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Town to consider forming urban renewal authority

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Nov. 5, the Pagosa Springs Town Council will hold a public hearing as part of its consideration of whether or not to form an urban renewal authority (URA).

The hearing will be part of town council's regular meeting that evening, which will be held at the Ross Aragon Community Center to allow for a larger-than-average crowd.

■ See Town A8

Partnership leads to faster emergency response

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

Since July, the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) has been responding as medical first responders to certain medical calls to aid the Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD).

The program is called the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) program, according to the PFPD.

Jason Webb, clinic director and Emergency Medical Services director for USJHSD, which operates Pagosa Springs Medical Center, told The SUN recently that an informal partnership has been in place for a long time, but the changes that took place this summer have PFPD responding automatically, instead of by request, to major medical events and trauma incidents.

"The point of it all is that there are certain scenarios where time is of the essence: if you're bleeding, if you're in cardiac arrest, if you're having a heart attack, if you're having a stroke," Webb explained, adding.

■ See Response A8

On to State!



Photos courtesy Rachael Christiansen

It may have been 45 degrees and rainy, but that didn't stop 12 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate cross-country runners from setting personal records at the regional meet on Oct. 18. Both Pirate teams were equally as successful and will move on to Saturday's state meet at the Norris Penrose Events Center in Colorado Springs. The Lady Pirates finished fourth at regionals, beating out Gunnison in a tiebreaker to take the final state-qualifying slot. The Pirates also placed fourth at regionals to advance.

Man's best friend

Veteran reunited with stolen therapy dog

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A local man who had his dog stolen by another man who was impersonating an animal control officer has been reunited with his pup.

According to Archuleta County Undersheriff Derek Woodman, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) deputies responded to a call made by Larry Martinez, 72, of Pagosa Springs, on Oct. 3 in which he explained that he had his dog stolen by someone impersonating an Archuleta County animal control employee.

Woodman explained the man only identified himself to Martinez as "Steve" and explained that he was tasked with taking Martinez's black and white border collie, Sabrina, and having it placed.

"Steve" then took Sabrina from
■ See Reunited A8



Photo courtesy Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Reunited at last, Larry Martinez poses with his pup, Sabrina, after she was stolen by an individual posing as an Archuleta County animal control employee. Martinez, a Vietnam veteran, has a special bond with Sabrina as she is his therapy dog.

Sales tax revenues continue to climb, up 18.5 percent in August

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The August sales tax report for Archuleta County disseminated by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton shows an 18.5 percent revenue increase compared to August of 2018.

The 18.5 percent increase amounts to an additional \$180,865 in sales tax revenue compared to August 2018.

The gross amount of the August sales tax revenue is \$1,156,262.03. The town's share is \$576,295.02 and the county share is \$579,967.01.

The town and county split sales tax revenue evenly; the difference between the two amounts is a transfer made for aviation taxes.

July sales tax revenue totaled \$1,330,750.02 by comparison.

The August 2019 report indi-
■ See Sales A8

Treasurer's office error leads to nearly \$400,000 in overpayments

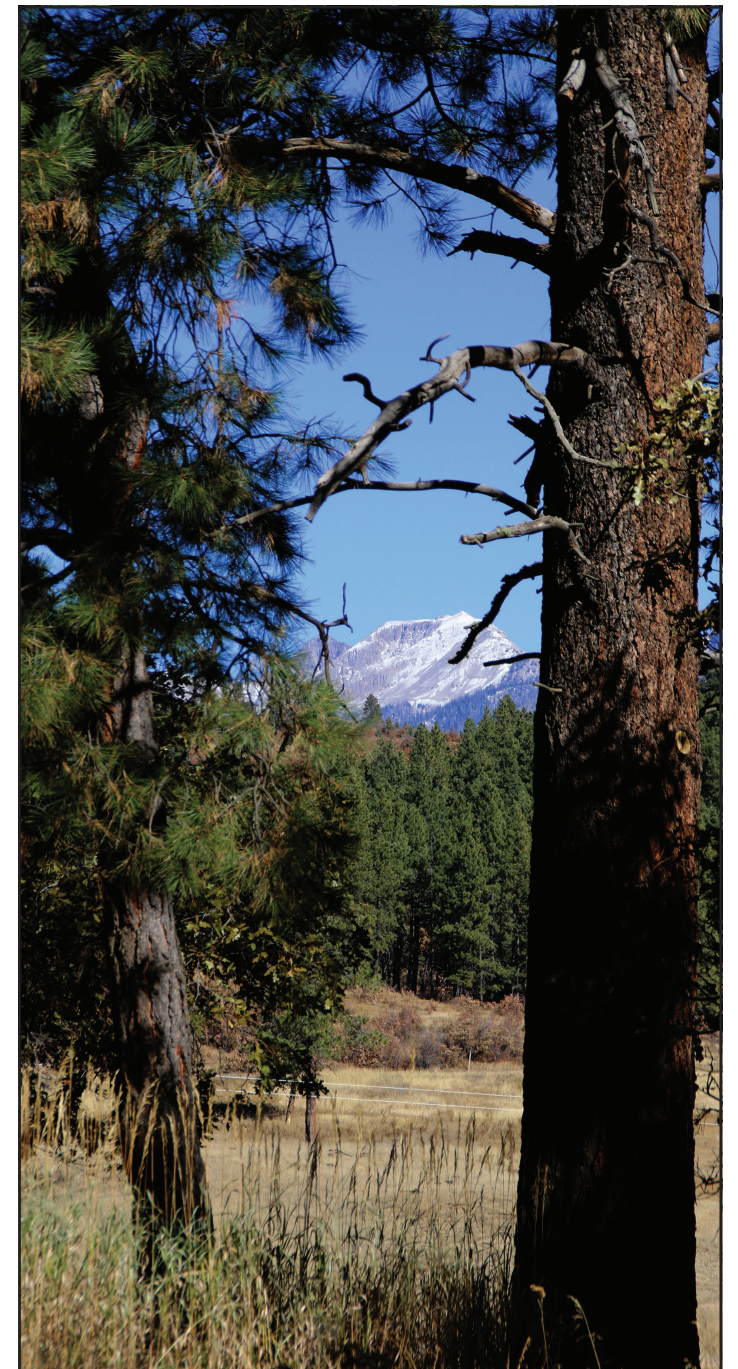
By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Treasurer's Office overpaid specific ownership tax (SOT) disbursements to local special districts and departments by about \$400,000 due to an error.

On Sept. 18, Archuleta County Treasurer Elsa White sent emails to about 19 special districts and county

departments who receive SOT funds, alerting them that they were overpaid and asking for each entity to submit a refund check.

"You may have noticed that your SOT for the month of August (received in the September disbursement) was a lot larger than usual," the emails began. "Our software had an issue while processing a receipt and
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SUN photo/Terri House

Snowcapped mountains accent Pagosa Country's landscape this past week.

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EDITORIAL

Make your vote count

Voters have a couple of questions to consider on Election Day.

The following is how we'll cast our vote and why.

Proposition CC: No.

Proposition CC would allow the state of Colorado to retain state revenue it is currently required to refund under the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR). The retained funds would be used for education and transportation purposes.

It is estimated that \$310 million in additional revenue would be collected and retained above the TABOR limit in 2021 and \$342 million in 2022 if Proposition CC is approved.

We believe that there is nothing to guarantee that the legislature won't defund those programs by the amount that Proposition CC provides. It's happened before.

We aren't impressed with the way the state has siphoned off school funding through the "negative factor" for years. What is to stop them from continuing to strangle our schools? There is nothing about this bill that will guarantee our schools will get more money.

And use the money for transportation? The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has left our community blighted by tearing buildings down around town and creating

lots overgrown with weeds while preparing for the long-awaited McCabe Creek project.

In 2014 TheSUN reported: "The McCabe Creek culvert, which is currently rated the worst culvert in this part of the state by CDOT, will become the McCabe Creek Bridge by the end of 2016, if everything goes as planned."

Here it is 2019 and nothing has changed, except for the added blight to our community. It looks like our 2013 prediction about the culvert may come true: "It may not get replaced until after it caves in and closes the highway."

We are not at all impressed with the way CDOT manages projects and funding.

If Proposition CC fails, the money will be returned to taxpayers who can use it how they see fit. We like that idea.

Proposition DD: Yes.

Proposition DD would authorize the Colorado Legislature to allow sports betting and create a 10 percent tax on sports betting proceeds. Revenues from the new tax, estimated to be about \$10 million for fiscal year 2020-2021, would be used to create and fund the Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund, which would fund water projects and water-related obligations.

A "no" vote on Proposition DD means that sports betting will remain

illegal in the state and sports betting activities will not be regulated or taxed.

Whether you are a fan of sports betting or not, there is no doubt it is going on now. Let's make it legal and use those taxes to help fund the effort to ensure that the state's water supply will accommodate our future needs.

How will you vote on these matters? You should have received your mail ballot by now.

Voting is an important right in our society. By voting, you are making your voice heard and registering your opinion on how you think the government should operate.

You can't vote without registering. To vote in the election, you must be a registered voter. You may register to vote up to and including the day of the election at the Archuleta County Elections Office. You may also register to vote on the secretary of state's website at www.govotecolorado.com.

To be counted, mail ballots must be returned to and in the hands of the election staff no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 5. Postmarks do not count.

No matter how you feel about the issue, if you want your vote to matter, you actually have to cast that vote by returning your ballot no later than Nov. 5 or it won't count.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 25, 1929

E.B. Hoke leaves this week to spend the winter at Albuquerque, New Mexico. He reports the large house of W.D. Turner at Saddleback ranch on East fork as about completed. This will be one of the largest houses in this county, the large room being about twenty-five by thirty-five feet in size, and containing a fireplace, faced with native stone, that will take a stick of wood six feet long. The house is wired for electricity, and a plant will be installed in the spring. The house contains eleven rooms, besides two large bath rooms, and water is piped in from an infallible spring. The house is located in one of the most picturesque spots on the upper San Juan, fronting toward scenery that cannot be excelled even in beautiful Colorado.

The Junior class met on Tuesday and decided not to give a party, but to collect our funds and save our energy for the coming Junior Prom.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 27, 1944

Mrs. Ella Boone accompanied by Mrs. W.W. Hyler, and Mr. J.R. Woolsey, went fishing Saturday and almost got a bear. They did have luck in catching some fish.

Red Cross News. The following turned in kits: Mrs. Omar R. Henderson, Kensington, 6 kits; Mrs. David Hersch, Kensington, 6 kits; Mrs. John Galbreath, Kensington, 3 kits; Lucy Yamaguchi, 6 kits; Mrs. Harry Speelman, 8 kits. The following ladies worked in the sewing room: Mrs. Flossie Stauffer, Mrs. Harry Speelman, Mrs. Art Yerby, Mrs. Earl Crouse, Mrs. Ernest Smith, Mrs. H.O. Holter, Mrs. David Hersch. The following knitting was turned in: Mrs. Ada Baker, 1 helmet; Mrs. Frances Ottaway, 1 helmet; Mrs. W.W. Hyler, 4 pairs of gloves.

The thresher is getting a little bit closer, coming by frog leaps. If the weather stays nice it may get here in a week or so.

Cattle gathering is about over and no place to put them as alfalfa fields are too rank and green to turn in on. Leon Pargin has had several head bloat. So far he hasn't lost any.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 23, 1969

Big game season here has been plagued somewhat with less than desirable weather. Despite this the hunters in this area are reporting exceptionally good hunting. Local residents generally agree that this is the largest influx of big game hunters in many years. License sales figures bear this out. Local dealers reported sales of 3481 licenses. This is misleading because 1600 cow elk permits were issued for this area by the state. This means that a large percentage of the elk hunters—much larger than usual—purchased licenses earlier in the year at other places and by mail.

It was a short summer for Curtis Train and his men on Wolf Creek Pass. He, and his crews, have had it pretty steady to date in October. Snow was recorded all seven days last week. The total snowfall to date this season on Wolf Creek Pass is now 67 inches, when the 21-inch fall this week is included.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
October 27, 1994

Two local improvement projects ran into obstacles this weekend. One of the obstacles was a water line beneath the San Juan River.

The San Juan River restoration project began last weekend and a crew working in the river next to the bridge on the east end of town hit a water line.

The location of the line was previously unknown by the town and Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation workers.

A crew from Wildlands Hydrology punctured the water line with the bucket of a track hoe excavator at approximately noon on Saturday.

The resulting water leak took workers from a variety of departments more than 12 hours to repair. During the interim, businesses and homes in town were without water service for several hours, and some homes and business east of town suffered an outage of more than 12 hours.

Harrington said the water line was one among many that were installed years ago, but never accurately located on maps. He thanked the townspeople and other water users for their patience and their assistance.

WHADDYA THINK?

What have you done to prepare for winter?

Poll results (90 votes)

- Home maintenance — 32 percent
- Snow tires — 4 percent
- Gathered emergency supplies — 2 percent
- All of the above — 26 percent
- Nothing — 36 percent

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Should an urban renewal authority be used as a development tool in Pagosa Springs?

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LOOKING BACK



From the
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Pagosa Springs SUN.

SMOOTH RUNNING
— Eric McCready and Cheryl Loper Walz hit a smooth stride as they pass Chimney Rock last Saturday. McCready was making a training run to Durango and Walz accompanied him for 15 miles.

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ANY WORK ON
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FIXES!

Barry
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Letters



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Impeachment

Dear Editor:
The impeachment of a sitting President of the United States rises in importance to the level of a declaration of war by the United States Congress. It holds the potential to divide our nation even further than it already is. While politics cannot be separated from the process of impeachment it is fundamentally a process that seeks to measure the performance of a duly elected President against the laws of the land. If a President is removed from office by the U.S. Senate, there can and should be no doubt in the minds of the American people that it is an objective process based on evidence and not on a political vendetta.

What is occurring in Washington today does not provide confidence to the American people that due process is being provided either to President Trump nor to the citizens of this nation, since it is the will of the people in electing a President that impeachment seeks to overthrow.

Article I, section 2 of the Con-

stitution says: "The House of Representatives shall choose their speaker and other officers, and shall have the sole power of impeachment." Please note that the power to impeach rests with the entire House of Representatives. This power does not just belong to the Democrats in the House, but to the whole House of Representatives. Thus far Speaker Pelosi has chosen to limit the power of impeachment only to part of the House. The right of the entire House to participate in the process of impeachment is being denied to the Republicans because Speaker Pelosi has refused to hold a vote of the entire House to impeach the President. In doing so, Speaker Pelosi is violating the Constitution.

Who would want to be charged with a crime and be tried only by the prosecution? Who would not want to be defended by defense counsel in such a trial? Who would want to be tried without the opportunity to give testimony against the charge? Who would want to participate in a trial in which only witnesses for the prosecution would be called, but none for the defense? Who would submit to a trial where one party is sworn to silence respecting the proceedings, while the other party is free to selectively "leak" findings to only present one point of view? That's the way things are done in dictatorships, not in a nation based on the rule of law.

Whether you love President Trump or hate him, every American needs to have confidence in the serious process for the impeachment of a President. Thus far, that confidence is lacking because Speaker Pelosi has failed to follow the Constitution of the United States by denying the entire House of Representatives the ability to impeach President Trump. It seems to me that it is Speaker Pelosi who needs to be impeached.

Richard Bolland

URA/TIF

Dear Editor:

Texas developer David Dronet had an article published on the front page of the January 31, 2019 issue of the Pagosa Springs SUN that began like this:

"The Springs Resort ownership is exploring the possibility of expanding the resort and developing a portion of the vacant adjacent land.

"Prior to undertaking any serious planning efforts, the resort ownership will hold an open meeting and invites Pagosa residents to join them and discuss the past, current and future feelings and desires about such a development."

At the February 7 presentation at the Springs Resort, Dronet introduced himself as "the managing principal for the ownership group

here at the Springs", and shared some interesting ideas about how the vacant property adjacent to the resort might be developed. They included a large plaza, hotel, restaurants, an office building and residential neighborhoods. And bungalows nestled by the wetlands.

Dronet never mentioned at that and a subsequent presentation the necessity of a Town government-created Urban Renewal Authority (URA) and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) that would funnel \$79 million back to the developer over 25 years. Now Dronet says there will be no development without the \$79 million tax subsidy. That's a bait and switch from the first two public presentations.

But it gets even more interesting.

According to the Archuleta County Assessor website, the Springs Resort and Spa is owned by EPR Springs Holdings LLC. EPR Properties is a successful, audited, and established \$7 billion publicly traded company.

On June 28, 2018 Presidian Hotels & Resorts announced it had taken over management of the Springs Resort & Spa. Presumably, Dronet is associated with Presidian — a company that, according to presidian.com, develops and manages over \$500 million in real estate projects.

But documents recorded with the County Clerk on December 21, 2018, indicate that it is a completely different company — Dronet Development Group LLC — that has signed an option to purchase the vacant 18 acres owned by Springs Partners LLC (Jack Searle) and directly adjacent to the Springs Resort. There is no indication that either EPR Properties or Presidian Hotels is involved in the development plans for the Searle's Springs Partners LLC property.

According to another document, the incorporation date for Dronet Development Group LLC is May 20, 2019 — five months after the Memorandum of Agreement and Option between Dronet Development Group LLC and Springs Partners LLC was recorded with the County Clerk.

I thought this information might be useful to the Town Council as they consider creating a URA, just in case they are under the impression that David Dronet represents the owners or managers of the Springs Resort. If Dronet does indeed represent owners EPR Springs Holdings LLC or management Presidian Hotels, more information verifying that connection will surely be forthcoming. However, at this point it appears the David Dronet is representing his newly incorporated Dronet Development Group LLC, and that Dronet is asking for a \$79 million tax subsidy for

his new corporation.

Pretty gutsy. Where's the money?
Cynda Green

EZ tax credits

Dear Editor:

There has been recent attention on Colorado's Enterprise Zone tax credit program with the focus on corporations receiving large tax credits. The Colorado State Auditor is reviewing the program and news stories are asking the question of whether to change or reduce the EZ program. Regardless of the headlines, tax credits are benefiting small businesses in Archuleta County and parts of Southwest Colorado in the way it was intended.

Enterprise Zone tax credits are one of the few incentives in rural communities open to any business located in that designated area. Credits are offered for business investment, employee growth and job training to incentivize businesses to locate and develop in distressed areas. About every 10 years the boundaries are amended and areas that no longer meet state distress criteria are no longer eligible. Archuleta has experienced this as before 2016, all the County was eligible but now 2 census tracts are not included because they no longer meet the distress criteria.

When designating Enterprise Zone, each county's data is looked at to see if it meets the state dis-

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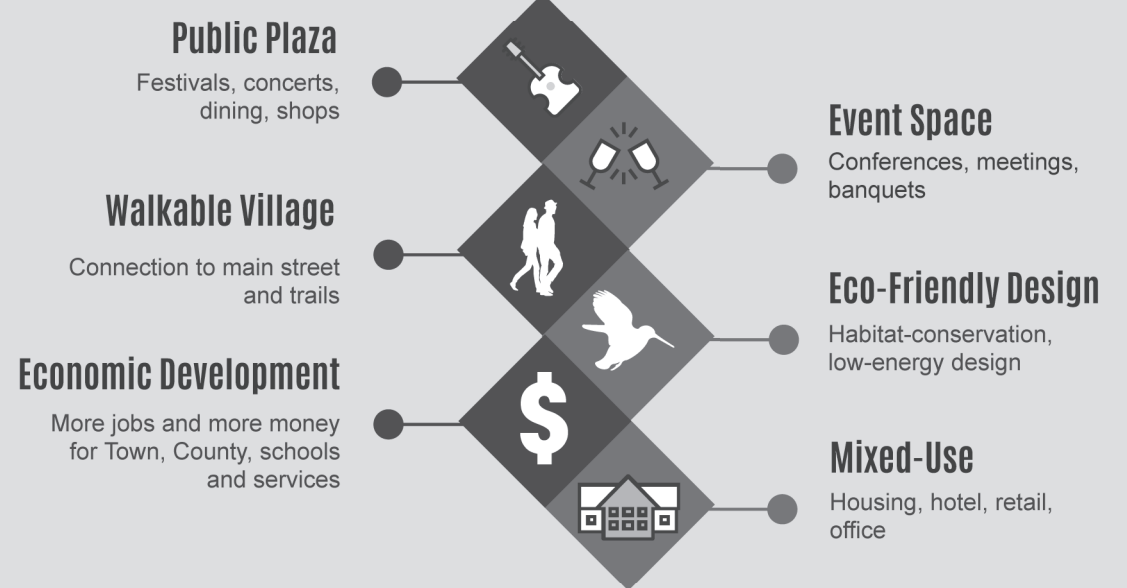
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- \$0** No existing taxes used for the project
- \$0** No new taxes on the community
- \$0** No money from Town or County budgets and no financial obligations

Developer pays 100% of project costs

What's in it for us? - The Community Benefits



Estimated Private Investment

\$180 MILLION

Total Community Ask = \$0

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- Childcare & Education
- Roads
- Infrastructure

Early Gains

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During project development

Ongoing Benefits

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\$2.5M annually
After project completion
- Recurring County Income
\$2.6M annually
After project completion

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Letters

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It tress criteria. If so, such as Dolores, Montezuma and San Juan in our region, then the entire county is designated. If the County does not meet the criteria, each individual census tract is reviewed, and those eligible tracts are included. That is particularly apparent in La Plata County where numerous tracts are not eligible.

Through September of this year 44 Archuleta based businesses have claimed EZ tax credits (for 2018 tax returns) with the State. The total credit amount is currently \$77,553. Not a scary number but an amount that is significant to those businesses. Obviously, many businesses in an Enterprise Zone do not participate or have credits every year. Area CPAs have been great in making sure their clients know about the program, but many businesses that do their own taxes may not know and don't participate.

Where Archuleta really benefits is through the EZ Contribution Project program where a donor who contributes at least \$250 to a State approved nonprofit project, can receive a credit on their own tax return. It is a way for nonprofit organizations that fit the EZ criteria to encourage donations as well as continue to do good work. The Archuleta EZ Projects include housing, economic development and healthcare. The Contribution Project Program will likely be reviewed in future years as well.

Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado manages the Southwest Enterprise Zone, processes certificates, promotes the program, and works with businesses, and area accountants. If you have a business and want to learn more about Enterprise Zones, please give us a call at 970-247-9621 or go on our website scan.org where our annual Enterprise Zone Reports are available.

Laura Lewis Marchino, CEcD

Vacation rentals

Dear Editor:

I was unable to attend the county commissioners meeting last week. Disappointed that they did not put a temporary moratorium on VRBO's so it could be open for suggestions and discussions by all.

Some of our short roads/cul de sacs have very few homes and the

majority are becoming VRBO's. It does not make you feel very comfortable not knowing who is in the neighborhood and what are they up to. Someone from Salida wrote in a year or two ago advising us what is happening in that town. Others I know have advised in some towns that have lots of VRBO's that mafia groups have come in and are selling illegal drugs — as they can rent for just a few days and distribute their wares and be on their merry way.

None of us want that to happen here, so County Commissioners let's do something positive and get some more input into this situation for all the people who live in Pagosa and Archuleta County.

Lili Pearson

Due process

Dear Editor:

I was a teacher in a high school on a U.S. Military Base in Germany. An assistant principal took me aside one day and said, "Someone has complained about you." I asked, "What was the complaint?" She said, "I can't tell you that." "Was it a teacher?" "I can't tell you that either." No information has ever been given to me about the accuser or the nature of the complaint itself. A week or two later I heard that the anonymous accuser was the mother of a boy in my health class. I had been warned that teaching health was like walking through a minefield every day. To me the incident seemed bizarre and un-American. I think due process is the inalienable right of every American from the President on down.

John Penter

TIF district

Dear Editor:

The Springs Partners ("Partners") previously sought to have the Town pay for the construction of a new bridge linking downtown with property owned by the Partners south of the San Juan River. The bridge was intended to syphon traffic off the existing downtown businesses to new development on the south side of the river.

I opposed that initiative and suggested to various town council members that rather than a bridge, the community would benefit much more if the development rights of the Partners could be used to build out and re-build the

downtown north of the river. With the County seeking to abandon the courthouse, those elected officials could rent much of the newly developed property until the County could afford a new courthouse. It was a win-win-win, but no one bought the idea.

Plan B is also a developer's subsidy being used to mitigate their risks. Further, it requires the Town to commit that subsidy upfront before the Partners have to commit anything. To me, what's worse is this plan gives the Partners an incentive to sell off the dirt based on the TIF as an entitlement that increases the value of the property so the buyer than assumes what risk remains.

The worst example of an abuse of the TIF development tool came in Rapid City. First, it was used by developers to cover their infrastructure costs upfront, which made their raw land more valuable, and left the residential buyer to pay the TIF off so the developer was almost without risk. At the same time, Rapid City had a struggling downtown and two new shopping centers going in and never used a TIF to support any of those efforts.

Generally residential development is not part of an economic development campaign, and really only applies in cases where a community is seeking to incentivize affordable or workforce housing to meet a community need. My suggestions going forward to make the best and proper use of the TIF as an economic development tool would be:

1) Create a TIF District that takes in the existing downtown on the north side of the river and only a fraction of the land on the south side of the river to make sure multiple property owners are included; and

2) Provide zoning and building code incentives within the TIF District to assure development of affordable and workforce housing on upper levels of any new development; and

3) Include within the TIF District Town and County properties, which the Town and County will make available for multi-purpose development and re-development to get those properties back on the tax rolls and add synergy to the downtown; and

4) Add an incentive for development that the Town will build a

multi-tiered parking garage on the SE corner of 160 and HS Blvd once new investment reaches \$20 Million within the TIF District.

Economic development only works when community needs and goals are the focus of any decision made on a project. Good luck.

Rodney B. Proffitt

TABOR law very much in need

Dear Editor:

I realize that taxes are one of the two things we can't avoid in this life. However, we can do our best to be diligent and keep them under control. That moment has arrived. Proposition "CC" that will appear on our November ballot is an effort by the State Legislature to eliminate the "TABOR" amendment. For those that may not be familiar, this Amendment was passed in 1992 and required that excessive taxes be refunded to the tax payers. The excessive taxes were the result of a hot real estate market and frequent property reevaluations. Many States avoid this problem by readjusting the tax millages to exactly offset the overall increase in property values. Colorado, however does not have that, so the result was a windfall of unvoted tax revenues that the legislators and City councils were only too happy to spend.

The TABOR has been adjusted twice. In 2000 the voters supported an Amendment that would maintain minimum per student funding and in 2005 suspended it for the period 2006 to 2010. I think the voters have been very responsible, but State and local lawmakers simply can't stand to have all this tax, already collected, simply slip through their fingers and be refunded to the taxpayers. With real estate values again growing at 5 to 7 percent and inflation below 2%, the TABOR law is very much in need.

Oh, and while your voting NO on Amendment "CC", you might also want to consider a NO vote on Amendment "DD". It would legalize and tax sports betting. The proponents will tell you about all the wonderful things that will be done with the tax money, but it is more about the large political contributions to the Legislators from the betting magnates. Colorado needs this law like a forest fire.

Dick Riethmiller

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Oct. 24

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

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

Tuesday, Oct. 29

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation Friends Breakfast. 7:30 a.m., Visiting Angels conference room, 301 N. Pagosa Blvd., Ste. B-10.

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special meeting — annual tour of county jail (includes travel time). 9 a.m., La Plata County Jail, 742 Turner Drive, Durango.

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Archuleta County Employee Benefits and Wellness Fair. 6:30 a.m., Archuleta County Extension of office, 344 U.S. 84.

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

Monday, Nov. 4

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

Tuesday, Nov. 5

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Wednesday, Nov. 6

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

Thursday, Nov. 7

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special work session — 2020 budget departmental review. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Monday, Nov. 11

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting. 3 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

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

Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting. Noon, Boss

Hogg's, 157 Navajo Trail Drive.

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 work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

Record of the proceedings of the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2020 Budgets of the Pagosa Fire Protection District and the Firemen's Pension Fund and the regular meeting of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors. 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special work session — 2020 budget departmental review. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

Thursday, Nov. 14

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special work session — 2020 budget de-



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Pagosa Springs Medical Center's draft 2020 budget presented

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Medical Center's (PSMC) 2020 draft budget predicts that the medical center will have a bottom line of \$322,400 next year.

That draft budget was presented to the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which operates as PSMC, on Oct. 15 as part of a public hearing.

The budget, CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb told the board, is "conservative," with PSMC not yet knowing what payers (such as Medicare) will do next year.

The budget anticipates a 3 percent increase to most prices at PSMC and "conservative" growth, according to a budget assumption document provided by Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger.

"Budget volumes for most services are forecasted to increase between 0% and 3%. Overall, we are budgeting a 3% increase in gross revenue (over 2019 annualized numbers) which is a conservative number compared to years

past. This includes a 3 percent price increase for all departments except laboratory and surgery. Gross charges are increasing by \$1,614,471 — of this total increase, 95% (\$1,532,599) is due to the price increase and 5% (\$81,872) is due to volume increase," the budget assumptions document states.

The draft budget forecasts \$62,732,556 in gross patient revenue for 2020, and a net patient revenue of \$35,830,716 after revenue deductions and bad debt are factored in.

Overall, the medical center predicts net revenues of \$35,830,716 including grants and other miscellaneous operating income.

Nonoperating income is budgeted to include \$1.2 million in tax revenue and \$100,000 in donations.

Operating expenses for PSMC are anticipated to go up 4 percent in 2020, with 2 percent of the increase being for salary and compensation increases.

"We have budgeted \$202,000 for increases to employee's compensation in 2020," Keplinger told

the board, adding that there is no increase budgeted for providers and senior leadership.

The 2020 budget allows for 233.94 full-time equivalents — down from the 240.40 allowed under the 2018 and 2019 budgets.

Expenses falling under contract labor are slated to increase, with Keplinger explaining that PSMC is budgeting for an onsite radiologist and that at least two registered nurses will be under contract instead of being PSMC employees.

Overall, operating expenses are budgeted to total \$36,808,316.

PSMC's budget further anticipates the district receiving and expending money from a Colorado Department of Local Affairs grant to repair the medical center's HVAC system, as well as PSMC's \$911,000 grant match.

Board member Dr. King Campbell, who sits on the Finance Committee, informed the rest of the board that the Finance Committee went through the whole budget on Oct. 14 and made some changes.

He added that he is "very comfortable" with the budget as it had been presented to that point and echoed sentiments that had already been expressed commending PSMC's staff on a job well done.

Board member Jason Cox expressed that it is nice to have a budget that's tracking well this year and for next year's budget to be based off that.

He noted that while the bottom line is "not necessarily impactful," it seemed like as long as PSMC is cash flow positive, "that's OK."

Fellow board member Matt Mees suggested that he has more confidence in the budget now than ever.

"I get it now," he said. Board chair Greg Schulte expressed that he's glad to see PSMC is ready to move forward with the HVAC project and suggested that \$3.4 million in charity care and bad debt are a contribution to the community.

"We're taking care of our people and our community," he said, thanking and congratulating PSMC's staff on the work on the budget.

Further board discussion included questions from Dr. Jim Pruitt about changes in how specific things are accounted for in the budget and a budget request from Axis Health System.

That budget request came in the form of a letter addressed to Schulte

and the rest of the board, with Schulte pointing out the letter was included in the board packet and the \$3,000 request for continued support for Axis' acute treatment unit is currently included in the budget.

"So, do we get to vote on it?" Pruitt asked.

Pruitt suggested that Axis CEO Bern Heath has never helped locally.

"He's been a pain from the word go," Pruitt continued, indicating that PSMC has tried to work with Heath and Axis on the primary care clinic and "combining forces" and "he would have nothing to do with it."

Pruitt added that Axis gets Medicaid funding because of Archuleta County's Medicaid population.

"So, if we get to vote on it, I vote no," Pruitt said.

Schulte suggested that when the board votes on accepting the budget in November a board member could move that the board approve the budget without the contribution to Axis.

There was no public comment on the budget.

The board is anticipated to consider adoption of the budget at its next meeting, set for 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 19 in the PSMC board room.

Also at the Oct. 15 meeting, the board:

- Learned that PSMC set a new record for surgery cases in August with 107.
- Heard the August financial

■ See Budget A9



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Obituary

Electra Churchill

Electra Churchill was born on March 22, 1974, and passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 11, 2019.

Electra resided in Pittsburgh, Penn., until she was 15, when she moved to Shreveport, La., to care for her grandmother, whom she loved very much. Electra was a warm, kind, loving individual with a passion for life and bringing joy to others. Everyone who knew Electra was charmed by her warmth and sincerity. Her positive energy and infectious cheerful spirit could light up a room. Electra was never seen without a smile on her face. She lived life to the fullest and never took a moment for granted. To know her was to love her, and she blessed the lives of so many people.



Electra met the love of her life, Fred Phillips, while skydiving and they remained a couple for 25 years. Electra loved adventure; she and Fred recently took a trip around the world. She loved anything outdoors: biking, hiking and spending time at their home in Colorado. She had a love for animals including her sweet Lowla, Dewey, Leonard and family of raccoons at the lake. Electra proudly embraced the role of "EJ" to all of her grandchildren, who loved her so very much. She took pride in

picking out the coolest Christmas gifts and making Thanksgiving perfect for all of the kids. Electra will be missed by friends and family.

Electra is survived by her loving partner, Fred Phillips; father Tom Churchill and wife Diane; sisters Emerald Churchill, Elisha Harrison, Johanna Snyder and Melynda Cordera; cousins Lou Marks Roth, Scotty Roth and JR Roth; and her extended family: Chris Phillips, Cassidy and Carin Phillips, Collin Phillips, Sue and Marcus Grisham, Alexa Phillips, and Sandi and Jeffrey Kallenberg, along with their children, Gregory and Heidi Kallenberg, Kimberly and Brad Schlosser, and Randolph and Tina Kallenberg. She will be remembered as "EJ" by all of her grandchildren including, Pierson, Betty and Anderson Phillips, Sklar and Pace Phillips, and Phillips and Preston Grisham. She was preceded in death by her loving "Granny," Eleanor Jane Churchill, and her brother, Peter Snyder.

An extended thank you to the brave bystanders and first responders who tried to save Electra's life following the tragic accident. We can never extend enough thanks for their compassion and bravery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Pagosa Fire Protection District or the Betty and Leonard Phillips Deaf Action Center, to honor her passion for the deaf community she shared with Fred.

Electra touched the lives of so many during her life and will be greatly missed. A memorial service to honor Electra will be held at a later date.

In Memoriam

Vitalia Arsenia Carrillo

Oct. 6, 1941-Oct. 18, 2016

She was preceded in death by her youngest sister, Juanita Martinez.

She is also survived by her brother, Bud, Pagosa Springs; Virginia Schmidt; Cathy Liles, Farmington, N.M.; Lea Vigil; Nancy Jones, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mary Martinez, Aztec, N.M.; and Patty Read, Colorado Springs.

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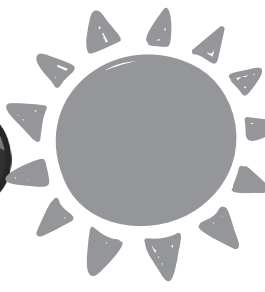
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Business

CommunityTalk to include discussion on Opportunity Zones

By Lynne Vickerstaff
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Housing Partners will be hosting the next CommunityTalk discussion on Monday, Oct. 28, from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church at 434 Lewis St.

CommunityTalk is a monthly conversation with the public about topics relating to housing in our community. This month's discussion is a panel that worked to gather and consolidate information about our community and why it is prime for an Opportunity Zone

investment.

The Opportunity Zone Program is a federal tax incentive program to encourage investment in rural and/or low-income areas. On Oct. 1, Pagosa Springs was asked to present its area prospectus to a large group of investors and other related individuals and companies at the 2019 Colorado Opportunity Zone Conference and Pitch Event in Denver, hosted by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade.

The purpose of the conference was to inform the investment public on projects and communities

where capital gains dollars can be invested to maximize tax benefit over the next 10 years by utilizing this new tax incentive program. Mary Jo Coulehan was among a small group of eight presenters invited to discuss investment in Colorado in a wide range of areas from manufacturing, retail, lodging and housing.

Please join us to discuss what the Opportunity Zone Program is, where it is located, why this is important to the Pagosa Springs area and what is being done to capture investment dollars for our community. The final prospectus will be shared with the

public and discussion about how it developed into the document presented at the meeting.

We will have a well-informed panel to discuss these and other issues. They include: Mary Jo Coulehan, director of the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce; Andrea Phillips, town manager, Pagosa Springs; and Heather Otter, Region 9.

Pagosa Housing Partners is a nonprofit focused on expanding housing opportunities and choices in our community. Visit www.pagosahousingpartners.org for more information.

County unemployment drops to 2.2 percent in September

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County decreased to 2.2 percent in September from 2.9 percent in August, with 7,455 people in the labor force and 162 of those claiming unemployment.

In August, there were 7,378 people in the county's labor force, with 212, or 2.9 percent, claiming unemployment.

The total workforce increased by 78 people over the course of the month, while the number of unemployed people decreased by 50.

Looking at the September employment situation for the rest of the state, Huerfano County had the highest unemployment rate for the month at 3.8 percent, while

Yuma, Phillips and Kiowa counties were tied with the lowest rate at 1.1 percent.

The unemployment rate in Colorado decreased 0.1 percent from August to September to 2.7 percent, according to the survey of households.

Statewide, the number of people actively participating in the labor force in Colorado increased 5,100 from August to September, to 3,160,200, and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 8,200 to 3,075,000.

The national unemployment rate was decreased 0.2 percent from August to September, dropping to 3.5 percent.

The unemployment rate, labor force participation, total employ-

ment and the number of unemployed are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from this survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

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

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

Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by work site and the other measuring persons employed

and unemployed by household, estimates based on these surveys may provide seemingly conflicting results.

From August to September, nonfarm payroll jobs in Colorado decreased by 1,900 for a total of 2,789,100, with private-sector jobs declining by 700 and government jobs declining by 1,200.

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

There were no significant private-sector over the month declines.

Over the year, the number of Coloradans participating in the labor force increased by 39,400, total employment increased by 64,900 and the number of unemployed decreased by 25,500.

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

Over the year, the average workweek for all employees in private nonfarm payroll jobs decreased from 34.2 to 34 hours from January to September.

Average hourly earnings increased from \$29.38 to \$30.90 during the same time period.

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Chamber board seat positions open

By Mary Jo Coulehan
Special to The SUN

It is that time of year when many organizations turn over their board member positions due to tenure expirations. The Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is no exception. Every year, three board members go off the board and three members are elected to be on the board to serve for a three-year term.

If you feel that you have the ability and drive to become a Chamber board member, here are some of the traits in a board member that we are looking for: has a strong belief in ethics, community involvement and the purpose of the Chamber of Commerce; is available to attend monthly meetings and various subcommittee meetings; can commit to a three-year term; will be able to participate in our programs and fundraisers; is willing to be a board advisor to a Chamber-sponsored council or committee; the business has been an active member of the Cham-

ber of Commerce for at least one year; can lend expertise in one of the following categories: finance, member engagement, fundraising, human resources, events, business development or community development.

If the owner of the business cannot sit on the board and your organization has an active manager that is able to represent your business and make decisions on your behalf, that manager may run for a seat on the board with the owner's permission. We are also interested whether you sit on any

other boards and we ask that you tell us something about yourself and why you would like to run for a board seat.

The nomination process will be completed in mid-November and a slate of six candidates will be presented to the membership in December. Of those six candidates, three will be elected by membership by the beginning of January to serve on the Chamber board for three years. Therefore, board self-nomination forms are due to the chamber by Nov. 8.

■ See Chamber A7

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Fire district board hears preliminary budget

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) preliminary 2020 budget was presented to its board of directors at the board's regular meeting on Oct. 8.

According to the preliminary budget disseminated following the meeting on Oct. 10, the PFPD is projected to collect \$2,202,466 in property tax revenue, up from about \$1.9 million in 2019 and \$919,515 collected in 2018.

In 2018, district voters approved increasing the PFPD's mill levy from 4.067 mills to 7.85 mills.

"Payroll and Benefits" is projected to be up from the 2019 budget, with the 2020 budget at \$1,423,169 and the 2019 budget at about \$1.2 million.

Shirley Brinkmann, executive administrative assistant for PFPD, explained that the rise in payroll expense was because of higher insurance costs and that the department was employing more people, going from three-person crews to four-person crews in 2019.

Beginning Jan. 1, the PFPD began paid 24/7 hour staffing for the first time, with three-person crews.

Then, in July, the crews were bumped up to four people and be-

cause four-person crews will be in place for all of 2020 instead of beginning in July, it will cause the payroll section of the budget to be higher.

The "Capital Outlay" section of the PFPD's budget jumped from a projected \$12,600 in 2019 to \$463,347 for "2019 Projected Year End."

Brinkmann explained that line item was a loan for PFPD's new wildland-urban interface fire truck.

For 2020, \$254,000 has been budgeted in "Capital Outlay" for extrication equipment, a compressor system, and to refurbish the maintenance truck and possibly buy an SUV for medical calls, ac-

ording to Brinkmann.

The 2020 budget projects total revenues of \$2,620,976. With a beginning General Fund balance of \$635,934, total resources for 2020 are listed at \$3,256,910.

Total expenses in 2020 are projected to be just over \$2.9 million, which will leave the General Fund with a projected balance of \$353,245.

The budget also notes the PFPD will transfer \$147,140 to its pension fund.

Brinkmann explained that the PFPD Board of Directors will approve the final budget at its meeting on Dec. 10.

The Blotter

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

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over week: 117.

Oct. 14 — All other thefts, third-degree criminal trespass, Par Place.

Oct. 14 — Domestic violence, menacing-intimidation (inc stalking, threats), harassment by phone or computer, false imprisonment, Fireside Street.

Oct. 15 — Agency assist, Village Drive.

Oct. 15 — Harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, false reporting to authorities, Corral Court.

Oct. 16 — Information only, Pony Place.

Oct. 16 — Information only, Woodridge Circle.

Oct. 16 — Unlawful possession

of a controlled substance, owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, drove vehicle when license suspended, operated vehicle with improper/unsafe tires, County Road 600/ U.S. 160.

Oct. 17 — County warrant, Hot Springs Boulevard.

Oct. 18 — Information only, County Road 335/U.S. 84.

Oct. 18 — Information only, U.S. 160.

Oct. 18 — Second-degree kidnapping, Bastille Drive.

Oct. 18 — Information only, Robert's Place.

Oct. 19 — County warrant, Allison Place.

Oct. 19 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 95.

Oct. 13 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.

Oct. 14 — Animal running at large, Lewis Street.

Oct. 14 — Violation of protection order/hit and run, North 5th Street.

Oct. 15 — Harassment, Country Center Drive.

Oct. 15 — Assault, Village Drive.

Oct. 16 — Harassment, North 8th Street.

Oct. 17 — Animal running at large, South 8th Street.

Oct. 18 — Violation of protection order, Aspen Village Drive.

Oct. 18 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.

Oct. 19 — DUI/careless driving, Eagle Drive.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

Oct. 15 — John Joseph Dimuccio, weapon prohibited use-drunk with gun, 18 months probation, total fines and costs — \$1,203.50.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Oct. 15 — Joshua R. Martin, seat belt not used, driver's license-not in possession, total fines and costs — \$120.50.

Oct. 16 — Christopher P. Tippins, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$98.50.

Oct. 16 — Arthur D. Grine II, driving under the influence, 48 hours community service, 400 days jail, 365 days jail suspended imposition, 15 days electronic surveillance, 24 months probation, total fines and costs — \$2,540.50.

Oct. 16 — Creighton T. Hendricks, off-highway vehicle operated on street, total fines and costs — \$186.

Oct. 16 — Granton E. Bartz, failing to report accident-call police, one year probation, total fines and costs — \$749.50.

Oct. 16 — Angelo E. Rivas, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$210.50.

Oct. 16 — Mallory F. Gomez, speeding 20-24 over limit, total fines and costs — \$291.50.

Oct. 16 — Allyson Egan Rowe, dog at large (first offense no injury), total fines and costs — \$76.

Oct. 16 — Carly Owen, speeding 25-39 over limit, total fines and costs — \$276.50.

Oct. 16 — Teresa M. Fenner, driving while ability impaired, 15

days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, 12 months probation, total fines and costs — \$854.76.

Oct. 16 — Teagan E. Stretton, driver under 18-pass not wear seat belt, eight hours community service, total fines and costs — \$31.50.

Oct. 16 — Erick G. Guerrero-Portillo, driving while ability impaired, 25 days jail suspended imposition, 48 hours community service, one year probation, total fines and costs — \$771.50.

Oct. 16 — David Montoya, seat belt not used, total fines and costs — \$163.50.

Oct. 17 — Andy C. Griffin, speeding 10-19 over limit, total fines and costs — \$210.50.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Clayton Buchner

No report.

Thanks

PSMC

On Tuesday, Oct. 15, Dale and Tiffany Wilson generously catered, through the Pagosa Baking Company, a delicious spread of quiche, fresh fruit, pastries and pies to thank all of the employees of the Pagosa Springs Medical Center. We are grateful for Dale and Tiffany and all they do for PSMC.

Chamber

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Town

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At that meeting, a petition to form a URA that has been signed by registered electors of the town will be presented to council.

"We are encouraging everyone who has an opinion for or against the matter, or who just want more information, to attend," Town Manager Andrea Phillips told The SUN in an email on Oct. 8.

David Dronet, managing principal of The Springs Resort and Spa, submitted a petition to the town the afternoon of Oct. 2, Phillips explained previously.

That petition has 31 signatures, with a minimum of 25 registered electors of the town required by state statute "to consider whether there is a need to form the URA," Phillips explained.

"At this time, Council is only being asked to consider the petition to form an Urban Renewal Authority, not to adopt any specific area plan," Phillips wrote.

What is a URA and what is its function?

URAs, according to an August Colorado Municipal League (CML) publication on the topic, are "independent single-purpose statutory bodies 'corporate and politic' authorized to carry out urban re-

newal projects and regional tourism projects under the Colorado Urban Renewal Law ..."

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 (CRS) 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.

If formed, a URA would have the same boundaries as the town, with any potential plans accepted by that URA having more specific, project-related boundaries.

"According to the Department of Local Affairs, there are urban renewal

authorities ... in 61 Colorado municipalities (one URA per municipality) as of the date of this publication," the CML publication explains.

The powers of URAs are set out in CRS 31-25-105 and include, but are not limited to, undertaking urban renewal projects (including executing contracts and other documents), provide for or dedicate property for public facilities and improvements, acquire property, invest funds, borrow money and more.

How is a URA formed?

URAs are initiated by at least 25 registered voters signing a petition.

"Before approving the establishment of the Authority, the Town Council must make several findings, including that at least one or more slum or blighted areas exist within the Town, and that the development or redevelopment of the area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, morals or welfare of the residents of the municipality," Phillips wrote.

After a public hearing on the petition, the governing body would adopt a resolution authorizing a URA, the CML publication explains.

The commissioners serving on the URA board would then have to sign and file a certificate about the organization of the URA with the

Colorado Department of Local Affairs, the document indicates.

Who would serve on a URA board?

"If they do authorize forming the Authority, Council will need to appoint a board of commissioners to govern the Authority and carry out its statutory duties," Phillips wrote in the email, explaining that she would be informing the taxing entities of the petition and "letting them know that they may want to consider making an appointment if it is formed."

The CML publication indicates that the governing body can designate itself as the authority, meaning the town council would also sit on the board.

In that case, the publication explains, "one additional commissioner each may be appointed by the county commissioners in the county or counties where the municipality is located, from the collective elected boards of special districts, and from the relevant elected school district boards of education that levy property taxes within the 'boundaries of the urban renewal authority area,' which is an undefined term that can be interpreted to mean the URA's

area of operation (the municipal limits) or within the boundaries of a proposed or existing urban renewal plan area."

State statute also allows for a separate appointed board of 13 commissioners, including one appointed by the county commissioners, one from the collective boards of special districts and one from the school district board of education.

The remaining 10 members, with agreement of the municipal governing body, would be appointed by the mayor.

The CML publication notes that the Colorado Sunshine Act would apply to the URA board.

How are projects determined? How are they funded?

Once formed, the URA can take on and carry out urban renewal plans in specifically described urban renewal areas, with each plan area being approved individually.

"Before an urban renewal plan for a urban renewal area can be approved, the governing body must find the area to be a slum area or blighted area (or both) as defined in the act.

While URA projects can be financed in a number of ways, the primary method of financing urban renewal projects is tax-increment financing (TIF).

A TIF would allow a project's developers to be reimbursed for the costs of constructing public infrastructure through tax revenues generated on the site.

"The revenue produced by the levy of taxing entities against the increase in assessed valuation of real and personal property resulting from taxable valuation increases in the urban renewal area and revenue from municipal sales tax growth that occurs in that area are the sources of TIF revenue. The resulting revenue is paid into a special fund to be used by the URA for payment of urban renewal project debt obligations for a period not to exceed 25 years," the CML publication notes.

The Town of Pagosa Springs does not have a municipal sales tax.

Using other forms of revenue can be negotiated.

The URA would have to negotiate with taxing entities regarding the allocation of property tax increment funds.

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Holiday Bazaar set for Nov. 2

By Peggy Andrews
Special to The SUN

Save the date: The 2019 Holiday Bazaar is being held on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pagosa Springs High School.

This free event is a fundraiser hosted by the Pagosa Springs Realtors Community Outreach in support of local nonprofit organizations.

The bazaar will have 55 booths of beautiful art and handcrafted items made by local and regional artists. Meet the artists and get a jumpstart on your Christmas shopping. A huge bake sale with lots of homemade goodies for sale benefits the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir.

A major feature of the show is a silent auction with beautiful gift baskets and donated art items available for immediate purchase or bidding. A food concession will be open for business all day long during the bazaar, operated by the Pagosa Springs Athletic Boosters Club. Enjoy a snack while shopping to fill your Christmas list.

The Holiday Bazaar has been sponsored by various clubs and organizations as a fundraiser for local charities since 1974. This year is the 45th year for the bazaar and the fourth year to be hosted by the Pagosa Springs Realtors Community Outreach, an initiative of the local board of Realtors to support local nonprofit organizations.

Come out and enjoy the Holiday Bazaar while keeping your shopping dollars local and helping others in our community.



Photo courtesy Connie Prunty

Steve Prunty waited 40 years for a catfish like this. This 19-pounder was caught and released at Echo Lake this past week.

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then funds were distributed incorrectly as SOT."

White then requested that each district or department send the treasurer's office a refund check to cover the amount that they were overpaid.

The treasurer's office has received refund checks from all but one special district.

The specific ownership tax is a property tax that is levied in addition to sales tax on motor vehicle registration and is paid annually when a vehicle is registered.

Some of the amounts of the overpayments and refunds are:

Archuleta School District 50 JT (ASD) received \$278,021.62 and was asked to refund \$196,308.94.

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) was paid \$67,241.39 and was asked to return \$47,478.64.

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) received \$66,293.04 and was asked to refund \$46,809.01.

The Upper San Juan Health Service District (USJHSD) received \$36,479.81 and was asked to refund \$25,758.12.

Sales

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categories that the following categories have increased revenue compared to August 2018:

- Retail is up 11.7 percent, or \$442,912.
- Accommodation/food service is up 10.7 percent, or \$123,767.
- Miscellaneous is up 7.3 per-

cent, or \$75,487.

- Manufacturing is up 22.5 percent, or \$56,273.

- Professional services is up 272.8 percent, or \$40,021.

- Other services is up 32.8 percent, or \$31,687.

- Real estate/rental is up 9.6

percent, or \$18,995.

- Construction is up 8.4 percent, or \$11,006.

Information services was the only category to see a decrease in sales tax revenue compared to last year, with the category down 2.7 percent, or \$5,594.

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Reunited

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Martinez and drove away; Martinez described "Steve" as being a white male in his 50s driving a silver SUV, the undersheriff reported.

During their investigation, Woodman reported, ACSO deputies were contacted by the Humane Society on Oct. 11 and were informed that a male party had tied a black and white border collie to a tree near the shelter and ran off.

Through more investigating, the male was identified as Steven Valdez, 55, of Pagosa Springs, Woodman noted.

Later, Martinez identified Valdez as being the one who took his dog, reported Woodman; Sabrina was reunited with Martinez later that

same day.

Woodman noted that an arrest warrant had been obtained for Valdez for the crimes of stalking, a class 5 felony; second-degree criminal trespass, a class 3 misdemeanor; and theft, also a class 3 misdemeanor.

Martinez, a retired Vietnam veteran, explained in an interview that Sabrina is more than just a pet to him; she is his therapy dog when he needs her.

"There's sometimes where I wake up at night in a cold sweat, nightmares of 'Nam and she comforts me," he explained.

Sabrina came into Martinez's life when she was 2 months old, he explained, adding that the time in which she was taken from him was

very difficult.

"I couldn't sleep. I couldn't eat. I would try laying down; I would maybe lay down for five seconds and get back up," he said. "I just kept thinking, 'Is she OK? Is she being fed? Is she in a warm place?'"

The hardest part was waiting for the inevitable phone call, Martinez added.

"I missed her," he said. "I wanted her back, that's all."

With Sabrina back, Martinez noted he is doing a lot better.

"At least I'm getting some sleep. I'm getting my appetite back," he said.

Martinez commended the ACSO for doing a "tremendous" job in locating Sabrina.

Response

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ing. "The quicker we can get people there, the better outcome the patient is probably going to have."

Webb explained that ambulances typically send two EMTs, usually a paramedic and an EMT to medical scenes and the EMR program can bolster response times and overall make the community safer.

Webb explained that patients who are very sick require "a whole team," and the PFPD responding automatically to certain medical events allows for a better quality of care and service.

The PFPD has 16 EMTs on staff and an additional 15 personnel are enrolled in the EMR class, according to a press release about the

EMR program by the PFPD.

Paid firefighters are required to obtain their EMT certification within one year of being hired.

According to the press release, the primary goal of implementing the EMR program is to "deliver rapid lifesaving medical care to citizens in need and to provide on-scene support for patients while additional advanced medical personnel are en route."

Webb noted that in unique circumstances EMR-certified fire volunteers could respond quicker than EMS personnel, such as if a volunteer firefighter was dispatched to a scene that was close to their home, as volunteer firefighters often go directly to incidents

from their private residences.

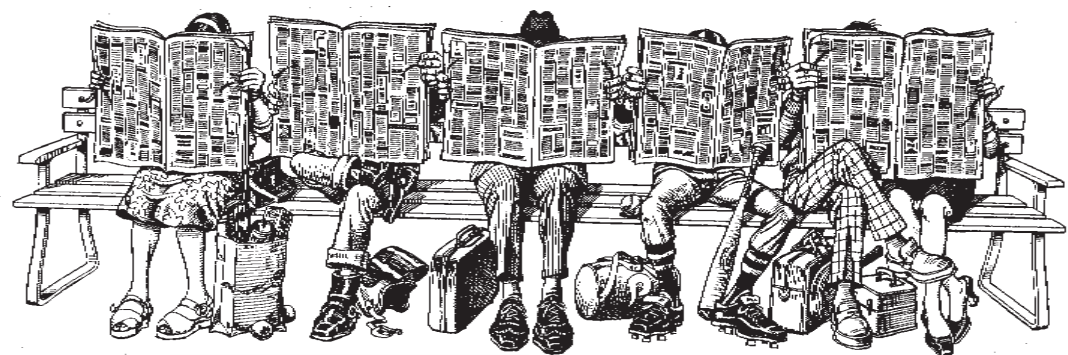
The PFPD's press release states that because the PFPD has seven fire stations located throughout the county where volunteers are stationed, it allows PFPD "to provide a timely response to medical calls in outlying areas."

Webb explained that the EMR program is especially beneficial in a community like Archuleta County where public services districts can be underfunded and have fewer resources.

"I think [this] is a huge benefit because we don't have a ton of resources," Webb said, adding, "It's a huge benefit to kind of lean on each other."

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Jail construction on schedule, county seeking funds for courthouse

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

Archuleta County's new detention center is on schedule to be completed in June, and additional funding is needed to meet another county capital facility need: a new courthouse.

"We are right on schedule," said Thomas Vinci, superintendent of the detention center project for Nunn Construction. "As far as progress-wise, we have all our load-bearing walls, our exterior walls up in detention housing."

Vinci noted that the construction crews will start "swinging steel" to place the roof beams for the detention housing section of the jail on Monday.

Vinci explained there weren't any big surprises on the job and that he was prepared to deal with rock when digging the detention center's foundation after his company received a geotechnical report of the site.

"We expected [rock] when we came in here and got the geotech report. We knew there was rock as far as if we were gonna have to blast it or just chip it away. The chipping actually went a lot smoother than we expected, at least we got away from blasting," Vinci said.

Vinci explained that crews are on schedule to get the detention

center "dried in" so they can continue construction throughout the winter.

The expected completion date for the project is sometime in June.

The "guaranteed maximum price" for the detention center is \$14,494,064, according to Nunn Construction.

Securing funds for a new courthouse

In the past month, the county commissioners have been working to find funds to build a \$5.8 million courthouse in Harman Park, after that design was presented to the county commissioners in late September.

According to the county commissioners and county staff, the following funds are, or could become, available to pay for a new courthouse:

- A total of \$650,000 is currently in Archuleta County's Justice System Capital Fund that can be used to match grants for the project.

- The county has applied for a \$2.5 million grant from the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission.

- About \$1 million could be available in Colorado Department of Local Affairs grants.

With those numbers, the county is still about \$2 million short of funds to complete the entire \$5.8

million project.

Commissioner Steve Wadley suggested in a phone call Tuesday that the county could start building the courthouse even without all the funding secured, and apply again next year to the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission for more money — an idea that commissioner Alvin Schaaf was cautious about in a phone call Wednesday.

"I believe in miracles," Schaaf said, "but even that, I don't know I'd start something like that [without all the money]. I mean, that's a lot of money that we're short."

Reynolds, Ash + Associates, the firm that designed the \$5.8 million courthouse proposal, discussed cheaper options with the commissioners, 6th Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson and Eric Hogue, court executive for the 6th and 22nd judicial districts, at the commissioners' work session on Sept. 24.

The group discussed possibly eliminating one of the three courtrooms in the design and other amenities like a "community room" to bring the cost down, though Hogue and Maez have stated they believe that would be impractical.

Maez stated dropping to two courtrooms "kinda bugs the hell outta me" because it inconven-

iences the courts, and Hogue wrote in a follow-up email that due to trials, court scheduling, public defender and district attorney availability, two courtrooms "are not sufficient."

Hogue told The SUN in an email Wednesday that the county submitted an application for a \$2.5 million grant from the Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission on Oct. 15, and Wadley explained in a phone call Tuesday the county will make a presentation to that commission sometime next month.

Hogue wrote in his email that "I believe it is possible" to start building the courthouse without the funds to cover the entire cost and that Huerfano County started construction on its courthouse without having all the funds to complete the project.

"We don't have an option with either one of these, with the courts or the jail. We're mandated by statute to provide both," Schaaf said in a phone call Wednesday. "So, you go to the public and you ask for an increase on a mill levy or a sales tax and they shoot you down, we still have the responsibility to build it. We're gonna have to get creative and try to figure out [the courthouse], but it's gonna have to happen."

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$231,500 to nonprofits in region

By Claire Girardeau
Special to The SUN

El Pomar trustees approved \$231,500 allocated to 17 nonprofit organizations in the southwest region at the foundation's August and September trustees meetings.

Some of the organizations that were awarded grants include:

- Archuleta County — \$50,000 for the Stepping Stones program; regional council.

- Onward! A Legacy Foundation — \$2,500 in general operating support for school Community Youth Collaborative; Karl E. Eitel Fund.

- San Juan Board of Cooperative

Education Services — \$35,000 for suicide awareness and prevention programs; regional council.

- San Juan Historical Society Inc. — \$5,000 for building expansion and improvements; trustee regional merit.

- Trails 2000 Inc. — \$5,000 in general operating support; competitive.

Founded by Spencer and Julie Penrose in 1937, El Pomar Foundation has an established legacy of general purpose grant making. The competitive process remains the foundation's primary vehicle for organizations to receive funding. Competitive applications are

accepted on a rolling basis.

In an effort to increase impact and establish connections across the entire state, the Regional Partnerships program was established in 2003. Each of the foundation's 11 regional councils advises El Pomar trustees and recommends grants to help support its communities.

The Southwest Regional Council recommends grants in Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties. Council members are regional leaders in the business, nonprofit and public sectors and provide first-hand information about current needs in their own communities.

The Karl E. Eitel fund honors the legacy of Karl E. Eitel who served as a trustee of El Pomar Foundation for 23 years. He was a strong advocate for youth and youth development, and this fund recognizes supports organizations that serve at-risk youth throughout Colorado.

To view a full listing of El Pomar's funds and grant-making areas, please visit our website at www.elpomar.org/grant-making/el-pomar-funds/.

El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$22 million annually through grants and Community Stewardship programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations involved in health, human services, education, arts and humanities, and civic and community initiatives. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937.

Four lake levels drop marginally, water production down 1.27 million gallons

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Four of the five local lakes with recorded levels have seen a drop since last week, according to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey.

Hatcher Lake has gone from being 27 inches from full last week to 28 inches from full, or 91.36 percent full, this week.

Stevens Lake has also dropped an inch from last week, going from 31 inches from full to 32 inches from full, or 90.48 percent full, this week.

Lake Pagosa had previously

been full, but this week it is 97.83 percent full, or 6 inches from full.

Village Lake remains full; Lake Forest is 10 inches from full, or 92.42 percent full, when last week it was 9 inches from full.

Total diversion flows remain at 5.5 cubic feet per second (cfs); the West Fork diversion is still contributing 3 cfs while the Four Mile and San Juan diversions are still contributing 1 cfs and 1.5 cfs, respectively.

From Oct. 11 through Oct. 17 of this year, water production totaled 10.68 million gallons, down from the Oct. 4 through Oct. 10 total of 11.95 million gallons.

Contributing to the Oct. 11

through Oct. 17 total, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 4.03 million gallons, the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 6.60 million gallons and the San Juan water treatment plant produced 0.05 million gallons.

River report

As of Oct. 23, the San Juan River had a reported flow of 56.9 cfs, below the average for Oct. 23 of 141 cfs, according to the U.S Geological Survey.

The lowest flow for the San Juan came in 1952 when the river had a flow of 29 cfs; the highest came just 10 years prior, in 1942, when the river had a reported flow of 948 cfs. chris@pagosasun.com

Budget

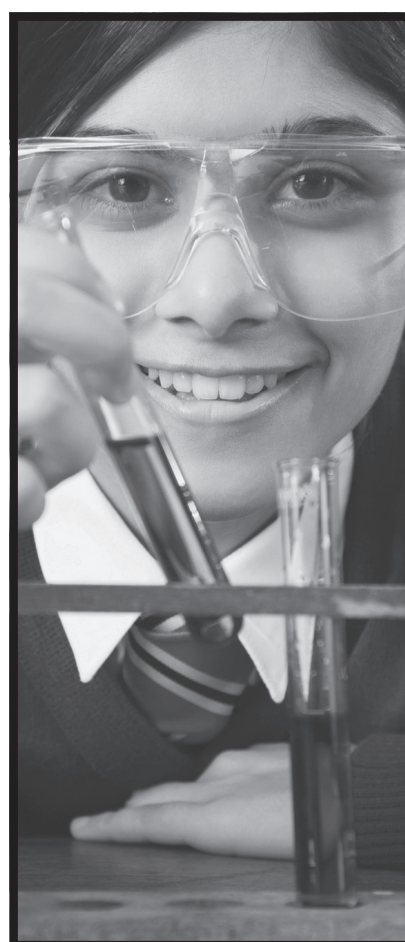
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update from Keplinger, with PSMC posting a net gain of \$79,451 in August.

"This net gain is actually a good result given that August had a very high budgeted expense due to three payrolls and deductions to revenue

for charity care and bad debt were twice higher than budget. PSMC was able to have a net gain for the month by meeting budget on expenses and exceeding budget on gross revenues," the August financial report states. randi@pagosasun.com

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Lady Pirates to take on Buena Vista Friday

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

With the two final league games of the season being split between the road and at home, the No. 42 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate volleyball team (6-12 overall, 3-7 in league play) was able to split the results of the two games, coming away with a win against the No. 20 Centauri Falcons (10-8 overall, 6-4 in league play) on Oct. 17 and falling to the No. 29 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers (8-6 overall, 3-6 in league play) on Oct. 22.

Redemption against the Falcons

Pagosa was able to even the season series against the Centauri Falcons at home on Oct. 17 by sweeping the league foe in three sets.

Centauri had previously beaten Pagosa on Sept. 28 in five sets.

The first set began with back-and-forth play between the two teams, but Pagosa pulled away and won the first set 25-20.

In the second set, the Lady Pirates found their groove and won 25-16; in the final set they held off a late surge by the Falcons 27-25 to secure the win.

Patty Black led the Lady Pirates' offense with 11 kills, while Kori Lucero and Elsa Lindner added eight and seven, respectively.

Pagosa finished with 37 total kills against the Centauri defense.

Lucero led the team in serving aces with four while Brigid Parken added two.

Lindner and Parken led Pagosa's defense with four blocks each.

Four Lady Pirates finished with double-digit digs, contributing to the team's overall total of 72.

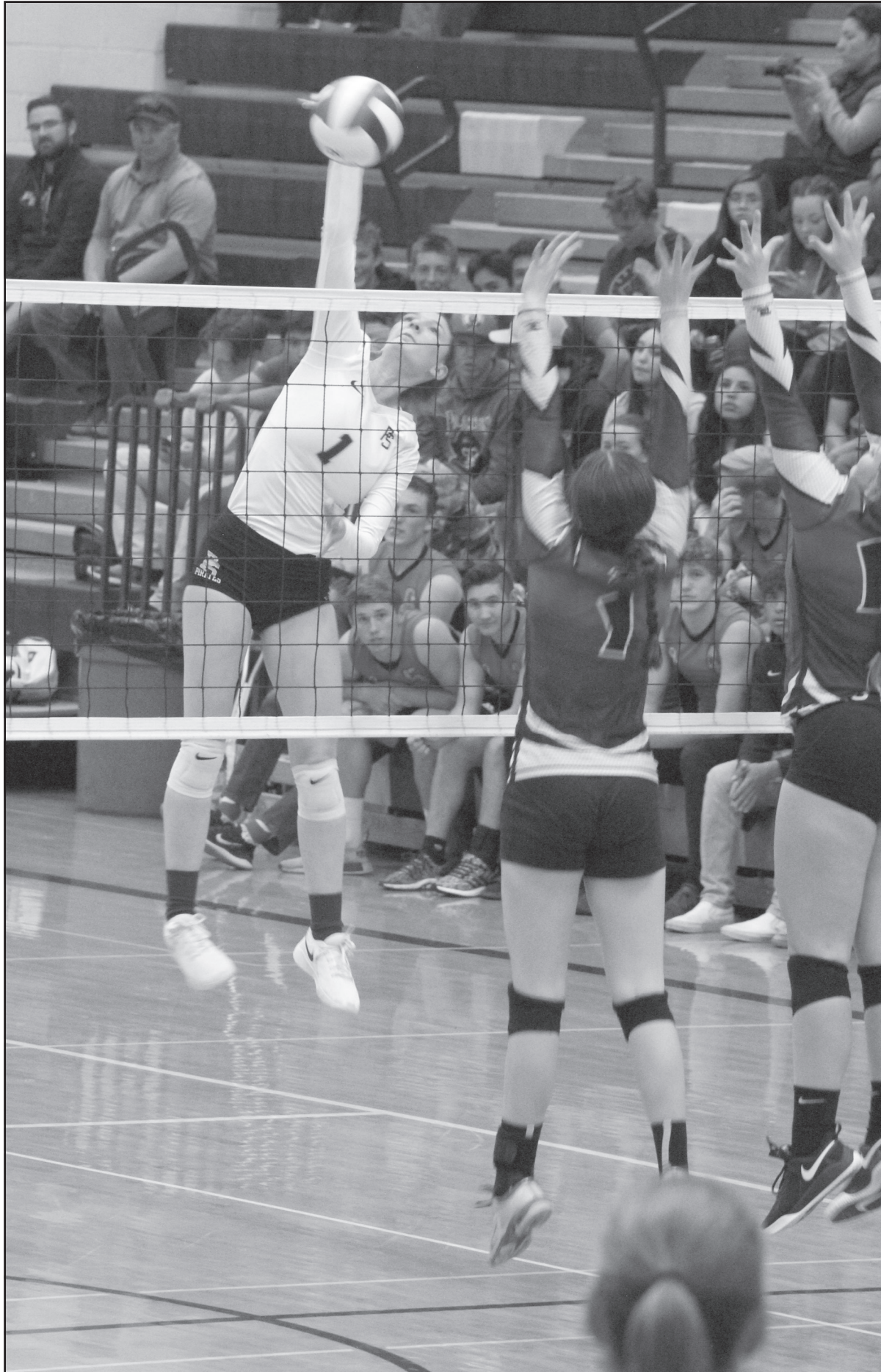
Lucero led the team with 19, Teagan Stretton added 14, Mackenzie Wedemeyer added another 13 and River Pitcher contributed 10.

Stretton led the team in assists with 17.

Bitten by the Panthers

On Senior Night, Pagosa was not able to capture another win, falling to the Montezuma-

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SUN photo/Chris Mannara

Lady Pirate Patty Black skies over a couple of Centauri Falcon defenders to tally one of her team-high 11 kills during the Oct. 17 matchup between the two league opponents. Pagosa was able to knock off Centauri in three straight sets to earn its third league victory.

CROSS-COUNTRY



Photo courtesy Tim Taylor

Gabe Heraty leads a pack of runners at last week's regional competition hosted by Basalt in El Jebel. Heraty finished eighth overall, helping his team qualify for this weekend's state meet.

Pirate cross-country teams qualify for Saturday's state meet

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Penrose Events Center in Colorado Springs.

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate cross-country teams are heading to state.

Both teams placed fourth at last week's regional competition hosted by Basalt, earning a place at this weekend's state meet at the Norris

"It was a perfect cross-country day," coach Scott Anderson said, adding it was 45 degrees, rainy and overcast to start the day. "The rain had pretty much stopped by the time the girls started, so it was a great day to go have one of the

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Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week
Annabelle Bowles
Cross-country



Favorite subject: English

Comments from coach Rachael Christiansen: "Annabelle has been a tremendous leader on our XC team. She is an athlete who strives for success and does not ever settle. She is determined to reach her goals, which this year in cross was to run the state course. Even though she battled some

pretty serious knee injuries all season, she never gave up hope on that dream and ran a perfect race on Friday to secure the team's qualifying spot as the tie breaker! She is humble and kind and pours her body, mind, and heart into the sport. She has been a wonderful athlete this season and we are very thankful she is a part of our team."



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FOOTBALL

Pagosa and Bayfield to square off for league showdown

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A rivalry game is good; a rivalry game that includes possible postseason ramifications is even better. That is exactly what the No. 25 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate football team will be preparing for as they take on the No. 22 Bayfield Wolverines on the road tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

In order to qualify for the postseason, a team must win its league or finish within the top 16 teams in the Colorado High School Activities Association Rating Percentage Index (RPI) standings.

Bayfield currently sits in first place in the Intermountain League standings, while Pagosa sits just below them in second place; both teams currently have a 3-4 overall record with 2-0 records in Intermountain League (IML) play.

Bayfield is coming off of a 43-8 win against Montezuma-Cortez on Oct. 18; Pagosa is coming off of a 40-7 win over the Salida Spartans on Oct. 11.

Last season, Pagosa hosted Bayfield and lost in an overtime thriller 14-13.

Since 2005, Pagosa is 4-12 against the Wolverines; Pagosa's last victory against Bayfield came in 2008, when the final score was 23-21.

So far this season, Paden Bailey leads the Pirates in rushing yards with 105 carries for 765 yards, for 7.3 yards per carry, and nine total rushing touchdowns.

Pirate quarterback Grant Aucoin has completed 26 of 60 passing attempts for 462 yards, five touchdowns and five interceptions this season.

On the ground, Grant Aucoin has added 58 carries for 343 yards, averaging 5.9 yards per carry, and six touchdowns.

Wil Aucoin has accumulated 56 carries for 337 yards, averag-

ing 6 yards per carry, and two touchdowns.

Mitch Lewis leads the Pirates in receptions and receiving yards with 14 for 293 yards for four touchdowns; Bailey adds another eight for 107 yards; Caleb Laverty has four catches for 62 yards and a touchdown as well.

Defensively, Grant Aucoin leads the team in solo tackles with 53, 44 of those being solo.

Bailey is next with 46 total tackles, 29 solo, while Skyler Hill has added 33 tackles so far this season with 20 being solo.

Wil Aucoin leads the Pirate defense with seven tackles for loss, Bailey has six so far and Hill has contributed four.

Evan Raymond and Wil Aucoin have tallied one sack apiece on opposing quarterbacks.

For the Wolverine offense, through five games, running backs Cael Schaefer and Cade Carlson lead the team's rushing attack with 675 total rushing yards between the two of them.

Schaefer leads the Wolverines in rushing yards with 446 on 88 carries, for 5.1 yards per rush, which includes seven touchdowns.

Carlson adds 229 yards on 45 carries, also averaging 5.1 yards per attempt, and adding a touchdown.

Wolverine quarterback Isaac Ross has completed 19 of 64 passing attempts this season for 226 yards with one touchdown and three interceptions.

Crosby Edwards and Dillon Vroman lead Bayfield in receptions with five each; Edwards so far this season has five catches for 38 yards, while Vroman has five catches for 36 yards.

Schaefer has the lone receiving touchdown for the Wolverines this season.

Hunter Bayles leads the Wolverine defense with four sacks while Ethan Morris has three. chris@pagosasun.com

SOCCER

Pirates fall 3-2 in rematch with Panthers

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' soccer team lost 3-2 in overtime to the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Saturday morning.

"In high school soccer, you have plenty of successes and plenty of failures. You hope you can build on successes and learn from failures," said coach Lindsey Kurt-Mason, adding, "Sometimes the game starts and you forget everything."

The Panthers got off to a hot start, scoring their first goal within 12 seconds of the starting whistle.

"They scored on a cross from the corner. It was kind of a wake up," Kurt-Mason said. "After that it was a high-tempo game."

Then, in the 18th minute, the Panthers scored another goal, extending their lead to 2-0.

The Pirates battled back, with Joah Dunn de Pulido scoring in the 31st minute to bring the Pirates within a goal.

"He had a great shot from the outside," said Kurt-Mason. "He was assisted by EJ [Monterroso]."

The Pirates went into the half down 2-1, and Kurt-Mason explained his team was "tenacious" and "kept to the game plan" in the second half as they attempted to best the Panthers and score a few more goals.

Luis Villalobos started the game at goalkeeper for the Pirates, logging three saves and one goal allowed.

In the second half Gabe Gallegos went in at goalkeeper and held the Panthers scoreless in the second half with four saves.

Monterroso was able to sneak in a goal to equalize the score on an assist from Zach Haines and the Pirates ended regulation tied with the Panthers 2-2.

Kurt-Mason noted that just before overtime began, he instructed his team to keep on their man and not let any of the Panthers' offense get out unguarded in the open field.

Once the overtime period began, the Panthers' offense was able to get open and drive toward the Pirate goalkeeper.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pirate forward EJ Monterroso jets ahead of Montezuma-Cortez Panthers defenders during a game Saturday. Monterroso scored one goal in the Pirates' 3-2 loss to the Panthers.

The Panthers slid a goal past Gallegos to win 3-2 in sudden-death overtime.

Kurt-Mason stated the entire team took responsibility for the loss.

"I always say you kinda look at the goalie and you think it's his fault 'cause the ball went in, but the ball got through the offense, the midfield and the defenders before it got to the goalie. We all take responsibility. Gabe had a great game and so did Luis."

This was the second time the Pirates faced the Panthers this season, with the Pirates beating the Panthers 5-4 on Sept. 21.

"[The Panthers] were just playin' very well and they're a good team," said Kurt-Mason, adding that they were "organized" and "kept to their game plan."

With the loss, the Pirates fall to 3-9-1, and Kurt-Mason highlighted the growth of the team throughout the season.

"It's really exciting to see the personal growth of a number of our

players. They're making some great strides in their personal goals," Kurt-Mason said, adding, "We've got a good solid bunch of kids we just have to put it all together and that takes time."

In the 3A Rating Percentage Index, which helps determine postseason seeding, the Pirates sit 50th.

In Intermountain League play, the Pirates are 3-3, behind Alamosa at 4-0 and Montezuma Cortez at 3-2. Bayfield sits winless in league play at 0-5.

The Pirates are now preparing for their upcoming game against the 8-3-1 Telluride Miners.

Kurt-Mason explained the Pirates have been training intensely and just need to play smart mentally.

"We've been doing pretty intense speed work and we just have to keep the mental game in the forefront," Kurt-Mason said. "Physically we can do this, we just have to keep focused mentally."

The Pirates' upcoming game

against Telluride is this Friday, Oct. 25, at 6 p.m. in Pagosa Springs.

The game was originally scheduled for 4 p.m., but the varsity and JV games were switched to allow the team to play under the lights and for the team to have "Senior Night" during a night game.

The Pirates face the 7-2-3 Ridgeway Demons the next day on Oct. 26 at 1:30 p.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium.

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Cross-country

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better races of your high school career."

And the Pirate harriers did have some of the better races of their careers.

"Everybody cut time from the week before," Anderson said, adding later, "Coaching both teams, it's not uncommon one team will have a great day and the other team, eh, so-so. And so, they both nailed it."

The coach added that every PSHS runner had a great day and it was exciting to see the pieces come together for the teams.

"It was a beautiful thing to watch it all come together," Anderson said.

The Lady Pirates tied for fourth with Gunnison with 103 points each, but earned the right to advance on a tiebreaker where the teams' sixth runners were scored.

Basalt took first on the girls' side at regionals with 35 points, followed by Aspen (41 points) and Moffat County (85 points).

Five of the eight Lady Pirates who raced on the day set personal records, Anderson noted.

Every girl shaved time from the week before, he added.

Nell Taylor led the Lady Pirates at regionals, finishing 11th out of the 87 runners in the race with a time of 20 minutes, 33.80 seconds — a personal record and 54 seconds faster than the week before.

Megan Greenly followed in 20:43.10 to take 14th.

Michelle Saucedo finished 21st in 21:11.70 to set a personal record (more than two minutes faster than the previous week), and Sierra Liverett crossed the line 26th with a time of 21:30.90.

Ivory Carpenter was the Lady Pirates' fifth runner, finishing 35th in 22:22.80 to set a personal record.

"Ivory had ... a huge race," the coach pointed out, noting she had a "big PR" the week before, then took more than a minute off of that.

Annabelle Bowles, in her second race back this season, served as the tiebreaking runner, finishing 36th in 22:27.00, which was a personal record.

Bowles was followed closely by

Celia Taylor, who finished 37th in 22:27.20 and was a few seconds away from setting a personal record.

Anderson noted that Celia Taylor dealt with a migraine in the days leading up to the race and opted to race despite being told she could sit the race out.

But, the coach pointed out, she ended up playing a pivotal role in the Lady Pirates' fourth-place finish.

"If Celia doesn't run, we don't even get to the tiebreaker," Anderson said, explaining that Gunnison's fifth runner finished right behind Celia Taylor.

If Celia Taylor had not run, Gunnison would have been up by one point and taken the final state-qualifying slot.

Rounding out the Lady Pirates' regionals squad, Darien Dominguez, also in her second race back this season, finished 57th with a time of 24:59.70 and set a new personal record.

"I could go on about all of them," Anderson said of the team.

The Pirates, in addition to taking fourth and advancing to this week's state meet, met another goal at the meet — besting Rifle.

The Pirates placed fourth with 104 points, behind Gunnison (53 points), Bayfield (63 points) and Moffat County (70 points). Rifle took fifth with 129 points.

In the process, all but one Pirate runner set a personal record at the meet and the team had its closest group time of the year, the coach noted.

"That is with Gabe, our top runner, running his fastest race ever," Anderson pointed out, talking about Gabe Heraty.

Heraty led the Pirates on the day with an eighth-place finish with a time of 17:29.00.

Elan Ramirez followed with a time of 18:23.20 to finish 20th out of the 96 runners in the race.

Jack Foster finished 22nd with a time of 18:25.50 — seconds off of setting a personal record.

Cooper Evans finished 27th in 18:54.70, and Mason Blakemore finished 33rd in 19:07.90 to serve



Photo courtesy Rachael Christiansen

Lady Pirates Annabelle Bowles, Ivory Carpenter and Celia Taylor pack together during the regional meet on Oct. 18. The Lady Pirates placed fourth at the meet after beating out Gunnison on a tiebreaker and will advance to this week's state meet.

as the Pirates' final scoring runner. David Morehouse was next, crossing the line 35th in 19:09.00.

He was followed by Clayton Cayard in 48th with a time of 19:58.30 (his first time under 20 minutes) and Cam Hinger in 50th with a time of 20:04.50.

"They had the patience and the belief that ... we would get there," Anderson said of the team. "How they were able to stick with that and all work together towards that was just awesome."

The top seven finishers on each team will represent PSHS at state. The 3A girls' race will take place

at 12:20 p.m., while the 3A boys' race will begin at 1:40 p.m.

This week, Anderson indicated, the runners will be keeping their minds on the fact that they can achieve more.

"We're just going to go out and try to run lights out," Anderson said, adding that the teams' goals are to be the best fourth-qualifiers out of the five regions and to see how many third-place qualifiers they can beat.

Too, the teams will look to set standards to beat next season.

"Go, Pirates," the coach said, thanking the teams' supporters. randi@pagosasun.com

Volleyball

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Cortez Panthers in three sets. Cortez had previously defeated Pagosa in three sets on Oct. 5.

The first set was a slug fest between the two Intermountain League foes, with Pagosa having a 14-12 lead early in the first set.

Cortez went on a 6-3 run to take a 18-17 lead in the first set, but Pagosa fought back to take a 24-22 lead late.

However, Cortez was able to steal the first set away from Pagosa 26-24.

The second set saw Pagosa taking an early 7-4 lead, but Cortez

fought to tie the game at seven and eventually to take a 9-7 lead.

A 7-3 run by the Panthers saw their lead extend to 16-10 and eventually led to a 25-13 victory for Cortez.

The third and final set mirrored the first set, with both teams trading blows throughout.

Pagosa took an 11-9 lead early in the first set, which was extended to 15-13.

Cortez was able to tie the game at 15, but the Lady Pirates regained control with a 4-1 run to make it a

19-16 lead.

Late in the final set, Pagosa found themselves up 24-21, but could not hold off the Panther offense and fell in the final set 26-24 to end the game.

Pagosa finished with 22 total kills against Cortez; Lucero led the team with seven while Parken added another six.

Wedemeyer led the team in serving aces with two while Parken and Chloe Bridges added one each.

Lindner led the Lady Pirates with three blocks.

Pagosa finished with 51 total digs against Cortez; Wedemeyer finished with 16 while Lucero added 13.

Coach Caitlin Forrest was not available for comment by press time Wednesday.

One last hurrah at home

To close out its regular season home games, Pagosa will play host to the No. 30 Buena Vista Demons (8-8 overall, 8-4 in league play) tomorrow at 6 p.m.

Last season, Pagosa defeated Buena Vista in four sets.

Hunters urged to be extremely cautious with campfires

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife Special to The SUN

Because of extremely dry conditions throughout the state, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is urging hunters to be extra careful with their campfires.

Hunters are heading to the high country for the combined deer and elk season that starts Saturday and continues through Oct. 27. Colorado

has received little rain since late summer and several fires are now burning throughout the state. Fire can spread quickly through grasses and other dry vegetation.

Hunters, and anyone else camping, are urged to follow these precautions:

- Keep fires small and always keep them attended.
- When heading to bed, make sure

the fire is out completely by soaking it thoroughly with water and checking for hot embers.

- If you start a fire in the morning, make sure it is completely out before heading into the field for the day.
- Any time you leave camp, make sure the fire is out.
- In windy conditions, it is recommended not to start a campfire.
- If you are using a wall tent with

a wood stove, make sure there is a screen to block sparks on top of the external stovepipe. Check outside the tent occasionally for embers that might be smoldering.

- Don't drive or park your vehicle over dry grass. Hot exhaust pipes can ignite vegetation. This applies to trucks, cars and off-highway vehicles.
- Don't allow vehicle chains to drag on the ground or pavement because they can cause sparks.
- Dispose of cigarette butts safely; don't toss them on the ground.

RECREATION NEWS

Youth basketball, arts and crafts offered

By Darren Lewis SUN Columnist

The Recreation Department is currently accepting registration through Dec. 20 for youth basketball ages 9-12.

The cost is \$35 and registration may be completed online at Xpress bill Pay or at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Practice will start mid-January, with games beginning in February.

Winter recreation arts and crafts class

The Recreation Department is currently accepting registration through Nov. 22 for an arts and crafts class held at the Commu-

nity Center. Registration can be completed at the Community Center.

The class is for ages 9-13 and class size is limited. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. This class is

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After qualifying for the Colorado High School Mountain Bike State Championships, sophomore Davis Parker took 61st place out of a field of 150 riders in Durango last weekend.



Photo courtesy Amanda Gadomski

DUST2's freshman rider Carter Kasson finished in 78th place in Durango last weekend, wrapping up the season for the team. The team finished 14th out of 30 Division 3 teams.

DUST2 team wraps up season at state championships

By Amanda Gadomski
Special to The SUN

DUST2 finished the season with the Pagosa Springs DUST2 mountain biking team competing at the Colorado High School Mountain Bike State Championships in Durango last weekend, finishing 14th out of 30 Division 3 teams.

The team qualified six riders for this year's championships: freshmen Carter Kasson, Ethan Bergdolt and Tucker Mashue; sophomores Sawyer Blakemore and Davis Parker; and junior Brae Bergdolt.

In all, over 800 high school athletes raced through the 6.5-mile loops on Saturday and Sunday in sunny but cold weather. The Durango course hosted the event for the second year in a row, taking riders over private trail built just last year as well as public trails that are part of the Telegraph trail system. With the lack of recent moisture, the course was dry and dusty, challenging riders' abilities to maintain control on sharp corners and build up speed during straight sections of trail.

Brae Bergdolt, racing his first year in the varsity category, capped a strong weekend for the Pagosa team, finishing his four laps totaling 26 miles in 31st place. His time of one hour, 54 minutes and 21 seconds put him 15 spots above his starting position. He overcame a crash on one of the dusty, loose corners in which he flew over his handlebars. Despite the crash, he

had one of his best rides of the season and has positioned himself well to move up the varsity ranks in his senior year.

When asked about his race, Brae Bergdolt responded, "I was proud to represent the South Conference and Pagosa Springs as varsity rider at state. This is a sport that you get out what you are willing to put into it."

He finished by adding, "I was happy to end the season with such a strong finish."

Brae Bergdolt, along with the rest of the field, spent the race chasing Riley Amos of Animas High School in Durango and Robbie Day of Evergreen High School. This summer, both Amos and Day were named to the USA Cycling team to represent the country at the UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in Canada. While the two U.S. teammates battled throughout the race, trading leads over the first 20 miles, Amos pulled away to win the race in the last few miles, leaving Day to settle for second place.

Sophomores Blakemore and Parker rode earlier Sunday morning, finishing in 45th and 61st place out of a field of 150 riders.

Parker was particularly happy with his race, saying, "I felt like I left it all out there today."

Before the race, he set a goal of "holding my spot and finishing as good or higher than I start," which he accomplished by finishing 14 places in front of his starting position.

Blakemore noted that he really enjoyed the race because he was able to work with a rider from another team.

"We both took turns drafting off each other coming up the hill in the wind," he recalled. "It made the hill a lot easier, both because of the break from the wind, but also to have someone to talk to makes the uphill go by faster."

DUST2's freshman riders kicked off the weekend on a chilly Saturday morning with Kasson turning in one of his best races of the year and Ethan Bergdolt and Mashue battling their health.

Kasson used his starting position at the front of the second wave to pick up 19 spots, moving from 97th all the way up to 78th place.

"The race course was a good mixture of climbing and downhill," said Kasson. "I was fortunate enough to be in the front of the second wave to start. This helped me avoid a bottleneck with all the other riders behind me," he added. "I felt like I had a good race and placed well, which will help going into next year."

Ethan Bergdolt and Mashue both came down with illnesses last week, but fought through them to complete the 13-mile race.

"I could tell they were hurting, but I was really proud of each of them to go out there and finish

the race," coach Andy Guinn said. "That's not an easy course if you're healthy with all the uphill and dust. It takes a lot of heart to push yourself through that extra pain of racing sick."

This wraps up the season for the DUST2 team, its second year of high school competition.

Team Director Janine Emmets was excited about the sustained success of the team, noting, "We gain more middle schoolers every year to grow our high school racers."

Emmets is already looking forward to building on this year's momentum, saying, "It has been inspiring how our high schoolers have gotten stronger and faster every year, pushing their limits. The coaches are all really proud of all they have accomplished this season."

Emmets explained that the DUST2 team is open to all fifth-through 12th-graders and no prior experience is necessary. She also noted that all ages participate in practices and high school riders can choose to compete in races. DUST2 offers scholarships and bikes to athletes who need them, and Emmets added that the team is particularly looking to add more female riders next year.

Registration for the 2020 season opens in May and information can be found at dustx2.com.

LPEA continues support of Durango Gun Club Sight-in Days

By Lonnie Tucker
Special to The SUN

In an effort to both assist hunters and protect valuable electrical equipment, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) will continue its support of Sight-in Days at the Durango Gun Club Outdoor Range in advance of the next big game season, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During Sight-in Days, the Durango Gun Club on La Posta Road is open to the general public for rifle scope sighting and hunters are en-

couraged to take advantage of the controlled environment to prepare their firearms for the season.

LPEA has contributed \$500 to cover costs incurred by the club for the Sight-in Days events.

Durango Gun Club staff will be on hand during Sight-in Days to answer questions, provide assistance and do minor firearm repairs.

The Durango Gun Club's outdoor range is located on CR 213 (La Posta Road). For further information, contact Joseph Perino, Durango Gun Club secretary/treasurer, at 749-3453.

Adaptive Sports Association needs volunteers to teach ski and snowboard lessons

By Beth Gleason
Special to The SUN

The Adaptive Sports Association (ASA) needs volunteers to teach ski and snowboard lessons. Training is free.

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one) at the Durango Rec Center. Returning volunteers meet from 6 to 7 p.m. New volunteers meet from 7 to 8 p.m.

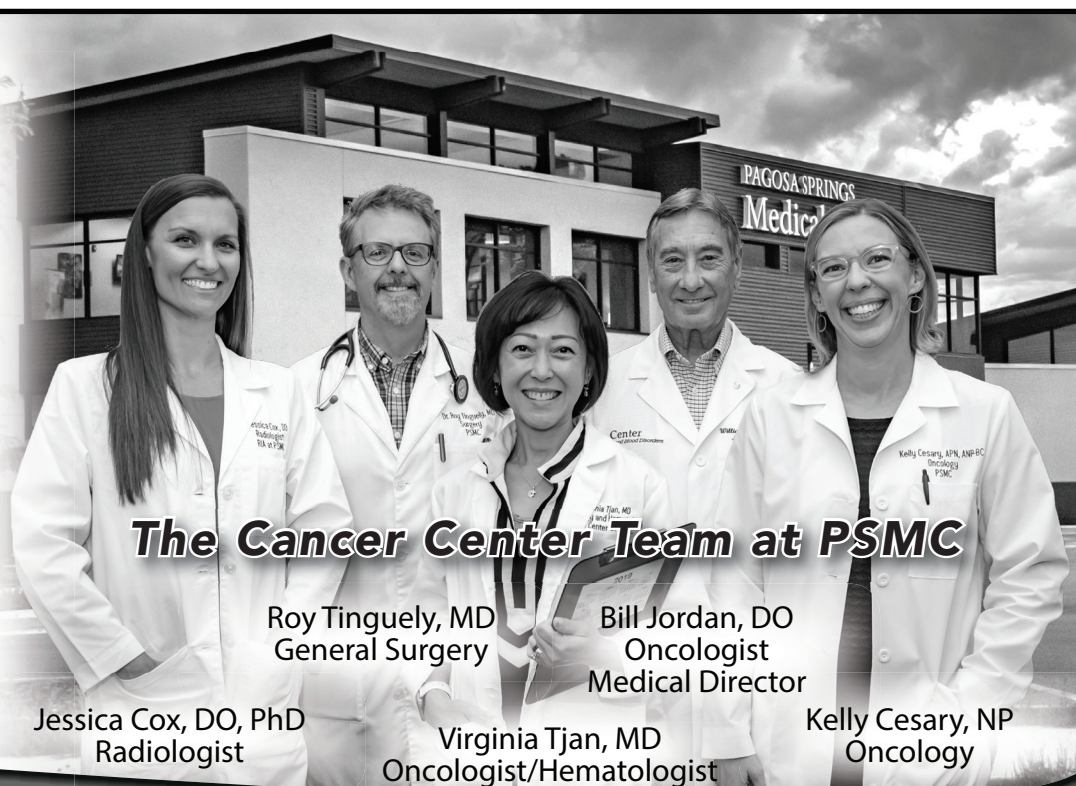
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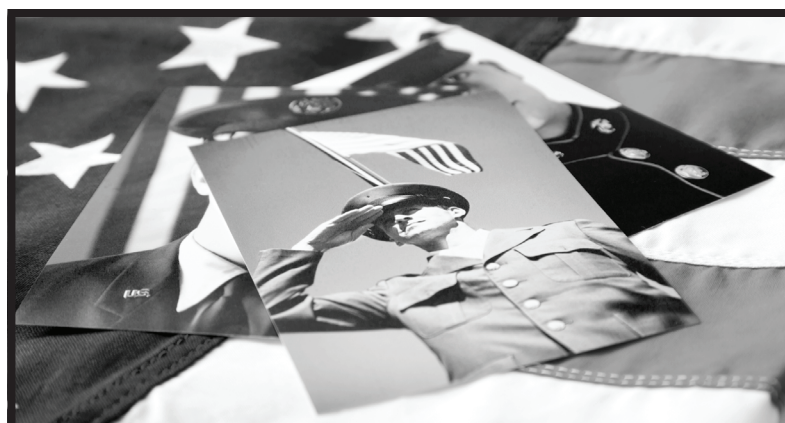
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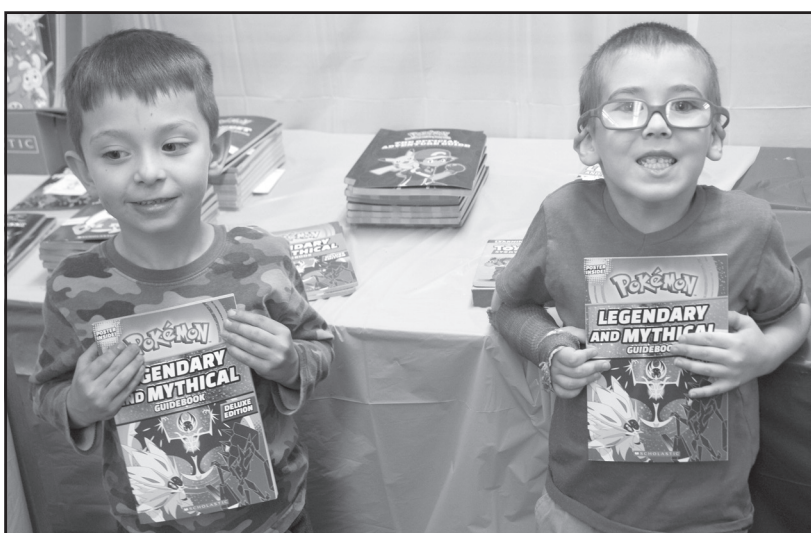
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Education



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Young and excited readers from Kathy Faber's kindergarten class explore the Scholastic Book Fair on Oct. 17. Students perused titles featuring their favorite characters and animals. The book fair will be open during school hours through tomorrow.

Charter school discusses past, present, future and other models

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Following reading and research about a network of charter schools based in New York, the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) Board of Directors discussed at its regular meeting on Oct. 14 whether or not that group of schools' methodology would translate to the local charter school.

The idea of reading and learning about the East Coast charter schools, named Success Academy, was initially brought up by PPOS board member Mark Weiler.

Success Academy schools serve about 17,000 students, and 94 percent are from minority backgrounds; 90 percent of its students pass the state reading test and 98 percent pass the state math test, according to a Wall Street Journal (WSJ) article on the schools that Weiler provided to the board at a previous meeting.

In addition to its academic achievements, Success Academy schools also require parents whose children are approved to enroll in the school to attend mandatory meetings, requiring parents to be committed to the school's policies, which includes "supervising homework, reading with children every night and recording what's read in a log," according to the WSJ article provided by Weiler.

During the meeting, PPOS board member Bill Hudson explained that following his own research he noted that the Success Academy program was "controversial."

Through his research, Hudson explained that he found that some articles say that Success Academy has made some amazing achievements, while others point out that the school has a "militaristic" way of teaching children.

"I'm not sure that this particular model is appropriate for Pagosa Peak Open School since we already have a model," he said.

PPOS board member Julie Simmons noted that she did not think the school should adopt Success Academy's model, but maybe some other best practices.

"What I also gained out of it was the parents' involvement in the school. Which was kind of inspiring to me," Simmons said, adding that, in her experience, the parent involvement in PPOS's kindergarten classes is "very little to none."

Finding a balance in getting parents involved and having standards for classrooms, parents and students is important for PPOS, Simmons added.

The idea of implementing standards for both students and families is something that PPOS board president Ursala Hudson noted she liked.

"I do know that in our charter application, we require family involvement, which isn't something that we've been able to implement yet because no one is in charge of volunteer hours or enforcing that,"

she said.

It's a hard concept to require parent involvement, but there are lots of other ways for charter schools to encourage those hours, PPOS School Director Angela Crossland added.

Weiler noted that he had conversations with Success Academy founder Eva Moskowitz.

He suggested that the controversy is due to "a component of accountability of the student and the parents."

According to Weiler, PPOS's first year of academic performance was "mediocre," while the second year was better. The school still has a "long way to go."

The goals of PPOS is to achieve excellent academic performance and to find what works in today's environment, Weiler added.

"Our vision was higher academic achievement than what we have produced in the two full years that we've been here," he said. "It leads me to believe that although our intentions were honorable and excellent and visionary, they really

have not produced the results that we had hoped."

The PPOS board's commitment to the community is to provide excellent academic achievement, Weiler added later.

"My statement is that the box the original founders put us in got us to this point. The academic results are not what we had hoped for," Weiler said. "That leads me to believe that we need to start to review alternatives, and this one is a great one."

However, Ursala Hudson noted that when the charter school was in its early stages, it wasn't just the founders of the school that came up with the content that was in the charter application.

"We surveyed the community and we did a pretty good job at figuring out what numbers we needed to open with," she said. "And when we did that survey, there may have been three or four families out of 60 that rated academic achievement as one of the top things they wanted in a school choice for their children."

Most of the families that want their child to attend a school like PPOS have academic achievement as one of their top priorities, she added.

Through community presentations and enrollment meetings, academic achievement was something that was not talked about; what was talked about was experiential, hands-on learning, she described.

"I don't think a school like this would serve our community at its current state, so I can see the value in researching other types of models that might better fit our initial vision," Ursala Hudson said.

The accountability standards that were set forth in PPOS's charter application for families, students, teachers, board and administration has not been happening "since day one," she added.

"And if you look at our charter annual review from the district, we're lacking in a lot of areas that we have plans for trying to

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Seeds of Learning: Experiencing the wonders of science as a family

By Ursala Hudson
Special to The SUN

Children, families, teachers and staff gathered at Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center on Oct. 17 for a family night of science explorations.

Each classroom had two or three developmentally appropriate science experiments, although parents and siblings of all ages seemed thrilled to explore the marvels of physics and chemistry through play. Aluminum boats carried loads of jewels, volcanoes erupted color-

ful foam and raisins danced as the seemingly magical was explained through scientific terms.

The concept of Science Night stems from the original Seeds tradition of hosting educational family gatherings, which were replaced over the past decade by themed parties that generally featured child-centered games, activities and snacks. Seeds teachers and administrators are excited to return to exploring different ways of having fun together, with Literacy Night planned during the winter quarter and Art Night scheduled for spring.



Photos courtesy Eddie Abbott

Children, families, teachers and staff gathered at Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center on Oct. 17 for a night of science explorations.

Town council discusses Hermosa Street traffic circulation

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council is looking at options to help improve traffic circulation near Cotton Hole Park, as well as possibly provide some parking for the park.

While the area has been used as a park for years, improvements in recent years and the plan for a multiuse trail through the area have spurred the effort to improve access and traffic circulation in the area.

"The Cotton Hole area along the San Juan River at the end of Hermosa St. and Hermosa Alley has been used as a river access point/park area for fishing, tubing, rafting and recreation for many years. A wave feature was completed a couple of years ago and it is a popular spot for fishing and river access, especially in the summer. In order to formalize the public park area and ensure public access, in 2017/18, the Town worked with property owners to purchase property. This was done to establish and preserve Cotton Hole Park and to provide access for a multi-use trail," an agenda brief on the topic prepared by Town Manager Andrea Phillips explains.

The multiuse trail is slated to run from Town Park along the south side of Hermosa Street to Cotton Hole Park and up to the 1st Street bridge and will be paid for partially by a \$400,000 grant through a State Trails grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

"Unless Council directs otherwise, the future of Cotton Hole Park will remain as passive recreation uses with limited improvements.

The desire from staff and the adjacent property owners is to retain natural vegetation, including as many cottonwood trees as possible, and to keep the park natural," the agenda brief explains.

The brief further indicates that design and engineering are nearing completion, with a goal of bidding the project this winter for construction in 2020.

"During the time that staff and the engineer have been reviewing the design for the trail, the challenges of vehicular traffic and circulation in this part of the Town have been further discussed. It makes sense to try address both at the same time to prevent having to go back to make improvements later. As there are two dead-end roads (Hermosa St. and Hermosa Alley) leading to the Park, there is no improved right of way. This is an older section of Town and the roads were not constructed to current standards, which would require a turn around or other through access option," the brief states, indicating emergency vehicles can't turn around or properly park, there is trespassing in the area because public and private spaces are not delineated, maintenance vehicles do not have good access, and there is no ADA access to the park.

Phillips, engineer Mike Davis, Public Works Director Martin Schmidt, and Parks and Recreation Director Darren Lewis went before council on Oct. 17 seeking feedback on a pair of ideas for improved traffic circulation and parking in the area, with Phillips telling council that she still needed to engage more residents based on the direc-

tion received at that meeting.

The first of the options presented was a cul-de-sac at the end of Hermosa Street that would allow vehicles, including fire trucks and larger vehicles, a place to turn around.

The option also proposes eight parking spaces and an ADA-compliant ramp/stall providing access onto the trail.

"The benefits of this option are that: 1) it creates a small parking/access area to the park and trail, 2) preserves east and west bound traffic on this block of Hermosa St., 3) is less expensive than the other option. Negatives to this option are that it does not address the Hermosa Alley connection or circulation through the park. Also, based on feedback from the adjacent property owner, this option is not preferred. They feel that this creates too much of a dip or impact into the natural area of the park. In addition, some of the old cottonwood trees would need to be removed. Estimated cost for the cul-de-sac access area is \$65,470," Phillips' brief summarizes.

Schmidt also noted that the option is completely on town-owned property and would not require any easements.

The second option presented proposed a one-way road beginning at the eastern side of 2nd Street and Hermosa Street, going through the park and connecting with Hermosa Alley, which would also be a one-way road to 2nd Street. It also includes a small parking area with six parking spaces.

"The trail and road are still curving somewhat but does not dip as

far into the park as the cul-de-sac option. There is an ADA ramp to access the trail from the paved lane, as well as some proposed parallel parking spots along it," the brief explains, indicating that the option would require an easement from an adjacent property owner.

The agenda brief further explains: "This property is in the flood way and structures are not able to be placed on it. The benefits of this option are that: 1) creates full access to the park with some parking and ADA access; 2) addresses traffic circulation by connecting Hermosa Alley and Hermosa St., thus improving general traffic circulation in this older part of Town, and 3) has less of a hard surface impact proximate to the adjacent private property where their house is located. More trees may be able to be preserved with less of a hard surface impact. Also, on-street parking spaces may be available on the block of Hermosa St. with removing a travel lane. The negatives for this option are that it is more expensive than Option #1, and, if this block of Hermosa St. becomes a one way east of the 2nd St. intersection, residents will have to use the one way to access their properties and will no longer be able to go west-bound on Hermosa St. Estimated cost for this option is \$81,825 (\$16,355 more than Option #1)."

Schmidt noted later in the meeting that the town is considering paving Hermosa Alley in the future with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funding, which would mean the alley will become a one-way road anyway.

Following presentation of the op-

tions, council discussed the project for more than an hour.

In that time, council members questioned the impact of a one-way street on residents, that the one-way option would then require additional improvements on Hermosa Alley, if parking at the site is necessary or if it could be located elsewhere since the goal of the project is to build a trail to the area, that improvements to the area would increase traffic, that some of the parking and trespass problems could be addressed through signage, an increased need for snow removal and more.

"I dislike both ideas," council member David Schanzenbaker stated, noting that the project is trying to force 21st century standards on an area that wasn't meant for that and that he wants to look more outside the box for a solution.

Davis noted that the project is an opportunity to be more proactive and doing nothing would be kicking the can down the road, and Schmidt later added that the one-way road through the park solves the problems with both dead-end roads that currently exist and that most of the use at the park is along the riverbank and not where either option is proposed.

Lewis also proposed the town could take a step back and let the usage determine the next step, but that the town would have to be ready to react and have funding ready to go.

In the end, council directed staff to take the two presented options and two new options to the Hermosa Street residents for input.

Those new options include a roundabout to allow vehicles to

turn around at the end of Hermosa Street, but with no parking spaces, and the cul-de-sac at the end of Hermosa paired with a small box turn area at the end of Hermosa Alley.

In other business at the meeting, the council:

- Voted down a motion to appoint Jeff Posey and Anne-Marie Sukcik as planning commission members and Bill Hudson and Mark Weiler as alternate members, with the council opting to hold off on appointing new members to the planning commission until all four candidates could be present at a council meeting.

- Heard a report from Schanzenbaker, who sits on the Transportation Planning Region board, and Public Works Director Martin Schmidt that construction on McCabe Creek could begin in 2021.

- Approved reallocating prior funding awarded to the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation for a data analytics study to instead be used for broadband development work by the organization.

- Approved a letter for a Colorado Department of Local Affairs grant application for funding to help with master planning of the site that formerly housed the sewer lagoons.

- Heard a third-quarter financial report from Town Clerk April Hessman.

Hessman's written report states, "Most end of year fund balance estimates are very close to what was originally budgeted with the exception of the capital fund, where some projects are not being completed in 2019."

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Halloween Events

Haunted maze • Yamaguchi Park • Library • Pine Ridge • Trunk or Treat





Photo courtesy Stephen Porter

A family-friendly and safe alternative to trick or treating will be held at Pagosa Bible Church on Halloween from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Halloween activities for all ages scheduled

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Grab your best skeleton lawn ornaments, put on your new costume and get ready to consume all the candy corn you can — Halloween is creeping up on Pagosa Country.

Locally, ghouls and goblins will be able to enjoy the

following Halloween festivities.

Haunted maze

On Oct. 25 and Oct. 26 at the Pagosa Springs High School baseball fields, those brave enough can enter the haunted maze.

On Oct. 25 and Oct. 26 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., teens

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Halloween

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Yamaguchi Park

The Town of Pagosa Springs will be hosting its Halloween carnival from noon to 2 p.m. on Oct. 26; this free event will include a photo booth, games and face painting.

This event is for all ages and, while dressing up is not mandatory, it is encouraged.

Library

At the Ruby M. Sisson Library, snacks and activities will be available for all ages to go along with the annual pumpkin decorating contest on Halloween from 3 to 5:15 p.m.

Pumpkins may be carved, painted or decorated, but there can only be one entry per person.

Completed pumpkins must be turned in by 4:15 p.m. on Halloween for judging, with winners being announced at 5:15 p.m.

There will be five categories for each pumpkin artist to submit their work to: preschool, ages 5-7, ages 8-11, ages 12-17 and adult.

One pumpkin per family will be given out as the library has limited quantities.

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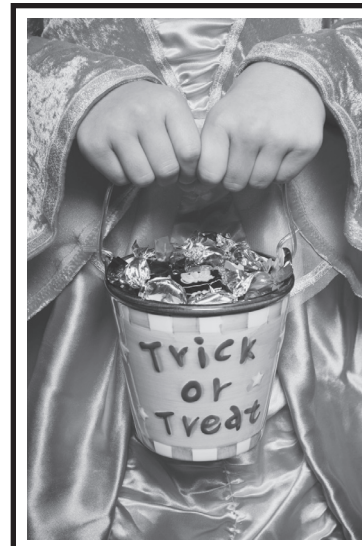
From 5 to 6 p.m. on Halloween, Pine Ridge Extended Care Center residents will be dressing up and passing out candy.

Trunk or Treat

A family-friendly and safe alternative to trick or treating will be held at Pagosa Bible Church on Halloween from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

All ages are welcome; the event will include candy, bounce houses, indoor games, a story station and a light meal.

In addition, classic cars, law enforcement vehicles, and fire department and EMT trucks will be on display.

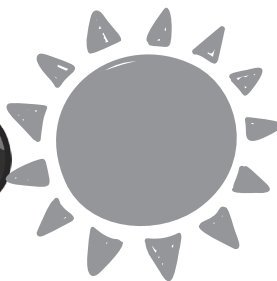


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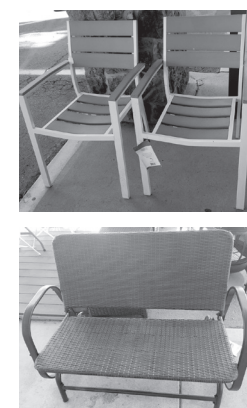


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Second-grade student Amelie Heinicke's play selected for Youth Playwright Festival

By Alison Beach
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Peak Open School is proud to announce that our very own Amelie Heinicke's play, "The Adventure of Samantha," has been selected for the 2019 Youth Playwrights Festival with Thingamajig Theatre Company.

Heinicke is a second-grade student of Ms. Robyn's second-/third grade-class at PPOS and her play will be workshopped by a professional team at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Heinicke will have the opportunity to work with one professional playwright that is in town for the festival, along with professional actors and a director.

Her play will be performed on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Admission is free and we hope to see you there to support Heinicke's play.



Photo courtesy Alison Beach

Amelie Heinicke's play, "The Adventure of Samantha," has been selected for the 2019 Youth Playwrights Festival with Thingamajig Theatre Company.

Community Band concert coming Oct. 26

By Carol Larson
Special to The PREVIEW

This coming Saturday, the Pagosa Springs Community Band will be in concert.

Under the batons of Larry Elginer and Larry Baisdon, the band will be presenting "At the Movies." Each piece presented will take you to your favorite moments from some of the best loved movies of all time. From "The Wizard of Oz" to "Star Wars" and many places in between, there's something for everyone.

The all-volunteer band is comprised of a variety of players from seasoned veterans to promising students. Near octogenarians will be seated next to high school and junior high school players. Together, their talents will delight the audi-

ence with this crowd-pleasing show.

The student musicians represent the heart of the mission of the band and the parent organization, the Pagosa Springs Instrumental Music Society (PSIMS). PSIMS was founded to provide continuing musical opportunities for players of all abilities and has funded a variety of projects for the elementary school, middle/junior high school, high school and made private lessons available to a number of students that were not able to afford them. Current fundraising is earmarked for a set of chimes to be shared by all of the schools. Donations made to PSIMS for this project may be tax deductible.

PSIMS currently produces four programs a year: Band-O-Rama in the spring, which brings together

all of the school with the Community Band; the July Fourth patriotic concert; the Fall Concert; and the Heralds of Christmas, presented at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Watch for this year's Heralds concert coming Dec. 15 and 16.

The program this Saturday will be presented in Pagosa Springs High School auditorium at 7 p.m. The concert is free of charge and donations will be gratefully accepted. Join the Community Band this weekend for a great time "At the Movies."

American Legion Post No. 108 to meet

By Jean Taylor
Special to The PREVIEW

Members of the American Legion Post No. 108 will meet Nov. 5

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'Willy Wonka' rehearsals in full swing

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is in full swing with rehearsals for "Willy Wonka the Musical" in celebration of its 30th year of community theater in Pagosa Springs. With a huge cast of 57 in the production, we are excited that we have so many "family" groupings in the show.

One of those families is led by Katrina Thomas, a veteran and talented performer who is cast as Mrs. Gloop in this well-known and fun musical. Three of her children are also in Wonka: Kaeden Thomas, who is playing the Candyman; Connor Thomas, who is playing Charlie; and Avonlea Thomas, who is a featured Oompa-Loompa.

Katrina Thomas is also part of our production staff, supporting directors, making videos and recordings for the cast, creating choreography, helping with costumes and sets, and doing just about anything in support of the show.

Anika Thomas, her oldest, who has been in almost every CUP and high school production since 2010, has graduated and is on a new adventure of her own.

"Willy Wonka" will perform for four shows only, from Nov.



Photo courtesy Dale Johnson

The Thomas kiddos will join their mother, Katrina Thomas, in "Willy Wonka the Musical," Curtains Up Pagosa's winter musical set for November.

21-24 on its home stage at Pagosa Springs High School. The musical is directed, choreographed and produced and music directed by the dynamic team of Dale and Dale (Dale Johnson and Dale Scrivener, in case you don't know).

Mt. Allison Grange Harvest Supper set for Oct. 26

By Larry Corman
Special to The PREVIEW

Mt. Allison Grange (2622 County Road 329, approximately 12 miles east of Ignacio) is hosting its annual harvest supper on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 5 until 7 p.m.

Tickets this year are \$12 for adults and children are \$5 (under

6 are free). Like usual, you will not go away hungry.

The menu this year includes: ham, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, tossed salad, homemade pies, coffee and punch.

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New Thought Center to present 'The Cauldron of Life'

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

All are welcome to the New Thought Center this Sunday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m. for our presentation, "The Cauldron of Life." Our guest speaker will be Karen Aspin.

This is an interactive, experiential introduction to a fun and easy process that helps you connect with inner aspects of yourself through soul messages. Everyone will have an opportunity to get a personal message.

For those who wish to further explore the process until 5 p.m., we can make a day of it as we go into guided journey, card making and in-depth 19 card self-interpreted reading for setting intentions for the next year. For details and registration, contact Aspin at 507-0435.

We welcome people of all religions, genders, cultures and races to our services, where we celebrate the Science of Mind and positive thinking.

"To experience and accept abundance, we must be convinced that, as we believe, the Universe provides." — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

We will have spirited live music.

Meditation circle

We invite the public to enjoy our weekly meditation circle each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Upcoming events

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2 to 3:30 p.m.: Open Writing Group.

If you are writing a memoir or you enjoy writing in the company of others, join our writing group. Bring paper and be ready to write. Donation appreciated.

Thursday, Nov. 7: Local herbalist Sam Johnson will speak on "Herbal Knowledge."

Nov. 8 and 9: "Native American Stories for Children" with Storyteller Harmony Fire Eagle.

The times are to be determined. Please call New Thought Center for more information.

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 3505 W. U.S. 160, on the second floor of the Best Western Lodge (elevator available).

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.

A father's assurance

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

Blake ran to his dad's bedroom as fast as his short little legs would carry him. He shook his father's shoulder with all his 4-year-old strength. "Daddy wake up," he cried.

Awakened by the sound of Blake's footsteps on the hardwood floors, the father readied himself for his son's appearance at his bedside. Right on cue, he sensed more than felt the little hand on his shoulder. He remained quiet while his son shared his fears.

"Daddy, the thunder hurts." Blake pressed his hands over his ears. "And, the lightning streaked through my room and zipped out the window. Someone pounded on my window." He took a deep breath and sobbed.

Dad looked into Blake's eyes as tears rolled down his round rosy cheeks. "Don't be afraid. It's just a noisy Oklahoma thunderstorm."

"Let me walk you back to your room." Dad sat up and slipped into his house shoes. He reached for his son's hand and together they walked down the short hallway to Blake's room.

The father assured the child with his calm voice. "All tucked in. Snug as a bug in a rug." He reached over and gave the child a kiss on his forehead. "Listen, the thunder is gone and stars fill the sky. The light rain a soft pitter-patter on

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the windowsill." From the edge of Blake's bed, he watched as his son's eyes fluttered.

Before long Blake drifted into a peaceful sleep, until the morning sun streaked across his room to welcome a new day. Last night's violent thunderstorm forgotten, he yawned and made his way to the kitchen.

At times, we wonder if our Heavenly Father cares. We cry out to Him, but our pleas seem to fall on deaf ears. Yet, in the silence of the night, we sense his presence and find comfort. He reaches out, takes our hand and guides us to a place of rest.

God knows our needs before we utter a word. He listens to our petitions and replaces our fears with his promises. The storms of life fall into perspective, when the Father speaks.

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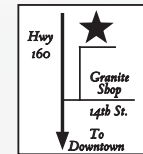
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UUs to discuss the spiritual journey of our political democracy

By **Dean Cerny**
Special to The PREVIEW

As we approach the end of 2019, we find ourselves amid a contentious presidential election cycle. For some, the results of next year's democratic process will yield much hope. For others, the outcome may result in much disappointment. For those who locate themselves

within a religious faith tradition, this coming year will be quite a spiritual journey.

Unitarian Universalists (UUs) seek some form of faith sustenance through what promises to be a tumultuous period. How might their faith inform their politics?

UUs will most likely attempt to abide within the seven principles of their faith tradition. These prin-

ciples will serve as a lodestar for UUs who see this coming year as a spiritual faith journey. What seems to be politics as usual can also be viewed as an opportunity for practicing the spiritual discipline of UU principles.

This discipline of spiritual practice will require much effort and energy. Are UUs ready and willing to engage? Join us this Sunday, Oct. 27, at 10:30 a.m., as we prepare for the coming political storm. This service will be led by Pastor Dean Cerny.

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 Pastor Dean, or for further information, call 731-7900.

Air ambulances and Medicare

By **Kay Kaylor**
PREVIEW Columnist

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 resource specialist and trained Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) and State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselor. Information on the many aging and care concerns will be included here.

Recently, air ambulance companies have been marketing in this area for memberships. Some of the information may be misleading, so read the fine print before you sign up. The state SMP contact, Greg Watson, sent some tips in answer to my questions, which clients have also asked.

First, Medicare pays for emergency transportation provided by

the nearest appropriate facility, and Medicare payments to rural transportation services were increased through 2022. The transport must be medically necessary.

"Medicare may pay for emergency ambulance transportation in an airplane or helicopter if your health condition requires immediate and rapid ambulance transportation that ground transportation can't provide and one of these applies," Watson noted. "Your pickup location can't be easily reached by ground transportation, or long distance or other obstacles, like heavy traffic, could stop you from getting care quickly if you traveled by ground ambulance."

The air ambulance industry expanded by more than 100 bases nationwide from 2012 to 2017, according to a March report by the federal Government Accountability Office. The median price charged for a medevac helicopter transport was \$36,400 in 2017 — a

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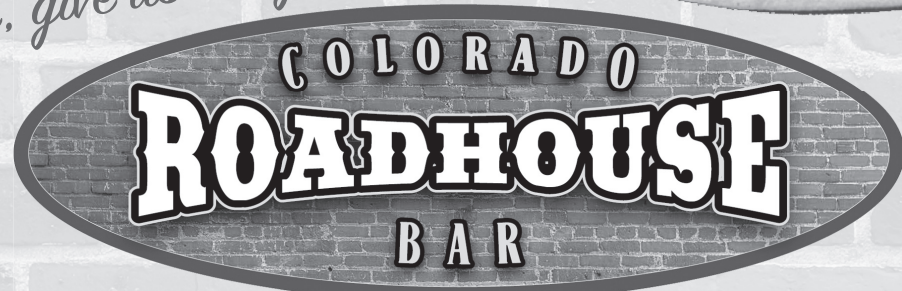
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Have fun and stay safe on Halloween

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Halloween is an exciting holiday for school-aged kids and many of us kids at heart. Children enjoy picking out their costume, making special treats, picking out a pumpkin, carving a jack-o'-lantern, attending Halloween parties and trick-or-treating.

When we wait all month for this special day to arrive, we want to make sure the festivities are fun for everyone involved. Having a safe Halloween will help make cherished memories for both you and your children.

Halloween is likely to rank high on most kids' list of favorite holidays, but their anticipation and excitement can make them vulnerable to injuries and accidents during Halloween celebrations. Halloween-related incidents can involve a number of hazards, including burns from flammable costumes that come into contact with open flames (particularly candles used to illuminate jack-o'-lanterns); falls and abrasions from ill-fitting costumes, shoes and accessories; and fires caused by burning candles left unattended, near combustible decorations or knocked over by kids and pets.

The following safety precautions have been suggested by The American Academy of Pediatrics, The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Fire Protection Association.

All dressed up

- Plan costumes that are bright

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and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes (including robes, capes and gowns) are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.

- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes, especially if colors are dark, for greater visibility at night by motorists.

- Be more visible by carrying candy in a white or brightly colored bag. Alternatively, put reflective tape on the bag.

- When making a costume at home, use fabrics that inherently are flame resistant, such as nylon and polyester.

- If a costume requires a mask or other face covering, you should be able to see clearly and breathe easily at all times. Unless the mask is clipped to your hair or costume, take it off when walking between houses.

- Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider nontoxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives.

- Read the packaging before using any makeup and follow the application instructions carefully. Be especially careful when applying makeup near eyes.

- Do not leave any makeup on overnight. Follow the removal

instructions carefully and use the recommended products. Again, be careful when cleaning the area around eyes.

- Wigs and accessories should clearly indicate they are flame resistant. Make sure that scarves, sashes and hats are worn securely and do not block vision.

- If a sword, cane or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if he stumbles or trips.

- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.

- Teach children how to call 911 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.

Jack-o'-lantern safety

- The safest jack-o'-lanterns are those with painted faces. Kids can use markers, paint and even glue-on embellishments to create a fun or scary pumpkin designs.

- Kids under the age of 14 should not do the actual carving or cutting. Have your child draw their design on the pumpkin, but let an adult carve it to avoid accidental lacerations and puncture wounds to the hands and fingers.

- Use special pumpkin carving tools instead of kitchen knives. Pumpkin carving kits are easy to find in most stores in the weeks before Halloween. These tools are usually smaller, less sharp and easier to control than a kitchen knife and less likely to cause a laceration or puncture wound. Make sure to

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member. Also, the company that responds to a call may not be the one a person joined. Even if it is the same company, patients still must work with their medical insurance.

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.

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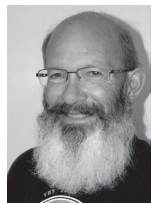
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use a well-lit, stable, dry surface to work on. Keep hands and tools clean and dry to minimize slips.

- Votive candles are the safest type of candle to use in a carved pumpkin.

- Candlelit pumpkins should be placed on a sturdy table, away from curtains and other flammable objects and should never be left unattended.

- If you do put candles in pumpkins or paper bags, set them back from the walkway so that long costumes will not fall into the flames.

- Battery-operated flameless candles and other flameless lighting are safe alternatives to traditional candles. This reduces the chances of decorations catching fire.

Decorating a safe home

- To keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, parents should remove from the porch and yard anything a child could trip over, such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.

- Parents should check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs.

- To create a spooky atmosphere, use colored light bulbs or theatrical gels to change the color of your porch light. Do not use plastic wrap because it could melt or cause a fire. If you use cloth, do not drape it over the bulb and make sure that it is not touching the bulb at all.

- Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater. Also, keep pets and children away from candle lit jack-o'-lanterns or luminaries.

Trick-or-treating

- A parent or responsible adult should plan to accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds. Even if it is cold outside,

do not be tempted to drive your child from house to house. The best safety measure is to walk with your child from house to house so that they are sure to be seen in the dark.

- Trick-or treating alone is not safe. If you allow an older child to go trick-or-treating with a group of friends, be sure to plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home. Bring a cellphone, walkie-talkies, or pin your child's name and telephone number in their pocket or on their costume in case someone should get hurt, lost or separated from the group.

- Encourage children to walk, not run; stay on sidewalks and driveways to avoid damaging plants or tripping over obstacles. Do not cut across yards or use alleys. If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic. Running or riding a bicycle while wearing a costume may be hazardous, so walk from house to house to prevent injuries.

- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks, as available. Never cross between parked cars or out driveways. Motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters, so do not assume that a passing car will see you.

- Carry a flashlight so you can see where you are walking and so others can see you. Do not walk near luminaries or jack-o'-lanterns.

- Don't try to pet dogs or cats, even if you know them. Friendly pets may not recognize you in your costume.

- Trick-or-treat in your own or a familiar neighborhood. Never go into a house or apartment unless your parents are with you. Avoid darkened houses; only visit those with a front porch light turned on. Never go into a stranger's home.

Accept treats at the door. Never accept treats from a stranger in a car or truck. Never get in a car with a stranger.

- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

Happy and healthy Halloween

- A good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats. Eating a small meal or sandwich can curb hunger and make children less likely to sample goodies before they have had time to let their parents check them over.

- If you are answering the door and giving out treats, offer non-candy substitutes such as pre-packaged fruit snacks, pretzels or sealed boxes of raisins. Treats do not have to be edible—items such as pencils, coloring books, stickers or small toys add variety to a trick-or-treater's haul.

- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items. Check wrappers carefully for signs of tampering such as discolorations, pinholes and small tears. Any opened packages and homemade food or candy should be thrown away.

- Try to ration sugary treats for the days following Halloween. Too much candy on Halloween night can mean a stomachache. Store candy out of sight and allow children to choose it as a dessert or an occasional snack.

From all of the staff at the Archuleta County Extension office and 4-H program, we wish everyone a fun, safe and happy Halloween.

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If you were in last year's veteran's pages, we will use the same information unless you call to update before November 1.

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The camo pajama game

“Heaven forbid! When are you going to take off those pajamas so I can wash them?”

My Sweet Al wears his favorite camouflage pajama bottoms all year-round — to take out the trash, work in the garage, even to work on the cars. But at this time of year, he just won't take them off. Is this what it means, “Be instant in season and out of season?”

If you're a hunter, apparently this is how things are. A hunter is always ready to spot a deer or elk, even if only wearing concealing flannel. Not yet hunting season? No issue. For my Sweet Al, always be prepared.

He and our son were on the way to the dump with a load of stuff. I said, “You can't go to the dump wearing your pajamas, what if someone sees you?”

“It's OK, it's just the dump. Besides, I may see some game.”

When did we get so old that it doesn't matter what we wear and have complete confidence in why? For my Sweet Al, it's all OK. He is dressing for the deer. Evidently,

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



when you live in wildlife country and even if you just have to pop into town, anything in camouflage print is appropriate attire.

Unfortunately, Al's obsession is not limited to just what he wears. I have had to restrict him from driving because he is too preoccupied looking for deer, turkey or whatever is in season. No problem there and nothing he can't justify. As long as he is dressed in his gear — or pajamas — he is focused with his eye on the prize.

Al doesn't hunt like he used to, but it doesn't mean he's not thinking about it. Last year, our son-in-law called and offered to take him hunting. My Sweet Al cleaned his gun and sharpened his knife. He had a wild look in his eyes, a smile

on his face and his trigger finger was twitching. He had hunting fever.

Like a schoolboy going on his first date, he was up all night trying on his camouflage clothes. And, of course, he had on his camouflage pajamas. Apparently, there is a hunter's code. A hunter has to look the part, even if he doesn't shoot his gun.

He is a hunter and he will die a hunter. If he wants to wear his pajamas to the dump, I guess it's fine. At the end of the day, does it really matter? In between deer and elk stories, I get to hear something I could never see: my Sweet Al's happy heartbeat.

Final brushstroke: We live in a place where we see wildlife every time we pull out of our driveway. It is also hunting season. Don't sweat the fever that comes with it as it doesn't last forever. So, whether your man is clad in camo or flannel, give him a sugar pill and indulge his cypsis ways. Just be thankful that he asks you how he looks before he leaves the house. Things could be so much worse.

Viewpoints

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The new 4-H year has begun, so don't miss this opportunity to enroll your child in a youth development program that teaches life skills, community involvement, leadership and much more.

If your child is between the ages of 5 and 18, he/she is eligible to join over 150 youth throughout the county in this fun and educational program. If you are interested but need more information, call the CSU Extension office at 264-5931. Partial and full scholarships are available upon request.

Free wood chips available for pickup

We are cleaning up the fairgrounds and all of the wood chips that helped keep things dry during the fair are available to anyone for pickup. If you are interested, just bring your pickup and haul it away. There is no need to call the Extension office for permission.

CPR and first aid classes

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

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.

Colorado Master Gardener program applications being taken

The Master Gardener program is innovative and flexible in its outreach and works to match volunteer skills and schedules. Each year, Colorado Master Gardeners all over the state help people make the right choices for their garden care. Anyone who would like to play an active role in the education of gardeners of all ages is invited to join our Colorado Master Gardener team.

Classes typically meet once a week on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 11 consecutive weeks. The cost of the Master Gardener apprentice training is \$170 and the Colorado Gardener Certificate is \$530. Partial scholarships are available as well for the apprentice program.

If you would like to learn more about successful gardening in Archuleta County, be sure to call the CSU Extension office in Archuleta County today at 264-5931. To register for the 2020 Colorado Master Gardener Program, which tentatively begins Jan. 23, 2020, please go to www.cmg.extension.colostate.edu. Hard copies are accepted at the local office, too.

Applications will be accepted until Dec. 15. Apply today.

Healthy Lands Workshop

There has been a date change for the Healthy Lands Workshop to Nov. 12. It will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Extension office. Please call the San Juan Conservation District office at 731-3615 to register. There will be a free lunch.

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Rise Above Violence adds Legal Program

By Lisa Silfrit
Special to The PREVIEW

She's free. She and her children are safe. She has finally made the decision to leave her marriage after years of emotional and physical abuse, and she has no intention of ever returning. A huge weight has been lifted off her aching shoulders.

Little does she know that now she has to prepare herself for all her trauma to be hung out for the courts to see, her abuse will be put into question, and her children will inevitably be used as pawns in his control over her until a judge is able to sign the final parenting and divorce orders in a year if she is lucky, in many more if she is not.

"Why don't you just leave your abusive partner?" is asked repeatedly as we watch our loved ones be victimized over and over again. A victim is faced with many questions, such as does she leave her partner and no longer have the ability to protect her children during time he will now have them without her, or does she continue to allow her perpetrator to use her as a punching bag and not them? Does she leave the comfort of being financially provided for, having a roof over her and her children's heads, and being able to provide healthy meals for their growing bodies?

To leave is to decide whether to live in poverty or be financially stable and the financial stress is only escalated when she realizes that she cannot win a fight with her perpetrator in court without pricey representation. The perpetrator then uses her poverty situation against her, arguing to the judge that he is a more fit and stable parent. Filing for child support may not be an option because it will only send the perpetrator into a spinning rage, escalating harassment and verbal abuse.

For many victims of domestic violence, the act of leaving is only the first step to a long, drawn-out legal battle. Perpetrators often use

civil court proceedings or threats of court proceedings to continue to hold control over victims and their children. The perpetrator can be noncompliant with civil legal proceedings, which adds to the number of hearings, each hearing costing the victim hundreds of dollars in attorney fees. Perpetrators may also begin to turn the children against the victim so the parenting time that the victim does have is jeopardized and spent trying to rebuild bonds that were maliciously sabotaged. Unfortunately, these behaviors by the perpetrator might not be easily connected to any definition of abuse during the course of

the custody litigation, leaving no repercussions for these actions.

Despite all of the challenges faced when leaving, many brave victims make the decision to escape for the safety of themselves and their children.

At Rise Above Violence, we have identified the challenges of this decision and began our Legal Program in January in order to assist victims with the burden of allocation of parental responsibility and divorce cases. Our mission in this program is to increase safety and enhance legal outcomes for the victims while helping them through the complicated process of preparing court documents, understanding court proceedings and, if deemed necessary, partnering them with an attorney contracted through Rise.

The way abusive behaviors manifest themselves in court have been identified as a huge barrier for victims of domestic violence and sometimes acts as a deterrent to leave. Rise is still actively looking for attorneys willing to help victims of our community in the above stated civil legal cases. If you are an attorney or know an attorney that shares our organization's goals and mission, please contact lisa@riseaboveviolence.org.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and there are many things you can do to help. Please consider volunteering your

time as a crisis advocate or help us run one of our fundraising event. Rise operates from grants and generous donors in our community. Consider being a monthly donor; even \$10 a month adds up quickly when a community commits together. Visit the donor page at our website to learn about all the ways you can help.

Rise is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving over 300 victims each year. Rise also works to eliminate violence through education for youth and our community. All programs and services are free and confidential, including emergency prevention education and empowerment programs. Visit www.riseaboveviolence.org for more information or call 264-9075 to talk to an advocate today.

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Halloween events and pumpkin decorating contest

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We hope you're thinking creatively about your pumpkin decorating skills, because it's time for our annual pumpkin decorating contest. Pumpkins can be carved, painted or decorated. We will have a limited number of pumpkins to

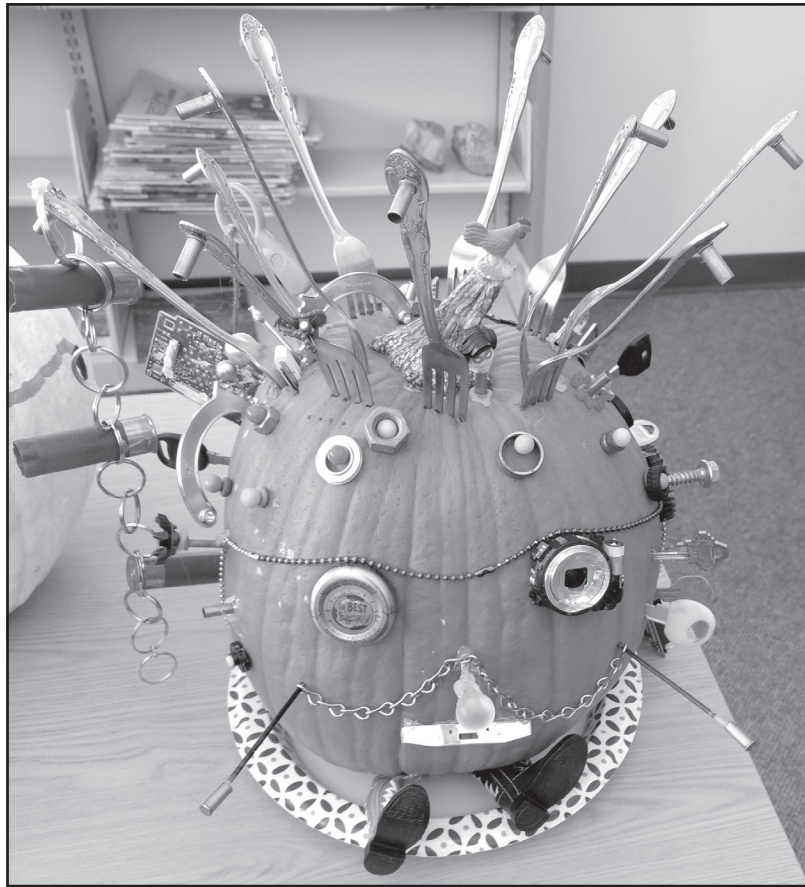


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The Halloween party at Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library will feature, among other things, a pumpkin-decorating contest. There will be several age categories open.

the Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network will be featured in a panel discussion.

Nov. 7 features the San Juan Search and Rescue — who they are and what they do to save lives. On Nov. 21, neuroscientist Jean Strahlendorf will discuss dementia and new clinical research that strives to reveal ways to potentially stave of its onset and progression.

Pick up a brochure at your library with more information

on each of these interesting and illuminating talks. We hope to see you there.

All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 25, from 2:30 to 4:15 p.m. for a PG movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to identify the film titles in the media,

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give out next week — one per family, please.

Completed pumpkins must be turned in to your library before 4:15 p.m. next Thursday, Oct. 31. The party runs from 3 to 5:15 p.m. Join us for snacks while you wait for the announcement of the winners at 5:15 p.m. in five categories: preschool, ages 5-7, ages 8-11, ages 12-17 and adult. Only one entry per person, please.

Then, on Friday, Nov. 1, we'll host the Day of the Dead Halloween Lock-in from 5 to 7 p.m. for ages 12-17. Registration and a signed parental permission slip are required. Join us for food, games, movies and crafts — costumes are encouraged, but not necessary. All participants must be in the building before 5 p.m. when the library closes.

Lifelong Learning lecture today

The third talk in the new free fall Lifelong Learning lecture series takes place today, Oct. 24, at 5 p.m. when local authors from

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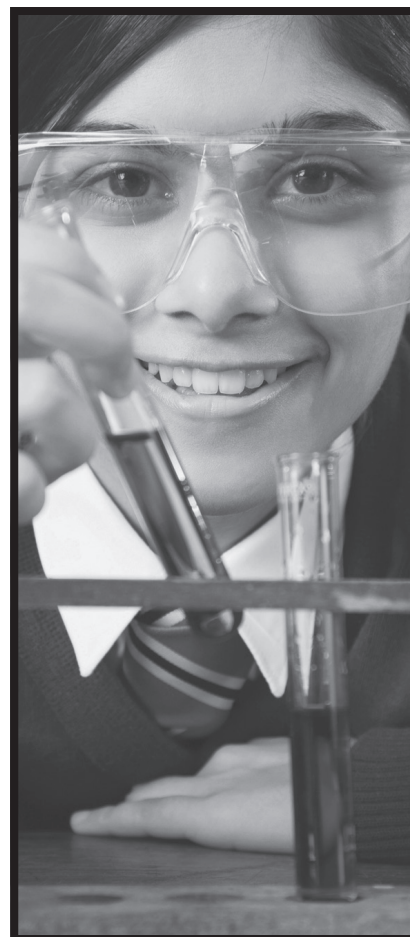
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If you are interested in being considered for the upcoming vacant school director position and would like more information, please contact Executive Assistant Robyn Bennett by email, rbennett@pagosa.k12.co.us; or by phone 970-264-2228 ext 5401.



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but you can find them listed on the activities calendars.

Teen book club tomorrow

Friday, Oct. 25, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the free teen book club, seventh- through 12th-graders will be talking about books read recently, picking out books for the next few months and enjoying snacks.

Literary Ladies tomorrow

This free book-lovers' group meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 25, they will discuss "The Orphan's Tale" by Pam Jenoff. For more information, contact Marilyn Stroud at Bakestroud@aol.com.

ESL classes expand to evening sessions in November

Free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes have been so appreciated at your library that we will — by popular demand — switch one of the weekly sessions to the evening starting in November to make it easier for more people to participate. We will drop Wednesday and add Tuesday evening.

The new schedule will be Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m.

The classes are led by two highly experienced teachers — Joyce Holdread for the intermediate/advanced group and Ellynn Ragone for beginners. No registration is required.

ESL ocurrirán con sesiones de la noche en noviembre

Las clases gratuitas de ESL han sido tan apreciadas en su biblioteca que nosotros — por demanda popular — cambiaremos una de las sesiones de la semana para llevarse a cabo por la noche para facilitar más participación de los estudiantes. Empezando en noviembre, el horario nuevo será los martes de 5 a 7 p.m. y los viernes de 12 a 2 p.m. Las clases son dirigidas por dos instructoras con mucha experiencia. Joyce Holdread enseña el grupo intermedio o avanzado y Ellynn Ragone enseña los principiantes. No es necesario registrarse.

ESL this month

Until the above November schedule changes, ESL for the rest of this month is Oct. 25 and Oct. 30 from noon to 2 p.m.

Accelerated GED course

Pagosa Adult Learning Services (PALS) is offering a free accelerated GED preparation course at your library using one-on-one tutoring with traditional and online mate-

rials for students at least 17 by the time of their first test.

Enrollment has already begun, and will continue today, Oct. 24, from 2 to 7 p.m. and Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The course begins Monday, Nov. 4, and runs until Dec. 12, but you don't have to wait to get started. As soon as you have finished registration, you will get access to all materials and classes and can begin your studies immediately.

Scholarships are available for the testing fees. For more information, please contact Mark, the PALS instructor, at the library.

LEGO Club

Kids ages 6-12 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club.

Tween gaming

Free gaming for those in the fourth through eighth grades is Monday, Oct. 28, 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, Oct. 30, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) takes place today, Thursday, Oct. 24, from 2 to 7 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come to your library to get help from Mark with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Free tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Family storytimes

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m., join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Both storytimes are open to babies, toddlers and youngsters of all ages to make it easier for parents to attend with their children depending on their busy schedules rather than the age of their little ones.

These free sessions are an excellent way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your families at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults. We look forward to seeing you at your library. Se habla español.

Essays and short stories

"Fat, Pretty and Soon to be Old" by Kimberly Dark is a collection of essays talking about painful things like being fat and gay. "Lady Liberty" by Joan Marans Dim contains stories about the statue's creators told in the context of U.S. immigration policies. "A Short Philosophy of Birds" by Philippe J. Dubois and Eloise Rousseau offers 22 lessons for living, inspired by the secret lives of birds. "Grand Union" is the first short story collection by

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Zadie Smith.

Nonfiction

“Scarred” by actress Sarah Edmondson is the true story of the author’s escape from a cult. “Democracy in Danger” by Jake Braun describes how hackers and activists exposed fatal flaws in our election system. “Year of the Monkey” by National Book Award-sinner Patti Smith is a memoir with a poetic blend of fact and fiction. “The Mosquito” by Timothy C. Winegard shows how the mosquito has been the single most powerful force in determining the fate of humanity. “Neither Wolf Nor Dog” by Kent Nerburn is the story of two men, one white and one Indian, traveling together.

“Permanent Record” by Edward Snowden is the memoir of the man who exposed the U.S. government’s collection of citizen phone calls, text messages and emails. “Inside Out” by Demi Moore is the memoir of this famous actress’s life, including her dealing with addiction, body image issues and childhood trauma. “Trump, the FBI and the Rule of Law” by James B. Stewart looks at what happened within the FBI in the leadup to the 2016 election. “United States of Trump” by Bill O’Reilly is a look at how the president’s view of America was formed. “Bobby at Home” by Bobby Flay shares 165 recipes for family and friends. “Stealing the Show: A History of Arts and Crime in Six Thefts” by John Barelli, retired chief security officer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, details his experiences and lessons learned from major art heists.

CDs

“Kochland” by Christopher Leonard is an exploration of Koch Industries and corporate power in America. “The New Girl” by Daniel Silva is a Gabriel Allon thriller. “A Better Man” by Louise Penny is a Chief Inspector Gamache mystery set in Quebec. “Elevator Pitch” by Linwood Barclay is a thriller

featuring multiple elevator accidents. “The Testaments” by Margaret Atwood is the sequel to “The Handmaid’s Tale.” “The Institute” by Stephen King is a story about kids confronting evil. “What Rose Forgot” by Nevada Barr tells of a woman escaping an Alzheimer’s unit after being improperly committed.

DVDs

“Kim Swims” follows a female swimmer in a sole swim in frigid waters to the Golden Gate Bridge. “True Detective” is season one. “The Professor and the Madman” is a true story starring Mel Gibson and Sean Penn.

Novels

“Ninth House” by Leigh Bardugo features a student at Yale given a full scholarship with a catch. “The Giver of Stars” by Jojo Moyes is based on a true story about women delivering books on horseback throughout Kentucky. “The Topeka School” by Ben Lerner follows a cool kid and a loser at Topeka High School. “Cilka’s Journey” by Heather Morris is the story of a beautiful teenaged girl first at Auschwitz and later Siberia. “Warrior of the Altai” by Robert Jordan is a fantasy. “What Happens in Paradise” by Elin Hilderbrand is the sequel to Winter in Paradise. “Child’s Play” by Danielle Steel follows a family whose three adult children share secrets and unwanted surprises. “The Nickel Boys” by Colson Whitehead is the sequel to “The Underground Railroad.”

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Nightstand item
- 5 Drinking aid
- 10 Did some laps
- 14 Aspire maker
- 15 Hunt illegally
- 16 Worker's pay
- 17 Fill to excess
- 18 Not appreciative
- 20 Little laugh
- 22 Located
- 23 Pigeon's perch
- 25 Financial worry
- 26 Marvel superhero team
- 29 Virgins of Ancient Rome
- 33 Like some divorces
- 34 Mars explorer
- 36 Wish otherwise
- 37 Succulent plant
- 38 Kind of panel
- 39 Latest thing
- 40 Grand total
- 41 Arbor Day month
- 42 Feature of old slot machines
- 43 Nose-wrinkling
- 45 UPS parcel, e.g.
- 47 Sea lettuce
- 49 Shocking weapon
- 50 Bare-bones
- 54 Bagpiper's wear
- 57 It may give you a rush
- 59 Paddock papa
- 60 State of mind
- 61 Place for a perm
- 62 Aardvark fare
- 63 Conclusion starter
- 64 Bull's sound
- 65 For fear that

DOWN

- 1 Hold up
- 2 Exotic berry
- 3 Spirited
- 4 False front

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- 5 Plant having milky juice
- 6 Freight weight
- 7 Cleaning cloths
- 8 Bitter
- 9 "_____ you say..."
- 10 Gym wear
- 11 Float on the breeze
- 12 Chills and fever
- 13 Blend together
- 19 Root veggie
- 21 Nervously irritable
- 24 Typo, eg.
- 26 Store up
- 27 Soft palate
- 28 Well-made
- 30 Popular flooring tile
- 31 Hole-boring tool
- 32 Distrustful
- 35 Parking pro
- 38 Handheld telescope
- 39 1990 film, "_____ of Fortune"
- 41 Poker phrase
- 42 Simpson sibling
- 44 City on the Rio Grande
- 46 Type of fingerprint
- 48 Edgar _____ Poe
- 50 Newborn's need
- 51 Anagram for "door"
- 52 Throat trouble
- 53 Missile housing
- 55 Graphic _____
- 56 Twiggy digs
- 58 Swe. neighbor

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the 1950s.

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Answer: Hot rod

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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- BREAD
- BUTTER
- CANDY
- CHIPS
- CHOCOLATE
- COOKIES
- CREAMY
- CRUNCHY
- CRUSHED
- DELICIOUS
- DESSERT
- DIP
- DRESSING
- FATS
- GROUND
- GROUNDNUT
- HOMEMADE
- INGREDIENT
- JELLY
- LEGUME
- NUTTY
- OILS
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- PEANUT
- RICH
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Welch Nossaman, in 1876, built the first cabin in what today is Pagosa Springs.

The first settlers

In 1876, Pagosa Country's first settlers located along the road connecting Tierra Amarilla and the lower Animas Valley, where Durango is today. In the southern part of what today is Archuleta County, they settled on the banks of the Navajo River in the Edith area.

Those first settlers were Jose Marcelino Archuleta and Jose Guadalupe Trujillo. Archuleta County was formed in 1885 and named for the father of Jose Marcelino. Archuleta and Trujillo had been living near Conejos in the San Luis Valley for several years. They crossed Cumbres Pass and dropped into the Chama River Valley on the west side of the Continental Divide while driving a herd of 500 sheep and 17 cows. Trujillo later moved on to the Montezuma Cañon area. The community of Trujillo is named for him.

Also in 1876, Eli Perkins settled on the Piedra River near the present U.S. 160 bridge. It was written of Perkins, "Along about 1876, Anno Domini, there came to this virgin land of promise a bachelor named Perkins, whose outlines reminded



Pagosa's Past

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one of Kit Carson, and one-half mile west of the Piedra, and just off the present highway, excavated himself a primitive doodlebug dugout with a periscope in its attic for observing Lo's early morning habits. Nearby he tilled a few acres of wild soil all by his lonesome."

Needing cash, Welch Nossaman, probably the first to live in the town of Pagosa Springs, helped Peterson dig an irrigation ditch from Yellowjacket Creek. After working for two months for the promise of one dollar a day, Nossaman learned that Perkins couldn't pay him and left for the mining town of Silverton. Along the way to Silverton, Nossaman stopped in Pine River to work for Charley "Racehorse" Johnson for a few days. River was today's Bayfield.

More next week.

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ANSWER:

Art class at Senior Center to focus on repurposing greeting cards

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

Hate to throw away those beautiful greeting cards you receive? If so, please join us at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 1 p.m. for a free class to learn how to make a gift box out of a greeting card.

No reservations or art talent needed. If attending and you have a card(s) you would like to use, bring it(them) along. All other materials will be provided at no charge. These boxes are great for small items such as jewelry, gift cards or money.

The instructor will be Denise Fisk, former art teacher in Iowa.

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 Nov. 13, at 1 p.m.

History (Book) Club

Are you interested in reading and talking about history with others? If so, please join us the History (Book) Club and bring your ideas and experiences as we continue a history discussion group at the Senior Center.

The discussions cover many historical subjects based on the preferences of the group. Please come and bring your friends who might also be interested.

Facilitated by Jim Van Liere, the group meets the third Wednesday of every month.

The next meeting will be Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. in the Community Café dining room in the Senior Center.

Health and wellness

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

Senior News

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

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

The next health and wellness date will be Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Medical alert monitors

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

Please call 264-2167 for more information or to sign up.

Memberships

2019 Senior Discount Club Memberships are now offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 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, Oct. 24 — Chicken, broccoli and rice casserole, squash calabacitas, milk, the salad bar and brownie.

Friday, Oct. 25 — Beef meatloaf, milk, cauliflower mashed with gravy, zucchini medley, salad bar and peach cobbler.

Monday, Oct. 28 — Shrimp scampi with orzo, oven-fried okra, milk, stir-fried zucchini, breadstick with butter and salad bar.

Tuesday, Oct. 29 — Pork zuppa Toscana, eggplant gratin, creamed corn, focaccia bread with butter milk and salad bar.

Wednesday, Oct. 30 — Turkey tetrazzini, split pea soup, glazed carrots, milk, salad bar and Key lime pie.

Thursday, Oct. 31 — Beef brisket on hoagie roll, potato salad, Parmesan green beans roasted with pine nuts, milk, salad bar and butterscotch brownie.

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

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Thursday, Oct. 24

Hai Chee. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

Scholastic Book Fair: Arctic Adventure Book Fair — Snow Much to Read. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. The community, parents, families and teachers are invited to attend this book fair and participate in activities that accompany the arctic theme, which are all geared to instill the love of books and reading. For more questions or to volunteer, contact Aubrie Limebrook at (808) 721-6876.

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. 1-4 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. 2-7 p.m. Sisson Library. The accelerated course will use one-on-one tutoring with traditional and

online materials giving you study options to help complete your goals. Call 264-2209 for more information and to register.

Lifelong Learning Lecture: Panel Discussion with the Wolf Creek Christian Network. 5-6:30 p.m., Sisson Library. The Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network is a group of authors that meet regularly to improve their writing skills and support one another through collaborative learning and constructive criticism. This panel discussion will help the audience understand the challenges and joys involved with writing and answer questions about the writing and publishing process. This presentation is for everyone but will be especially helpful to aspiring writers of any age. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Scholastic Book Fair: Arctic Adventure Book Fair — Snow Much to Read: Family Night. 5-7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. The partners in Education (PIE) has organized an evening of fun and will provide a delicious, nutritious homemade dinner. Families can participate in the arctic/frozen performance, story time, various guessing games and crafts. The book fair will be open. For more questions or to volunteer, contact Aubrie Limebrook at (808) 721-6876.

Health Insurance Open Enrollment Information Table. 5-7 p.m., Ruby Sisson Memorial Library. Find out what's new with health insurance in Colorado. Kevin O'Connor from San Juan Basin Public Health will be available to answer your questions about free and reduced-cost health insurance from Connect for

Health Colorado, Medicaid, and CHP+. Rates are lower and laws have changed, so see what your options are.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Playwrights Festival. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The festival will feature new plays by up-and-coming playwrights. The festival audience is invited to watch the unfolding development of the plays as they are explored by Thingamajig's professional actors under the guidance of director Melissa Firlit. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Friday, Oct. 25

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

Scholastic Book Fair: Arctic Adventure Book Fair — Snow Much to Read. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School. The community, parents, families and teachers are invited to attend this book fair and participate in activities that accompany the arctic theme,

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which are all geared to instill the love of books and reading. For more questions or to volunteer, contact Aubrie Limebrook at (808) 721-6876.

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. This month they will discuss "Orphan's Tale" by Pam Jenoff. Call 264-2209 for more information.

GED Accelerated Preparation Course. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sisson Library. The accelerated course will use one-on-one tutoring with traditional and online materials giving you study options to help complete your goals. Call 264-2209 for more information and to register.

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.

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

Teen Book Club. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 6th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Movie. 2:30-4:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Teens and an author of a horror series battle the author's imaginary monsters after they come to life and wreak havoc on their small town. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Pagosa Pirates Girls Varsity Volleyball. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Buena Vista.

Pagosa Pirates Boys' Varsity Soccer. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Telluride.

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

Sacred Piano Concert. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Seventh-day Adventist Church, 40 Oren Road. Erwin Nanas, minister of music, will perform.

San Juan Stargazers Seventh Anniversary Dinner. This is for club members and guests only. Cost is \$5. For more information, visit www.sanjuanstargazers.org, email sjstargazers@gmail.com or call 335-8286.

Haunted Maze. 8-10 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School baseball fields. Teens and adults, \$12. Tickets can be purchased at the gate. Save \$2 on scary times entry fees with Facebook.

Saturday, Oct. 26

Meditation and Recorded Dharma

Talk. 10 a.m., Unitarian Universal Fellowship, 70 Greenbriar Drive, Suite B-15. All are welcome.

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office Drug Takeback. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Archuleta County Courthouse. Drop off any unused or expired prescription medications.

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.

Halloween Carnival. Noon-2 p.m., Yamaguchi Park. Weather permitting. For all ages. There will be a photo booth, games and face painting. Dressing up isn't mandatory, but highly encouraged.

Pagosa Pirates Boys' Varsity Soccer. 1:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Ridgway.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'The Adventure of Samantha.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Selected play for the 2019 Youth Playwrights Festival, written by Amelie Heinicke of Pagosa Peak Open School.

Haunted Maze. 2-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School baseball fields. Young kids, \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the gate. Save \$2 on scary times entry fees with Facebook.

Family Storytime: Monster Style. 3-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Show off your monster style in a series of monster-creating activities. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Mt. Allison Grange Harvest Supper. 5-7 p.m., Mt. Allison Grange Hall, 2622 County Road 329. Tickets this year are \$12 for adults, \$5 for children, under 6 free. If you have any questions or need directions, contact Shirley Engler at 883-2483 or Sharon Nossaman at 769-7789.

Pagosa Springs Community Band Fall Concert. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. The theme of the concert is music from the movies. There will be songs that are familiar and conjure up scenes of drama, action and maybe romping in fields of poppies. Come and enjoy an evening of music from your favorite movies.

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Sunday, Oct. 27
Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Men On Boats.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, Oct. 28
Startup Colorado: Storytellers. Featuring Tabitha Zapone. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/819506881777940/>.

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

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

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:15 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call Beverly at 264-2064.

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.

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.

Archuleta County Democratic Party Central Committee. Noon, Visitor Center. To promote transparency, Democratic Party events are open to the public. If you would like to speak at the meeting or add an agenda item, call Becky Herman at 903-0788.

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

Zentangle. 1 p.m., Higher Grounds. You may bring your own pens and paper or purchase a Zentangle kit for \$10. For more information, contact Roberta Strickland, CZT, 946-4582 or email at mtn.mamacita@gmail.com.

Southwest Organization for Sustainability. 4 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Everyone 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, Oct. 29

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.

Rise Above Violence Advocate Training. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. To get the location, RSVP or for more information, email Jacey Christensen at jacey@riseaboveviolence.org.

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., The Break Room. The cost is \$12. All women are welcome. For a reservation to join us, call 946-1895.

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

Pickleball. Noon-4 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

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

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m. PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn the smooth and flowing romantic night club two-step. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

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

Family Storytime 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. For all ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga Flow Class. 10-11 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information,

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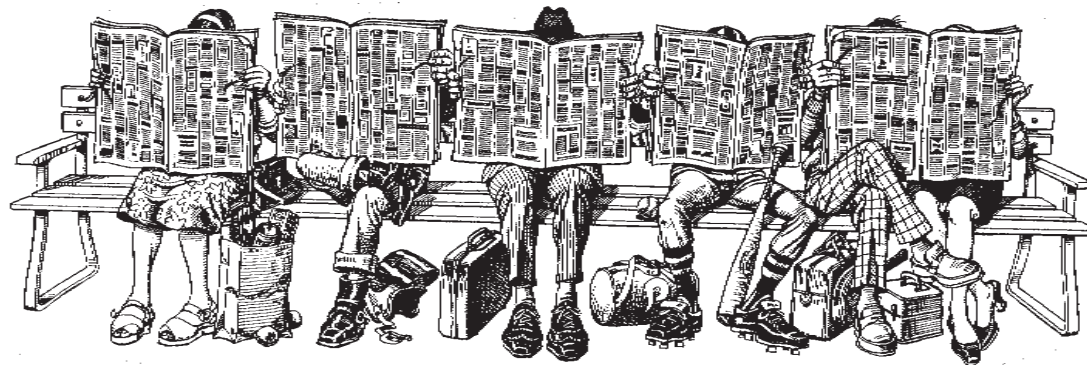
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call Amy at (609) 204-1998.

English as a Second Language.

Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Jelly Beans After School Fun Club.

3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. All ages welcome. For information, call 903-8104.

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., Commu-

nity Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

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.

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

Senior Center.

Pagosa Sports Club Meeting. 6 p.m.,

PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Attention shooters: Based on attendance and interest expressed earlier this month to form a sports club and shooting range, we were encouraged to move forward. A follow-up meeting for additional information and to create working committees will be held. Full- and part-time residents are encouraged to attend. Contact PagosaSportsClub@gmail.com.

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m.,

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

Thursday, Oct. 31

Hai Chee. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Epis-

copal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

A Course in Miracles Study Group.

10-11:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Call Karen LeCour at 264-0111 for more information.

Loaves and Fishes 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. 1-4 p.m., Community Cen-

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

Tech Time. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library.

Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Halloween Party and Pumpkin Deco-

rating Contest. 3-5:15 p.m., Sisson

Library. For all ages. Join us for activities snacks and the pumpkin contest. Pumpkins can be carved, painted or decorated. Completed pumpkins must be turned in by 4:15 p.m. for judging. Winners will be announced at 5:15 p.m. Hang out with some creepy-crawly snacks and crafts.

Trick or Treat at Pine Ridge. 5-6 p.m.,

Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Drive. Bring your children to trick or treat. The residents are dressing up for this event and handing out candy.

Trunk or Treat. 5-8 p.m., Pagosa Bible

Church, 209 Harman Park Drive. Candy, games, hot dogs for all ages. Shuttle bus provided from additional parking across U.S. 160.

Friday, Nov. 1

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community

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

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30

a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community Cen-

ter. 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.

Pagosa Spin and Weave Group. 2-5

p.m., Pagosa Springs Arts Council, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. All those interested in the fiber arts of hand spinning and hand weaving are invited. An ongoing study group on warping the loom, threading and tying twill will continue. Looms and spindles will be available to try, and fiber artists of all types and ages are welcome. Contact anniemay123@yahoo.com for more information.

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.

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

Day of the Dead Lock-in. 5-7 p.m.,

Sisson Library. For ages 12-17. Join us for a themed evening of food, games, movies and crafts. A permission slip must be filled and presented with the child upon entry to the program. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Boys' Varsity Football.

7 p.m., Golden Peaks Stadium.

Pagosa vs. Alamosa.

Saturday, Nov. 2

Family Storytime: Dia de los Muertos.

3-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Visit with some special guests for an introduction to Dia de los Muertos and some of the traditions surrounding the holiday. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Holiday Bazaar. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.,

Pagosa Springs High School.

Sunday, Nov. 3

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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When Pixie went missing

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Marilyn didn't like dogs, and no one seemed to know why. Her children really wanted a dog, but she always said no. The children went to their dad and begged for a dog, so he approached his wife about it. Even he couldn't convince her that all children needed a dog.

"Why do you hate dogs so much?" he asked.

"When I was a teenager, my brother owned a Great Dane," she said. "He was always wandering off and causing problems."

"But that is no reason to hate all dogs," her husband replied. "Not all dogs run off and cause problems."

"It isn't just that he was always leaving. It was what he did."

By this time, the children had also gathered around. "What did your brother's dog do?" one of them asked.

Marilyn told them about how, when the dog would wander off, he would run all over causing havoc. The dog would rummage through people's garbage cans, chase birds through muddy bogs, and all sorts of things. The neighbors were often annoyed at him because he would also terrorize the neighborhood cats, though he never hurt any of them. He seemed more intent on making friends with other animals, but his size made them all scared of him.

Marilyn said that when anyone noticed the dog had escaped from the backyard, it was all hands on deck, no matter what the person was doing. One evening, just as Marilyn was ready to take the old Buick and head to town, her mother stopped her.

"Marilyn, Pixie is missing. We need you to help find him."

That was another thing that Marilyn hated about her brother's dog. Her brother had named the dog Pixie as a joke, knowing his Great Dane puppy would grow. The dog was huge, and going around calling out "Here, Pixie," only to have a dog the size of an ox come running, was more than a little embarrassing.

Marilyn tried to talk her way out of it, saying she really needed to go and didn't want to get dirty, but her mother insisted.

"You take the pickup truck, and if you find him, you can just have him jump in the back."

Marilyn finally agreed. She climbed into the front of the truck and drove around looking for the dog, hoping someone else would find him first. But luck was not to

be on her side. She hadn't gone too far when she was sure she saw him. She considered acting like she hadn't, but she knew if she wanted to continue with her evening plans, she better help get him home.

She climbed from the pickup, leaving the door open so she could dash back in before he came. She walked toward where she thought he was, and sure enough, it was him. He had made friends with some pigs and was rolling in the mud with them.

She called Pixie, and when he saw her, his joy seemed to be unbounded. He came toward her at full speed. She turned and ran. And even in the high heels and the beautiful gown she was wearing, she outraced him to the pickup, jumped in, and slammed the door. She had expected Pixie to jump in the back like he always did, but instead, he flew through the window,

right into her lap.

"It was to be my first high school dance," Marilyn said. "But even after I was cleaned up, I still smelled like a pigsty. Nor was I in the mood to go to the dance, anyway."

Eventually, the children and their father were able to prevail with Marilyn, and they got a dog.

It was a small one, and if Fluffy ever went missing, no one ever asked Marilyn to help find her.

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Four questions to ask before fueling your outdoor power equipment this fall

By **Debbi Mayster**
Special to The PREVIEW

Autumn is coming soon, which means fall leaves and yard work. Homeowners are opening up their garages and sheds and getting out their mowers, trimmers, blowers, power washers and other outdoor power equipment to use for fall chores.

The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), an international trade association representing power equipment, small engine, utility vehicle, golf cart and personal transport vehicle manufacturers and suppliers, provides these tips to get “backyard ready” for fall — starting with proper fueling of your equipment.

“You want your equipment available when you need it and that starts with proper maintenance and fueling,” said Kris Kiser, OPEI president and CEO. “Always check which fuel you’re buying before

filling up.”

Four questions to ask before you start fueling outdoor power equipment:

1. Have you read the owner’s manual for the equipment? Always follow manufacturer’s fueling recommendations and use the type of fuel specified.

2. Is the fuel in your equipment fresh? Fuel should not sit in the tank for more than 30 days. Untreated gasoline (without a fuel stabilizer) left in the system will deteriorate, which may cause starting or running problems and, in some cases, damage to the fuel system.

3. Did you purchase the correct fuel? What goes in your car or truck may not be the correct fuel to use in your outdoor power equipment. There are many choices at the pump today, and you should only use fuel that is E10 or less in any outdoor power equipment. Some gas stations may offer 15 percent ethanol (E15) gas or higher ethanol

fuel blends, but any fuel containing greater than 10 percent ethanol can damage — and is illegal to use, says the Environmental Protection Agency — in small engine equipment not designed for it.

4. Are you using a fuel additive or the manufacturer’s fuel? Many manufacturers make fuel additives and fuels, sold at retail locations, to improve equipment performance and mitigate any fueling problems caused by ethanol-based fuels. Check with your manufacturer’s recommendations and make the best choice that will keep your equipment running strong all season.

“It’s also important to drain fuel tanks before storing equipment for the winter,” he said. “Fuel more than 30 days old isn’t good for machines. Also service and winterize your lawn mower, string trimmer, leaf blower and other outdoor power equipment before storing so it’s ready to get jobs done.”

For more information on safe fueling, go to www.LookBeforeYouPump.com.

Seven uses for fallen leaves

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By the time autumn hits full swing, many trees will have shed their leaves for the season, and the last vestiges of red, yellow and orange magic will have faded to brown. Raking, blowing and collecting leaves becomes the primary chores of lawn and yard maintenance, and presents most homeowners with large piles of gathered leaves to tend to.

It is impossible to count just how many leaves fall to the ground each year, or just how many pounds of leaves get collected curbside, but the numbers are substantial. Cleaning up leaves is considerable work, but not all of those leaves need to be carted away. In fact, there are several different uses of leaves that can be beneficial.

1. Spread leaves as a protective mulch to cover tender perennials or root crops/bulbs in the ground. The leaves will form a natural insulating cover that keeps the soil and the plants within a bit warmer over winter.

2. Create a pile of leaves that will break down and form a crumbly, compost-like material called leaf mold. Even though leaf mold may sound like a blight, it’s actually a good amendment to garden soil, improving its structure and ability to hold water. Leaf mold also attracts beneficial organisms that are vital in healthy soil.

3. Brown leaves can be added to green materials in compost piles to improve the health of the compost being formed. According to the healthy living resource Care2, the ideal ratio is 75 percent brown to

25 percent green materials in compost. Turn compost piles regularly to aerate them.

4. Store dried, mulched leaves in a dry spot so they can be used in the spring as a weed barrier for spring plantings. They will keep weeds at bay and help retain soil moisture to ensure small sprouts have the resources to grow.

5. Use shredded leaves as a lawn supplement. Pass a lawn mower over leaves left on the lawn to break them down into pieces too small to rake. This will help keep the lawn healthy throughout the winter without blocking out needed sunlight.

6. Bag dried leaves and pack them tightly together in cold areas of the home, such as basements or garages. They can act as added insulation. Bags of leaves also can be placed around planting containers to protect them from frost.

7. Gather a few of the best-looking leaves and preserve them. Use an iron on a low setting and press leaves between two pieces of waxed paper until the waxed paper seals together. Or use clear contact paper to achieve the same effect.

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Marine Corps birthday celebration planned

By Ed Robinson
Special to The PREVIEW

From the Marines' Hymn: "If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven's scenes, they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines."

Pagosa-area Marines and their guests are invited to celebrate the 244th birthday of the United States Marine Corps on Nov. 10. The cel-

ebration will be held at Boss Hogg's Restaurant and Saloon, 157 Navajo Trail Drive.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. with a gathering in the restaurant's main floor Wilderness Room. Dinner orders will be taken at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will pay for their own dinners and drinks; an 18 percent gratuity will be added to all bills.

The traditional cake cutting

ceremony and short program will follow dinner. Complimentary birthday cake will be served as dessert.

Other service members, especially U.S. Navy Corpsmen, are welcome. Dress is casual, however, military uniforms are always welcome.

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

On first glance, it's fairly easy to mistake the American pipit for another "robin-sized" ground-foraging bird. However, these birds are uniquely adapted to nest in colder climates and thus spend the majority of their time either in Rocky Mountain alpine environments or in tundra farther north. They situate their woven cup nests on the ground in scree fields, rock crevices and other hardscrabble spaces. Nestlings are tough and can endure late winter storms.

During breeding season, one is more likely to spot individuals up in the high country. Come late fall, they transition into flocks and move down to lower elevations to glean insect larvae from shallow water sources (edges of streams and lakes) and mud flats, and seed from recently disturbed agricultural fields. Their feeding behavior oftentimes involves abrupt changes in direction and tail "wagging."

Adults in breeding season have tannish, almost cinnamon underparts and are grayish-brown on the back. Immature birds and adults out of breeding season have almost sparrow-like plumage with varying degrees of streaking on their breast. Their whitish throats are oftentimes framed by V-shaped dark lines on either side of their neck.

During these winter months, look for a white eye-ring and faint white eyebrow. Pipits can be distinguished from other similar birds by their slender build, pronounced neck and shortish bill. Their whitish outer tail feathers are visible in flight.

Pipits have a repetitive song that sounds like a softened car alarm. In flight, however, they will express a shortened high-pitched "pi-pit" call.

These birds have suffered from loss of wetland habitat during migration and on their wintering grounds. Partners in Flight estimates a population decline of 30 percent since 1970. Get out and look for these birds at the edges of water over the next several months.

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\$250 • \$500 • \$750
\$1,000 • \$3,000
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