suicide.

Common risk factors include mental health disorders such as depression, anxiety and other mood disorders, alcohol and substance use, impulsive behaviors, family or friends who have died by suicide, and previous suicide attempts. Children who are bullied or isolated at school and in their homes are also at increased risk. Youth who identify as LGBTQ experience an increased risk as well, especially if they do not feel supported by their families. Many

youth will have several of these risk factors, so it is important to be aware of the warning signs that often occur before a suicide attempt.

These include physical changes in appearance or hygiene, increase in alcohol or substance use, sudden drop in grades or school attendance, social withdrawal, talking about suicide or a preoccupation with death, risky or reckless behaviors, self-harm behaviors such as cutting, talking about being hopeless, and researching suicide methods.

There are things you can do to help a teen who may be experiencing thoughts of suicide. First, let them know that you are concerned about them and don't be afraid to talk to them about their suicidal thoughts. It is a myth that talking about suicide increases the risk. It is important for you to let them know that you care about them and their well-being.

Secondly, really listen to them. Sometimes

we become uncomfortable with upsetting conversations and try to shut them down; however, it is important that we allow them to talk about all of their feelings. Also, stay connected; often a teen appears to be feeling better and we assume that they are no longer suicidal. Sometimes this is not the case, so it is vital that we continue to reach out and actively support them over time. The most important thing we can do is always prioritize their safety. This includes removing potential weapons from the home and not leaving them alone until they have been evaluated by a mental health professional.

If you are concerned about someone, there is help available in the community. You can contact our local crisis line at 247-5245, the state crisis line at (884) 493-8255, text "Talk" to 38255 or call the National Suicide Hotline at (800) 273-8255. You can also go to the local emergency room or call 911.

Dispose of unwanted prescription drugs on Take Back Day

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office will again participate in the National Pharmaceutical Drug Take Back Day sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

The event, which allows for the safe disposal of unwanted, unused or expired prescription medications, will take place Oct. 26 in front of the Archuleta County Courthouse at 449 San Juan St.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

After unwanted drugs are collected at the Take Back Day site,

they are securely packaged and held until a pickup or drop-off is arranged with the DEA.

Needles and sharps, mercury (thermometers), oxygen containers, chemotherapy/radioactive substances, pressurized canisters and illicit drugs cannot be accepted.

The DEA's website notes, "According to the 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.2 million Americans abused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet."

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We, the PSHS SkillsUSA CSI Team, would like to thank Pagosa Build, Home Builders Association of Southwest Colorado and La Plata Electric Association for funding our trip to the National Championships in Louisville, Ky. It was a great learning experience, we had a fun time and we wouldn't have been able to attend without their generous donations.

A special thank you to Sheriff Rich Valdez and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Department for mentoring and training us, we really appreciate your time and dedication. Last, but not least, we would also like to thank our PSHS SkillsUSA instructors Tor Hessman

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Education

Charter school board addresses preliminary framework

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At the most recent meeting of the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors on Sept. 12, the board was presented with the school's growth report and preliminary school performance framework.

These results, released in conjunction with the state results for the Colorado Measures for Academic Success (CMAS), were made available in August of this year by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE).

PPOS students had a growth percentage of 54 percent on the CMAS English language arts test (ELA), higher than the state average of 50 percent and Archuleta School District's (ASD) 53.5 percent.

On the CMAS math test, however, PPOS fell below both ASD and the state, with the charter school having a growth percentage of 41.5; ASD's was 55.5 percent and the state's was 50 percent.

PPOS School Director Angela Crossland explained that within the document that shows PPOS's growth report, there are a lot of blanks.

These blanks are due to PPOS having too small of class sizes, specifically fewer than 20 students in a class, she explained.

"In the history of our school, a lot of those boxes will never be filled in because we typically won't have 20 in class unless we choose to expand," she said.

The ELA score is "definitely something to celebrate," Crossland noted.

In math, Crossland described the score as "not horrible," but not-

ed that the school will be looking to see more growth from students over the next year.

One step in doing this is an intervention math program that is being put in place to see what each student needs, she added later.

School performance framework

Along with the growth reports released for PPOS, the school also received its preliminary school rating for 2019.

PPOS received a priority improvement plan rating that was decreased due to participation, according to the meeting documents.

This would be the second year of PPOS being on a priority improvement plan, pending the State Board of Education's approval of the rating, the agenda documentation adds.

Specifically, the agenda documentation notes that PPOS received 47.5 points out of a possible 100 within its preliminary rating.

PPOS received 10 points out of a possible 40 for academic achievement, earning a rating of "does not meet," the agenda documentation reads.

Additionally, PPOS did not meet 95 percent participation for the ELA, math and science tests.

The school did meet standards with 62.5 percent of points earned, or 37.5 out of a possible 60, in academic growth.

"We performed at an improvement rating, which is actually an increase from last year," Crossland said. "However, the rating was decreased by one level due to participation."

PPOS was individually lowered for its participation, but ASD iden-

tified a data submission error that caused it, Crossland explained to the board.

"They are working to rectify that for future years and not have it happen again," she explained.

There were PPOS students that did not take the CMAS test, or some took an "inappropriate" test, Crossland added later.

"Had that one test been given correctly, we still would have not met our participation because of the data submission error," she said. "It's a combination of both."

In an interview on Aug. 26, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed explained that the district will be going through the CDE's request-to-reconsider process for the participation data.

Reed noted during that interview that districts can request to have participation data from three years considered.

During the Sept. 12 meeting of the PPOS board, Crossland explained that the charter school would not be able to take this same route to appeal its rating due to the school not having enough data.

"Because we don't have three years' worth of data," Crossland said.

This is one reason why Crossland explained she is in favor of a computer-based test because, it is very hard to mis-administer a computer-based test.

With a paper-based test, the wrong label can be placed on the wrong test, or a different student that was in a different grade took another grade's test, Crossland explained.

"We have suffered because of lack of standing our ground for doing things correctly, doing them

properly and so forth," PPOS board member Mark Weiler commented.

Weiler suggested that Crossland challenge the school's preliminary rating and added that the school should have the rating it earned.

"They're saying that there is no avenue for us to improve that rating that says priority improvement plan," Crossland said.

Both Reed and ASD Assistant Superintendent Laura Mijares have indicated that the district is willing to challenge PPOS's rating for the school, but the state policies that have been put into place make it difficult for PPOS's rating to be changed.

"The only way that we can challenge this is by looking at three years' worth of data," she said. "They were more than happy to do that for us, but when we average our two years, because that's all we have, it did not improve our rating."

PPOS does not own the problem, but suffers the penalty from it, Weiler explained.

"Because at the end of the day, I don't want to go home at night and think that there is someone administratively doing their best not to put us in the light we deserve," Weiler said.

However, Crossland explained she would keep fighting the school's rating if there were an avenue to do so.

"I feel like the district worked very hard to fight and they will continue for the other schools but it will not benefit us to fight it," Crossland described. "If it would benefit us, I would ask them to continue to fight and I know they would."

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Bicycle-friendly driver program to be offered for cyclists and drivers

By Steve Earle
Special to The SUN

With the start of a new school year, drivers should be aware of kids commuting to and from school on their bikes. Plus, with the active population here in Pagosa, you've probably seen bicyclists out getting some good exercise or just enjoying the fresh air and wonderful scenery.

As a driver, do you know what your responsibility is under the law regarding cyclists? What does "Share the Road" mean if you are a motorist? What does it mean if you are a cyclist?

Please join us on Saturday, Sept. 21, in the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library conference room from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for this bicycle-friendly driver program.

This interactive program is designed to help educate both drivers and cyclists about the law, about best ways we can safely share the road and how we can avoid the most common crashes between bicyclists and motor vehicles. The program is sponsored by Bicycle Colorado and the DUST2 Wheel Club; there is no charge to attend.

Safe2Tell surpasses record number of tip submissions in first month of 2019-20 school year

Special to The SUN

Safe2Tell released its monthly report recently. In August, the program received 1,503 tips, a 75 percent increase in monthly tip volume compared to August 2018. Suicide threats (235) and drugs (114) continued to be the top tip categories reported to the program. The Safe2Tell school year runs from Aug. 1 of this year until July 31, 2020.

From July to August, Safe2Tell nearly tripled the number of tips. This increase is likely due to students returning to school. Of the 1,503 tips received, 139 were instances of duplicate reports, indicating a healthy reporting culture and increased comfort with the tool as students return to school.

"We are already seeing an uptick in reports as the new school year begins. This demonstrates not only that students are aware of Safe2Tell, but also that they are increasingly comfortable using it to report concerns," said Attorney General Phil Weiser, whose office oversees Safe2Tell. "The beginning of the school year is a welcome opportunity to reflect on past program successes and help educate students and communities on how to use the tool effectively and appropriately."

Rankin to present 'Read to Succeed'

By Jane Parker
Special to The SUN

Archuleta School District is pleased to welcome Colorado State Board of Education Member Joyce Rankin on Thursday, Sept. 19, as she visits our schools and our community to present "Read to Succeed."

Rankin's presentation will explain the Read Act and how it

can transform education for all students.

This is for parents, community members, taxpayers, babysitters, teachers and everyone interested in reading.

Please join the district for the upcoming presentation on Thursday, Sept. 19, in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Law enforcement conducted a welfare check and a safety plan was enacted.

• A report was received involving possession of an illegal substance. Law enforcement investigated and a minor was cited.

• A tip was received involving unsafe driving. Police determined the location of the incident was not near a school and the vehicle did not contain any minors.

Safe2Tell is a successful violence intervention and prevention program for students to anonymously report threats to their own, and others', safety. Safe2Tell is not an emergency response unit; it is a conduit of information for distributing anonymous tips to local law enforcement, school officials and other appropriate responding parties. State law mandates that local law enforcement and school districts follow up on each tip to determine an appropriate and timely response.

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Outdoors

Seidel family receives Tree Farmer of the Year Award for second time

By Ryan Lockwood
Special to The SUN

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) has once again recognized a Pagosa Springs family as the state's "Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year."

The annual award, which is bestowed for exceptional efforts toward growing renewable timber resources while protecting environmental benefits and increasing public awareness, was bestowed to the Seidel family in 1984 and again this year.

"It is rewarding to see subsequent generations maintain an attachment to their land and there have been three generations involved in the management of this property," said Dan Wand, owner of Wand Forestry and retired CSFS Durango Field Office forester.

Second-generation Coloradans, the Seidels have been managing their land since taking ownership in 1947. Their approximately 195 acres of ponderosa pine and meadowland, now managed by George and Sarah Seidel, represent a natural, healthy condition due to the family's ongoing efforts as tree farmers.

The Seidels have been practicing sustainable forestry in collaboration with the CSFS since 1971. That year, they developed their first



Photo courtesy Colorado State Forest Service

In August, the Seidel family was officially recognized by the Colorado State Forest Service as the Colorado Tree Farmer of the Year for the second time.

forest management plan and they have since thinned 10 to 30 acres of noncommercially valuable timber per year to improve the even-aged timber stand. Their property has

been certified as an American Tree Farm since 1979.

On a Saturday in August, the Seidels were officially recognized by the CSFS as the Colorado Tree

Farmer of the Year for the second time.

"This is an honor to be recognized, as my father was in 1984," said Sarah Seidel.

Funding available for projects addressing forest health, wildfire risk

By Ryan Lockwood
Special to The SUN

Wildfires are both natural and inevitable — including in wildland-urban interface (WUI) settings where millions of Coloradans live. These fires can be particularly destructive in areas where forests are unhealthy, unmanaged and unnaturally dense.

For those interested in taking action, but who have lacked the means, funding is now available to help address this risk.

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) announced recently that it is accepting proposals from Colorado homeowners associations, community groups, local governments, utilities and nonprofit organizations seeking funding to restore forested areas,

improve forest health, and reduce wildfire risk on nonfederal land in the state. Approximately \$1 million in total funding is available.

The Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program helps fund projects that strategically reduce the potential wildfire risk to property, infrastructure and water supplies and that promote forest health through scientifically based forestry practices. The competitive grant program is designed to reduce risk to people and property in the WUI and support long-term ecological restoration.

Applications must not only promote forest health and address the reduction of hazardous fuels that could fuel a wildfire — such as trees and brush near homes — but also utilize wood products derived from

forest management efforts.

The state can fund up to half the cost of each awarded project; grant recipients are required to match at least 50 percent of the total project cost through cash or in-kind contributions. Projects can be located on private, state, county or municipal forestlands. Program funds also are allowable to fund the purchase of equipment that directly supports and expands on-the-ground opportunities to reduce hazardous fuels.

Applicants must coordinate proposed projects with relevant county officials to ensure consistency with county-level wildfire risk reduction planning. Follow-up monitoring also is a necessary component of this grant program, to help demonstrate the relative efficacy of various treatments and the utility of grant resources.

The CSFS will work with successful project applicants to conduct project monitoring and conduct site visits to assess effectiveness and completion of projects.

Additional emphasis will be given to projects that: are identified through a community-based collaborative process, such as a Community Wildfire Protection Plan; are implemented strategically across land ownership boundaries; are conducted within a priority area identified in the Colorado State Forest Action Plan; utilize the labor of an accredited Colorado youth or veterans corps organization; and include forest treatments that result in the protection of water supplies.

Applications must be submitted electronically to local CSFS Field Offices by 5 p.m. on Oct. 23. A technical advisory panel convened by the CSFS will review project applications and make funding recommendations. The CSFS will then notify successful applicants next spring.

Applications and additional information about the Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program are available at CSFS Field Offices and online at csfs.colostate.edu/funding-assistance.

Water production down 1.39 million gallons from last week, all lake levels remain consistent

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

From Sept. 6 through Sept. 12, water production totaled 15.53 million gallons — a 1.39 million gallon decrease from last week, per a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

The Snowball water treatment plant produced 4.89 million gallons in that timeframe, the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 6.78 million gallons and the San Juan water treatment plant produced 3.86 million gallons.

From Sept. 6 through Sept. 12 of 2018, total water production was listed at 15.77 million gallons.

All five lake levels remain unchanged from last week, with Hatcher Lake remaining 17 inches from full, Stevens Lake still 25 inches from full, Lake Forest still 7 inches from full and both Lake Pagosa and Village Lake still full.

Total diversion flows also remain the same, staying at 4.5 cubic feet per second (cfs), with the West Fork and San Juan diversions still contributing 3 cfs and 1.5 cfs, respectively.

Precipitation data shows a slight increase from last week, going from 59 inches to 59.6 inches.

The precipitation average has also seen an increase, going from 49.6 inches to 51.1 inches.

Precipitation data is 116.6 per-

cent of average, compared to last week when it was 119 percent of average.

River report

As of Sept. 18, the San Juan River was reportedly flowing at 102 cfs, below the average for Sept. 18, which is 154, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The lowest reported flow total for Sept. 18 at the San Juan River came just last year when the river had a flow of just 11.7 cfs; the highest came in 2013 when the river flowed at 956 cfs.

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Sports

FOOTBALL



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Fighting for extra yardage, Pirate Mitch Lewis goes through two Centauri Falcon defenders. Pagosa defeated Centauri 28-20 on the road on Sept. 13 and will look to extend its winning streak at home on Friday against the Basalt Longhorns, with kickoff set for 7 p.m.

Pagosa knocks off Centauri for first win, looks to add another tomorrow at home

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team was able to notch its first win of the season on Sept. 13 by taking down the 1A Centauri Falcons 28-20.

Official stats for this game were not available by press time Wednesday.

The loss marks the first of the season for the Falcons.

Coach Myron Stretton explained in an interview that it was good to get a win, and that the team threw the ball effectively against the Falcons.

"A lot of times, it has more to do with partially who you're playing and then matchups," he said. "I thought we ran the ball pretty effectively."

The Pirates fought through the whole game, which Stretton explained he was pleased with.

"A couple of times we were down or in a position that we could be behind again and they responded, fought through it, it was good to see," Stretton said.

On the defensive side of the ball, Stretton added he thought the Pirates played well.

The Falcons were able to pick up decent yardage against Pagosa, which will be a focus as the season goes on, he added.

"Most of the time it's guys being in the wrong spot doing the wrong thing rather than getting beat

physically, although that does happen also," he said.

Pagosa was able to execute better against Centauri, but even when the team didn't, it didn't result in a big loss, he explained.

With the win, Pagosa's record improves to 1-2 overall — good enough for third place in the Intermountain League standings.

The Pirates will look to add another win, this time at home tomorrow night at 7 p.m. against the Basalt Longhorns (2-0 overall).

In two games this season, Basalt has outscored its opponents 57-7, which includes a shutout 28-0 win over the Battle Mountain Huskies on Sept. 14.

Last season, the Longhorns shutout Pagosa 31-0 in their lone matchup of the season.

In that game last year, Basalt rushed for 249 yards on 26 carries as a team; that total included four touchdowns.

In this year's matchup with Basalt, Pagosa will need to play sound and fundamental defense, Stretton explained.

"They do the same thing that they did last year. They basically run the same action most of the time, either dive to the fullback or counter to the tailback or run play action off of it," he said. "It's very effective. They tore us up with it last year they look pretty tough defensively. I expect it to be a tough ball game again."

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VOLLEYBALL



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

Protecting their side of the net, Lady Pirates Teagan Stretton and Taylor Lewis go up for a collective block attempt on Durango Demon Paige Ammerman during a game on Sept. 13. Lewis and Stretton led the defensive charge for Pagosa, leading the team with two blocks each. Pagosa could not get the road win against Durango, however, falling in three straight sets.

Lady Pirates drop one to Durango, look to gain some wins at home tonight and this weekend

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Despite a competitive three sets, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team could not capture a set against the Durango Demons, losing 3-0 on the road.

The first set between the Demons and Pirates was a back-and-forth affair, but Durango was able to take the set 25-16.

Pagosa came out in the second set and battled with the Demons, taking a 16-15 lead; however, Durango went on a 10-1 run to win

the second set 25-17.

Durango won the final match-clinching set 25-17 as well.

Pagosa ended the night with 20 total kills; Brigid Parken and Teagan Stretton both led the team with five each.

Taylor Lewis added four kills while Patty Black and Elsa Lindner added two apiece.

The Lady Pirates finished with 19 errors against the Demons.

Both Lewis and Stretton led the Lady Pirates in blocks with two each.

River Pitcher and Kori Lucero both tallied double-digit dig totals

against Durango, ending with 15 and 10 digs, respectively.

Coach Caitlin Forrest was unavailable for comment by press time on Wednesday.

Tigers and tri, oh my!

Next up for the Lady Pirates will be their first home action of the season starting tonight at 6:30 against the Aztec Tigers (4-5 overall).

The Tigers are currently riding a four-game losing streak in which they have been swept in three straight sets in all four games.

■ See Volleyball A13



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CROSS-COUNTRY

Pirates to host Pagosa Springs Cross Country Challenge Saturday

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country teams will play host to the team's annual meet, the Pagosa Springs Cross Country Challenge, Saturday at Cloman Park.

The meet, which will begin with junior high races at 9:15 a.m., is at a new location this year — Archuleta County's Cloman Park.

"Come out and enjoy the races," coach Scott Anderson said. "We're looking forward to putting on a decent show for the home meet."

To reach Cloman Park, take Piedra Road 1.2 miles, turn right on Cloman Boulevard and travel 2 miles to the park.

The high school girls' race will begin at 10:15 a.m., followed by the high school boys' race at 11 a.m.

"There's some similarities as far as overall terrain to the Reservoir Hill course," Anderson said. "The hills are not quite as steep going up or down, so it'll be a little faster course, although our start is on a long grass straight, so that can affect times a little bit, but we still expect it to be a little faster course."

The coach added he expects the runners to enjoy the course, which, for the high school races, will be two laps.

As of Tuesday, 11 high school teams were registered for the meet, he said.

And, like in previous weeks, the Pirate teams won't be in top form this weekend, with both squads continuing to battle illness and injury, though the coach noted, "It will be a stronger team."

Last weekend, the teams took part in the Mountaineer Cowboy Invitational in Gunnison, with the boys placing sixth and their Lady Pirates taking fifth.

"Overall, it went well," Anderson said. "It was a decent drive there, but the kids travel well, and the race was kind of as expected in that (it was) relatively flat and there was some good teams there, and that provided a lot of good competition for us."

The Pirate boys took sixth out of 12 teams at the meet.

Anderson called it "another solid day overall" for the Pirates.

Gabe Heraty led the way for the Pirates, finishing 16th out of the 131 runners on the line with a time of 18 minutes, 15.90 seconds.

"Gabe had a solid race. He struggled a little bit in the middle mile, but he was able to regroup himself and move ... forward in the race at the end, which was good to see," the coach said.

Jack Foster followed in 23rd, crossing the line in 19:11.00.

Elan Ramirez followed, finishing 36th in 19:43.00.

"Elan was the ... pleasant surprise. Definitely moved up and is starting to find his form after being away from us for a year," Anderson said. "And only his second race back, it was great for him to fit in where he did."

Ramirez was pretty much the only guy to drop time from the previous week, the coach explained.

Cooper Evans finished 51st with a time of 20:19.00, with the coach noting he's rounding into form well.

David Morehouse finished 57th with a time of 20:49.80, with Anderson indicating he is moving ahead of where he was last year.

Clayton Cayard followed in 21:11.00 to finish 67th.

Noah Weiszbrod finished 78th in 21:56.00, Tomas McNeil finished 106th in 23:29.00, Andrew Bowles finished 107th in 23:38.00 and Cole Reis finished 108th in 23:50.00.

Mason Blakemore rolled his ankle halfway through the course and was unable to finish, though the coach noted he is back running this week.

"Things are coming together," Anderson said. "They're looking forward to building some confidence at a smaller meet this coming week."

While the team continues to deal with injuries and other issues, the coach feels the harriers are progressing.

"Our expectation will be that they will be a competitive unit when they need to towards the end of the season," he said. "We do see signs of overall improvement."

On the other side, the Lady Pi-

■ See Cross-country A14



Photo courtesy Rachael Christiansen

Hailey Griego, front, and Megan Foster keep pace at Saturday's Mountaineer Cowboy Invitational in Gunnison. Griego finished 68th out of the 105 runners and Foster finished 85th, with the team finishing fifth.



Photo courtesy Rachael Christiansen

Jack Foster works to move through a pair of Montrose runners at the Mountaineer Cowboy Invitational in Gunnison Saturday. Foster finished 23rd out of the 131 runners at the meet, helping his team to a sixth-place finish.

Volleyball

■ Continued from A12

Those losses come at the hand of Kirtland Central, Navajo Prep, Dulce and Cortez.

The last time Pagosa squared off with Aztec came in the 2017 season, when the Lady Pirates won in three sets.

Then, on Saturday, the Lady Pirates will play host to a league tri meet against the Bayfield Wolverines and Monte Vista Pirates, kicking off league play for the 2019 season.

Last season, Pagosa split the season series with Bayfield and swept the season series against Monte Vista.

Varsity action against Bayfield is scheduled for 10 a.m. while the match against Monte Vista is set

for 3 p.m.

The Lady Pirates currently sit in fifth place in the Intermountain League (IML) standings with a 1-5 overall record.

As of Sept. 18, Bayfield held second place in the IML standings with a 4-2 overall record, which includes a 1-0 record in league play.

Monte Vista currently sits in last place in the IML standings with a 1-6 overall record, which includes an 0-2 record in league play.

Pagosa is in fifth place in the IML standings with a 1-5 record.

As of Sept. 18, Alamosa holds the top spot in the IML standings with an 8-1 overall record that includes a 1-0 record in league play.

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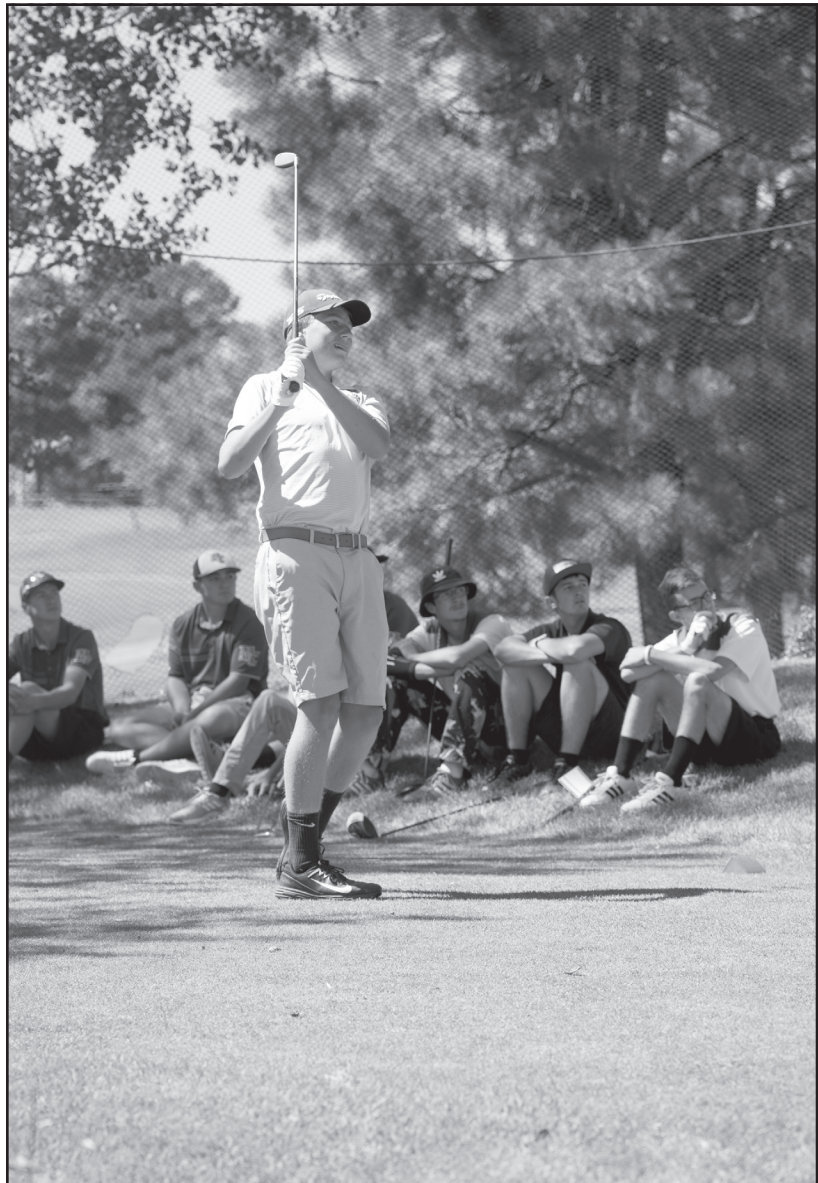


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GOLF

Pirate golfers head for final regular-season tourney, regionals



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Pirate Taylor Cotts tees off at the Intermountain League tournament on Sept. 12. Cotts finished the tournament tied for 11th, with the team taking third in the league.

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate golf team has its sights set on the postseason, with the Pirates set to play in one more regular-season tournament Friday before taking on the regional tournament Monday.

A quartet of Pirates — Nathan Smith, Taylor Cotts, Dylan Manzanares and Britain Peterson — will hit the road for both tournaments.

Both tournaments will take place at Hollydot Golf Club in Colorado City, with Friday's action hosted by the Rye Thunderbolts.

Then, on Monday, the Pirates will take to the same course, this time in an attempt to earn their way to the state tournament on Oct. 7 and 8 at the Eisenhower Golf Course-Blue at the Air Force Academy.

"We'll go play it Friday and so the kids who haven't seen it will get a feel for it," Faber said, with Smith and Cotts having played the course before.

The coach added that there will also be a practice round Monday before Tuesday's regional action.

"It's not really any different than the courses we play, not a big difference. It's not real technical or anything. It'll just be good for them to get to spend some time on the course before regionals. So we should have them in good shape by the time that tournament comes around," he said, adding, "I think they're excited about it and I'm

excited for 'em, so we'll go see what we can do."

Last week, the Pirates hosted the Intermountain League tournament, falling third out of the league's four teams at the event.

Montezuma-Cortez took the league title this year with a team score of 34 over par, while Alamosa followed at 53 over, Pagosa followed at 57 over and Monte Vista shot a team score of 70 over.

"Nobody played great, I mean, it just, it was a struggle kind of all the way through," Faber said, adding, "And it wasn't just us, the rest of the teams that were there seemed to struggle a little bit."

Faber noted that the IML tournament course was a little different, with the teams playing the Meadows and Ponderosa portions of Pagosa Springs Golf Club instead of the Ponderosa and Pines portions.

"I think that was a little harder for them," he said.

Smith led Pagosa's Pirates on the day, finishing 11 over on the par-71 course to tie for second with Montezuma-Cortez Panther Thayer Plewe.

Three of the top five finishers at the tournament hail from Montezuma-Cortez.

Manzanares and Cotts tied for 11th on the day, with both finishing with scores of 94.

Peterson finished 15th with a 98, and Kaden Hessman logged a 104.

"I would have thought all of the kids, not just our kids, I would have thought everybody would have played a little bit better than they did. ... It was just one of those days that ... nobody played that great," Faber said, noting the Pirates fell where he thought they might in the IML.

The IML tournament, though, gave the team a few more things to work on and improve upon before heading to regionals, Faber indicated.

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Cross-country

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rates finished fifth out of 10 teams at the meet.

"The girls actually had a good day with what we put out there," Anderson said, pointing out that some of the team's lead runners weren't there.

Nell Taylor led her teammates at the meet, finishing seventh out of 105 runners with a time of 21:12.00.

"Nell went out and ran a strong race and finished in the top 10, she got seventh, so we're really happy to see that," Anderson said.

Michelle Saucedo finished 24th in 22:47.00.

"Michelle last week ran a good race. This race she looked even

stronger yet," he said.

Celia Taylor was close behind, finishing 24th in 22:55.80 after negative splitting the course, or running the second half of the race faster than the first half.

"At this point, they're kind of hard to do," Anderson said of negative splits. "It's certainly a good tactic, but mentally you have to be really strong to do that."

Anderson added that she was "able to run herself into the race."

Ivory Carpenter finished 40th in 24:26.00 despite battling motion sickness from the travel to Gunnison, and Hailey Griego crossed the line 68th in 26:55.80.

The coach pointed out it was Griego's first race of the season

and first time scoring as a varsity runner.

"So, that was awesome to see," he said.

Sophia Raymond logged a time of 27:40 to finish 80th, and Megan Foster finished in 85th with a time of 28:16.00 — 2.5 minutes faster than her prior race.

Carolyn Foster crossed the line 96th with a time of 29:42.80, Katriel Lee finished 101st in 31:01.00 and Caroline Smith finished 105th in 32:40.00.

The coach noted that the team continues to deal with injury and illness, and hopes to have some of the team's harriers back in the fold in the coming weeks.

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Photo courtesy Stacey Barker

Pirate quarterback Grant Aucoin eyes a Centauri Falcon edge-rusher during the Sept. 13 matchup between Pagosa and Centauri. Pagosa was able to get its first victory of the season against Centauri by a score of 28-20.

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Pirate soccer nets first win of season, drops one to Alamosa

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate soccer team lost a close game to the Alamosa Mean Moose 3-2 on Sept. 13 and bested the Bayfield Wolverines 5-1 for its first win of the season on Sept. 17.

The Pirates' record now stands at 1-5 on the season.

Against Alamosa, coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason explained that he changed the lineup, putting Jamie Novoa Alvarez back at his position as holding midfielder.

"He knows that position really well and I think that made a huge difference in our attack and also our defense," Kurt-Mason said. "He's got really great vision and it helped our movement."

Kurt-Mason also highlighted Zach Haines, noting Haines assisted EJ Monterosso in scoring a goal in the 33rd minute of the game, setting the score at 2-1 going into halftime.

"Our attacks were creative and they were often. We had 20 shots on the goal," Kurt-Mason explained, adding, "We managed two mistakes on defense, our back line was not communicating really well, that was the difference in the game."

The final score was 3-2, with Monterosso scoring the Pirates' two goals, with Haines and Will Villalobos netting assists.

"Will was all over. He was a playmaker. He made both goals happen. EJ ended up scoring, but Zach and Will were behind the buildup in a big way," Kurt-Mason said.

Kurt-Mason explained that the close score made it so the team felt like they could have won and some athletes were fairly upset after they lost the game.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

EJ Monterosso executes a header during the Pirates 3-2 loss to the Alamosa Mean Moose. Monterosso scored both of the Pirates' goals in the match.

"They were really crushed. Each one of those guys felt like if they made a mistake, they let the team down. It wasn't about themselves, it was a team thing," Kurt-Mason said.

Four days later, the Pirates played the Bayfield Wolverines at home.

"Everything fit together. The big difference in this game was that we

were two dimensional in the Alamosa game. I emphasized we need to be three dimensional and knock it back as much as we can knock it forward and swing it around. That upsets the opposing team," Kurt-Mason said.

Kurt-Mason likened the Pirates' ball movement to "a big game of keep away," which wore down the

Wolverines and made them fatigued. Villalobos scored a goal in the second minute of the game.

Monterosso garnered the second, third and fourth goals for the team.

Two of Monterosso's goals came from corner kicks, which Kurt-Mason noted was "pretty cool."

Kurt-Mason noted that the Pirates did an excellent job of exploiting "seams" in the Wolverine defense.

The Pirates were ahead 3-0 at the half, and in the first minutes of the second half, the Pirates allowed a goal.

"Bayfield scored two minutes in, we were on our heels. They got a clean breakaway and scored," Kurt-Mason said.

The game ended 5-1, with Villalobos netting two goals and Monterosso getting three.

Gabe Gallegos had 10 saves for the Pirates.

"As a coach, I was really happy to see the improvement they've made since the first game and the team that we watched last night was on par with the team that was undefeated a number of years ago. They were playing that type of game," said Kurt-Mason.

Previewing the Pirates' next game with the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers, Kurt-Mason explained his team is confident.

"The guys feel real confident with each other," Kurt-Mason said, adding, "They're just getting to know each other really well."

The 1-5 Pirates take on the 0-6 Panthers on Friday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m. at Montezuma-Cortez High School in Cortez.

The Pirates face the 6-1-1 Taos Tigers three days later at Golden Peaks Stadium, on Sept. 24 at 4 p.m.

Dispatch subcommittee talks relocation, securing additional funding

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Dispatch Exploratory Subcommittee discussed relocating the dispatch facility and how to secure additional funding, among other things, at its meeting Monday.

Dispatch's lease for its current location expires in September of 2020 and many subcommittee members have noted it is in a bad location and is a poor facility to house dispatch.

Committee chair Greg Schulte opened the meeting by asking Archuleta County Administrator Scott Wall if a new location for dispatch could be the Harman house at 85 Harman Park Drive, which the county is expected to close on by the end of the month, and the county commissioners have vowed to move the sheriff's office there, noting there is also space available to move in the dispatch center.

"I think the commissioners would like them to use the building, but they can't force 'em into it and that's not what their plan is. They thought they were building goodwill in putting something positive forward, but we've heard some backlash that maybe the dispatch people don't want to be in there," Wall said.

Emergency Communications Manager Kati Harr said at the meeting that she wasn't aware of any backlash or resistance and reiterated that point in a follow-up email.

"I am unaware of anyone 'not wanting' to move dispatch into the Harman House. We are early in the process of consideration and there are a lot of factors to explore when

moving an entire communications center into a new home," she wrote.

Schulte brought up that, amid the subcommittee attempting to identify more revenue sources for dispatch, a recent state mandate requires 911 providers to switch to an Internet-based communications system and it will make costs rise for dispatch in the future.

"The PUC [Public Utilities Commission] has already approved CenturyLink switching from basically an analog system to an Internet-based 911 system and so our costs at dispatch for CenturyLink is going to go from about \$700 a month to about \$2,000 per month and it's already in the works and it'll hit us about a year from now," Schulte said.

Schulte noted that there are grants to help "ease the pain" with the up-front costs of the mandated switch, but once those run out, "we're on the hook," Schulte said.

For additional revenue sources, Schulte noted that subcommittee members Tracy Bunning, from the Pagosa Springs Town Council, and Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger were very resistant to recommend a sales tax increase for dispatch, as the town's budget "lives and dies" on sales tax, as Bunning put it last month, and that he'd prefer to put a sales tax to voters only if it was "do or die" for the town.

Schulte noted a mill levy increase is tough to get passed by county voters, and an increase in the lodging tax would be unpopular with hotel owners and suggested an idea he hadn't presented to the committee yet: an increase in the marijuana sales tax.

Schulte floated the idea, but noted that marijuana sales tax data may be private, meaning that the Archuleta County Finance Department could be barred by law from releasing how much money is collected from marijuana sales tax, and thus Schulte didn't know how much an increase could bring in for dispatch.

The most popular idea among the subcommittee to raise revenue for dispatch is an increase to the E-911 surcharge, a monthly fee collected from phones with a local area code for emergency services which currently stands at \$1.25 per month in Archuleta County.

A 50 cent increase in the surcharge would generate about \$90,000 per year.

Schulte stated that his opinion was that a raise in the E-911 surcharge was an avenue that "we definitely need to pursue" — a sentiment that Volger agreed with.

Volger said the E-911 surcharge "can be addressed now. We can go after it now and we're going to need it."

The subcommittee is attempting to discern how much money the dispatch center will need, though currently that has been difficult as there is no firm decision on if dispatch will go into the Harman house, or knowledge on if dispatch's equipment needs to be updated or replaced.

Harr is currently having dispatch's equipment assessed to see if it needs to be upgraded or replaced, with the results available in about a month.

Not knowing the dollar amounts for relocating the center next year or any equipment upgrades, Schulte

suggested the group meet in a few months once those questions have been answered.

Bunning agreed, saying, "There are too many unknowns."

On Tuesday, Wall gave a synopsis of the meeting to the county commissioners at their work session, and asked Commissioner Ron Maez the same question that had been asked of him: Would dispatch be moving into the Harman house?

"It's up to dispatch, basically," Maez said. "I think with the Harman property there, Sheriff Valdez says he doesn't need to occupy that much space [in the Harman house], and he said there's a possibility some of that space could be put up for the dispatch if they want to [be] put in there. So, it's available to them if they want it and if they don't want it, I'm sure [the sheriff's] office will use the extra space for something else he needs."

County Attorney Todd Weaver explained he was an attorney for La Plata County when it asked the Public Utilities Commission to raise La Plata County's monthly E-911 surcharge.

Weaver said raising the E-911 surcharge is "a complicated process," that it took about three months to complete and that those funds can be hard to collect for local governments.

"I'm just thinkin' out loud," Commissioner Steve Wadley said. "When we're doing the Model Traffic Code, can we attach a fee that would go to dispatch to the citation?"

Weaver explained he thought that would be legally possible.
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LIBRARY NEWS

Best back-to-school gift for your children: their own library

By Carole Howard
SUN Columnist, and the library staff

Do you know the value of a home library for your youngsters? Research shows that kids who have books in their home have improved vocabulary and overall reading performance; do better in math, science and social studies; perform better on standardized tests and are more likely to go to college.

Those are impressive skills for your child to cultivate — and they are especially relevant now that Archuleta County kids have returned to school after summer vacation.

Another valuable tip to help your youngster be successful in school and in life: reading aloud. You are stimulating language and literacy skills, as well as building motivation, curiosity and memory.

The free storytimes at your library also can help build a love of reading in your children. Family storytimes for kids of all ages happen on Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. and on Saturdays from 3 to 4 p.m. Storytime is a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

As we start the new school year, this may be a good time for parents, grandparents and other caregivers to make a personal resolution to help build home libraries for your loved ones.

Special note

Today's column covers activities and events at your library for youngsters, tweens, teens and adults over the next two weeks as your columnist will be traveling. The next "Library News" column will appear on Oct. 3.

Help needed for art project

We are in possession of more than 30 artworks and we do not know if they are on loan to us or have been donated permanently. They include photographs and prints, original watercolors and oil paintings, most framed. Many are signed and some are not. Further, while we recognize some of the artists' names, we don't know many of them at all. Some pieces may have been given to the library by someone other than the artist.

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Teen steampunk crafts today

Steampunk crafts takes place today, Thursday, Sept. 19, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for sixth- through 12th-graders, when you'll make crafts and jewelry from gears, keys and whatever else we can find.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 20, from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session where you can enjoy video gaming on Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family. Note there will be no gaming on Friday, Sept. 27.

Computer classes

The is a free program to learn a useful technology skill or application. Monday, Sept. 23, from 1 to 2 p.m. is Microsoft Word Intermediate. No registration is required.

Tween gaming

Free gaming for those in the fourth through eighth grades is Monday, Sept. 23, and Sept. 30, from 4 to 5 p.m. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens on Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the sixth through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Spanish conversation

Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 3 to 4 p.m. practice your Spanish with others to help you increase your fluency at this free informal session. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Previous attendance not necessary. No registration required.

Read with a Ranger

Friday, Sept. 27, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., youngsters are invited to join Pagosa Ranger Brandon from the U.S. Forest Service to explore the world of squirrels with nature-themed books and activities. Typically kids ages 6-10 attend, but these free fun sessions are open to all ages.

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LEGO Club

Kids ages 6-12 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club.

ESL classes

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Activities calendars

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Texas man suffering from altitude sickness rescued following 10-hour mission

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

On Sept. 11, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) received a call around 10:30 p.m. of a man suffering from possible altitude sickness. Following a 10-hour mission, the man was rescued and transported to receive medical care.

The male, 46, out of Texas, displayed signs and symptoms of high altitude sickness after camping and hunting in the area of the Archuleta Trail, according to Director of Emergency Operations Mike Le Roux.

After gathering an accurate location of where the man was, a team of six search and rescue members and two OEM personnel went to conduct the rescue.

The team arrived on scene at the trailhead around 1:15 a.m. on Thursday morning, Le Roux explained.

Le Roux explained that to get to the trailhead, you have to take U.S. 84 to Chama, N.M., heading north on U.S. 17 toward Cumbres Pass.

Then it was an additional 10 miles on an ATV trail to the camp of the affected individual, Le Roux described.

The rescue team arrived at the camp around 3:15 a.m. and was able to do a patient assessment, he explained.

Upon conducting the patient assessment, the team found that he was showing signs of high altitude sickness, leading the team to administer oxygen and begin to transport him out of the campsite.

It took the rescue team almost 2.5 hours to get the patient out of the campsite due to the 10-mile ATV trail terrain, Le Roux described.

"The ATV trail was just so rough and the conditions were so bad," Le Roux explained, adding that with a patient on board, the rescue team took things pretty slow.

The rescue team arrived back at the trailhead around 6 a.m., Le Roux described.

"He kind of responded positively to a decrease in altitude and some oxygen," Le Roux said.

The patient was able to be transport-

ed to Pagosa Springs Medical Center via a family member and was then flown to Denver for treatment, Le Roux noted.

As of Sept. 17, the man had been released from the intensive care unit and was on his way back home, Le Roux indicated.

Altitude sickness is caused by a person's difficulty adjusting to lower oxygen pressure at high altitudes.

Altitude sickness symptoms can range in severity, but, most commonly, symptoms include: headache, nausea and shortness of breath, Le Roux described.

"That's the main objective, is to get someone from the level that they're at to the lowest possible point," he said.

In this case, the patient was at approximately 10,000 feet at his camp and was eventually able to be transported down to about 7,500 feet, Le Roux described.

"The team did a great job," Le Roux said, adding that operating in the dark and in a remote area adds more challenges.

For those who may not be used to the higher elevation in the area, Le Roux explained that it's a complicated issue because altitude sickness can strike at any time.

"Because we live here and we're conditioned effectively to the altitude, it can still catch any one of us at any given time," he said.

However, advice to those not used to the elevation is to not do too much too soon, Le Roux noted.

"Physical conditioning always advised. Just take it easy. Slower is better," he said. "If you're camping up high, you might want to do a day trip out and back first into that kind of mid-level elevation."

Le Roux also noted for those in emergency situations to call early and call often.

"You don't always know, when you have family and friends, how bad they're really doing. But if you suspect anything and you're not from this area, the advice is call it early," he said. "Search and rescue is free to the public."

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The Blotter

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over two weeks: 258.

Sept. 3 — Harassment by phone or computer, County Road 600.

Sept. 4 — Agency assist, Pagosa Street.

Sept. 4 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, U.S. 160/Boulder Drive.

Sept. 4 — Marijuana public display consumption or use, marijuana public display consumption or use, Dyke Boulevard.

Sept. 5 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, disorderly conduct-misdemeanor, third-degree assault-simple assault, resisting arrest, Fairfield Drive.

Sept. 5 — Open burning in unincorporated Archuleta County, Paradise Drive.

Sept. 6 — Information only, Williams Creek USFS 644/640.

Sept. 6 — Under investigation, U.S. 160.

Sept. 6 — Under investigation, Fourmile.

Sept. 6 — Fourth-degree arson-misdemeanor, Oakbrush Street.

Sept. 7 — Under investigation, County Road 700/Copper Court.

Sept. 7 — Under investigation, USFS 647/U.S. 160.

Sept. 7 — Under investigation, West Fork.

Sept. 7 — Under investigation, U.S. 160.

Sept. 7 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, domestic violence, third-degree assault-simple assault, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Sept. 8 — Animals running at large, Spruce Circle.

Sept. 9 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.

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Sept. 9 — Violation of bail bond condition-felony, County Road 600.

Sept. 9 — All other thefts, U.S. 160.

Sept. 9 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.

Sept. 9 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drove vehicle when blood alcohol content 0.10 or more, North Pagosa Boulevard.

Sept. 9 — Gathering identity information by deception, Evergreen Drive.

Sept. 9 — Criminal mischief, Lodge Pole Drive.

Sept. 10 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.

Sept. 10 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.

Sept. 10 — Under investigation, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Sept. 11 — Violation of bail bond condition-felony, County Road 600.

Sept. 11 — Warrant arrest, U.S. 160.

Sept. 11 — Open burning in unincorporated Archuleta County, Skyline Drive.

Sept. 11 — Criminal impersonation, U.S. 160.

Sept. 12 — Drove vehicle without insurance, expired license plates, U.S. 160/Pinon Causeway.

Sept. 12 — Fraud in effecting sales, Lake Street.

Sept. 12 — Under investigation, U.S. 84.

Sept. 13 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, false imprisonment, Solomon Drive.

Sept. 13 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, third-degree criminal trespass, Canyon Circle.

Sept. 13 — Drove vehicle when BAC .08 or more, drove vehicle when under the influence of alcohol, disregarded stop sign

at through highways, U.S 160/Boulder Drive.

Sept. 13 — Under investigation, Bastille Drive.

Sept. 13 — All other thefts, Far View.

Sept. 13 — Under investigation, Lake Forest Circle.

Sept. 14 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, Hills Circle.

Sept. 14 — Information only, Alpha Drive/U.S. 160.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

No report.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Sept. 3 — Kevin K. Um, speeding 20-24 over limit, total fines and costs — \$339.50.

Sept. 4 — Dennis Smith, menacing, 12 months probation, total fines and costs — \$844.50.

Sept. 4 — Casey C. Padilla, careless driving, total fines and costs — \$263.50.

Sept. 4 — Nicholas Charles Ault, speeding 1-4 over limit, total fines and costs — \$143.50.

Sept. 4 — Michael G. Blanchard, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$163.50.

Sept. 4 — Lucas Allen Jones, registration-unregistered vehicle, total fines and costs — \$191.50.

Sept. 4 — Kristian L. Marker, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.

Sept. 4 — Pahl C. Marshall, speeding 20-24 over limit, total fines and costs — \$339.50.

Sept. 4 — Jared P. Silva, license plates-expired, total fines and costs — \$185.50.

Sept. 4 — Richard Daniel Kolosso, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, 12 months probation, total fines and costs — \$902.50.

Sept. 4 — Joshua James Neuleib, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, 12 months probation, total fines and costs — \$906.50.

Sept. 4 — Richard Gaines

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

Sept. 4 — Jessica A. Aguilar, speeding 5-9 over limit, total fines and costs — \$122.50.

Sept. 4 — James L. Salazar, off-highway vehicle operated on street, total fines and costs — \$86.

Sept. 12 — Alexander M. Skaggs, indecent exposure-masturbation, three years probation, total fines and costs — \$5,192.50.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Clayton M. Buchner

Aug. 28 — Caesar Brousseau, fireworks prohibited, total fines and costs — \$60.

Aug. 28 — Chris Hart, animal at large prohibited, total fines and costs — \$60.

Aug. 28 — Lorinda Smith, shoplifting, contempt/failure to appear, \$44.90 restitution, total fines and costs — \$100.

Aug. 28 — Nicholas Giusto, theft, 12 months supervised probation, total fines and costs — \$220.

Aug. 28 — Kimberly Karle, shoplifting, contempt/failure to appear, six months unsupervised probation, total fines and costs — \$185.

Aug. 28 — Kristina Goode, unsafe backing, total fines and costs \$72.

Aug. 29 — Edwin Mueller, consume or possess any open container of any alcohol in public, three months supervised probation, 20 hours community service, total fines and costs — \$235.

Aug. 29 — Timothy McGinnis, animal at large prohibited, total fines and costs — \$60.

Aug. 29 — Mark Hughes, animal at large prohibited, total fines and costs — \$60.

Aug. 29 — Brandon Inman, consume or possess an open container of any alcohol beverage in any public place, six months unsupervised probation, total fines and costs — \$135.

Aug. 29 — Joseph Espinosa, unsafe backing, \$274.40 restitution, two points, total fines and costs — \$72.

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Saturday's Bands and Brews Festival in Town Park is slated to end with a balloon glow, with several balloons lighting up the park at dusk.

Live Performers



Thursday

Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Tim Sullivan, 7 p.m.
Riff Raff on the Rio: Johnny Dango, 6 p.m.
Springs Resort pools: Steve Blechschmidt, 6 p.m.

Friday

Pagosa Brewing Company: Jacques Grant, 7 p.m.
Riff Raff downtown: Dustin Burley, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff on the Rio: Jack Ellis, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Coyote Moon Bar and Grill: Karaoke with Lisa Saunders, 9 p.m.
East Side Market: Open Mic with Steve Rolig, 9 a.m.
Riff Raff downtown: Leah Orlikowski, 6 p.m.
Springs Resort atrium: Jack Ellis, 6 p.m.

Sunday

Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5 p.m.
Riff Raff downtown: Vonnie Kyle, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

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

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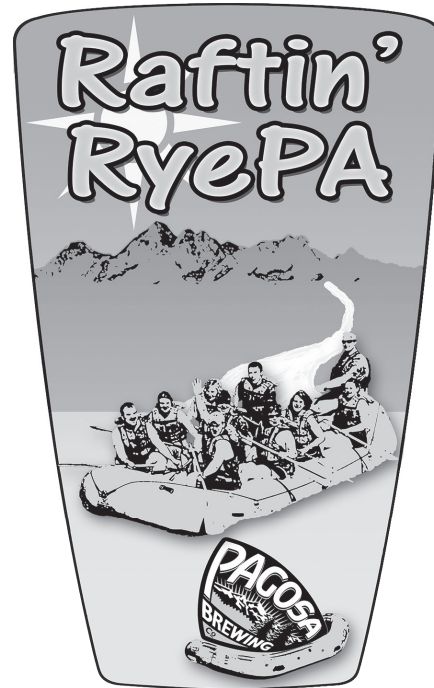
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34th annual ColorFest kicks off Friday

By Hilarie Strong
Special to The PREVIEW

The morning chill of fall and September are here. This means it's time for ColorFest in Pagosa Springs, Sept. 20-22. Are you ready?

The festivities for the ColorFest 2019 weekend begin on Friday, Sept. 20, at 6 p.m. in the athletic field in Town Park with the popular Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival. Local restaurants will tempt your taste buds with their flavorful creations and attendees will be invited to vote for their favorite. The "favorite" will receive the People's Choice Award. Golden Whisk Awards for Most Flavorful, Original and Best Sweet will also be given out, as will an award for the Best Decorated Station.

We have more restaurants than ever before, 16 in all, and many are Pagosa favorites and some new to the event. Attendees will also have the opportunity to sample a wide array of wines from around the world, sipping from this year's signature wine glass. The evening's entertainment will be provided by the Robin Davis Duo. This event always sells out, so grab your tickets now.

On Saturday, Sept. 21, at approximately 8 a.m., around 30 balloons will ascend over downtown Pagosa Springs, launching from the Hot Springs Boulevard area and filling the sky with bright colors

and bringing a sense of wonderment as they float. If you've never experienced a balloon rally, then you're in for a treat.

As the balloons ascend, the 5K ColorFest Color Run will take place

beginning at 8 a.m. in Town Park. This annual event supports Rise Above Violence, a local nonprofit agency dedicated to the elimination of domestic abuse. Registration **See ColorFests on next page**

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ColorFest

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tion for the run/walk is at www.riseaboveviolence.org.

During that time, you can also have a wonderful breakfast and incredible view of all the festivities at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's (GGP) Breakfast with Balloons, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in Centennial Park. Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased on the GGP website at www.pagosagreen.org or at the Chamber.

The day's festivities continue with the Bands and Brews Festival beginning at 4 p.m. The event will kick off with the heat of Lisa Saunders, who returns to Pagosa after her performances in Mexico. She will be accompanied by the Colorado Band from Cabo San Lucas. You thought Saunders was rockin' before — wait until you hear her new group and the high-octane entertainment.

Then a New Mexico country favorite, gaining popularity here in Colorado and in Texas, is Tylor Brandon, taking the stage at 6:30 p.m. If you want to get some dancing in, this is the event to burn up some energy. Microbreweries from Colorado and northern New Mexico will be serving up their top brews. This year's lineup will feature several additional breweries with new, exciting quaffs that will

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You will be able to select from an array of food vendors. Fun for the kids includes the Nerf Battle Zone and face painting. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$25 for the beer tasting, which includes your souvenir glass. Wine by the glass will also be available for a cash price. The evening will come to an end with a "glow show" with several balloons lighting up the park at dusk.

Sunday, Sept. 22, will bring spectators another round of hot air balloons as the pilots once again fill the skies. Beginning at approximately 8 a.m., get your cameras ready as the balloons display spectacular color against the mountains and reflections in the lake. This mass ascension will take place in the uptown area. Views can be seen from all over the area. Make sure to grab your friends and enjoy this beautiful spectacle.

There is plenty of time to enjoy all that Pagosa Springs has to offer. Take friends out for breakfast after the mass ascensions, shopping for a unique item or a soak in the springs.

While not included in the weekend activities, should you arrive before Friday, look at attending the Pagosa Springs Arts Council's

Mosaic Project Extravaganza on Thursday evening, Sept. 19, at the new Pagosa Springs Arts Council building on Navajo Trail Drive. This colorful display of 6-inch mosaic tiles demonstrates the talent in this community from professional, amateur and "wannabe" artists. A festive evening of heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and live music enhances the purchase of your art tile. Tickets are available at the Chamber or online at www.ps-artsCouncil.org for \$35 and this includes your random tile. The mosaic will be on display at Town Hall and the Pagosa Springs Medical Center prior to Sept. 19.

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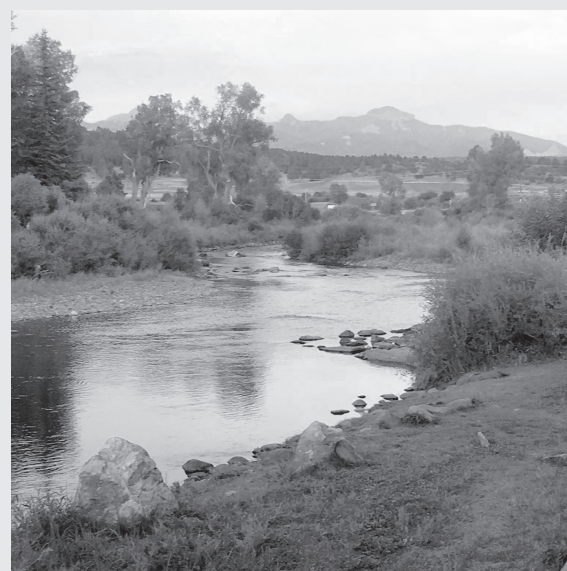
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Get colorful for a cause with Saturday's color run

By Ashley Wilson
Special to The PREVIEW

The annual ColorFest Color Run to benefit Rise Above Violence, is set for Sept. 21. Come out for this family-friendly fun run. You can walk, skip, hop or roll your way to the finish line. This untimed, non-competitive event is for everyone; from the young to the young at heart, you're going to love it. Add some color to your life and come

out for a colorful good time.

As the balloons rise over the beautiful San Juan River, you will be running/walking your way around the town/Riverwalk through five color stations. The race starts in Town Park by the gazebo — racers take off across the walking bridge and hit San Juan Street. Head across to the springs and down Hot Springs Boulevard to the Ross Aragon Community Center.

At your first color station, you

will be splashed with green. Head down and around Yamaguchi Park, where you'll be met with orange. Wrap around the high school sports complex and come back through our sheriff's deputies with their squad cars to get your blue on. Back to the Community Center, where you will merge onto the gorgeous Riverwalk trail back toward the balloon landing spot. Along the way, you'll be splashed with red and then it is the home stretch along the Riverwalk back to Town Park. You'll be greeted at the finish line with purple. Once you are done, stick around for the color toss at the finish line.

The event begins at 8 a.m. at Pagosa Springs Town Park on Saturday, Sept. 19. Registration opens at 7 a.m., but to guarantee your event T-shirt, we recommend you register early at <https://www.riseaboveviolence.org/color-run.html#/>. You can also visit this site

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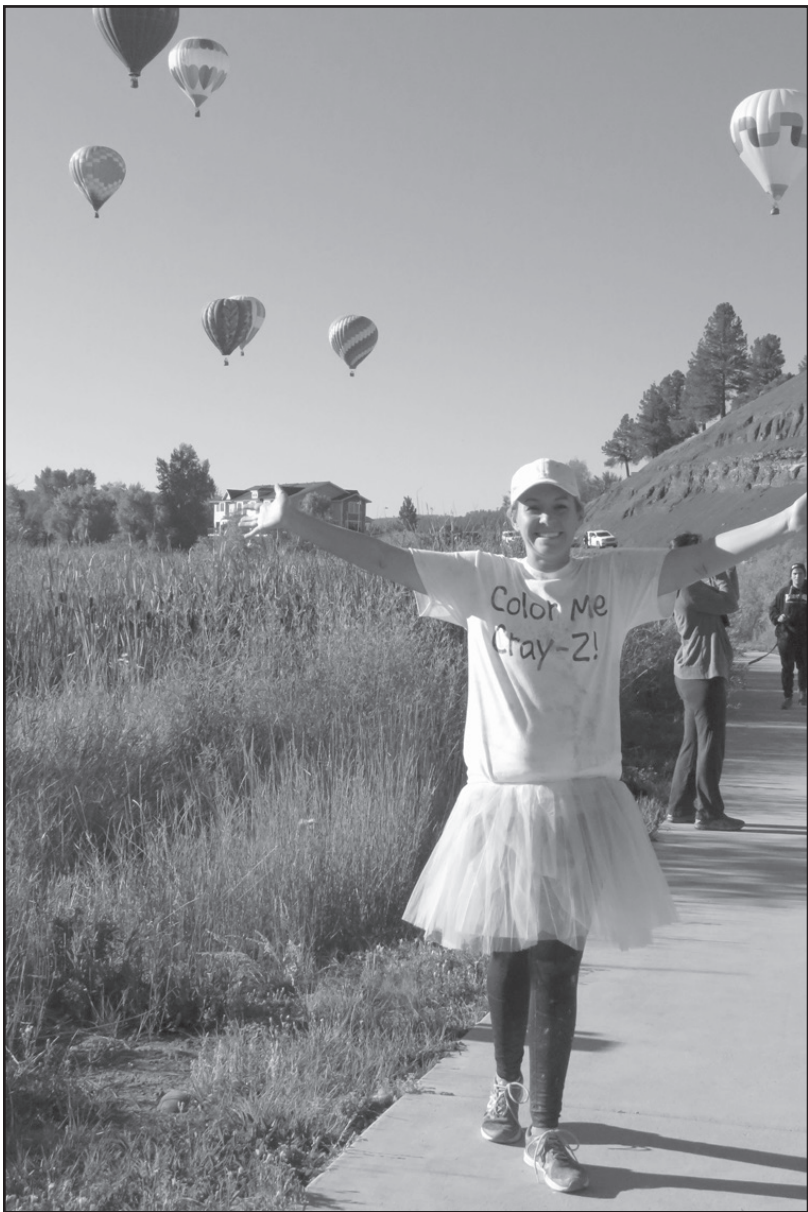


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Rise Above Violence will host its annual ColorFest Color Run this Saturday, Sept. 21. Participants can walk, skip, hop or roll their way around the downtown, through color stations and back to the finish line.

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Find your rhythm with hand-drumming classes

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, Sept. 24, 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 have no rhythm,” a newcomer said, walking into the room. Minutes later, she was playing with eyes closed, beaming a smile, nimble fingers dancing on the drum. Her playing has subtlety and expression.

It’s a familiar scenario. “I have no rhythm” can quickly transform into a discovery that one indeed has a sense of rhythm — a discovery that one can make it up using one’s imagination and intuition, flow with the rhythm of the group, and enjoy being a part of a creative process.

Without pressure, judgment and concern about level of achievement, one has the freedom to tap



Photo courtesy Paul Roberts

Hand-drumming class participants pose for a photo. The class is a family-friendly activity that requires no previous experience. Drums are provided for those who do not have one.

into one’s innate rhythmic sense and to feel the positive effects group drumming has on well-being.

For more information about the hand-drumming class, call 731-3117. The Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave.

Clothing giveaway collection experiences overload

By Lynne McCrudden
Special to The PREVIEW

The parishioners of St. Patrick’s would like to thank the Pagosa Springs community for the overwhelming and generous donation of clothes for our annual clothing giveaway, which is Saturday, Oct. 19.

We were planning to collect clothes every Saturday in September, but as of last Saturday, we are

filled to the brim with clothes for every shape and size, men, women and children, and a great abundance of household linens. We are sorry if you were not able to stop by last Saturday, but we will no longer be able to accept any more clothes.

We hope that these amazing donations are able to help lots of citizens of Pagosa Springs and surrounding areas have plenty of warm winter clothes to wear this

winter.

Our clothing giveaway will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 19 and run until noon. Each shopper is given a bag to fill and encouraged to come back for another bag when the first one is filled. Mark your calendars for this great event. Bring your neighbors and friends and let any newcomers to town know that this is the place to shop.

Run

■ continued from previous page for more event details and a map of the course. The route is mostly flat with all paved roads or sidewalks and very few slopes and small inclines. The event is open to all ages and abilities.

All proceeds from the color run are used to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in our community. Rise believes everyone has the right to live free from violence and works to end it in our homes and our community. Come support such an amazing

and “colorful” cause at this year’s Colorfest 5K Color Run/Walk. Call 264-1129 for more information.

Don’t forget to wear white. The more white you wear, the more we can color you — white shirts, tutus, headbands, bandannas, whatever. And remember, after you’ve been colored, plan to attend the Bands and Brews Festival (tickets sold separately) to hear live music and plenty of brews to tantalize your thirsty after-run taste buds. There will be fantastic food and family activities for all, too.

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San Juan Stargazers working to improve locating skills

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

The San Juan Stargazers will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center conference room located at 105 Hot Springs Blvd. The meeting is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. sharp. Hot drinks and a treat will be served at 6:30 p.m. with time to socialize.

Our program for this month will be presented by Jerry Granok. It will be an interactive practicum on locating constellations and stars. Somehow, he will have the night sky (minus rain clouds) appear in the conference room at the Chamber. We will locate various sky objects that at first view are identified and then we will try to locate these same objects with just unlabeled stars like are usually seen.

Individuals can even test their ability and others of us can just “watch and learn.” It sounds pretty unbelievable, but because Granok is doing it, it will happen. Come and see how he pulls this off. It should be a great learning experience.

Remember that guests are always welcome at our meetings. If you’ve wondered about something you’ve seen in the night sky, this might be the perfect time to come and see if we can help you figure it out.

We are getting in one last lesson for this year’s ninth and last Star Party at Chimney Rock, which will be held on Friday, September 27. Chris Horley will be doing his wonderful presentation on stars and galaxies. There will be Cub Scouts galore, so this would be a great time for other children to come. Grandparents can bring their grandchildren for one last treat of the summer.

With the time that is remaining, we will go over a lesson on using the summer constellations to improve our telescope skills. We are working on improving because of our nine star parties this summer at Chimney Rock National Monument.

If you are interested in taking part in our star parties, but you do not have a telescope, the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association owns four telescopes; two are computer-

ized “go-to” telescopes and two are manual 10-inch Dobsonians. We can help you learn to use either type of scope.

We do not have another telescope clinic scheduled. Many people in Pagosa have a telescope which they were given or picked up somewhere, but have no idea how to use it or if it is even usable. The San Juan Stargazers want to help you learn how to use it or fix it. You may call 335-8286 with a little information about what you have and what you may be needing in the form of help. We will match you with the right club member and set up a convenient time and place to meet. 2019 is the year to add this amazing dimension to your life.

The San Juan Stargazers are part of the Astronomical League, which includes clubs from all over the U.S. We have a new website, www.sanjuanstargazers.org, as well as an email address, sjstargazers@gmail.com, and a club phone number, 335-8286.

We welcome everyone who has an interest in learning more about our amazing universe.

Michelle Johnson to speak at Pagosa Christian Women Retreat

Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Christian Woman’s Retreat has been active for over 40 years. Women of all denominations come together to be encouraged, cleansed and reignited by the fire and passion of Christ’s calling on each of their lives. This year is no different.

Please join us Oct. 4-6 for fun fellowship, wonderful worship and a heartfelt message that will surely stir the love of God in your soul.

This year’s guest speaker, Michelle Johnson, has been praying

and preparing for this event with a deliberate intent to be an explosive blessing in your life. She will be speaking on the topic of “God Provides.”

Please visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/pagosachristianwomen> to read Johnson’s bio, get more infor-



Michelle Johnson

mation and register for this retreat.

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Are you ready for the Cha Cha?

By **Jacque Aragon**
Special to The PREVIEW

Are you ready for the Cha Cha? The 14th annual Mountain Chile Cha Cha will be held Saturday, Sept. 28, in Town Park in downtown Pagosa Springs.

This no-admission, all-day fall celebration features a free concert, a green chile cook-off and tasting, morning trail race, margarita contest and a beer garden.

Much in the same way that easterners equate the smell of pressed apples with the coming of fall, southwesterners know it is autumn by the smell of roasting green chiles, usually the Hatch variety from New Mexico, but sometimes Big Jims, which are commonly grown around Grand Junction.

A beautiful fall trail run boasts a 5k, 10k and a half marathon. The race will wind up, down and around Reservoir Hill, beginning and ending in Town Park. The trail is mountainous and scenic, with awesome views. Go to ilovegreenchile.com to register.

The 12th annual Patty Aragon Green Chile Classic Cook-off and tasting starts at 12:30 p.m. and will give spectators an opportunity to sample dozens of varieties of green chile from some of the area's finest amateur and professional cooks; \$600 in prize money and awards and medals will be given. Register at ilovegreenchile.com.

There will be a commercial margarita contest, food and cold Mexican beer in the cantina. Hatch green chile will be roasting and for sale by the bag or the bushel.

Sangre Joven, a Latin-influenced band, is returning this year and will start the music at 1:30 p.m. and will go until approximately 5:30 p.m., with a short break in between sets to announce the cook-off and margarita contest



Photo courtesy Jacque Aragon

The Mountain Chile Cha Cha on Sept. 28 will celebrate the coming of fall with one of the much-loved signs of fall in this part of the country: green chile roasting. The no-admission, all-day fall celebration is set to feature a free concert, a green chile cook-off and tasting, morning trail race, margarita contest, a beer garden and, of course, green chile roasting.

winners.

The Mountain Chile Cha Cha is a rain-or-shine event. For more information or to sign up, visit ilovegreenchile.com.

Fall book sale at St. Patrick's announced

By **Lynne McCrudden**
Special to The PREVIEW

After this week of lovely rainy weather, you know it is time to start collecting books for your fall and winter reading time. What is better than a cup of tea, a cozy blanket and a great book?

St. Patrick's can provide the book because our Book Nook is overflowing with great reads and at a terrific price. Our paperbacks are \$.25 and our hardbacks are \$1, and there really is something for

everyone from fiction and nonfiction to cookbooks, crafts, history, mystery, adventure, westerns, kids books and spiritual books to feed your soul.

Out fall book sale will be Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall Library and our parishioners who are avid readers will be there to help you find a nice big stack of books for your fall and winter reading. So, mark your calendars and stop by between Saturday sporting events and fall chores.

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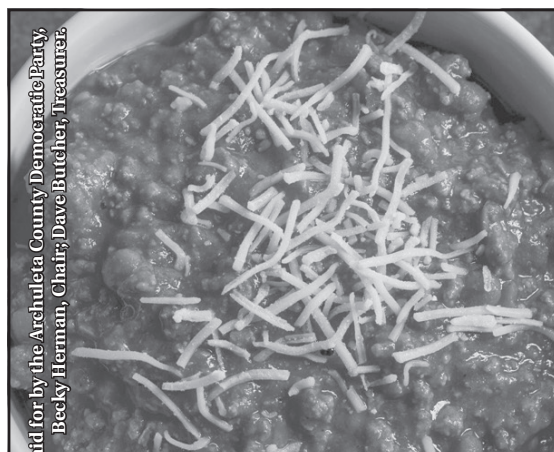
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Jeans and Jewels Barn Dance set for Oct. 19

By JoAnn Laird
Special to The PREVIEW

If you love country music, love the two-step and line dancing, have a hankerin' to wear serious or not-so-serious western wear, then your wish is Pagosa Springs Rotary's command.

That fun-loving group welcomes you to its own version of days gone by in Archuleta County, as it throws open the doors of the Archuleta County Fairgrounds building and welcomes all you partners in to the fifth annual Jewels and Jeans Barn Dance on Oct. 19 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Back in the day, when ranchers and cowboys wrapped up haying and moving cattle to market or warmer climes, the hard work was behind them and they wanted to kick up their heels, socialize and party hardy with their neighbors. Voila! The barn dance was born.

Music that promises to get those boots a-movin' will be provided by Pagosa's own Country Thunder. So, get out those Sunday jeans, embroidered western shirts, bedazzled skirts and come on out to support the Pagosa Springs Rotary Scholarship Fund. All proceeds of this favorite local

event will go to providing higher education for our graduating high school seniors. It's a win/win evening for everyone.

There will be a silent auction of things too exciting to mention just yet, and libations and food truck meals for purchase. As in years past, a whopping good time is to be had. For sure, it will be the best time to be had in Pagosa on an October Saturday night.

Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce, The Choke Cherry Tree or from any of your fine Rotarians. Tickets are \$20 or \$25 at the door. Yippe-I-O. You just have ta go.

Library to offer an accelerated GED study course

By Mark Wardell
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS) at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library is excited to announce that we will be offering an accelerated GED preparation course. The accelerated course will use one-on-one tutoring with traditional and online materials, giving you study options to help complete your goals.

Early registration and orientation begins next week on Thursday, Sept. 26, from 2 to 7 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) finds that those without a high school degree earn less than those with a high school degree or high school equivalency. The unemployment rate for those without a high school degree is the highest in all educational categories.

There are no fees to join the PALS accelerated GED preparation course and scholarships are available for GED testing. Scholarships are awarded based on course participation. All early registration will be awarded with a scholarship. Students will need to be at least 17 years of age or older by the time of their first test.

Appointments are not needed to enroll in this accelerated course. Stop in any time during classroom hours to complete the enrollment form and schedule an appointment for orientation and assessment. Please feel free to stop by and ask questions about the accelerated GED preparation course and other services available through PALS.

We will continue enrollment and orientation in October. Classroom dates and times in October are:

- Oct. 1 from 2 to 7 p.m.

- Oct. 8 from 2 to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Oct. 17 from 2 to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 24 from 2 to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The accelerated GED preparation course will begin on Nov. 4 and run until Dec. 12. Students don't have to wait to get a start, though. When registration has been completed, students will be given access to all materials and classes and may begin their studies immediately.

A graduation ceremony will be held in the early months of 2020 to honor and celebrate the students' hard work to complete their degree. If you know anyone that is interested, please help us spread the word and encourage people to come by or call us at 264-2209. We look forward to helping you, or someone you know, complete an educational goal.

Center of Southwest Studies to host lecture on John Wesley Powell

By Julie Tapley-Booth
Special to The PREVIEW


The Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College will host a presentation from Gregory Hobbs Jr., "John Wesley Powell: Scientist, Poet and Botched Politician," on Friday, Sept. 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom on the campus of Fort Lewis College. This lecture is free and open to the public.

On the 150th anniversary of John Wesley Powell's first Colorado River run, Hobbs will revisit Pow-

ell's journeys into the Colorado River Plateau and his genius as a firsthand leading spokesperson of the western experience.

Hobbs is a former justice of the Colorado Supreme Court and is the distinguished jurist in residence and co-director of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law.

For more information, please contact the center's business office at 247-7456 or visit swcenter.fortlewis.edu.



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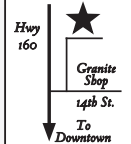
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God has to get my attention

It was prayer meeting day, the perfect time to examine personal conviction. Probably even a better time not to pick a fight with my Sweet Al — but it was inevitable.

I caught Al mid-snooze as he sat propped up in his overstuffed leather recliner with the television blaring.

“What is the television doing on? No one is watching it.”

Al turned his head toward me, half opened his good eye and said, “I thought I was.”

I took the remote and turned off the TV. “But, you’re not. I am overdosing on news while you doze off through the noise. I’ve heard that same news over and over. We don’t need the television on all morning. The noise is driving me crazy. I need peace for my soul and I need to be ready for a prayer meeting.”

“You’re fanatical and are getting so touchy.”

I gave the remote back to my Sweet Al and said, “I can show you touchy. You’re not going to like it.”

Al put his recliner upright then trained his focus on me. “You’re not listening to me. If it is about one of your articles or meetings, then you are all ears. If it’s something important to me, something that helps me set up my day, then it’s just noise. I always thought it was interesting that Jesus said, ‘If you have ears to hear ...’ Maybe, we need to listen more for carefully for things not always heard.”

And that was the way the day started.

As I sat in my prayer meeting, my friend leaned over and said, “I don’t think you hear me. Do you have your hearing aids on? You’re always speaking over me.”

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



“Of course, I have them on and I can hear just fine.” Then I thought to myself, I guess I do over talk everyone. “I am sorry.”

“It’s OK.”

I have been known to butt in, or even steer a conversation in the direction I want it to go. It’s a wonder why my friend is still my friend and my Sweet Al is still my husband. During the prayer meeting, my friend needed to be heard without interruption. Earlier in the day, my husband needed to hear the news, even if it was just helping him plan out his day (or sleep).

During the meeting, we got on the subject of hearing from God. I started thinking about how often God speaks to me, but I don’t hear because I am not listening. Suddenly those sobering life moments that jolt me to my feet make perfect sense. After all, God has to get my attention somehow.

With or without the need for hearing aids, we probably all have our own problems with listening. My Sweet Al is right. I hear plenty good when those around me talk about something that is important to me. But I may not always listen, and sometimes get annoyed in the process, when the topic is different from where my heart or mind is.

It is familiar with where I see the world today. How many times do we see problems arise from the

smartest person in the room? You know, the one who doesn’t care to listen to anyone else. We see it every day. People get so engaged in a conversation that focuses on themselves, and forget to listen to those around them.

Spanish philosopher Jose Ortega y Gasset said, “Tell me to what you pay attention and I will tell you who you are.”

In the book “Whisper,” Mark Batterson wrote, “You will eventually be shaped in the image of the loudest voice in your life.”

Both quotes seem to hit on truth. I know that I tend to be attracted to the loudest voice in the room, especially when it’s mine. I am smart enough to know just how much trouble I can get myself in when I rely solely on myself. I also know that my wisdom, my talents and my priorities are best shaped when I incorporate those around me, most certainly from the one that created me.

Final brushstroke: My Sweet Al got a perfect score on his hearing test a few months ago, yet he can’t hear me. Maybe there is something he is listening for that is so much more important than mere words. Maybe he is being shaped by influences that bring wisdom, instead of by those who only want self-glory. It seems that I am no longer the smartest person in the room, something I am in complete acceptance of as I understand who I am, in lieu of just being heard.

Readers’ comments

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New Thought to talk about overcoming fear in a scary world

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

All are welcome to join New Thought Center (NTC, formerly Pagosa Community of New Thought) on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 10 a.m., as we present “How To Overcome Fear In A Scary World.” Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Sue Love.

Love will be sharing true inspirational stories from her own life, where the seemingly impossible is possible, and that no matter where we are, or what is going on in the world, we are safe and protected.

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

We will have spirited live music.

Meditation circle

NTC holds Meditation and Healing Circle each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome.

Upcoming events

Contact NTC for information on Reiki training and spiritual art and

book sale.

About us

NTC is a New Thought center based on fostering living a spiritually centered life and promoting the philosophies of the Centers for Spiritual Living and the Agape Centers. NTC honors all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the Divine.

We welcome local talent to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Have a hand in making a difference. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

NTC events are held at 40 N. 15th St., in the Momentum Fitness building.

Request a concentrated affirmative mind treatment or obtain information by joining us; emailing PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com; mailing P.O. Box 1052, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052; or calling (505) 604-5031. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or our website, www.PagosaNewThought.org.

Trust and relationships

By Charles Wenzel
Special to The PREVIEW

Trust me.

On her birthday, Chris took his 5-year-old daughter to the pet store to pick out the puppy of her dreams. From behind the glass partition, Adelaide gleefully pointed to the scamp jumping up and down in its cage looking back at her, “The brown one who knocked over his water bowl, daddy,” she giggled.

An employee brought the puppy to them in a private area. Chris knelt down with Adelaide on his lap as together they held the pet. Fortunately, Chris’ hand was on the dog’s collar when the pup nipped at his daughter’s face and he quickly pulled it back.

This one won’t do. I couldn’t trust it to be alone with Adelaide.

Nineteen-year-old Hattie was at an open party with her friends. A cute guy started talking to her, a connection being made. His glass empty and Hattie without a drink, he courteously asked, “Would you like something?”

“Sure.”

“I’ll be right back.”

As soon as Todd left Hattie with a smile, one of her friends spoke to her “on the ‘qt,’” “That guy is

trouble. He doesn’t know me, but I know two girlfriends he’s had who quit dating him because he’s controlling, even abusive.”

Hattie responded, “I don’t believe it. He’s not old enough to have had two relationships.”

“He’s 27!” Becky shot back.

With her eyes wide open in disbelief, Todd returned with her drink. “Here you go.”

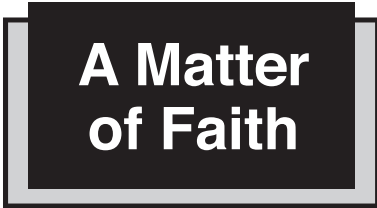
“Thanks, but we’re leaving. Becky’s not feeling well.”

“I can give you a ride home later.”

To close off any future contact, Hattie told a white lie, “I don’t think my boyfriend would like that. Goodnight.”

Trust is the beginning and — without forgiveness — the lack of it is often the end of every relationship. Like the trunk of a tree, trust is the backbone of every human bond. (The root of the word trust is

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Drivers' course, zentangle and more offered at Senior Center

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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AARP membership is not required to take the course. The classroom course costs only \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers. To register, please call (970)

Senior News

462-9613.

Due to popular demand, the Senior Center is hosting a fifth class on Oct. 4 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Zentangle

Zentangle is a form of relaxation using easy-to-learn patterns, drawn by focusing on single lines one at a time. The method focuses on simple, elemental strokes that anyone can draw, regardless of creative ability, and allows the mind and body to release stress while creating beautiful images.

The class instructor will be Roberta Strickland, CZT. She can be reached at 946-4582 or 264-2167.

The next class will be held Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 1 p.m.

Menu

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch. If you are a senior (60

years and older), for only a \$4 suggested donation, you are eligible for a hot meal, drink and a salad prepared by our kitchen staff.

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$8.50 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 19 — Hot turkey salad, snap pea medley, milk, broccoli with butter, salad bar and banana nut loaf.

Friday, Sept. 20 — Beef Philly cheesesteak, split pea soup, milk, salad bar and brownie.

Monday, Sept. 23 — Shrimp scampi with orzo, cream of asparagus soup, roasted lemony eggplant, breadstick with butter, milk and salad bar.

Tuesday, Sept. 24 — Pork carnitas with whole-grain tortilla, charro beans, squash calabacitas, milk, salad bar and flan.

Wednesday, Sept. 25 — Sliced turkey with gravy, caramelized butternut squash, broccoli casserole, cranberry sauce, milk and salad bar.

Thursday, Sept. 26 — Beef brisket, macaroni and cheese, oven-fried okra, milk, salad bar and strawberry pie.

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

Unitarian Universalists to look at religious humanism

By Dean Cerny
Special to The PREVIEW

On Sunday, Sept. 22, at 10:30 a.m., the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will put into play its fourth principle, which establishes "a free and responsible search for truth and meaning."

So, what exactly does this mean? At a practical level, it involves questioning the way we "do religion." That means, in particular, we will reflect on the both the boon and the bane of grounding a faith in spiritual humanism.

Join us as we look into the legacy of Unitarian Universalisms' brand of religious humanism. This service

will be led by Pastor Dean Cerny, who espouses caution when working within the humanistic perspective of life.

Be certain to stick around after the service for food, drinks and conversation.

Check out our calendar of events at pagosauu.org. All of these events take place at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

If you would like to schedule a private meeting with Cerny, or for further information, call 731-7900.

Faith

■ continued from previous page tree, specifically an oak tree.)

Ironically, the relationship Jesus offers each of us turns the human idea of trust on its head. We are the dogs that bite. We are the deceptive suitors who are in it solely for ourselves. Yet, Jesus receives us just as we are, while many he would befriend curse his name. It is the human heart of infidelity that can't be trusted, not God's heart of gold.

Throughout history, many a dis-

appointed, brokenhearted mother has lamented, "That child will surely be the death of me." Undeterred, Jesus seeks a relationship with us, knowing our renewal would be the death of him.

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The steaming waters of the Great Pagosa Hot Springs are not as innocuous as they appear in this photograph. Read the following account of how one itinerant failed to survive immersion in those waters.

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Hot water, hot springs and high hopes

In last week's column, we reported the braggado of Daniel Egger, editor of Pagosa Springs' first newspaper started in April of 1890.

Egger proved to be an excellent promoter of the healing qualities of the Great Pagosa Hot Springs. While Egger was encouraging the local business community to build more hotels and restaurants to attract more tourists, an Army surgeon in Fort Leavenworth, Kan., arrived in town with a cadre of injured and ailing soldiers.

On July 3, 1890, 20 soldiers from the Kansas fort arrived at the Springs under command of a Maj. Weaver. They bivouacked at the cabin home of S.C. Bell on the north side of the river.

More soldiers arrived as the year progressed and Egger unflinchingly noted their arrival and improving health. Weaver had no problem in getting Egger to report on his soldiers in every edition of the "Pagosa News."

Egger quoted the Army surgeon as saying, "I have much reliance in Pagosa as a health resort, from its peculiar position as to altitude and surroundings (pine forests), in which in every respect it is superior to Carlsbad, and infinitely more so to every other thermal spring in this country, not excepting the much vaunted springs of Arkansas."

Soldiers weren't the only ones bathing in the healing waters. Eggers reported in May that "L. W. Smith, Peter Usler, and E.W. Digges; miners



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

from Red Mountain, were bathing in the celebrated waters," and "Mr. Slevin of Silver Cliff could hardly walk when he arrived at the Springs ten days ago, and last Saturday he ran a foot race. Such are the wonderful cures of the Pagosa Springs." Slevin liked the treatment so much he soon moved to Pagosa Springs, maintained a home in Pagosa and a farm at Arboles, and eventually died at the Old Soldiers Home in Monte Vista. Smith also moved to Pagosa Springs. Ten years later he published a newspaper in competition with the ebullient Egger.

At least one tragedy took place in the bubbling hot sulfur waters. A headline in the Pagosa Springs News of Nov. 30, 1900, proclaimed, "An Unknown Man Parboiled In the Pagosa Hot Springs." The story following the headlined described the remains thusly: "The hot water certainly did its work well, for when the corpse was examined more closely, it was found that the flesh was literally boiled to pieces, flesh falling from his hands and face, those being the only part exposed ... the spring has a temperature of 160° (sic) and death no doubt occurred almost instantly."

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Scottish tax
5. Filled with horror
11. Type of music
14. Variety act
15. Half-conscious state
16. Discontinued European money
17. Formal declaration
19. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
20. A way to express concentration
21. Airline
22. Goes well with a carrot
23. Length of pant leg
25. Mark with a cut
27. One who destroys completely
31. Greek sophist
34. Thomas Hobbes's "De ___"
35. Copyreads
38. Talk
39. Endangered
41. Snag
42. Comedienne Tyler
44. Castrate a male animal
45. Taj Mahal site
46. Tending to concede
49. One who accepts
51. Albanian capital
55. Takes kids to school
56. About Moon
60. ___ Seamounts: underwater volcanoes
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62. Not working
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69. Cheek

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CLUES DOWN

1. Raccoonlike animal
2. Small
3. Separates

4. Parties
5. Automated teller machine
6. One who earned his degree
7. Dislike
8. Flowering plant
9. Nova __, province
10. Inhabited
11. Breathing
12. Partner to pains
13. Immature insects
18. The back
24. Heavy club
26. Edible fish
28. Lament for the dead
29. Woody climbing plants
30. Small rooms for prisoners
31. Ottoman military commander
32. "The Crow" actress Ling
33. A way of lopping off
36. Cigarette (slang)
37. Helps little firms
39. Member of small discussion

- group
40. Copyread
43. V-shaped open trough
45. Pokes holes in
47. Beloved "Captain"
48. Resume
49. On a line at right angles
50. Light up lamps
52. Part of the psyche
53. Leeward Island
54. 1960s counterculture activist
57. Edible seaweed
58. Imitator
59. Look at and comprehend
63. Root mean square (abbr.)

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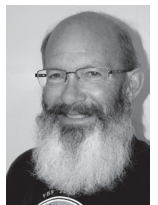
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Are you being bugged by flies?

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Are you being bugged by flies? This time of year is delightful for many reasons, but the number of nuisance flies in and around the home can be annoying. Several species of flies enter homes in Colorado and most are mere nuisance problems. Cluster flies and some other blow flies or face flies are found during fall and winter and they use homes for shelter from the cold, but they do not reproduce during this time.

Cluster flies

Cluster flies are, by far, the most common fly found in homes during the cool months. They can sometimes be serious nuisance problems, particularly in taller buildings, where they tend to concentrate on upper stories on the south and west sides. Cluster flies are moderate-sized, generally dark gray and are distinguishable by the presence of golden hairs on areas of the thorax.

Cluster flies are actually a type of blow fly, but have very different habits. They develop as parasites of earthworms and are not associated with garbage, animal wastes or other materials that provide breeding of the various “filth flies.” In spring and summer, the adult flies lay eggs in soil and the maggots move to and develop within earthworms.

Flies that are present in late summer seek winter shelter and they survive winters as a semi-dormant adult fly. They may be seen sunning themselves on sun-exposed sides of buildings during warm periods and later infiltrate cracks in the building. In the process of seeking sheltering sites within the building, they tend to migrate upwards and, thus, are found most abundantly in upper floors of buildings. During the cool season some flies may inadvertently become active and fly lazily within the living spaces. However, cluster flies do not feed or reproduce within buildings.

Picture-winged fly

The picture-winged fly is a common invader of homes in the fall. However, unlike cluster flies, they do not survive indoors through winter and usually die out by the

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end of November. The larvae develop on decaying organic matter.

Fly control

Screening and other exclusion techniques can be an important management tool for several types of indoor fly problems. Caulk or cover all openings into a home to prevent flies from entering. Do so before flies enter buildings. For example, cluster flies rarely are found indoors until late winter and spring, but typically enter buildings during late August and September.

Use insecticides only as a supplement to other controls. Serious problems exist with insecticide-resistant flies and many fly populations are now difficult to control with insecticides.

Spot treatments applied to areas of high fly activity are most efficient. For example, flies that tend to rest in dark corners can be controlled by applications to these areas. For cluster flies, treat upper stories of building exteriors immediately before the flies move indoors for overwintering. Permethrin is currently the most common insecticide used for fly control and is widely available.

Several types of traps for flies also are available and can supplement other controls. Fly paper and

electrocution light traps can kill flies, but are effective only in areas where exclusion and sanitation efforts have already reduced the fly populations to low numbers.

For more information on specific fly species, their life cycles and management methods, visit the CSU Extension website at www.ext.colostate.edu and download Fact Sheet No. 5.502, “Flies in the Home,” written by W.S. Cranshaw and F. B. Peairs.

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

We will also attempt to schedule classes on additional dates with five or more registrations. Cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. The type of first aid information provided will vary by the needs of the audience.

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Caregiving advisory councils and activities for people with dementia

By Kay Kaylor
Special to The PREVIEW

For San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (SJBAAA), I am not only a part-time long-term care ombudsman, which is an advocate for residents at Pine Ridge, a 24-hour extended care home, and BeeHive, an assisted living residence. I also am an aging and disability specialist and trained Senior Medicare Patrol and State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselor. Information on the many aging and care concerns will be included here.

At the end of August, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) announced the formation and first meetings of two caregiving advisory councils as part of two acts: the RAISE Family Caregivers Act and the Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act.

“Both laws establish advisory councils with memberships that reflect the diversity of the more than 43 million caregivers in Amer-

ica,” Lance Robertson, ACL administrator and assistant secretary for aging, notes in the ACL blog. RAISE stands for “Recognize, Assist, Include, Support and Engage.”

“The number of family caregivers, including grandparents who are raising grandchildren, is significant and growing. They are the backbone of our country’s caregiving system and supporting them is critical to making it possible for people of all ages and abilities to continue to live in their communities,” Robertson states.

Activity tips

As part of the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute on Aging is the primary federal agency supporting and conducting aging and Alzheimer’s research. Its website, nia.nih.gov, is full of news, information and resources.

A recent tip sheet sent to support people living with Alzheimer’s suggests doing activities that they enjoy at the same time each day. Help them get started, make sure

they feel successful and watch to see if they are getting frustrated. Activities can be simple and routine, like folding laundry or cooking, or more active, like dancing or gardening.

SJBAAA offers resources for people age 60 and older or on Medicare. For further information, please call me at 264-0501, ext. 1 or send an email to adrc@sjbaaa.org.

Bird of the Week

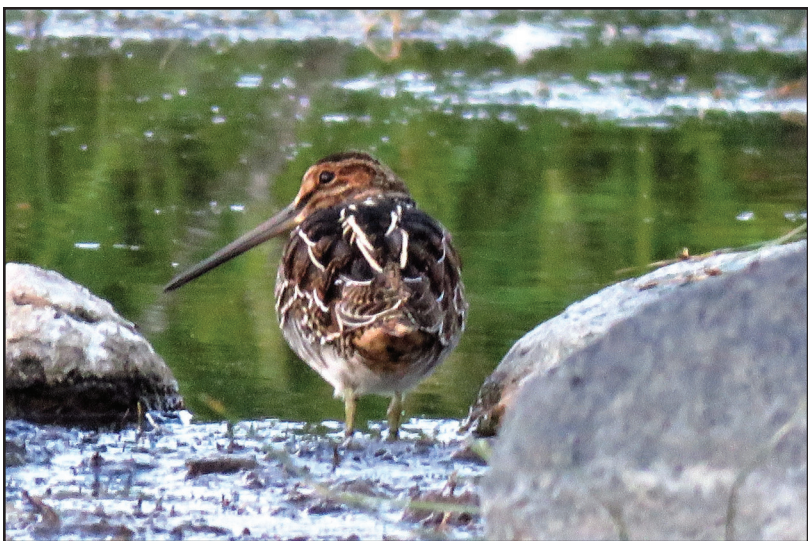


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This week’s Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the Wilson’s snipe.

These plump, medium-sized shorebirds are most often seen at dusk or dawn at the edges of ponds, wet grassy meadows or marshy areas. Sometimes seen perched on fence posts, they may also be spotted performing high-speed aerial displays accompanied by hooting sounds produced by their short tail feathers. With short, thick legs and bills three times the length of their heads, they are well adapted for probing into mud in search of insect larvae, other invertebrates and the occasional frog, fish or lizard.

Though migratory, these hardy birds may be seen over wintering wherever they find ice-free bodies of water.

The Wilson’s snipe has intricate patterns of brown, black and sandy-colored bars, stripes and spots. Its camouflage can make it tough to spot. Its rounded head is dark with conspicuous whitish stripes. Its eyes are set far back on its head to provide excellent vision to the rear, front and sides. This adaptation enables the bird to avoid the approach of predators.

Colorado is near the southern edge of the bird’s breeding range. The female snipe scrapes a nest site on the ground near water hidden by willow, alders or sedges. Parent birds may feign injury, fluttering away from nests to distract predators. Chicks are capable of leaving the nest the day they hatch. Their current population remains stable.

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

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Thursday, Sept. 19

Hai Chee. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

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

Spirited Women's Bible Group Presents: Liz Curtis Higgs. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Internationally known Christian author and speaker Liz Curtis Higgs will be presenting a two day retreat on the topic "God is with You." Tickets are \$45 and are available at St. Patrick's Church. For more information and to purchase tickets call 731-5801.

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

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a free hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere. No reservations required.

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

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

Pickleball. 1-5 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

PALS Adult Education. 2-7 p.m., Sisson Library. 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.

Steampunk Crafts. 4-5:30 p.m.,

Sisson Library. For those in the 6th-12th grade. Stop by to make jewelry and crafts from gears, keys and whatever else we can find. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Archuleta School District presents Joyce Rankin. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. The school district is pleased to welcome Colorado State Board of Education member Joyce Rankin, who will explain the Read Act and how it can transform education for all students.

Pagosa Pirates Girls' Varsity Volleyball. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Aztec.

Pagosa Springs Arts Council Mosaic Project Event. 6-9 p.m., Pagosa Springs Arts Council Center, Navajo Trail Drive. To purchase a ticket for a random drawing of a canvas, go to ps-arts council.org, Two Old Crows Gallery or the Chamber of Commerce.

Together — Prayer Meeting: Pray Without Ceasing. 7 p.m., Cross-Road Christian Fellowship, 1044 Park Ave. Together is a collaborative effort of multiple Christian churches in Pagosa Springs to unite in prayer, worship and fellowship.

Friday, Sept. 20

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.

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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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.

Open House. 3-5 p.m., 145 North Feather Court. For more information, contact Brent and JaNae Christians, Galles Properties, 759-6844.

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

ColorFest: Passport to Pagosa Wine and Food Festival. 6 p.m., Town Park. Local restaurants will tempt your taste buds with their flavorful creations and attendees will be invited to vote for their favorite. Attendees will also have the opportunity to sample a wide array of wines from around the world. The evening's entertainment will be provided by The Robin Davis Duo. For more information and tickets, visit www.pagosachamber.com/Colorfest/.

Pagosa Pirates Boys' Varsity Football. 7 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium. Pagosa vs. Basalt.

Saturday, Sept. 21

ColorFest: Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's Breakfast with Balloons. 7:30-9:30 a.m., Centennial Park. A gourmet breakfast accompanied by mimosas and music as they watch balloonists. Tickets are \$50. Youth (12 and under) tickets are \$20. Tickets can be purchased at www.pagosagreen.org, the Chamber and EXIT Realty. Guests are reminded to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

ColorFest Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascension. 8 a.m., downtown

Pagosa. Watch the morning sky fill with around 30 balloons.

ColorFest Color Run. 8 a.m., Town Park. Come out for this family-friendly fun run. You can walk, skip, hop or roll your way to the finish line. This untimed, noncompetitive event is for everyone. The race starts in Town Park by the gazebo. This annual event supports Rise Above Violence. Registration is at www.riseaboveviolence.org.

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 Pirates Coed Cross-Country. 9 a.m., Cloman Park. Pagosa vs. multiple opponents.

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

Pagosa Pirates Girls' Varsity Volleyball. 10 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Bayfield High School in an Intermountain League tri meet.

Pagosa Fire Protection District Open House. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fire Station 1, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd. Interactive firefighter activities, demonstrations, obstacle course, kid's games, truck tours, station tours, water fun, National Fire Sprinkler Trailer Association Live Burn Sprinkler Trailer demonstration, fire extinguisher training and more.

Habitat for Humanity Parking Lot Sale. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., U.S. 160 and S. 7th Street.

BicycleFriendly Driver Program. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library. This interactive program is designed to help educate both drivers and cyclists

about the law, about best ways we can safely share the road and how we can avoid the most common crashes between bicyclists and motor vehicles. The program is sponsored by Bicycle Colorado and the DUST2 Wheel Club.

Pagosa Pirates Girls' Varsity Volleyball. 3 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Monte Vista in an Intermountain League tri meet.

Family Storytime: What Can You do with a Rock? 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Engage your creativity as we put rocks together to produce rock art, displays and sculptures and learn about some minerals along the way. 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.

ColorFest Bands and Brews Festival. 4 p.m., Town Park. The event will kick off with Lisa Saunders and her band from Cabo San Lucas. Then, Tylor Brandon will be taking the stage at 6:30 p.m. Microbreweries from Colorado and northern New Mexico will be serving their top brews. Fun for the kids includes the Nerf Battle Zone and face painting. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$25 for the beer tasting. The evening will come to an end with a glow show with several balloons lighting up the park at dusk.

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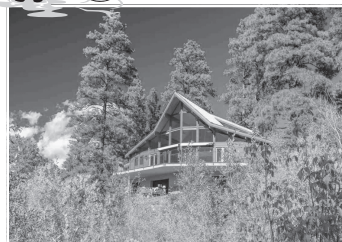


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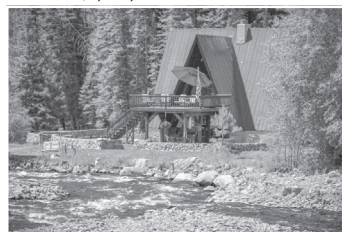
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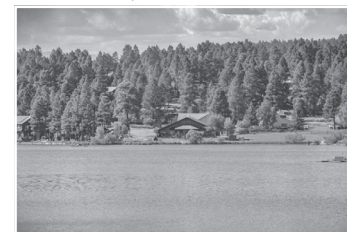
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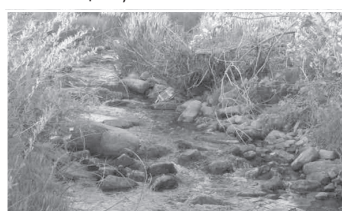
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Sunday, Sept. 22

ColorFest Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascension. 8 a.m., uptown Pagosa. Watch the morning sky fill with around 30 balloons.

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. 23

Autumnal Equinox Sunrise Program. Chimney Rock National Monument. Watch the sun rise over the San Juan Mountains. The sunrise from the Great House is a marvelous experience for the eyes and spirit, and an amazing opportunity for photography. For more information and tickets, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

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.

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

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

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

PALS Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or

help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Computer Class: Microsoft Word Intermediate. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Microsoft Word has many tools that make working on long documents a snap. Learn about styles, headers, footers, page numbers and tables. Basic Word skills required. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Southwest Organization for Sustainability. 4 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Phyl Daleske at 731-4589.

Tween Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For those in the 4th-8th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Incredible Years Parenting Class. 5:30-8 p.m., Seeds of Learning. A free opportunity offered to anyone who wants to build positive relationships with their children, needs more effective discipline or would like new ideas to help their children learn and grow. This class is created for families with children between the ages of 2 and 8 years. A free dinner will be offered for the entire family and childcare will be provided at no cost. For more information and to register, call Michelle Carpenter at 946-0664 or Lynne Bridges at 264-5513.

High Country Squares Dances. 6:30-8:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. We dance both mainstream and plus with Jim Park calling. Visitors welcome. For more information, contact Steve Keil at 731-0044 or email skeil@nso.edu.

Tuesday, Sept. 24

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.

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

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

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

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

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

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m., Elk Trace Bed and Breakfast. Luncheon will be \$12. Remember to bring a nice \$20 item for our scholarship auction during our luncheon. All ladies are welcome to join us. RSVP needed. Call 946-1895.

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.

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Pickleball. 1-5 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Pirates Boys' Varsity Soccer. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Taos.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-

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Come As You Are. 6-8 p.m., John Paul II Catholic Church. Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Have you been baptized Catholic but not received your First Communion or confirmation? Have you been away from Mass and the Eucharist for some time because of questions/doubts about your faith? Then we invite you to Come As You Are to learn more about the way, the truth and the life through the RCIA Program. For more information and to register, call 731-5744.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

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.

Kids Kare. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. A program for children ages 3-5 years old. Includes Bible time, songs, crafts, games and more. For more information or to register, call Frank and Connie Porter at (303) 901-5290 or email ceflittlekids@gmail.com.

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

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.

English as a Second Language. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Dementia Training. Noon-4:30 p.m., Visiting Angels, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Suite B10. Call 264-5991 for more information.

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

Zentangle. 1 p.m., Senior Center. For more information, contact Roberta Strickland, CZT, 946-4582 or 264-2167.

Spanish Conversation. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Our conversation hour will help you increase fluency by speaking with other Spanish language speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

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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Hai Chee. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

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

Loaves and Fishes Free Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a free hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere. No reservations required.

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

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

Pickleball. 1-5 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

GED Accelerated Preparation Course Registration and Orientation. 2-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Pagosa Pirates Girl's Varsity Volleyball. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Ignacio.

San Juan Stargazers. 7 p.m., Visitor Center conference room, 105 Hot Springs Blvd. Our program will be presented by Jerry Granock and will be an interactive practicum on locating constellations and stars. Hot drinks and a treat will be served at 6:30 p.m. with time to socialize. For more information, visit www.sanjuanstargazers.org, email sjstargazers@gmail.com or call 335-8286.

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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.

Literary Ladies Book Club. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Discussion will be on "Natural Causes" by Barbara Ehrenreich. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

English as a Second Language. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Read with a Ranger: Nutty by Nature-Squirrels. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. All ages. Discover the nutty world of squirrels with Ranger Brandon with nature-themed books and activities. Recommended for 6- to 10-year-olds, but all are welcome to attend. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Archuleta County Democratic Party Annual Chili Supper. 5 p.m., Extension building. Adults \$10. For more information, call Becky Herman at 264-2171.

Yoga. 5-6 p.m., Community Center.
Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies. 7:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National

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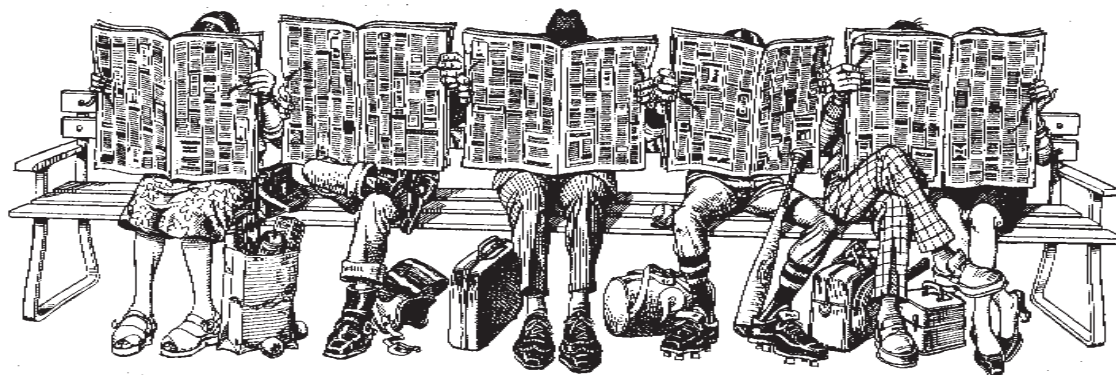
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The benefits of music instruction for young learners

Special to The PREVIEW

Many children are introduced to music instruction at school. After being introduced to band, chorus and various instruments, students may be eager to explore music.

Young students are often introduced to the recorder or ukulele in the early grades and then given the opportunity to join primary bands as they move through elementary school and into middle school. Some children also may want to

supplement school music lessons with private music tutors who can provide more in-depth instruction.

Parents considering making a commitment to music instruction may find that kids benefit from being involved with music in many ways, some of which may be surprising:

- The New England Board of Higher Education says several studies show that consistent music education improves vocabulary and reading-comprehension skills.

Emerging evidence points to an area of the brain that controls both musical ability and language comprehension as being more closely related than previously thought.

- Music education may help young children learn words and how to pronounce them, as learning to play music enables them to process the many new sounds they hear from others.

- Researchers have discovered a strong relationship between participating in school arts and academic success as demonstrated by students' grade-point averages, according to the National Association for Music Education.

- The relationship between music and academic performance has been studied for decades. As far back as 1988, studies have been conducted about the benefits of music education. An analysis of data from the National Educational Longitudinal Study of 1988 demonstrated a significant correlation

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Annual Ski Shop Gear Sale. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Pagosa Ski Rentals, 350 Pagosa St.

Meditation and Recorded Dharma Talk. 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, 70 Greenbriar Drive, Suite B-15. All are welcome.

Crafting Club. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and sharing ideas. This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with others who enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

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.

Family Storytime. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Sunday, Sept. 29

Annual Ski Shop Gear Sale. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Pagosa Ski Rentals, 350 Pagosa St.

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.

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The value of being in a musical production

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

I had been helping run the lights for a theater production in a neighboring community when my wife, Donna, saw a Facebook posting. It was a community events page in one of the sites that she often checks. She saw that there was a posting about a musical that was getting close to production and needed some more men.

Donna and I have directed plays in our small rural community in the summer and know how hard it is to get men. Many of them are farmers or are in some way connected to agriculture, and there are not enough hours in the day in the summer for the work they need to do.

Once, when we were producing "The Music Man," all the men we asked to play Harold Hill turned us down. They were willing to take a small part, but not the lead. I ended up playing the part, along with building the set, helping direct and doing everything I could on the production. Because of these previous challenges when we have been the directors, Donna suggested that I help answer the post.

"But I am just finishing work on the other musical and was looking forward to some time to myself this summer," I said.

"But just imagine if it were us directing again," she said. "Wouldn't you appreciate having someone

come help?"

I had to admit that I would. And having been through that challenge, I finally agreed to help. "But tell the director I am not necessarily looking for time on stage and would be happy with as small of a part as possible."

The director was happy to have me join them and immediately brought me a script. I was not able to attend a lot of practices until the other musical finished, but I worked on my lines and music. I had one song that was particularly hard that I had to sing.

When the first musical finished, and I started practices in the new one, I realized how far behind I was. I recorded the songs and my lines and listened to them all day for days while I worked. Finally, I started getting them down and could put my script away. Then the director wanted to add the dance. I couldn't seem to dance and remember what to sing at the same time, and I messed up a lot.

The director recorded us doing the different numbers and posted them to YouTube.

"Your assignment," she said to all of us, "is to go home and watch yourselves and see what problems you have."

The next day she asked if we had done what she requested. I was one of the few who had.

"And what did you learn?" she asked.

"I learned that I really look fat

on stage," I said.

She laughed slightly. "But didn't you learn anything about how you're performing the numbers?"

"No," I replied. "I couldn't get past how fat I look."

Well, I finally did learn the numbers and worked hard to perfect them to the best of my ability. But the main thing I gained was a lot of good friends. Unfortunately, in the other production, being in the light booth, almost no one knew me, and I made few friends. Most of the people in the production thought I was a parent of someone in the cast. The few times I tried to visit with others, they would remind me parents weren't supposed to be backstage. When I told them I was the person running the lights, one said, "Oh, are you the one the director yells at?" I had to admit that the only time I heard my name yelled through the auditorium was when something on the lights needed to be fixed.

But as the second production came to an end, I realized that the true value of being in something like a musical production is in the good friends and good memories a person makes. Nothing else really matters or is really long-lasting.

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between participation in school music groups and achievement in math and English. And a 1996 study published in Nature found first-graders who participated in special music classes as part of an arts study program saw their reading skills and math proficiency increase dramatically.

- Introducing music lessons to young children can have profound effects on their social development. Music fosters greater trust and cooperation, as well as a sense of community and belonging.

- Another benefit of music

education is it allows children to harness their creativity and express it in a healthy way.

- The music instruction company Music U says children with developmental disorders and mental health issues might be able to unlock their potential with music. Music therapy has been shown to affect significant change in children with autism-spectrum disorders, learning disabilities, attachment disorders, cerebral palsy and more.

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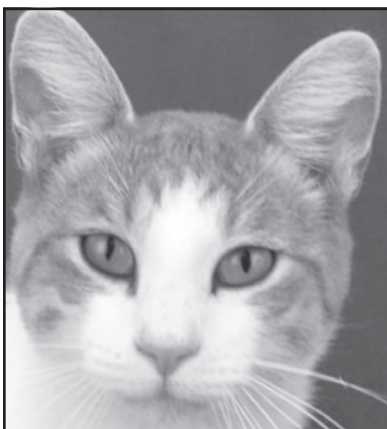
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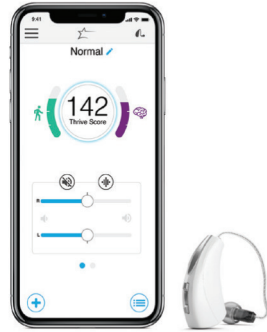
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With sophisticated, innovative technology, we help preserve and deliver a wider range of sound cues to enhance the way you hear!



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Did you know

that your **hearing health** has a direct effect on your **overall health and well-being?**

Tinnitus



Up to 90% of people with tinnitus have some level of noise-induced hearing loss.

Osteoporosis

Osteoporosis can adversely affect the **three tiny bones** in the middle ear, which can lead to hearing loss.

Hypertension

High blood pressure can be an accelerating factor of hearing loss in adults.



Obesity

Higher body mass index (BMI) and larger waist circumference are associated with increased risk of hearing loss in women.



Safety/Balance

People with mild hearing loss are **3x more likely** to have a history of falling than people with normal hearing.



Isolation

Untreated hearing loss can contribute to social isolation, anxiety, depression and cognitive decline.

Cognitive Decline

Adults* with hearing loss experience a **30-40% faster decline in cognitive abilities** than their peers with normal hearing.

*75 years and older

Depression



In a recent survey, adults* with untreated hearing loss were **more likely to report depression**, anxiety and paranoia than peers who wore hearing aids.

*50 years and older

Eye Health



Vision helps you identify where a sound is coming from.

Heart Health

A healthy cardiovascular system has a **positive effect** on hearing.

Smoking



Current smokers have a **70% higher risk** of having hearing loss than nonsmokers.

Diabetes

Hearing loss is **twice as common** in people with diabetes as their peers without.



Ototoxicity

Ototoxicity is a common cause of hearing loss.

Over 200 medications, including aspirin, certain antibiotics and some anti-cancer drugs, are known to be ototoxic (which literally means "poisonous to the ears").

Join us for our one-day event featuring a

NATIONALLY KNOWN HEARING AID EXPERT!

Sept. 23 & 24

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SPECIAL GUEST!

Nationally Known Hearing Aid Expert, **Kristen Schardein**, will be available for our special event — **AT NO CHARGE!**

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