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Storm increases snowpack levels by 8 percent

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

With consistent snowfall on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, local snowpack levels, as of Jan. 2, have shown an 8 percent increase since last week, according to data from the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS).

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins are currently 71 percent of median, up from 63 percent of median last week.

The Upper Rio Grande Basin has also seen an increase in levels, with a current total of 76 percent of median,

compared to last week's total of 67 percent of median.

Snowpack levels remain the same for the Gunnison River Basin, staying at 91 percent of median.

The Yampa and White River basins saw a drop from last week, going from 110 percent of median to 102 percent of median this week.

Another fall in snowpack levels is recorded at the Laramie and North Platte basins, with current levels sitting at 103 percent of median, compared to last week's total of 108 percent of median.

■ See Storm A8

Laos and Lynch vie for open school board seat

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

With a vacant seat available for the director of District 2 on the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE), two interested candidates have thrown their hats in the ring to be considered for the opening.

The BOE will hold interviews for the director position during a special meeting on Jan. 8.

One candidate, Christa Laos, sent her letter of interest to ASD

Executive Secretary Robyn Bennett in an email on Nov. 29.

Laos' letter informs the district that she was planning on running for that same seat in November of 2019.

"I want to be on the Board in order to serve my community and it is my belief that education is fundamental to our future," Laos wrote.

Her email also indicates that she has spent hundreds of hours

■ See School A8

'Better, but not done' Cleanup on 187 Bill's Place

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

An update on the ongoing saga of the cleanup efforts at 187 Bill's Place was given by Interim County Administrator Greg Schulte at a work session by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Wednesday morning.

On Aug. 22, 2018, the county received an administrative war-

rant to seize animals located on the property.

At an Aug. 30 work session of the BoCC, it was explained that 13 dogs had to be removed from the property and that it was "ankle-deep in trash."

Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez had described the living conditions that the dogs were in as "terrible."

■ See Cleanup A8

Town council hears about draft impact fee study

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

"This is not a simple matter," said Brian Duffney, executive vice president of Economic & Planning Systems (EPS) to the Pagosa Springs Town Council on Dec. 20, 2018.

Duffney was presenting EPS's draft impact fee study and draft recommendations to the council, which could mean lowered impact fees for the town in the future.

The council decided in early 2018 to spend \$39,860 to update its impact fee study, with EPS selected to conduct the study. EPS also completed the town's 2006 impact fee study.

Impact fees are collected on new developments by some communities to help fund capital facilities and capital equipment to service growth.

"The analysis completed by EPS for this study is intended to re-eval-

■ See Town A8



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New Year's snowstorm

Pagosa Country was blanketed in a fresh layer of white just in time to ring in the new year. Despite the snow falling for the better part of two days, locals and visitors alike got outdoors to view the wildlife, build a snow postal worker and sled.



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EDITORIAL

Readers share more ideas for 2019

The new year is upon us, and in the tradition of a fresh start with the fresh year, we asked readers to share their ideas for the changes they wanted to see in Pagosa Springs during 2019. This is a continuation from last week.

Dee Halligan wrote, "I would like to see the grade school and middle schools and move them over close to the high school. Improve security and save on maintenance costs. The town is getting bigger and the middle school shouldn't be in the middle of town. I was driving by the other day and a ball flew over the fence into the street."

Genevieve E. Gilbert Janak responded, "Dee Halligan no. First, the middle school is historical ground. It's not going anywhere, and it never should!!"

"The town literally can only grow so much, that's something to just deal with. No, not taking fields away from the elementary school and we aren't seizing land from private owners because that's just not what the town was founded on."

"... We all want the right opportunity for kids and growth to help the long term community."

"In doing that, never discount where this town came from. It's history. And keeping it that way in a sense."

"All these arguments are kind of ridic-

ulous anyway until the county approves a jail, which wasn't approved in voting. "No town of this size should ever expand without a proper jail and court buildings in place."

Linda Barber shared, "I am very concerned about the increase in trash along 160 through town and through the county. If you look closely, you will notice a predominant amount of the trash is plastic bags and containers. Many cities/towns are implementing bans for businesses on the use of plastic bags. I would love to see this done in Pagosa and throughout the county. What would it take to get this done?"

Gwen Crooks Taylor responded, "I think it would take major businesses like City Market and Walmart to commit to stop using plastic bags. Also, fast food restaurants have non-plastic options for drink cups and food containers."

Dena Laterza wrote, "I'd like to see the community come together to support the town to lakes trail. It will definitely get used and be a safe form of travel. More community involvement in trash pick days in the Spring time would be wonderful. I don't care to dwell on how the trash gets there, or what kind of trash it is, just want to keep Pagosa beautiful!"

Todd Wintersteen wrote, "I would

love a Christmas parade and an outdoor swimming pool for the summer and I think I should open a Little Ceazars here fo sho."

Julian Grigsby wants, "A Red Lobster or Applebees."

Glenna Sullivan wrote, "I see so many negative comments! If there is a strong and focused planning department growth doesn't have to be negative. Growth should pay for itself. Taxes shouldn't be increased every year because of growth. I'm a Colorado native and know that I live in a beautiful desirable place and that others may want to live here too. Why not participate in the planning for growth. It's inevitable. I personally am happy that we have a swimming pool, places to hike and ski, trails, and hot springs. I don't need more."

Dustin Rose suggested, "North Pagosa blvd and the frontage in front of city market desperately needs to be repaved."

Space doesn't allow for us to print every idea that we received. We'll share more of the ideas submitted in the weeks ahead.

One thing's for certain, we have a lot to look forward to in 2019. Let's all do our part and resolve to get involved to make our community better.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 4, 1929

Fire, which started last night (Friday) about 8.30 in the boiler room of the New Light & Power plant, located one mile south of Pagosa Springs, destroyed the entire plant, with the possible exception of the turbine. The loss is estimated at \$15,000 with \$11,000 insurance. Efforts are being made to obtain a steam plant and dynamos from the Fort Lewis School, and it is hoped that service can be resumed within a week or ten days. In the meantime, the town is entirely without lights or electric power, thus affecting almost every home, business house and industry in the city. The Sun was unable to print last night as scheduled, and publication of this issue by hand power has been an effort. The water situation in Pagosa Springs is acute, as the town water works' pump is operated by electric pump. However, a gasoline engine is now being installed and it is thought that it will be in operation Sunday.

The roof of the Jesse Garvey home at Sunetha caught fire yesterday morning but was discovered and extinguished before much damage was done.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 7, 1944

An Eighth AAF Fighter Station, England — The promotion of Captain E. Ealey from the rank of First Lieutenant was announced recently, "Somewhere in England," by Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eacker, commanding general of the oldest operational Thunderbolt P-47 Squadron. Captain Ealey, Arboles, Colo., is a member of the oldest group in England, excepting the American Eagle Squadron. He has participated in over seventy combat missions over Continental Europe, and possesses the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Butchers will pay two Brown points and four cents a pound for waste kitchen fats. Brown Stamps R and S in War Ration Book Three, now valid, will remain valid through January 29, 1944.

Pvt. Bennie Chavez writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Chavez, that he was sent back to North Africa with a Malaria Control Unit, and has been changed to a different position on a Repl. Depot. Says he is glad to be back in Africa.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 2, 1969

The Soil Conservation Service has started making snow surveys to help forecast the water supply and runoff for the next year. The measurements were made this week by Mr. Lehman and Mr. McCaw, of the Soil Conservation Service. The Upper San Juan snow course had 70.3 inches of snow with 14 inches of meltwater. This compares with 51.4 inches of snow and 14.8 inches of water last year and the long time average meltwater content of 11.1 inches. Wolf Creek Summit snow course had a snow depth 58 inches and a water content of 10.8 inches. Last year on the same date the snow depth was 49.7 inches and water content was 13.7 inches. The average water content for readings at this date is 11.9 inches.

The new sales tax in Archuleta County, which went into effect this week has raised some question among customers and merchants. The tax is one percent on the specified merchandise, and this includes just about everything. The sales tax is county wide and all agencies, except those now exempted from state sales tax, will pay the tax.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 6, 1994

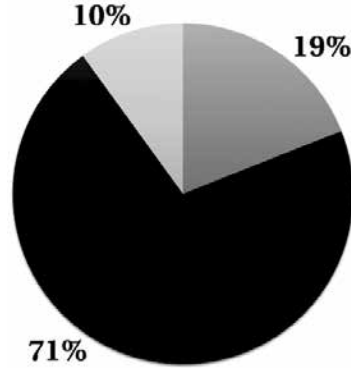
Residents of the area were saddened late last week to learn of the death of Ruben (Ruby) Gomez Archuleta, a life long resident of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County. Mrs. Archuleta was born in Dulce, N.M., the youngest of eight surviving children in a family of 15. Her father, Jose E. Gomez, was one of the first homesteaders in Northern New Mexico. Her mother was Ruben Garcia Gomez. The Gomez family moved to the northern New Mexico area when New Mexico was still a U.S. Territory. Ruby Gomez was educated in San Diego, Calif., and finished her education at Loretto Heights, at Denver, in 1925. She married Lionel M. Archuleta and the couple raised six children, one of whom they adopted: Lionel M. Jr., J.M., J.D., Manuel, Alphonso, Paulette, and Margarita.

WHADDYA THINK?

What is your best winter driving tip?

Poll results (146 Votes)

- Invest in good tires — 19 percent
- Slow down — 71 percent
- Stay off the roads — 10 percent



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LOOKING BACK



From the Dec. 18, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. **HONORED** — Mrs. Pablita Young was honored at the grand ball of the bicentennial committee last Saturday night. Mrs. Young is 85 years of age, spry and very alert. She was the oldest lady of continuous residence in Archuleta County present. She has lived here all of her life. She is escorted by Pagosa Springs Mayor Jim Cloman and Mrs. Sandra Wedemeyer is making the presentation.





Letters

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

Snow removal problems

Dear Editor:
Last Friday's snow storm, Archuleta County snowplow drivers made 1 pass down our Street — Brook Drive. They never came back and plowed the entire width of the street. The snowplow just happens to come down my side of the street. Everyone on the other side of the street never did get their side of the street plowed. Staring yesterday, we have received so far in this storm 17" of snow with a forecast of up to 8 more inches today. The plow came by again this morning at 6am doing the same thing — one pass. Are they going to come back and clear the street?

Many of my neighbors are seniors, disabled and veterans and there are several single mothers' raising children by themselves who need to have our road cleared every snow storm. Not just one pass and if you happen to live on the wrong side of the street, no snow removal at all.

In the past I have always been incredibly thankful for the outstanding job the drivers of the county snowplow trucks did. They would be out the same day or that night doing a complete clearing of every road I have lived on.

Since last winter that high quality work and commitment is gone. Last winter one pass was what was done. The business of making one pass and that's all is not plowing a road. The decision and policy to do so is wrong. I understand that there were funds left over in the road and bridge snow plowing fund last winter and that money went back into the general fund. That money should have been used to do a complete job of plowing our roads. I want my tax dollars paid that are allocated to snow plowing be used for snow plowing. This year I have heard from several others who are experiencing this same problem in other parts of the county — one pass down their street.

I appeal to the county commis-

sioners and the director of road and bridge to return to the outstanding work done in the past by our dedicated snowplow drivers and clear the entire road when plowing.

Thank you,
Beverly Compton

'United, we can make changes'

Dear Editor:
The real issue with the government corruption we are all dealing with at the federal, state, county, city and town levels across America is that of abject weakness. The "elite" 1% deep state swamp dwellers aren't strong or powerful at all. They expose their weakness in their daily actions and their agenda of corruption, greed, power-lust and seared conscience. They are not doing right, good and true things because greed and corruption are far easier ... like a ball rolling downhill. It takes character to not be corrupted and take advantage of position and power for self and against others. It takes having a conscience and heart and a will to do what is right versus doing only what feeds their weakness and allows them to bask in their own ignorance and corrupt bend in life. Evil seeks money and power and to control others because they are unable to control their own perverted minds and seek to make everyone else weak and evil in the process so they, themselves, don't stand out. Weak, wimpy and impotent public servants in doing the simplest of humane, true leadership actions and not become corrupted and overcome by the tools the people provide them, and pay them, for. Strength, power and self-control elude them, and lawlessness is their broad path of life. It is a sickness that grows and eventually consumes a majority of government employees at all levels. Many of these are "nice" people, but fail to understand their own jobs, or don't care about the truth of what they are doing and are protecting their jobs at the expense of their own light and character. If that isn't bad enough, there are millions of people clamoring in support of such people, because they themselves are following in evil tracks of lawlessness and unconscionable actions. Evil loves darkness and hides its doings as best it can. It seeks to deceive people with the siren song of making their lives easier, yet at the cost of being weakened and sliding into evil. People who drive themselves to truth and light know the effort it takes to seek that. Light dispels darkness. Evil will do everything within its power to keep others in darkness so their own deeds are not seen or exposed by truth. People with conscience must be that light that exposes. Truth, doing good and caring for our fellow man can expose the darkness. The problem is, people who claim to care are not letting their light shine. They hide their lights under a bushel and fear making a stand against the darkness that envelopes them and which creates a light-crushing shroud. Is it easy to grow and develop against the weak path of devouring others for your own existence? Anyone with an ounce of character in their heart knows full well what standing for truth and going against evil takes. Alone, it is an impossible task, but united, we can make changes evil will never forget.

Jeff Maehr

Save our Democracy

Dear Editor:
Yes, all are tired of political "news", but let's face it — it's simply going to grow over the new year

as potential candidates begin to announce their interest in serving us. So let's roll up our sleeves, seek the truth, this is "our country". We must learn all we can from each one, especially those for higher offices — not from paid commercials, "social media, entertainment and the such.

Things I will be looking for will start with two considerations: Confidence and Arrogance — are they the same? I think not, but both can be "influential" to some.

Arrogance is self-centered, single-minded and created from personal ego that is lazy and fills the need to be noticed through boasting, lying, and lack of compassion which never leads to wisdom.

Confidence is created from honest hard work and continuous learning through listening and reading, with a devoted interest in the livelihood of others. Those attributes lead to wisdom with the basic value of humbleness and goodness. Wisdom is never dark, for it comes from God who is love. So, arrogance lacks wisdom, confidence comes from wisdom.

Regarding leadership, the missionary Paul states (in the Good Book): "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility, consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also the interests of others". Phil 2:3-4.

My New Year's wish? Save our Democracy.

Let's do it with love.

Patty Tillerson

'Look at substance, not the noise'

Dear Editor:
Ruminations from an old man. If it's big, it's probably bad. Government has and will try to dictate how we live and think. It will grow continually. It's only natural for the head administrators to want more people and to take more control. I've witnessed this in a small town as an elected official. Do you think there is a "Deep State"? Look at our FBI, CIA and other intelligence agencies. Why did so many people get discharges from the FBI? How come they have so much time to

spend texting against President Trump? Regardless of your political position you have to cry foul. We do not want our employees picking sides.

Big business generally is more concerned with this quarter's results rather than the long term benefit to its shareholders, employees and our country. To save a nickel on production while throwing hundreds of employees off the payroll isn't offset by the savings to consumers. I.e: the clothing industry, high tech, etc. And why do they fund democratic causes? Because it puts them at the public trough. They can afford to comply with regulations when small companies can't. Look at the Health care industry. They supported Obamacare, because of government subsidies.

Big labor should not have the control over our government it has. Government workers, most federal, make far more including benefits, than they would ever make in free enterprise. The legacy costs, retirement and medical, are non-sustainable. I.e: California, New York, Chicago, etc.

The press and politicians who take every rumor, innuendo, and whatever they find as fact. We expect more from a free press. Why not just the facts, and tell us the rest is opinion. Oh yeah, they can't get over Hillary lost. I mean they would be partially responsible for electing the first woman President. Kind of sounds like the election of 2008. To keep a free press, it must be factually based. They are entitled to interrupt those facts, but not make them up. When over 90% of the news is against any President it should raise red flags to us common folks. Let's treat everyone equally. Investigate all or none.

What about politicians who are in office seemingly forever? They wind up working to stay in office and the public be darned. That is a large part of today's situation. Think about it. Both coasts who are the elitist are, they know their smarter than us. And how come the democrats were in favor of the border wall during the Obama years and against it now? Maybe it's just politics? Republicans do it also, but not anywhere near the same degree.

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Obituaries

Esther R. Buswell

Esther R. Buswell, longtime Durango resident, passed away Saturday, Dec. 22, in Tucson, Ariz., where she had been residing for health reasons. Esther was born July 28, 1917, in Beach, N.D., the last of six children of Emory and Mamie (Myers) Percell. The family moved from North Dakota to Bayfield, Colo., when she was 5 years old. She attended grammar school at Columbus School near Vallecito Lake and completed high school in Bayfield. She married John E. Buswell in 1936. This union resulted in four children: two sons, E. Ray and Irvin, and two daughters, Ann Wilson (Ted) and Jessie Formwalt (Bob).



She is survived by her daughters, seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, as well as two daughters-in-law, Jan Buswell Groft and Donna Buswell. Predeceasing Esther was her husband of 51 years, her two sons and one grandson, Sheldon Buswell, and a son-in-law, Ted Wilson.

She was a very active member of La Plata Chapter of Eastern Star, being Past Matron. She was active in the Latter Day Saints church in Durango.

Services were held Wednesday, Jan. 2, at the Durango LDS Church.

Twila Faye Brown

Twila Faye Brown was born Feb. 28, 1958. Twila passed away in her home in the loving arms of her partner, Donna Merchant-Crooks, on Dec. 22.

Twila is the proud granddaughter of the late Faye Brown, of Pagosa Springs, and the daughter of Warren Joe Brown, of Bayfield, and Nadine Eva Clouse, deceased.

She tended her grandmother's ranch for the past couple decades, raising hay and animals. Ranching was Twila's passion.



She was a deeply playful and loving soul. She cherished her friends and just about everyone she met on any given day. She was also an amazing storyteller and gifted others with historical and personal tales. Twila easily made people laugh and was often the instigator of pranks — all for a smile!

A couple weeks prior to her passing, a benefit was held for Twila in Bayfield. Over 200 people showed up to hug and personally voice their love for her. The crowd included her two precious granddaughters and family members, many co-workers from various jobs

and teammates from her younger years of softball competitions. Twila was a softball champ with an arm that could make your head spin. Also present were a lot of children sneaking in for one of Twila's warm hugs, as well as respecting farmers whom she served in her recent job with Southwest Ag in Gem Village. She was extremely grateful to SWAG for their tremendous support and love during her battles with cancer. They were her "rock," allowing her to continue to work even when she couldn't give it her all, though she gave it a good try.

Twila felt fortunate to be present at the benefit, which she considered to be her own funeral. When asked about a possible charity to donate to in lieu of flowers and gifts, she asked instead that we hug our neighbors, greet strangers with kindness, comfort someone in need and, of course, find ways to laugh.

A gathering to celebrate our lives with Twila will be announced at a later date.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Sunday, Jan. 6

San Juan Water Conservancy District work session. 1:30 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Unit 5.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners — swearing in of newly elected officials. 8 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 9

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

Tuesday, Jan. 15

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 17

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

Tuesday, Jan. 22

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

Joint town/county work session. Noon, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Town Planning Commission,

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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 23

Tribal Minor Source Program options presentation (joint meeting with La Plata County Board of County Commissioners). 2 p.m., La Plata County public meeting room, 1101 E. 2nd Ave., Durango.

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

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

Letters

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Finally, look at substance, not the noise. Aren't results what really matters, not ideology?

Bob Ashworth

'Nothing is so dangerous as the obvious'

Dear Editor:

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States," Donald J. Trump.

What does the Constitution require the President to be:

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Respecting the office of the President does not in any way restrict the individual citizen's right to criticize the holder. When was the last time Obama was demonized? American's have the right to expect the holder

of this office not to earn the title of "bottomless Pinocchio; for him to preserve our nation/land for current and future generations from all threats including preventing the worst of our impulses if free of regulation, or get more if you play or enrich himself through holding the office or encourage our foreign enemies; rather we did expect him to conduct himself in a mature and selfless fashion respecting the office's honor and the leaders of other nations not trash those who do not crawl for his ego; to defend our allies not cast them aside because of

an impulse without guidance; To defend the rights of each citizen regardless of color, religion & culture and not be openly worshiped by groups spouting racial and religious hatred; to honor the values, integrity and vision of those elected leaders who came before while achieving individual added value nor gloatingly trash national commitments to defense, trade and environmental agreements; to protect the well being of future generations from undeserved burden not add nearly \$1.5 trillion in national debt to buy a second term and finally to have

compassion for all who are or those desperately seeking the status of being an American.

Like the Senate, conservatives are a necessary force to slow change, but change is our only constant. Change scares everyone by introducing higher risk which aggravates tensions between the goals of freedom, security, and privacy. To side with a destructive prophet on these basic issues means one can't in part or whole escape the association. Or as Sherlock Holmes said, "nothing is so dangerous as the obvious."

David Blake

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2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

2018 was a busy and interesting year in Pagosa Country. There was no want for good news, bad news, controversial issues, and no lack of interesting news events to keep SUN readers focused on local events, situations and personalities.

Over the next few weeks, The SUN will take a look back at some of those events, selected by SUN staff writers. This week, we look back at April, May and June.

APRIL

- Charges against Charlotte Bernally, who was originally charged with being an accessory to first-degree murder in the death of Richard "Dick" Isaacs in the spring of 2017, were dropped. A retrial date for Chad Nystrom, the man accused of killing Isaacs, had yet to be scheduled following a hung jury earlier in the year.

- Tensions increased between Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) personnel and the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) when the BoCC tabled two grants for the second time and voted down the acquisition of administration facilities for the ACSO at its regular meeting on April 3.

The grants in question were court security grants, reimbursement grants awarded to the ACSO for expenses in its obligation to provide court security. The grants had been tabled due to a concern of Archuleta County Attorney Todd Starr that the grants would be used against the BoCC in the lawsuit against Sixth Judicial Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson and State Court Administrator Christopher Ryan. Starr was working on a written stipulation with the state courts that the grants would not be used against the county in any court proceedings.

The lawsuit sought to have the Colorado Supreme Court require that the Sixth Judicial District reoccupy the Archuleta County Courthouse. The courts had previously vacated the building over perceived health concerns.

- Town voters took to the polls in early April, reelecting Mayor Don Volger, and voting in Clint Alley in District 1 and Matt DeGuise in District 2. Too, town voters approved two measures: one eliminating districts for the Pagosa Springs Town Council seats and the other imposing term limits on the council.

No one was elected for District 3, and the town began looking for an at-large candidate to fill the vacant seat.

- Jesse Laverty was named one of the 2018 Daniels Scholars.

- It was announced in early April that Archuleta County 4-H clubs collected 554 items over the winter to be donated to local food pantries.

- On April 5, the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) board voted to renew James Lewicki's contract as school director.

- The Colorado Supreme Court denied the BoCC's request to show cause in the case against Wilson and Ryan.

In an interview with The SUN, Starr explained that, on April 6, he

received notice in a very "sparsely worded order" that the Colorado Supreme Court had declined to issue an order to have Wilson and Ryan show cause.

"That's not a decision on the merits of our case," Starr said, "It's only saying that they won't issue the show of cause."

- It was also announced in early April that the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors had a vacancy following Mike Church's resignation from the board. Church resigned after selling property he owned that was located within the PAWSD district.

- Three Pagosa Springs teams qualified at the Destination Imagination state competition on April 7 to advance to the global competitions to be held in Knoxville, Tenn., in May. The three teams were Seven Wheels on an Empty School Bus, Nerds 2.0 and Bombulum Draconis.

- On April 10, it was made known that the ACSO refused to reoccupy its old office in the Archuleta County Courthouse after talks with a state industrial hygienist and several county representatives. The ACSO had also vacated the building over perceived health concerns.

- On April 10, Pagosa Springs resident Eddie Lee Montemayor, 30, was found deceased in his car in a parking lot off of North 5th Street.

- In the midst of a successful season for Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS), Pirate Keena Murphy signed a National Letter of Intent on April 12 to continue her track and field career at the University of Nevada.

- Gov. John Hickenlooper presented the Colorado Press Association's (CPA) 2017 Service to the First Award to The Pagosa Springs SUN staff on April 13. The presentation was made in front of nearly 400 journalists at the association's annual convention held in Colorado Springs.

Prior to that presentation, Pagosa Springs attorney Matt Roane was honored with CPA's Friend of the First Award.

- The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) requested additional time from the court to respond to the appointments of two potential board members.

According to court documents, the request to delay Candice Kelly's and Bill Hudson's appointments to the SJWCD board of directors was made due to "unforeseen circumstances, including the forthcoming resignation" of SJWCD's legal counsel, Kent Holsinger, of Holsinger Law LLC.

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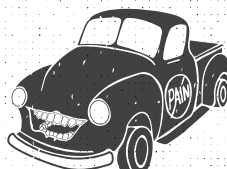


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Review

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• DUST2 announced in mid-April that it would be adding a cycling team for PSHS, with that team competing in the Colorado Mountain Bike League, which is part of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association.

• The PSHS Pirate baseball team strung together three wins in unique fashion in mid-April — by only playing two games. Following two wins in two games against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers and a forfeit win over the 4A Sierra Stallions from Colorado Springs, the Pirates held an 8-5 overall record and 2-4 mark in the Intermountain League (IML).

• In late April, the BoCC discussed a letter from Wilson that outlined the conditions that must be met for the Sixth Judicial District

to reoccupy the Archuleta County Courthouse. Conditions included a feasibility study of the entirety of the structure; Archuleta County's agreement to pay half of the study's total cost; that mold studies be performed on the roof, foundation and all walls of the courthouse; and that there be a work contract addressing previous concerns submitted to the BoCC, which centered on the building's structural integrity, air-quality control, electric and plumbing systems, structural layout, ADA compliance and several other concerns resting on space, height and security.

• Nystrom pleaded guilty to manslaughter, with a sentencing hearing set for May 30.

• With dry conditions persisting around Pagosa Springs, a plan for the summer, as well as a possible

drought management plan, were discussed by the PAWSD board at its meeting on April 19.

• At the same meeting, Glenn Walsh was appointed to fill the vacancy on the PAWSD board.

• During its meeting on April 19, the town council voted to enter into an agreement with a company that monitors short-term vacation rentals. The council also instructed staff to return with an ordinance to implement annual vacation rental licensing.

• Colorado State Patrol (CSP) responded to an accident where a juvenile female was hit by a truck on April 22.

According to CSP Trooper Aaron Lupton, the incident occurred at the intersection of Canyon Circle and Highland Avenue. The female was riding a mini bike and failed

to yield to a stop sign. A Ford F150 was crossing the intersection and struck the juvenile.

The juvenile suffered incapacitating but non-life-threatening injuries, Lupton explained, adding that she was transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

No charges were pressed against the driver, and the identity of the driver was not released due to the nature of the accident.

• Two new board members were appointed to the SJWCD's board of directors at a regular meeting on April 23.

Roane's and Stacy Thompson's appointments raised the board's director total to seven.

The appointment of another potential board member, Hudson, caused a heated discussion between board members.

MAY

• During its regular meeting on May 1, the town council appointed Nicole DeMarco to the council's vacant at-large seat.

There were three applicants for the position, with the other two being Mark Weiler and Bill Schwab.

"I was ineligible to run in April, having recently moved from one town district to another. However, now that all seats are at-large, I am eligible to serve another term on Town Council," wrote DeMarco in her letter of interest. "In my first two years on Council, I rode the learning curve hard, and by the end of my term I was piecing together the different processes, policies and community narratives that come before the dais. I am now better prepared to serve my neighbors in this capacity and am inspired by the ongoing work under the Council's purview."

• On May 1, the ACSO's court security grants were tabled by the BoCC for a fourth time.

• Several area agencies enacted stage one fire restrictions due to a lack of moisture and evidence that fire danger was increasing.

• Also on May 1, the BoCC heard comments for and against the county allowing short-term rentals from a large crowd.

• A week after a heated discussion on the possible appointment of Hudson to the SJWCD board, posts referencing Hudson appeared on the board's Facebook page. The only "team member" associated with the page was former SJWCD chairman Rod Proffitt, who resigned from the board on Jan. 2.

• A trip to Crested Butte on May 4 turned into an abrupt end for the Lady Pirate soccer team's 2018 season.

It was the first time the Pirates had not qualified for the state tournament since the 2015 season. The team finished with an 8-7 overall record and 4-4 league record.

• Both Pirate track teams took first at the Terry Alley Invitational on May 4 at Golden Peaks Stadium.

• Another lengthy litigation was knocked off the county's agenda the week of May 7, with Douglas Walker, chief judge of the 22nd Judicial District, denying a motion to show cause.

The prolonged case resident Greg Giehl had against Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder June Madrid was over an executive session recording of the BoCC. In particular, the session was held by the BoCC and pertained to the 2015 resignation of Starr. Starr resigned at the time to become a partner in a law firm. Archuleta County then

contracted for legal services from the firm.

• The Pagosa Fire Protection District's requested mill levy increase was approved by voters on May 8.

In total, 1,570 voters voted in favor of the mill levy increase, while 961 voted against it. The mill levy increase will increase the taxes of homeowners in the district by \$27.24 per \$100,000 of appraised home value in 2019.

• At its meeting on May 9, the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation elected Jodi Scarpa as its president.

• Just a little over a week after his appointment to the board of directors of the SJWCD, Roane announced his resignation from the board. In addition to Roane, Ray Finney had also recently resigned.

"I underestimated the personal commitment membership on this Board would require. Right now, my life cannot accommodate the demand. My apologies for the error, but best of luck moving forward," Roane's resignation letter stated.

Finney cited "personal reasons" in resigning from the board.

• The Pirate baseball team rode a nine-game win streak into the playoffs, earning them the No. 2 seed for the region and a game against the No. 3 Aspen Skiers.

"I'm just excited to be there, and at 14-5, riding a nine-game winning streak, I really couldn't be happier," coach Jim Fait said.

• Michael Wedemeyer broke the PSHS record for the triple jump with a jump of 44 feet, 2 inches on May 12 in Monte Vista.

The old record for the triple jump was set by Garek Erskine in 2013. Erskine set the old record with a jump of 42-10.75.

• At the same meet, it was confirmed that 15 Pirates would be heading to the state meet.

• Also on May 12, the Pirate baseball team's postseason bid came to an end Saturday with the Pirates falling 4-3 to the Aspen Skiers. The game brought a close to the Pirates' best season in memory, with a 14-6 overall record and 6-4 league mark.

I couldn't imagine we'd get 14 wins this year," Fait said, adding, "I'm grateful for that, and the kids worked hard to get there."

• On May 14, after two years of work by various entities, Archuleta School District (ASD) approved a draft facilities master plan. The 285-page plan covers such things as the replacement of the current elementary school, as well as safety and security upgrades to the other

schools.

• The U.S. Forest Service decided mid-May to not appeal a 2017 court decision that nullified the land exchange between the USFS and Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture (LMJV), the developer behind the planned Village at Wolf Creek Development.

However, two appeals were still pending in the case — one from LMJV and another from a band of conservation organizations. The court action stemmed from a 2015 approval of a land exchange to help facilitate the development.

• On May 15, the BoCC continued decisions on the two court security grants for a fifth time, this time after a motion had been made to use the grants at 449 San Juan St. — the location of the courthouse — despite the courts no longer being located there. The grants were scheduled to be considered again on June 19.

• A semi truck hauling beer products drove off the road, then caught fire and resulted in a death, the 30-year-old driver from Florida, at the Wolf Creek Pass overlook on U.S. 160 on May 19.

• Murphy claimed the 3A state title in discus with a throw of 127 feet, 10 inches on May 19. In addition to that, Murphy also holds the school record for the event.

All Pirate competitors at the state meet, whether relay teams or individual competitors, placed in the top 15 for all of 3A.

All three of the individual competitors — Paul Farrah, Wedemeyer and Murphy — placed in the top 10.

• On May 20 at the Buena Vista Athletic Awards Banquet, Pagosa's Keith Candelaria was named the winner of the Johnsons' All-Heart Award. The award goes to an assistant high school coach who "is not only involved with kids during sports, but also invests time outside the season of sports in helping develop successful young adults."

• It was announced that a \$199,680 Building Excellent Schools Today grant was awarded to ASD to fund safety and security upgrades at PSHS.

• A pair of decisions made by town council saw the Town of Pagosa Springs dip into its coffers to cover more than \$250,000 in unanticipated expenses related to a pair of ongoing town projects.

The first decision made by council related to the portion of the Riverwalk planned to run alongside Hermosa Street, with council opting to exercise the purchase option on the lots that the town had under

a lease-purchase agreement for another two years. That would allow them to utilize a National Parks Service grant of up to \$400,000 for construction. The purchase option was about \$215,000.

The second decision added to the scope of work of an ongoing construction project near Town Park, with council approving two change orders involving underground pipes.

• Bombulum Draconis earned a special Renaissance Award given to teams that impress the appraisers with their design or innovation at the Destination Imagination Global Finals tournament in Knoxville, Tenn. The award reads, "The teams engineering made an olfactory surprise with a massive dragon and minty fart machine triggered by crashing weights."

• A New Mexico woman accidentally drowned due to drug-related intoxication on May 21 at the The Springs Resort and Spa.

• On May 22, Greg Schulte, Dr. King Campbell, Jason Cox and Karin Daniels executed their oaths of office after being appointed to the board of the Upper San Juan Health Service District following the district's canceled spring election. The election was canceled when there were only as many candidates as positions available on the board.

• On May 29, Archuleta County advanced to stage two fire restrictions.

• Also on May 29, the BoCC accepted the two court security grants for the ACSO, having received the necessary resolution with the state courts late the previous week.

• On May 30, Nystrom was sentenced to six years in the Colorado Department of Corrections.

JUNE

• Beginning June 1, the San Juan National Forest entered stage two fire restrictions. Over the next weekend, 22 fires broke out across Archuleta County due to a thunderstorm.

• On June 2, 74 graduated from

PSHS, with the graduating seniors collectively earning over \$500,000 in scholarships.

• In early June, PAWSD entered voluntary drought restrictions, urging users to conserve water.

• On June 5, town council voted

to cancel the Fourth of July fireworks, citing the fire danger. The day before, the county discussed the possibility of entering stage three restrictions. It was also announced that the docks were being

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Town approves river monitoring and maintenance agreement

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its meeting on Dec. 20, 2018, the Pagosa Springs Town Council approved a professional services agreement with Riverbend Engineering for continued river maintenance and monitoring.

The agreement follows the completion of the final river feature near Cotton's Hole in early 2018 and is required under the town's permit with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"In partnership with Wolf Creek Ski Area, the Town was able to complete the final river feature near Cotton's Hole Park early in 2018," an agenda brief used as the meeting states. "Through our permit with the US Army Corps of

Engineers, the Town must monitor the permit over the next several years and to maintain the in-river improvements in perpetuity."

Town Manager Andrea Phillips informed council at the meeting that the town did not put the agreement out for a competitive bid process and instead treated it as a sole-source contract with Riverbend Engineering due to that firm's depth of experience with the project and knowledge of the permit requirements, among other reasons.

"Riverbend Engineering has been assisting the Town with this monitoring and reporting for the last several years and is most familiar with the requirements. In addition, they have assisted with the maintenance of the river features," the brief explains. "At this time, it is necessary to ex-

ecute a new, updated professional services agreement with Riverbend Engineering to continue these services moving forward. Due to their familiarity with the permit requirements and the river features, staff proposes to award the proposal as a sole source bid."

According to the agenda brief, the agreement sets the fees for the ongoing monitoring of the river features under the permit and regular maintenance on an annual basis. Annual inspection and maintenance oversight is a \$5,000 fixed fee per year. Monitoring of the permit varies by year according to requirements: \$5,800 for 2018, \$2,550 for 2020 and \$5,000 for 2022.

Phillips told council the expenses are included in the town's 10-year capital plan and in the 2019 budget.

Council member Mat deGraaf asked if the monitoring is something that had to be done with the other river features, with Phillips noting that all of the features are under the same permit.

Council approved the agreement with a 4-0 vote, with council member Nicole DeMarco recusing herself from the discussion and vote.

In other business at the meeting, the council:

- Approved the final readings of the annexation and zoning of the land which will be home to the new early childhood care and education

center on Backswing Court.

- Approved Ordinance 901 upon first reading. The ordinance includes municipal code amendments relating to the municipal court.

"Staff is proposing changes to the municipal code to clarify reporting relationships and roles and responsibilities within the Municipal Court. A Deputy Court Clerk position was added a couple of years ago," an agenda brief used as the meeting explains. "In addition, while the Court Clerk and Deputy Court Clerk work with the Judge and Judge Pro Tem, the Court Administrator should be the main point of contact for court staff. As discussed with Council previously, staff is exploring a potential reorganization of the probationary function of the court to be a separate position. Staff plans to bring forth a proposal to Town Council in the first quarter of 2019 for implementation, if approved, in mid 2019 or January 2020."

- Approved a 2018 budget amendment to account for additional expenditures approved by council throughout the year.

- Approved a design and engineering services contract amendment with Davis Engineering for work on the extension connecting Eagle Drive to Pike Drive.

- Approved the town's fee schedule for 2019.

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Jail: 'Where do we go from here' topic of meeting

By Deb Jennings
Special to The SUN

The November 2018 ballot issue for a new jail didn't pass. "Where do we go from here" will be the topic of discussion lead by Commissioner Ron Maez and Sheriff Rich Valdez at the Tues-

day, Jan. 8, Archuleta County Republican Women's noon meeting at Boss Hogg's Restaurant.

Bring your questions and suggestions regarding future plans, state mandates, funding sources, potential financial impact on citizens, etc. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

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removed from the Navajo State Park marina due to low water levels.

- At the same meeting, the town council finalized the annexation of a portion of Mill Creek Road, approving both the annexation and the associated Mill Creek Road Development Improvement Agreement.

- In early June, Pagosa's Michael Martinez was presented with the Medal of Courage from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, landing him in the Stillwater, Okla., institution.

- Two members of the Pagosa Springs Special Olympics track and field team traveled to Grand Junction with coaches Wayne Walls, Nancy Walls and Ben Vaughan for the State Special Olympics Summer Games June 8-10.

Tricia Sierpiejko scored well in the women's division, bringing home a silver medal for her 16-meter softball throw and bronze medals for her 54-second 100-meter and 104-second 200-meter fast walks.

Dalton Walls, 16, scored big in the young men's division, winning double golds for his 40-meter softball throw and 3.9-meter running long jump and a silver medal for his 3.9-meter running long jump.

- The regional GOAL Academy High School graduation ceremony on June 9 included 28 graduates from Pagosa Springs, with nine of these local graduates receiving concurrent enrollment/community college credits and 24 graduates receiving Work-keys/Workforce certificates.

- On June 12, the San Juan National Forest entered stage three fire restrictions and, for the first time ever, implemented a forest-wide closure order that included Chimney Rock National Monument.

- At its June 12 meeting, the ASD Board of Education approved an enrollment variance for PPOS, meaning that, for its second official school year, PPOS would be able to open its doors to more students with increased flexibility in enrollment.

- After beginning to look into the purchase of Pagosa Springs

Golf Club in the spring, the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) Board of Directors "approved a decision not to proceed any further in its negotiations for the purchase of the golf course property" at the board's June 14 meeting, according to a PLPOA announcement.

The PLPOA began looking into the possible acquisition of the golf club after the golf club's owner approached the PLPOA board about the possibility.

- A mobile home fell prey to fire on June 14, with the fire eventually claiming roughly a quarter acre of land.

- PPOS staff announced mid-June that the school had been awarded a \$135,000 grant from the Colorado-based James Walton Fund to implement food security initiatives for the school as well as Archuleta County and to secure a school guidance counselor.

The grant would support micro-financing of student-designed projects that implement ideas to increase food security for the Pagosa Springs community and Archuleta County.

- Eighth-graders from Pagosa Springs Middle School explored sites during their trip to the East Coast in mid-June. Some of the students' stops along the route included New York City; Washington, D.C.; Boston; Philadelphia; the Jamestown settlement; and Williamsburg.

- In mid-June, County Administrator Bentley Henderson and Starr each announced their resignations.

- La Plata County announced in the middle of the month that its jail was getting full. Since the April 2015 flood of the courthouse closed Archuleta County's jail, inmates have been housed in La Plata County. In an administrative order titled "Order Authorizing the Release of Nonviolent Arrestees During LPCJ Overcrowding," the problem of jail space was addressed with a plan for refusing prisoners under certain criteria.

- After approving Ordinance 886 on June 5 — which authorized the town council to approve fee waivers of certain building-related fees for intergovernmental partner-

ships and work on town-owned properties — the council exercised that right on June 18 by voting to waive fees for the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's (GGP) dome-building project.

Council unanimously waived \$9,875.57 in fees, with \$7,190.57 of that being impact fees and \$2,685 being a building permit fee.

- On June 20, Archuleta County Coroner Dan Keuning submitted a letter to the BoCC, the county's Department of Human Resources, staff and citizens of Archuleta County requesting a leave of absence for health reasons.

The following day, Keuning announced his resignation.

- On June 21, the national forest reopened, but stage two fire restrictions remained in effect.

- It was announced the week of June 25 that The Springs Resort and Spa was in the hands of new owners and new management.

- In the June 26 primary election, Archuleta County voters determined that Elsa White, not Samantha Armitstead, would appear as the Republican treasurer candidate on the general election. Treasurer was the sole contested county-level race in the primary.

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uate the Town's current impact fee structure," the draft memorandum states. "The current fee structure is based on two studies, one completed in 2005 and one in 2006 by EPS. This study re-calibrates legally supportable impact fees, and proposes a different methodology to allow for more flexibility in the types of costs the fees can be spent on. It also proposes eliminating some fee categories in exchange for others."

Duffney explained to council that impact fees are a capital funding source to help maintain a level of service as a community grows. The fees cannot be spent on maintenance and operations.

He also informed council that the purpose of the fee study is to calculate the maximum allowable fee, though many governments choose to adopt lower fees for a number of reasons.

Current impact fees

"Currently, the Town collects impact fees for roads (regional transportation), Town Buildings, Town Recreation, Parks, Trails, Fire, and Schools ... The residential fees range from \$127 per housing unit to \$652 per unit for trails and \$975 per unit for roads. The total fees, not including water and sewer tap fees, are \$3,342 per home. The fees are levied on a flat per unit basis; large homes pay the same fee as smaller homes. The current fees are based on the Archuleta County/Pagosa Springs Joint Impact Fee Analysis which was updated in 2006," the memorandum explains.

The memorandum also explains the town collects impact fees on behalf of Pagosa Fire Protection District and Archuleta School District.

"The Town serves as the collecting agent and passes these fees on to each district as required in its agreements with the districts. While these districts serve Town and County residents, the County does not collect fees on their behalf which creates an equity issue for Town residents," it notes.

Currently, Duffney pointed out, residential impact fees in Pagosa Springs are about \$20,000, while Durango's are about \$12,000.

Also, he noted later, other communities don't tend to charge for as

many categories.

He suggested the town consider if the fees make enough to make impacts.

He voiced that one idea could be to lower residential impact fees while keeping the maximum for businesses, noting that that maximum for businesses would be lower than what is currently collected.

Commercial impact fees are assessed per square foot, with lodging being \$2.97 per square foot, retail being \$5.24 per square foot, and office/industrial being \$2.59 per square foot.

Draft recommendations

In addition to providing new maximum impact fee figures, EPS also suggested changes to what fees are collected for, as well as how they are figured.

The four proposed fee categories are municipal facilities, police, parks and trails.

It proposes no longer collecting for the schools or fire departments.

According to a proposed impact fee schedule included in the draft memorandum, residential impact fees would be calculated based on square footage, and impact fees would total \$6.68 cents per square foot for all of the categories combined.

For commercial, lodging would total \$1.21 per square foot, retail would be 71 cents per square foot, office would be 12 cents per square foot and industrial/light industrial would be 19 cents per square foot.

Duffney also explained that the new calculations are based on service population instead of per capita, with Pagosa serving as the "major hub" for the area.

That service population, the memorandum indicates, includes the town's population, commuters, second homeowners and guests to the community.

Duffney later noted that Pagosa Springs provides a high level of service, with about 15 acres of park per 1,000 residents and a high per capita level of trails.

EPS also suggested an affordable housing fee in lieu.

"A housing fee in lieu is a fee that developers/builders would pay 'in lieu' of constructing affordable housing units as a set-aside require-

ment," the memorandum states, adding that the analysis on the fee in lieu is exploratory, with more work required if the town wished to implement the fee or consider it further.

It notes later, "The fee is based on the gap between what the 'workforce households' can afford and the cost to build workforce housing affordable to those income levels."

Council was not asked to adopt any new fees at the meeting, but instead offered further direction to Duffney and town staff.

Primarily, that direction was on additional communities to compare Pagosa Springs to, such as Salida and Buena Vista.

Council member Nicole Demarco also suggested comparison data that includes counties as well as municipalities, with Duffney commenting that it is not as common for counties to collect impact fees.

Council member Mat deGraaf asked if Front Range communities are using impact fees to keep growth in check, with Duffney responding that they are using the fees to "keep up with the demands of growth."

Mayor Don Volger then asked how impact fees could affect growth.

"That is a really hard question to answer," Duffney said.

Additional discussion centered on clarifications on why the new calculations were lower, with Duffney explaining that the prior study was based on the town and county, whereas this study is based on the town and its service population.

Later in the discussion, Volger asked Planning Director James Dickhoff if he had gotten any input from developers on the matter, with Dickhoff responding that he had not, but that they probably would not want to pay more.

He noted that most larger corporations are used to paying, but it can be a big surprise to "mom and pop" businesses.

Opened to public comment, Michael Whiting noted that infill development is desired, and it seems "antithetical" to charge impact fees where you want development.

He suggested incentivizing where and how development is desired.

As discussion over how the new fees were calculated continues, council member David Schanzenbaker noted that the structure was

"upside down" from what is currently in place and was "hard to digest."

He also questioned how the town could justify implementing fees below the maximum calculations provided.

Duffney responded that it was a

Cleanup

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The owner of the property at the time was Warren Goodman.

At the time of the Aug. 30 work session, BoCC Chair Steve Wadley claimed that there was a public health emergency at the property.

Also addressed at that work session was the fact that the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office had had approximately 173 calls for service to the property since 2011.

In 2017 alone, there were 72 responses for various things such as fires, warrants, arrests, theft, trespasses and animal complaints.

There were also concerns raised about potential drug trafficking at the property.

Additionally, at a special meeting of the BoCC on Aug. 31, the commissioners approved an emergency procurement on the property.

At the time of that Aug. 31 special meeting, Wadley said, "There is human waste, there is dog waste, there are living conditions that are inappropriate for any member of this community to have to live around, and we need to move as expeditiously as possible and be sure this happens."

Both Schulte and Interim County Attorney Todd Starr visited the Bill's Place property on Dec. 20 and, according to Schulte during the Wednesday work session, Andy Davis, the agent for the property, has made a lot of progress in cleaning up.

"There's still, I think, three trail-

ers on the property. But he has

made some significant progress in cleaning up the site," Schulte explained.

Collectively, Schulte explained that both his and Starr's opinion is that due to Davis' cleanup work, this property is no longer a property that the BoCC can categorize as an "emergency."

"We obviously had gone to the court and gotten several different court orders to be able to enter into the property and I think, as you know, we were that close to going into and entering the property to actually conduct the cleanup," Schulte said.

What halted the progress of those efforts was that the judge allowed the new property owners, the Davises, to have additional time to clean up, Schulte noted.

"So, in this case, it actually kind of worked," Schulte stated. "This is no longer an enforcement action that we deem as an emergency."

However, 187 Bill's Place is not a closed file and the county is going to be monitoring and continuing the enforcement action on the property.

"It's better, it's way better. But, it's not done," Schulte said.

There are no dogs on the property and no one is living on the property, either, Schulte added.

This property also has raised opinions from neighboring individuals, and Schulte noted that both he and Starr sat down with those parties and let them know

He noted, however, that if people want to locate within the town boundaries, they will.

He also suggested that the town will never collect enough to pay for a whole project.

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where the county stood.

The neighbors of 187 Bill's Place were also notified that this is no longer an emergency action, that the county still considers it an open file and that continued action will be taken to remediate the property, Schulte explained.

Part of that remediation is removing the additional trailers located on the property, Schulte added later.

"I think they totally got it," Schulte said of the neighbors. "I think they completely understood that, one, that it was better. And that they are grateful that there's no people on the property, there's no dogs on the property."

Because no people are on the property, there is not an influx of traffic, Schulte added.

Starr noted that he was pleasantly surprised by the meeting, noting that he thought there would be some pushback, but added that the neighbors got it and still want the county to monitor the property.

Further, the county may go back to the courts to do a status conference to see where it's at and impose hard deadlines, Schulte added.

One of the lessons learned by the BoCC and county alike is making sure that property owners go to a disposal site when trailers are on the property, Wadley said.

"What it comes down to is people not going to understand that we're not going to let people get away with stuff," Schulte said.

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Deadline nears for SBA disaster loans

Special to The SUN

Director Tanya N. Garfield of the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Disaster Field Operations Center-West recently reminded small nonfarm businesses in 18 Colorado counties of the Jan. 25, 2019, deadline to apply for an SBA federal disaster loan for economic injury. These low-interest loans are to offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought in the following primary counties that began May 15, 2018.

Primary Colorado counties include Alamosa, Archuleta, Conejos,

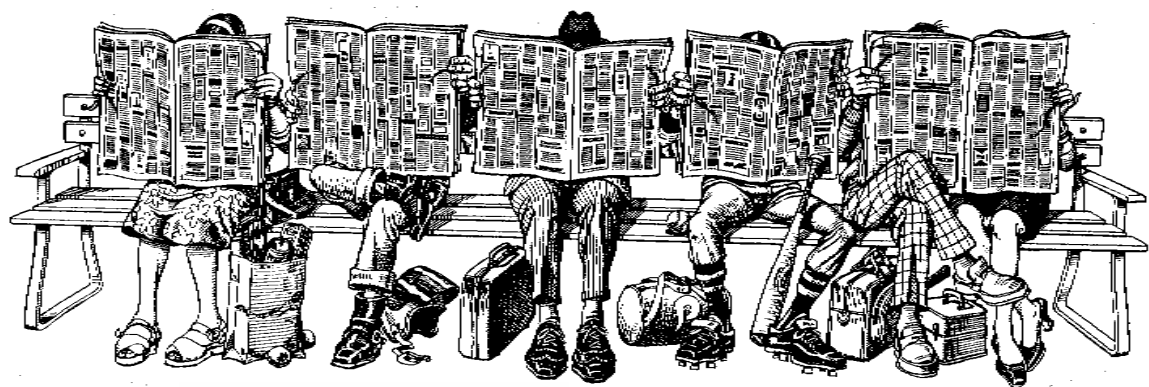
Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mineral and Rio Grande.

According to Garfield, small nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size may apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster.

"Economic Injury Disaster Loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact," said Garfield.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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Storm

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For the Upper Colorado River Basin, snowpack levels are 104 percent of median, when last week they were 112 percent of median.

The South Platte River Basin saw a drop in its snowpack levels as well, going from 118 percent of median to 112 percent of median.

Rounding out the snowpack totals, the Arkansas River Basin sits at 114 percent of median, when last week that total was 110 percent of median.

We also see an increase in individual snowpack levels for the Wolf Creek summit. This week, the sum-

mit is 74 percent of the Jan. 2 median and 31 percent of the median peak.

Last week, the Wolf Creek summit was 66 percent of peak and 25 percent of median peak.

However, locally, the National Weather Service (NWS) does not predict a chance of snow until Sunday, with a "slight chance" of snow showers that day.

For Wolf Creek Pass, the NWS indicates a 20 percent chance of snowfall on Saturday night and a 50 percent chance of snow on Sunday.

"I feel better, absolutely. But, we're still not where we want to be," NRCS District Conservationist

Jerry Archuleta explained.

Locally, there is still some catching up to do, but recent snow storms have certainly helped, Archuleta explained.

Some of that hesitancy comes from the lack of snowfall until Sunday, Archuleta indicated.

However, Archuleta again gave praise to the recent snowfall, describing it as beneficial.

"This is definitely helpful. It does improve everyone's mood, which is good. Let's hope it keeps coming; we've still got a ways to go," he said.

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Business

CHAMBER NEWS

Last call for community award nominations

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

Nomination forms for the Community Award candidates are due to the Chamber by 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 4.

The categories for the nominations are Citizen, Volunteer, Small Business and Non-Profit of the Year.

In all of the categories, the person, business or organization needs to have lived in the community or been in business for at least three years. The Citizen and Volunteer of the Year nominees must contribute to the community outside of their regular work or job activity. They must support the community through their volunteer efforts expecting nothing in return. For the Citizen of the Year category, the individual or couple needs to have impacted the community in one of the following ways: philanthropic, cultural, lifestyle or economic.

Many people think that they cannot self-nominate, particularly for Small Business or Non-Profit of the year. Not true. No one knows your business better than you do. In these two categories, the industries should be proud of the work that they have accomplished and should want the community to know what they have done. Don't

wait for someone who does business at your store to nominate you. They can't answer many of the questions that are required to qualify the business or organization. Be proud of the work you do, the business you own and the contributions that you have made to the community. Celebrate these successes by nominating your business or agency for one of the community awards. Nomination forms can be accessed from the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com. Click on the Community Awards graphic under Community and Chamber News to access the correct form.

Nominees will be notified and the winners announced at the Chamber's annual gala, which will be held on Jan. 25 at the PLPOA Clubhouse.

"Snow Much Fun" will be the theme of this year's gala, as well as this year's WinterFest activities also to be held the weekend of Jan. 25-27. You won't want to miss the festivities at the annual gala, which will include the announcement of the Community Award winners, a delicious dinner and cash bar, a silent auction and live dancing music by the Tylor Brandon Band. Bring a few people from your workplace or organization and enjoy a fun night out kicking off the WinterFest ac-

tivities. Tickets may be purchased online at www.pagosachamber.com under the Events tab. Click on the Winter Gala event listing to access tickets. Tickets are \$40 each and "snow much fun" is expected to be had by all.

WinterFest activities

For all the nonprofit agencies out there, don't forget to sign up now and start raising money for your plunge into the frigid San Juan River for the annual Penguin Plunge. The Plunge will be held on Jan. 26 around 12:30 p.m. Now is a good time to start raising money for your crazy efforts. If you get a registration form off the Chamber's website, please make sure that you contact the Chamber to let us know you are plunging so that we can start promoting your organization.

Along with all the fun antics of actually plunging into the river, participants will get an entry goodie bag and there will be an array of prizes for various categories such as most money raised, best costume, etc. Questions on plunging should be directed to Katie Dobbins, events coordinator at the Chamber, at events@pagosachamber.com or 264-2360.

You can also get more information on the other WinterFest events on the Chamber's website. These

activities include Sledz on Rez, the Nordic Club's cross-country ski clinic or BB Gun Biathlon, the Barkus parade or DUST2's fat-tire bike fun race or the after-party at Motel SOCO. 2019 WinterFest activities are shaping up; are you ready to be a part of them?

Membership news

We welcomed one new member to the Chamber family before the end of the year. It is Debi Callender, owner of I'm Fused Glass Studio and Workshop.

We do have some year-end renewals to mention this week. These renewals include The Springs Resort and Spa, Ski and Bow Rack, Lee Riley—I Sell Pagosa LLC, Folk-West, and Archuleta School District 50 Joint.

Here is to a successful and profitable new year. We always want to thank our loyal Chamber members for their continued support of the organization and our efforts. Invest in yourself and look at some of training classes that the Chamber will be hosting in 2019. We look to help you help yourselves so you can develop skills in marketing, financial acumen, workforce development and innovative processes that you could use in your business. Happy new year to our Pagosa business community.

New year, new decline in gas prices

By Skyler McKinley
Special to The SUN

Colorado motorists can expect to pay average of \$2.24 per gallon this week, continuing the dramatic late-2018 decline in gas prices into the new year.

That price is 7 cents less than it was a week ago, 35 cents less than a month ago and 24 cents less expensive than this time last year. Nationally, gas prices continued their decline to an average of \$2.25 per gallon, with prices falling below \$2 per gallon in nine states.

Heading into 2019, gasoline demand is expected to dwindle during the month of January, an expected change following the busy holiday travel season. At the same time, OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) began its planned production cuts yesterday, with the hopes that the resulting shift in global supply will push oil prices higher. The effectiveness of the cuts will likely not be known until later in the first quarter.

"All eyes are on OPEC to kick off the year," said AAA Colorado spokesman Skyler McKinley. "There are two open questions: Whether they stick to their promise to cut crude production by 1.2 million barrels per day, and if the proposed cuts will be enough to restore balance to the market."

Over the past few years, OPEC and partnering countries have demonstrated a strong resolve to comply with proposed cuts in production. The cartel will likely reconvene in April, and if there is a need to further balance global supply and demand, OPEC will likely tweak current production numbers at that meeting.

Regional trends

Gas prices for drivers in the

Rocky Mountain region have dropped steadily over the past week, with increased refinery runs boosting regional supply. With no export outlets, the Oil Price Information Service reports that the region is most susceptible to "clearance sales" on gasoline when inventories inflate. Currently, three states in the region are on the top 10 list of largest declines for the week: Montana (-11 cents), Wyoming (-9 cents) and Idaho (-9 cents).

Oil market dynamics

At the close of Monday's formal trading session on the NYMEX, WTI decreased 62 cents to settle at \$44.60. Oil prices mostly fell last week, reaching their lowest since the third quarter of 2017, as market observers have concerns that the global crude market is oversupplied.

Complicating the picture, according to the latest weekly petroleum status report from the Energy Information Administration, total domestic crude inventories took a slight step back last week. At 441.5 million barrels, crude inventories fell by 500,000 barrels. When compared to last year at this time, combined inventories across the country are still 5 million barrels higher this year.

To reduce the oversupply of crude globally, last month OPEC and non-OPEC producers, including Russia, announced that beginning in 2019, they will reduce crude production by 1.2 million barrels per day (for an initial six-month period). This move could drive crude oil prices up, and in turn drive gas prices higher in the new year — though not immediately.

Colorado gas by the numbers

Denver

Current average: \$2.13	Tuesday average: \$2.14	Week ago average: \$2.20	Month ago average: \$2.47	Year ago average: \$2.35
Boulder-Longmont	Current average: \$2.13	Tuesday average: \$2.13	Week ago average: \$2.20	Month ago average: \$2.48
Year ago average: \$2.38	Colorado Springs	Current average: \$2.18	Tuesday average: \$2.19	Week ago average: \$2.27
Month ago average: \$2.50	Year ago average: \$2.30	Greeley	Current average: \$2.18	Tuesday average: \$2.19
Week ago average: \$2.26	Month ago average: \$2.58	Year ago average: \$2.38	Fort Collins-Loveland	Current average: \$2.25
Tuesday average: \$2.31	Week ago average: \$2.56	Year ago average: \$2.39	Grand Junction	Current average: \$2.40
Month ago average: \$2.79	Year ago average: \$2.48	Pueblo	Current average: \$2.44	Tuesday average: \$2.43
Week ago average: \$2.47	Month ago average: \$2.62	Year ago average: \$2.40	Durango	Current average: \$2.46
Tuesday average: \$2.47	Week ago average: \$2.47	Month ago average: \$2.70	Year ago average: \$2.45	Glenwood Springs
Current average: \$2.55	Tuesday average: \$2.55	Week ago average: \$2.67	Month ago average: \$2.97	Year ago average: \$2.75
Vail	Current average: \$2.73	Tuesday average: \$2.79	Week ago average: \$2.87	Month ago average: \$3.07
Year ago average: \$2.93				



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Sports

WRESTLING

Pirate wrestling looks to keep momentum going in upcoming matches

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Coming up on the schedule are matches that will be a good challenge for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team.

The Pirates will face some tough competition at home in a dual with the Bayfield Wolverines on Jan. 10, the Rocky Mountain Duals on Jan. 11 and the Rocky Mountain Invitational on Jan. 12.

League rivals clash

Coach Dan Janowsky explained in an interview that Bayfield is a very good team and has had some success in December this year.

"They've been doing some good things, and they've got some good wrestlers," Janowsky said. "They have a fairly full lineup."

The Wolverines also have some good wrestlers in the upper weight divisions who are ranked, Janowsky added.

Some of the younger wrestlers that Bayfield has are also good, but they show some inexperience, he noted.

"Those intermountain duals are always fun," Janowsky said.

With league rivals squaring off in a dual, anything can happen when emotions are running high, Janowsky explained.

"You see upsets both in individual matches and in the team score as a whole," he added later.

However, the first dual after Christmas break is always a challenge in getting the wrestlers' weights adjusted back to where they need to be, he described.

In preparation for the meet, Janowsky has not let the team know that they will be in for a tough match against Bayfield, but he indicated that he would soon.

"I've got a unique group. I think they are well aware of that," Janowsky.

The rivalry between Bayfield and Pagosa is fun not only for the athletes themselves, but for fans and coaches, too, Janowsky explained.

"I just feel like our kids like that kind of environment. It will be a fun dual. It always is, and this will be no exception," he said.

Nothing specific will be targeted when going against Bayfield for the dual, Janowsky explained.

With a league foe, there will always be things that a team knows that its rival likes to do, so some of those situations may come up in practice, he noted.

"I'm going to go back to where we left off. I'm going to go back to the Warrior Classic and try and clean up some things that we could have done better there," he said.

"I believe that those things will be pertinent to our matches with Bayfield and through the weekend."

Start time for the dual against Bayfield is set for 6 p.m.

Rocky Mountain battles

Then on Jan. 11, the Pirates will host the Rocky Mountain Duals, with action starting at 4 p.m.

In addition to the Pirates, the Bloomfield Bobcats (New Mexico), Sheridan Rams and Taos Tigers (New Mexico) will also be competing in the Rocky Mountain Duals.

On Jan. 12, Pagosa will also host the Rocky Mountain Invitational, with action starting at 10 a.m.

Janowsky noted that there are numerous participants at the invitational, but some of them include Bloomfield and Bayfield.

For both events, Janowsky again reiterated that he feels like the Pirates are more anxious than nervous.

"They're looking forward to it," he said.

Janowsky explained that sometimes the duals can be more stressful than the invitational until you get to the last round.

"Because in those duals it's one match at a time, whereas in the tournament there's four or five going at once," Janowsky said. "So you're not quite so alone out there. You're not quite the focus of the entire gym."

For both of these events, it's not so much about focusing on the opponents, but for the Pirates to focus on themselves and improving, Janowsky noted.

"Those will be great opponents

to test those skills, but it's not so much about them as it is about measuring ourselves," Janowsky said.

For the duals, Janowsky noted that Bloomfield might be questionable to compete because of a scheduling conflict.

"I also think Silver City may come up and get a dual in, which would be a lot of fun if they're able to do that," Janowsky said.

For those interested in coming out and seeing some hometown Pirate wrestling, Janowsky indicated that January does not hold many home meets, so now would be the time to come out and show some support.

"And I do think that if you do catch us, you're going to have a good time. These boys are fun to watch," Janowsky said. "There's limited opportunities to watch us at home, and take advantage of them. It's a unique bunch of kids."

Reflecting

So far this season, Janowsky explained that the Pirates have done well with a couple of good outings at the Columbine Tournament and Warrior Classic.

"That's one of the things that I find really exciting about the upcoming part of the year, because we have done well in our first half of the year, but the path to improvement to me is fairly clear," he said.
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SWIM

Lady Pirates look for more growth in rematch against Durango

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team will make its return to the waters in a rematch against the Durango Demons on Jan. 11 at 4 p.m.

The two teams met earlier this season on Dec. 7, with the Demons easily defeating the Lady Pirates by a score of 216-44.

However, that final score was not indicative of the individual performances that many Lady Pirates had

at that December meet, with many Lady Pirates finishing in the top five in some events.

Additionally, numerous Pirate relay teams finished within the top five against Durango the first time around.

Coach Heather Miller explained in an email to The SUN that the focus against Durango will be on having better starts and turns.

"We had a lot of disqualifications in Durango due to starts and turns so that has been a big focus for us," Miller wrote.

Another area that has been focused on in practice is "race-pace swimming," Miller added.

This type of swimming will allow the Lady Pirates to build more endurance in their race times and help improve times overall, she explained.

With the season halfway over, Miller explained that she feels like the Lady Pirates have made great progress in their stroke techniques and understanding of how swimming works.

"We still have some work to go to get all swimmers legal in all 4 strokes but the majority are there now. I am so impressed with how hard they have worked and how willing they are to try new things," Miller wrote.

Overall, this inaugural season has been challenging and rewarding for Miller personally.

"With the pool reopening just a couple days prior to the season starting we were unable to do any

stroke clinics or any preseason work so that put us a bit behind where I would have liked to be and where other teams were," Miller explained.

Those delays made it more challenging for Miller and the Lady Pirates to get caught up and delve into some of the harder training work.

However, the rewarding part for Miller is working with the girls, who have been eager to work and get better.

As far as goals for the team in its first season, Miller explained that she tends to set expectations very high, and the Lady Pirates have been right on track with the goals that she has set for the team.

"The majority of their times have been personal bests and the majority of the swimmers are legal in all 4 strokes. I think as far as work ethic and attitude we are at or above where I thought we would be," she wrote.

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RECREATION NEWS AND COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Community Center open on Saturdays starting Jan. 19

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The Ross Aragon Community Center will be open on Saturdays starting Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for open gym. This will continue through April.

Any event conflicts which would not allow a Saturday open gym will be posted in advance on the Town's website, Facebook page and in The Pagosa Springs SUN. Please call the Community Center with any questions, 264-4152, ext.521.

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BASKETBALL

Historically close: Pagosa hosts Sanford with a tough challenge on the line

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Returning to their home floor after the holiday break, the No. 22 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' basketball team will face a familiar foe who always presents a tough challenge.

That opponent, the No. 8 2A Sanford Indians (3-3 overall), will take on Pagosa on Saturday, with varsity action starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Pirates are currently coming off of a 55-46 loss at the hands of the No. 9 Colorado Springs Christian Lions on Dec. 22 as part of the Wolf Creek Classic.

Based on the overall record (no league games have been played yet), Pagosa is currently in fourth place in the Intermountain League standings.

The Indians are also riding a losing streak of their own coming into this matchup, a three-game losing streak to be exact.

Those losses came at the hands of the Cen-

tauri Falcons on Dec. 8 by a score of 41-35, the Escalante Lobos by a score of 49-43 on Dec. 14 and again to the Falcons on Dec. 21 by a score of 60-29.

Currently, Sanford, who also has not delved into league play, sits in a tie for first place in the 2A Southern Peaks league standings with Crested Butte.

Adding to history

Since the 2010-11 season, Pagosa has matched up with Sanford 11 times, and the Pirates hold a narrow 6-5 advantage in those contests.

Last season, Pagosa defeated Sanford 47-41.

However, Sanford has outscored Pagosa in those 11 matchups 521-519.

The road ahead

Coach Randy Sorenson explained in an interview with The SUN that he has already been telling the Pirates to be ready for Sanford, as they play hard and are always fundamentally sound and good.

"They're just really well coached, and they're used to winning," he said.

So far in practices, Sorenson has shifted the team's focus to handling pressure.

Pagosa's struggles against pressure earlier in the season can be attributed to different things, but the bottom line is that the Pirates have to get better at handling it, Sorenson explained.

"We work on it all the time. I think we just allow teams to speed us up in our brain," Sorenson said. "I think they get us sped up in our mind and we just throw the ball away and get trapped."

Overall, practices have been good and certain things have been accomplished that were necessary, Sorenson added later.

Coming off the loss against Colorado Springs Christian, Sorenson noted that he has not seen the team hang its collective head moving forward.

"We're a pretty confident team and they don't play scared," Sorenson said, noting that he was proud of them for that.

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Lady Pirates set to welcome Sanford Indians Saturday

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The No. 5 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team will kick off the 2019 portion of its schedule Saturday evening at home against the 2A Sanford Indians.

And, the Lady Pirates will be looking to start the new year on the right foot, with the team coming off a 57-39 loss to the No. 1 Colorado Springs Christian Lions at the Wolf Creek Classic on Dec. 22, 2018.

"We're 5-2 right now. We've lost to the No. 1 and No. 2 team in the

state," coach Wes Lewis said following that loss. "I would like to have had a little bit better showing against both of them, but we've got to continue to try to close that gap right now, between now and March. And, you know, if we do, we'll have a chance to beat them. If we don't, it'll be just like that again."

The Lady Pirates head into the new year as the No. 5 team in 3A girls' basketball in terms of the Ratings Percentage Index, which helps determine postseason seeding.

The Indians are the No. 12 team

in 2A girls' basketball and are 4-2 on the season, with wins over two of the Lady Pirates' league opponents — No. 16 Alamosa and No. 33 Monte Vista.

The Indians defeated the Alamosa Mean Moose 36-35 to open their season on Nov. 30, 2018, and gained another win on Dec. 6, 2018, when they defeated the Monte Vista Pirates by a score of 39-16.

The Indians have played one other Pagosa league opponent, falling to the No. 3 Centauri Falcons on Dec. 21, 2018, by a score of 53-31.

"I really love our schedule. I

know it's packed and we're playing most of the teams ranked in the top 10, but I love that about our schedule," Lewis said on Dec. 19, 2018, adding that there are no nights off on the schedule for the Lady Pirates.

Action against the Indians is set to kick off at 5 p.m. at the high school.

Saturday's matchup with the Indians will be Pagosa's final non-league matchup before delving into league play starting Jan. 11 in Cortez.

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife modifies fees, offers new annual pass option for state park visitors

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) modified its state parks entrance fees beginning Jan. 1 as a result of the passage of Senate Bill 18-143 in May. This is the first increase to park entry fees since 2010.

Based on visitor feedback, CPW will also begin offering a hangtag park pass option that will be tied to an individual instead of a vehicle, allowing an individual to use the hangtag when he or she is present in any vehicle of their choice.

The revised fee structure approved by the Parks and Wildlife Commission allows the agency to address increased operating costs, provide adequate staffing, and fulfill property maintenance needs to continue providing quality programs and services while managing an increasing number of park users. Ten key goals have been identified for the agency as a result of this increased

funding.

"The additional fees will serve to enhance all aspects of the visitor experience in Colorado's 41 state parks," said Margaret Taylor, CPW assistant director for capital, parks and trails. "We are committed to providing a fun, safe and rewarding experience for every visitor. Through funding larger capital projects to smaller on-the-ground programs, these dollars help us better serve both the public and our resources."

Effective Jan. 1 the park entrance fee schedule was adjusted to the following:

- Daily vehicle pass: \$8-\$9.
- Individual daily pass: \$4.

Applies for any person entering Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, Barr Lake, Crawford, Colorado State Forest State Park, Eldorado Canyon, Elkhead Reservoir, Harvey Gap, Highline Lake, James M. Robb — Colorado River, Lory, Pearl Lake, Rifle Gap, Rifle Falls, Stagecoach, Steamboat Lake, Sweitzer Lake,

Sylvan Lake, Trinidad Lake, Vega and Yampa River State Parks, except those entering the park in a motor vehicle with a valid annual parks pass or state parks annual hangtag pass.

- Annual affixed vehicle pass: \$80.
- Annual affixed multiple vehicle pass: \$40 per vehicle.
- Annual affixed vehicle replacement pass: \$5.
- Aspen Leaf annual pass (ages 64-plus): \$70.
- Aspen Leaf annual multiple pass (ages 64-plus): \$35 per vehicle.
- State parks annual hangtag pass: \$120.

State parks annual hangtag passes are issued to individuals, not vehicles. Only one vehicle at a time can use an annual hangtag pass.

- State Parks annual hangtag replacement pass: \$60.
 - Dog off-leash daily pass: \$3.
 - Dog off-leash annual pass: \$25.
- The price of the Columbine Annual Pass and Centennial Annual

Pass will remain \$14 per pass, and commercial daily pass costs also remain unchanged in 2019.

"We're very happy that in 2019 we can address the request from our visitors for a hangtag pass. This is a great option for multigenerational families or those who use different vehicles for different activities," said Taylor. "We've also added 13 parks to our Individual Daily Pass, or 'walk-in' pass, program to help us engage more of our visitors into funding and conservation efforts."

All annual passes, including the hangtag pass, will now include a separate product panel that qualifies as an individual daily pass for parks listed above. Park visitors purchasing the hangtag pass online or with external sales agents will receive their printed pass, and will be able to pick up the hangtag on their first visit to any state park.

For more information on planning your next visit to one of Colorado's 41 state parks, visit cpw.state.co.us.

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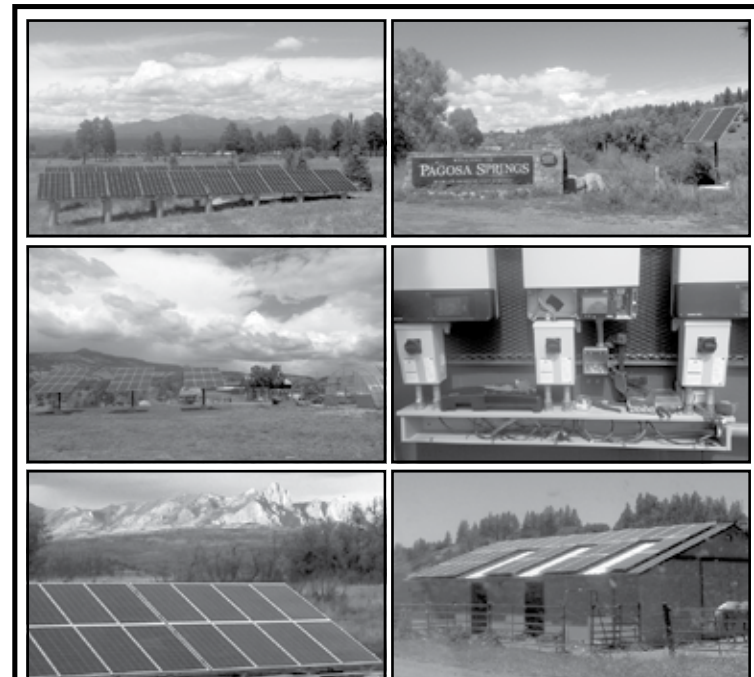
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Outdoors

After historic volunteer effort, Continental Divide Trail is fully signed

By Amanda Wheelock
Special to The SUN

The Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT) has long been known as the toughest long-distance trail in the nation. It sits at high elevations along the Continental Divide, traverses deserts and snowfields, and passes through areas so remote that hikers sometimes go an entire day without seeing another soul.

But now, thanks to the efforts of volunteers, federal agencies and nonprofit partners like the Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC), there is one less challenge for those wishing to enjoy the CDT: for the first time in its 40-year history, the Continental Divide Trail is fully signed.

The CDT was designated by Congress as a National Scenic Trail in 1978, making this year its 40th anniversary. To celebrate, the CDTC intended to finally “blaze the CDT” completely and consistently from Mexico to Canada (“blazes” are trail markers). In 2017, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, youth conservation corps and volunteer trail adopters signed over 2,000 miles of the 3,100-mile trail. This spring, CDTC recruited volunteers from all over

the country to tackle the remaining sections, and by the end of the summer, volunteers had installed more than 1,200 signs along hundreds of miles of trail to successfully complete the project.

Heather “Anish” Anderson finished her third thru-hike of the CDT on Nov. 8 when she arrived in Grants, N.M.

“When I first hiked the CDT in 2006, there were almost no trail markings,” said Anderson. “Constant attention to our maps and the descriptions in our guidebook were necessary. More than that, there was also a lack of trail tread in many areas. We simply followed our compass, animal trails, four-wheel-drive tracks or open ridgelines. We celebrated when we arrived in Colorado and merged with the well-traveled and well-marked Colorado Trail. I cried when we had to depart from it.”

After hiking the CDT again in 2017, Anderson set her sights on a much more extreme goal for 2018: to become the first woman to hike all three trails that make up hiking’s Triple Crown—the Continental Divide, Pacific Crest, and Appalachian trails—in a single calendar year. After hiking the coastal trails and a section of the CDT in New Mexico, Anderson found herself standing

once more at the Canadian border in Glacier National Park, ready to head south on the CDT. By this point, it was mid-August—long after others attempting CDT thru-hikes had begun their journeys, and after Blaze the CDT volunteers had surveyed and marked their sections of the trail.

“If I had been impressed with the markings in 2017, I was blown away by fall of 2018,” said Anderson. “The CDT has gone from a line on a map to a marked trail on the ground in 12 years.”

And while Anderson has earned celebrity status in the small but growing community of thru-hikers with this year’s 8,000-mile stroll, she feels that the CDT’s new signage should excite anyone who likes to walk and enjoy the outdoors—not just those who want to hike from Canada to Mexico.

“It’s an incredible transformation thanks to the incredible work of the CDTC and its dedicated volunteers. This increases the opportunities, not just for thru-hikers, but for other users who want to experience the diversity of Divide country. The trail unites these myriad routes into a corridor ripe for anyone to experience.”

To learn more about Blaze the CDT and the CDT, visit conti-

entaldividetrail.org/blaze-the-cdt/.

About the CDT

The CDT is one of the world’s premiere long-distance trails, stretching 3,100 miles from Mexico to Canada along the Continental Divide. Designated by Congress in 1978, the CDT is the highest, most challenging and most remote of the 11 National Scenic Trails. It provides recreational opportunities ranging from hiking to horseback riding to hunting for thousands of visitors each year. While 95 percent of the CDT is located on public land, approximately 180 miles are still in need of protection.

About the CDTC

The CDTC was founded in 2012 by volunteers and recreationists hoping to provide a unified voice for the trail. Working hand in hand with the U.S. Forest Service and other federal land management agencies, the CDTC is a nonprofit organization supporting stewardship of the CDT. The mission of the CDTC is to complete, promote and protect the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, a world-class national resource. For more information, please visit continentaldividetrail.org.



Photos courtesy Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Workers at Navajo State Park pour new concrete to repair the boat ramp recently. The work should be done by late January — in plenty of time for the 2019 boating season.

CRIA Lecture Series continues with Linda Baker on Thursday, Jan. 10

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

The Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) is proud to host a special presentation on Thursday, Jan. 10, by Linda Baker on “The Momentum of the Southern Ute Museum since the Takeover by the Tribe in May, 2016.”

Baker will also discuss the relationship between the Southern Utes and Chimney Rock.

The lecture is free of charge and will begin at 7 p.m., following CRIA’s social hour at 6 p.m. at The Springs Resort and Spa (EcoLuxe building) located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

Baker is the director of the Southern Ute Museum in Ignacio and she is also affiliated with the Center for Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College. She has engineered many significant changes at the museum, including the establishment of rotating exhibits, and has incorporated the museum into the tribe’s traditions and practices. Baker is a tribal member and a graduate of Fort Lewis College with a B.A. in history. She has worked at several museums, includ-

ing the Denver Museum.

The public is invited to join CRIA for its social hour preceding the lecture at 6 p.m. This is great way to meet our amazing volunteer team and learn more about Chimney Rock and ways to get involved. Finger food will be available.

CRIA is a nonprofit organization which operates the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under a participating agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest. For more information, please visit our website at www.chimney-rockco.org.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff
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WARNING: A valid summons may be issued by a lawyer and it need not contain a court case number, the signature of a court officer, or a court seal. The plaintiff has 14 days from the date this summons was served on you to file the case with the court. You are responsible for contacting the court to find out whether the case has been filed and obtain the case number. If the plaintiff files the case within this time, then you must respond as explained in this summons. If the plaintiff files more than 14 days after the date the summons was served on you, the case may be dismissed upon motion and you may be entitled to seek attorney’s fees from the plaintiff.
Pursuant to C.R.C.P. 121, Section 1-26(7) a copy of this document with original or scanned signatures is maintained at the offices of Robinson & Henry, P.C. and will be made available for inspection by other parties or the Court upon request.
Published December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018 and January 3, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160
Plaintiff:
WILLIAM H. WATTERSON
v.

Defendants:

SAMUEL DEAN STEWART, and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.
Submitting Attorney:
Duke Eggleston, #24965
Eggleston Kosnik LLC
556 Main Ave.
Durango, CO 81301
Phone Number: (970) 403-1580
E-mail: deggleston@ek-law.com
Case Number: 2018CV30066

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

PLAINTIFF WILLIAM H. WATTERSON TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: SAMUEL DEAN STEWART and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice. This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows: Lot 44 of Block 15 in Amended Aspen Springs Subdivision No. 2, according to the plat thereof filed for record June 15, 1971 as Reception No. 74503, all in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. Respectfully Submitted this 27th day of November, 2018.
Published in The Pagosa Springs Sun
First Publication: December 6, 2018
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.): 97006313
Original Principal Amount \$55,255.95
Outstanding Principal Balance \$38,424.62
Pursuant to CRS §38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2018-012
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On October 8, 2018, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s) STEPHEN D. SEWELL and ROBBIN L. SEWELL
Original Beneficiary(ies) UNITED COMPANIES FUNDING, INC.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for UCFF MH1 Trust 1998-1
Date of Deed of Trust August 21, 1997
County of Recording Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust August 28, 1997
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.): 97006313
Original Principal Amount \$55,255.95
Outstanding Principal Balance \$38,424.62
Pursuant to CRS §38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest

when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT 23, BLOCK 24, ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 20, 1971, AS RECEPTION NO. 74785, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER IN AND FOR ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.
Also known by street and number as: 381 WEASEL DRIVE, PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 02/07/2019, at the Archuleta County Treasurer’s Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys’ fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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Last Publication 1/10/2019
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
IF THE BORROWER BELIEVES THAT A LENDER OR SERVER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN SECTION 38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN SECTION 38-38-103.2, THE BORROWER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), OR BOTH. THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
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www.consumerfinance.gov
DATE: 10/25/2018

Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: /s/ Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Nichole R. Williams #49611
Barrett Frappier Weissman, LLP 1199 Barnock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 359-2711
Attorney, File # 000006821573
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Village Pointe Property Owner’s Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

Loretta Lee
Diann E Amick
Coreen E Kinnear
Defendants.

Case No.: 2018CV30081
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Christopher B. Conley
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC
700 South 21st Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814
Email: chris@hjclaw.com Atty. Reg. No.: 51651

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):
Diann E Amick
Coreen E Kinnear
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice. This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Village Pointe Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Village Pointe Property Owner’s Association, Inc. The legal description for your real property is below.
Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.
Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions:
Exhibit A

Matter Amount
Village Pointe Condominiums PHASE III
Property Owner: Diann E Amick and Coreen E Kinnear
Unit Number: 7531
Building Number: 6
Unit Week Number: 10

In that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat, South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase III as recorded in Plat Filed No. 238A-F under Reception No. 179324 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration and Third Amendment to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase III recorded November 21, 1990, Reception No. 176323, Book 315, Page 350.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Pointe Condominiums in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Lien Amount: \$7,260.42
Published in The Pagosa Springs Sun
First Publication: December 20, 2018
Last Publication: January 17, 2019
/s/ Christopher B. Conley
Christopher B. Conley
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC
700 South 21st Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901
Atty. Reg. No.: 51651
Published December 20, 27, 2018, January 3, 10 and 17, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2018-013
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On October 25, 2018, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s) Clyde Connell
Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt BANK OF AMERICA, NA.
Date of Deed of Trust March 15, 2006
County of Recording Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust March 15, 2006
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.): 20602516
Original Principal Amount \$518,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$561,490.44
Pursuant to CRS §38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOT 51, PAGOSA MEADOWS UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED SEPTEMBER 13, 1971, AS RECEPTION NO. 74883, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO.
Also known by street and number as: 88 Peace Pl, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public

auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 02/21/2019, at the Archuleta County Treasurer’s Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys’ fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 1/24/2019
Last Publication 1/24/2019

Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
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www.consumerfinance.gov
DATE: 10/25/2018

Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: /s/ Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Courtney Wright #45482
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
Attorney File # CO-18-840029-LL
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2018-014
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On November 1, 2018, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s) Ross J. Hegstrom
Original Beneficiary(ies) First Southwest Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt First Southwest Bank
Date of Deed of Trust March 27, 2017
County of Recording Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust March 31, 2017
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 21701718
Original Principal Amount \$125,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$122,261.56
Pursuant to CRS §38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. UNIT 3 IN 14TH STREET TOWNHOMES PHASE TWO, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD OCTOBER 15, 2008 AS RECEPTION NO. 20808175.
Parcel ID Number: 58991442303
Also known by street and number as: 176 N14th St Unit 3, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 02/28/2019, at the Archuleta County Treasurer’s Office at 449 San Juan St. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys’ fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 1/3/2019
Last Publication 1/31/2019
Name of Publication Pagosa Springs Sun
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
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DATE: 11/01/2018

Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee in and for the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado
By: /s/ Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Phyllis Denney #6736
Maynes Bradford Shipp & Sheffelt, LLP Attorneys at Law, 835 East Second Avenue, Suite 123, Durango, CO 81302 (970) 247-1755
Attorney File # 25-038
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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County Court
Archuleta County, Colorado
46 Eaton Drive, Suite 1
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Case No. 18c39

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Public notice is given on 12/21/18 that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta County Court.
The Petition requests that the name of Carol Ann Koege be changed to Carol Ann Riley.
/s/ Cheryl Mulberry
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
Published January 3, 10, 17, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Cause No. 18-CP-031904 CITATION BY PUBLICATION TO LINDAHL, CALEB H., A PERSON INTERESTED IN THE WELFARE OF CALEB SETH LINDAHL, INCAPACITATED:

Docket No. 18-CP-031945, County Court at Law 3, Fort Bend County, Texas, Denise Nicole Wong filed in the County Court at Law, Fort Bend County, Texas, on the 5th day of July, 2018, an Application for Letters of Guardianship for the appointment of Denise Nicole Wong as guardian for the Person of said Ward. You are listed in said application as an interested party. SAID Application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 2 o’clock PM on the 14th day of January, 2019, at the Fort Bend County Justice Center in Richmond, Texas, at which time and place all interested parties in the welfare of said ward are required to appear by filing a written answer, contesting such application, should they so desire. Per Texas Estates Code 1051.252, interested persons have the right to be notified of any and all motions, applications or pleadings relating to the application for the guardianship or any subsequent guardianship proceeding involving the ward after the guardianship is created, if any.

DATED the 21st day of December 2018.
Julius Eric Junker Denise Nicole Wong
Attorney for Denise Nicole Wong
Texas Bar No.: 24061446
212 Jackson Street | Richmond, Texas 77469
(281) 342-9476 | (832) 553-7964 fax
J.E.Junker@junkerlaw.com
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HUD Publisher’s Notice

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All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing act which makes it illegal to advertise “any preference limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or an intention, to make such preference, limitation or discrimination.” Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

Jan. 10 meeting planned to discuss future of water resources

By Watershed Enhancement Partnership
Special to The SUN

As we experienced this past year, water can become a very rare resource for us here in southwest Colorado, affecting all aspects of living in this part of the country.

The Watershed Enhancement Partnership (WEP) is a group of stakeholders representing agriculture, recreation, municipalities and conservation working together to identify opportunities to promote resilient water resources for the future of Archuleta County, its residents, its economy and its ecology.

The Colorado Water Plan makes funds available for voluntary, cooperative projects that improve the use of our water resources. Examples of projects include things like ditch lining, improvement of diversion structures, river enhancement and cooperative water man-

agement. This effort would take advantage of this funding for the benefit of our community. The group would ultimately like to address the entirety of the San Juan River Basin through a phased series of conversations.

The relevance of water to all aspects of our community cannot be understated. It has played a role in our history, our recreation and our economy. The goal of this effort is to think collectively about opportunities on the landscape that can help secure the future of water for all uses, while maintaining a healthy ecology and respecting water rights.

This conversation is designed to include all interests. Included in the discussion to date are representatives from agriculture and ranching, municipal water providers, water administrators and managers, land owners and managers, state fish and wildlife managers, local government, local business, recreation, and

conservation.

Drought and growing pressure from increased water demands and permanent reductions in overall water supply are increasing demand on our water resources. Identifying opportunities to secure the viability of our water resources will help our community to remain viable for future generations.

We would like to identify water resource issues and opportunities or projects that can be completed voluntarily within the San Juan Basin that can promote a watershed that supports all uses.

To provide your input, we invite you to attend a public meeting on Jan. 10 at the CSU Extension building, 344 U.S. 84, from 6 to 8 p.m. More information and another opportunity to provide input can be accomplished by completing the survey found at <http://www.mountainstudies.org/sanjuan/smp>.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife releases 2019 statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

The 2019 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) for Colorado is now final following extensive collaboration between Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and statewide recreation and conservation partners.

As outdoor recreation participation booms in Colorado, the plan lays out four key priorities to address the state's needs for advancing conservation and sustainable outdoor recreation over the next five years.

Colorado's SCORP identifies four top priorities:

- Enhance sustainable access and opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.
- Promote stewardship of natural, cultural and recreational resources.
- Conserve lands, waters and wildlife.
- Ensure adequate funding to sustain Colorado's outdoors for the future.

"Colorado's outdoor heritage, natural beauty and diverse landscapes make our state a perfect place to enjoy all forms of outdoor recreation," said Gov. John Hickenlooper. "I am reminded daily of the benefits outdoor recreation contributes toward Colorado's quality of life, economic prosperity and public health. The places we love to work, live and play depend on Coloradans to take care of them, and we encourage Coloradans to take greater responsibility and stewardship of our natural and cultural resources."

The increasing popularity of the state's outdoor spaces along with the understanding of how important both outdoor recreation and conservation of our resources are to Colorado make it essential that all Coloradans work collaboratively to conserve our wildlife and wild spaces.

"Though our agency finalized the SCORP, it's important to remember that this is not CPW's plan; it's Colorado's plan," said Bob Broscheid, director of CPW. "This

year's SCORP reports that consumer spending on outdoor recreation contributes \$62 billion to Colorado's economy. The outdoor recreation industry employs 511,000 Coloradans and is one of the largest sectors in Colorado's economy. Whether or not you consider yourself an avid outdoor recreationist, our natural resources and outdoor recreation economy directly impact you as a resident of Colorado."

Members of the Colorado Outdoor Partnership (CO-OP) provided a depth of knowledge and heavy input into developing the 2019 SCORP.

"Leaders from conservation, recreation, agriculture and all levels of government collaborated to identify the five-year priorities presented in the SCORP," said Ann Baker Easley, executive director of Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) and CO-OP member. "I believe this plan sets a strong agenda to ensure that Colorado's outdoor resources are here for future generations to enjoy. Now, we must work together to put this plan into action."

Colorado's population is projected to grow by around 100,000 people each year over the next 20 years. This will result in additional crowding and pressure on the state's outdoor resources, including outdoor recreation infrastructure and wildlife habitat.

"More and more people are coming to Colorado each year and environmental stressors, including drought, fire and floods, further require us to plan and be thoughtful about how we grow in order to accommodate more recreational users and maintain a robust tourism sector," said Hickenlooper.

"Our outdoor spaces, recreation opportunities and wildlife are defining characteristics of Colorado," Broscheid stated. "Conservation and outdoor recreation are completely intertwined in our state, so it's up to all of us to get involved and play a role in caring for and maintaining these resources and the Colorado way of life."

For more information on the plan, or to learn how to get involved, visit: Coloradosc.org.

The Incredible Years Parenting Class to begin in January

By Lynne Bridges
Special to The SUN

The Incredible Years Parenting Class is 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 3 and 8 years.

The parenting class will be offered on Monday nights from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for 14 weeks, starting Jan. 21, 2019, at Seeds of Learning. A free dinner will be provided for the entire family, as well as free child care.

The Incredible Years Parenting Class will help strengthen children's social skills, emotional regulation and school-readiness skills. You will learn to use praise and incentives to encourage cooperative behavior, learn to use

positive discipline (rules, routines and effective limit setting), as well as learn how to best handle misbehaviors.

A local father said, "At first, I was not all that eager to give up another night of my free time for 14 weeks, but, over time, the other class members became such good friends. I realized I wasn't the only parent having the same struggles with my children. I was astounded at the degree of effectiveness from

the class. My son was responding very positively to the techniques I had learned and began implementing at home. This class became a weekly meeting that I looked forward to each week as a positive gathering of friends."

If you have any questions about the class or would like to register, please call Michelle Carpenter at 946-0664 or Lynne Bridges at 264-5513. Call soon as class size is limited.

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 for week: 90.
Dec. 25 — Drove vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, failed to drive in single lane (weaving), U.S. 160.

Dec. 26 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, violation of restraining order, Flintlock Place.

Dec. 26 — Animals running at large, Roxanna's Court.

Dec. 27 — Criminal mischief, Hills Circle.

Dec. 28 — Animals running at large, Osprey Court.

Dec. 28 — Under investigation, no location listed.

Dec. 29 — Animals running at large, Nutria Circle.

Dec. 30 — Criminal mischief, County Road 600.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department
No report.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Diane E. Knutson

Dec. 11 — Brett Watson, unsafe backing; two points; \$38.85 restitution; fine, cost and fees — \$72.

Dec. 11 — Adrian Cantu, failed to yield; three points; fine, costs and

fees — \$116.

Dec. 11 — Sofio Valdez, following too closely; four points; \$500 restitution; fine, costs and fees — \$146.

Dec. 11 — Glenn Whitehead, made improper left turn; three points; fine, costs and fees — \$116.

Dec. 11 — Leanne Maestas, operated vehicle without insurance; four points; fine, costs and fees — \$335.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Dec. 19 — Timothy S. Cochran, tail lamp violation, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$142.50.

Dec. 19 — Matthew C. Bridges, driving while ability impaired, 15 days jail suspended imposition, 24 hours community service, 12

months alcohol evaluation and supervision probation, fines and costs — \$771.50.

Dec. 21 — Brandon Lee Inman, violation P/O-civil, 90 days jail, fines and costs — \$219.50.

Dec. 27 — Breanna Kirsop, driving under restraint, five days jail, fines and costs — \$279.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

Dec. 18 — Frederick William Calder, felony menacing-real/simulated weapon, four years probation, fines and costs — \$2,903.50.

Dec. 20 — Isidro Ramirez Soto, assault 1-serious bodily injury with deadly weapon, 22 years Department of Corrections, fines and costs — \$473.50.

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The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate basketball teams hosted their first home games of the season on Dec. 21 and 22 in the form of the Wolf Creek Classic. The return of the classic brought several teams to town: the Eaton Reds, Colorado Springs Christian Lions and Roaring Fork Rams.



preview

ARTS & LIFE

'Keep Pagosa Warm'

Monday, Jan. 7 • 4:45 p.m.



Photo courtesy Linda Parker

January 3, 2019

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir invites community to ‘Keep Pagosa Warm’

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will be participating in its second annual “Keep Pagosa Warm” event to help those in need stay warm during the cold winter months.

On Monday, Jan. 7, at 4:45 p.m., the members of the Girls Choir will take warm scarves and tie them to the fence located directly across U.S. 160 from Pagosa Springs Middle School. Each scarf will have a note attached to encour-

age those who need a warm scarf to take it with them with the girls’ best wishes.

The note will read, “I am not lost. If you are cold, take me with you and I will keep you warm,” and will state it is from the Girls Choir.

The Girls Choir is inviting the community to join in this event. Simply bring a warm scarf to the location on Jan. 7 and tie your scarf with the others.

“This is a great opportunity to teach the girls about giving while helping our brothers and sisters in need,” said Girls Choir Director Linda Parker. “This community has been so good to the choir and generous in their giving, we want to give back to the community.

The idea originally came from an article Parker saw on Facebook.

“Everyone knows that Facebook is the authority on everything. In this case, I thought it was a great idea, simple to do and a valuable lesson to teach our girls about supporting their community,” said Parker. “We’re hoping that others will join us and cover the entire fence with warm scarves. We want scarves in good condition, new or gently used. Everyone has clothing that they don’t wear or need any more that can be utilized by others. It’s already been cold this season and nothing feels as good as a warm snuggly scarf when the sun goes down and the temperature starts to dip.”

Please mark Monday, Jan. 7, on your calendar. We’ll see you at the fence directly across from the middle school at 4:45 p.m. and we’ll “Keep Pagosa Warm.”

Homemakers to hear ‘Common Sense Approaches to A More Comfortable Life’ on Jan. 10

By Tozi Rubin
Special to The PREVIEW

Dr. Richard Scott Anderson, DC, is a chiropractor here in Pagosa Springs with 34 years of experience. He has expertise dealing with neck pain, lower back pain, hip pain, scoliosis and spinal adjustment.

Anderson received his doctor of chiropractic degree in 1984. He also earned postgraduate degrees in orthopedics, sports injuries, and strength and conditioning.

Join the Homemakers at our next monthly meeting as Anderson discusses “Common Sense Approaches to a More Comfortable

Life.”

We invite all area women to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. We socialize before we enjoy a potluck lunch provided by members. First-time visitors are not expected to bring food.

Mountain View Homemakers is a 50-year-old monthly gathering of area women who are interested in making their lives, the lives of their families and the community as a whole more enjoyable. The meetings include lunch and a speaker or activity.

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The flame grows stronger through the years

The article I wrote for this week's edition was like clanging cymbals — no point, no spirit and no love. I moved the pot to the back burner to simmer and waited for more inspiration.

Inspiration did come, but through a day of trials. I saw how one man's love hasn't grown cold, but is still as strong as the day he fell in love — a husband, father and our family's protector — as passionate as the day he said, "I do."

But life has a way of changing us, shaking us up, and turning upside down what used to be.

A scheduled appointment for day surgery came. It promised just 30 minutes and to be a small thing. The doctor practiced in a Farmington, N.M., hospital. If I wanted this doctor to do the surgery, I had to go to Farmington.

Up at 6 a.m., with plenty of time to spare, I planned the departure time. My Sweet Al gave me directions and I drove. "Turn here, I know a shortcut."

Al, we don't need to take a shortcut.

"No car is coming; switch lines and turn left here."

No, Al. "Just turn."

I made a quick left and drove on a road I didn't recognize. I told him we are going east, heading back toward Pagosa.

"Just keep going. The correct road will come up soon."

I began to simmer. Al had no idea how I was feeling. The flame was turned up under the pot. Didn't he know I needed peace? I was struggling to keep the lid on my mounting frustrations.

The surgeon's written instructions said I needed someone to drive me. I had three people lined up to drive, but Al insisted he be the one.

For me, it wasn't about Al's love and protection. We needed someone to take the pressure off of us and make decisions, navigate, find the hospital, doctor's office and the hotel.

Now the pot was boiling. We were still driving east. Finally, we found the connecting road and drove west. We entered the city

Homemaker

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If you've wondered about who we are, come and see for yourself. We are a welcoming and friendly group, so this a wonderful opportunity to make new friends in the community.

We meet on the second Thursday of every month. There are no dues or membership requirements and every interested woman is welcome. No special skills are necessary. If you live in a home, you are a homemaker.

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Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



of Farmington and looked for the hospital as Sweet Al continued to give me instructions. "You've gone too far. Turn around."

Al, I'm following your instruc-

tions.

I turned at one of the lights and saw the hospital. The day turned into endless waiting for a simple 30-minute surgery.

In the long wait, several nurses came into the room. Two of them asked how long we had been married. I said 58 years. Al went on about the love of his youth, how we met, how he saw me back then and how he still loves me today.

One nurse said, "Marriages are ■ See Lane on next page

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Spotlight: Marion Bienvenu takes on Jo March in ‘Little Women’

By Tess Wisner
Special to The PREVIEW

Marion Bienvenu has returned to the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts and Thingamajig Theatre Company for “Little Women: The Musical.”

Bienvenu is playing the lead role of Jo March. If you’d like to see Bienvenu in action, the show is playing now through Jan. 20 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

Bienvenu grew up in Baton Rouge, La., and studied musical theater at Northwestern State University. Bienvenu has appeared on this particular Pagosa Springs stage many times, including starring as Tracy Turnblad in “Hairspray” and Enid in “Legally Blonde.”

We had the pleasure of sitting down with Bienvenu to talk about her journey as an actress through this fascinating and, dare I say, astonishing role.



Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

Marion Bienvenu as Jo March with Thingamajig Theatre Company. “Little Women” is at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts until Jan. 20.

What inspired you to go into acting?
“I have been singing and per-

forming for my family since I could talk. I was a part of my elementary school drama club since the first grade, but didn’t really get bitten by the acting bug until my mother found a theater camp at my local community theater. One of my first school plays, I got into a fight with my best friend about who was going to play the cat. I got stuck with the role of the horse. After that, the rest is history!”

What is your dream role?

“I have fortunately had the opportunity to play many of my dream roles (Sally Bowles in ‘Cabaret,’ Lady of the Lake in ‘Spamalot,’ Tracy Turnblad in ‘Hairspray’), but one of my lifelong dream roles

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hard. How have you made it?”

“Marriage can be difficult. It’s about loving someone more than you love yourself.”

She didn’t know the pot was still heating up from the ordeal of the shortcut.

I realized how Al wanted to take care of me. He needed for me to know that he was my protector. After surgery, it took us another hour full of wrong turns to find the hotel. By the time we found it, we were both spent and fell into bed.

The day proved to be hard, one dilemma after another. The next

day was just as trying and frustrating. It proved to me that life at this age has its limitations. Roles have changed. We can’t handle the pressure as we used to do.

Final brushstroke: One thing I experienced the day of outpatient surgery, what was supposed to be simple, became complicated. Al wanted to be there to protect me. The flame in Al continues to grow brighter, even when I’m stewing. I was worried about following maps and finding locations; Al just wanted to love me.

Readers’ comments

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Reason for being late

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

When 8-year-old Katherine walked into class, the teacher looked at the clock. It was almost noon. Few students came to school that late without a good reason.

“Well, Katherine,” the teacher said, “would you like to tell us why you’re so late?”

“A moose?” Katherine replied.
“A moose?” the teacher asked,

skeptically. “I can’t just write ‘a moose’ as a reason on the late slip. The secretary will think I’m crazy. What about a moose?”

“Well, a moose wandered into our yard this morning,” Katherine said. “The dogs decided to chase her. They chased her a distance down the road, but then she decided she had had enough. She turned around and chased them back to the shed that was just past the house.”

“OK,” the teacher said. “But I don’t see why that made you late.”

“That was only the beginning,” Katherine said. “When the moose turned to walk away, the dogs chased her again. Then, after they had gone a short distance, the moose turned and chased them back. The dogs hid in the shed, so the moose turned to walk away. But the dogs took off after her again. They went back and forth

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Spotlight

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is Judas Iscariot in ‘Jesus Christ Superstar.’”

What is challenging about this role?

“Physically, it is very demanding. When we start the show, Jo is a young, energetic 15-year-old, bouncing around the stage and sword fighting with her sisters. Jo almost never leaves the stage, which also adds to the challenge. Then, we have the material the show deals with, which is emotionally and mentally exhausting all on own.”

How do you connect with your character?

“I put myself into every character, but sometimes other people from my life inspire me as well. I’ve grown up with so many strong female figures in my life, but my mother has always been the strongest. She is a writer at heart, just like Jo, and has worked hard alongside my father to give my brother and I the incredible lives we have now. We grew up with nothing but support from our parents and were told that anything in life is possible. My mother’s intellect, creativity and strength fuel Jo March. She is my inspiration for this character —

my real life Wonder Woman.”

What have you learned from this character?

“This show has answered a lot of questions I’ve been struggling with as a working actor. The word ‘astonishing’ takes on many different meanings throughout the show and will also mean something different to each person who comes to see ‘Little Women.’ For me, ‘astonishing’ doesn’t necessarily mean fame and glory. At one time in my life it did, but now it’s more about the connections and relationships I’ve made and will make in the future. It is ‘astonishing’ to me how large my theater family has become. As long as I have theater in my life, I will have a loving theater family, and that, to me, is ‘astonishing.’”

What has this process been like?

“To be honest, it was a rough process. I am used to the repertory theater life, but this was a particularly large and emotional show to put up in a week and a half. Without the love and support of this super talented cast, I don’t know how I would have opened this show at all! I love my Thingamajig family!”

Why do you keep coming back to Thingamajig Theatre and Pagosa

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Marion Bienvenu is playing Jo March in “Little Women: The Musical” with Thingamajig Theatre Company at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts through Jan. 20. Come see Bienvenu take on this beautiful show and character alongside a talented cast of performers.

Tickets are available at pagosa-center.org or by calling 731-SHOW (7469).

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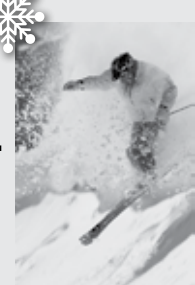
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Photography club to hear about 'Photographing the Weather'

By Gregg Heid
Special to The Preview

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Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by a club meeting at 6:30 p.m. Longtime photographers and **See Photography on next page**



Photo courtesy John Farley

A twister in motion. John Farley will present "Photographing the Weather" at the Jan. 9 Pagosa Springs Photography Club meeting.

Late

continued from previous page that way all morning. We watched it all through our window as we ate breakfast."

The teacher sighed, feeling that this story wasn't getting anywhere. "But what does that have to do with you being late for school?"

"Each time the dogs chased the moose, and the moose chased them back, the moose appeared to get a little bit madder. She ran after the dogs a little bit faster, and each time, she was closer on the dogs' tails by the time they reached the shed.

"After quite a bit of this, it was time for the bus to come, so we carefully checked outside to see if the coast was clear. We hadn't seen the dogs or the moose for about 10 minutes. The last we time we saw them, the dogs were hot in pursuit of the moose as she headed over the hill across from our house.

"So we made our way out to stand by the mailbox and wait for the bus. We had only been there a minute or two when the dogs came running back over the hill, with the moose almost on top of them. The dogs were whining as they ran. They seemed to know they weren't going to make it to the shed before the moose stomped them into compost.

"But then the dogs saw us, and they must have thought we could save them. They headed right for us. We didn't know what to do except to run, so we ran back to the house, screaming for Mom. Mom came out and saw us all heading for the front door, and she started screaming to scare the moose away, but it kept coming.

"We all ran into the house with the moose not too far behind. We ran into the bedroom, and Mom slammed the door behind us. We all made it in, the dogs, us and Mom. After we caught our breath, Mom said she was sure a moose wouldn't follow us into the house, so she slowly opened the door to peek out. But the moose was right there in our living room.

"The moose snorted as if daring us to come out of the bedroom, so Mom quickly slammed the door again. Just about then, the bus started honking, and one of the dogs started barking. Then he bayed at the moose as if challenging her. Mom took a pillow and hit the dog across the face. But the barking apparently made the moose mad because she started stomping our living room floor, rocking the whole trailer house.

"Mom said if we could keep the

dogs quiet for a while, the moose would probably leave. So we all grabbed a pillow, and the dogs seemed to sense it was better to stay quiet. Over the next few hours, Mom peeked out a few times, and the moose was still there. My brother said he thought maybe she planned to stay all winter and take control of the TV remote. But finally, when Mom peeked out, the moose was gone. Mom carefully went into the living room, looked through the window, and saw the moose in the yard. We stayed in the house and kept the dogs locked up and quiet in the bedroom until the moose left. Then mom drove us to school."

The teacher looked at the line on the tardy paper that said, "reason for tardy," paused momentarily, then simply wrote, "a moose."

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Ephesians 5:15-16

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UUs to reflect upon theology Sunday

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

Most Unitarian Universalists (UUs) came to UUism as adults; few grew up with the tradition. And with that arrival comes a wonderful sense of freedom — liberation from the oppression of religious beliefs that never fit us. But is freedom the end or just the beginning? Without a prescribed theological tradition, we believe it is incumbent upon each one of us to create our own theology — to engage in theological reflection.

Here, the traditional theistic definition of theology is expanded to include its modern usage: “the full range of religious and philosophic beliefs and humans’ understanding of the meaning and purpose of life and of ultimate reality.” The result is that we are better able to align our actions with our values; we live a more conscious life one in which choices are made deliberately and perhaps differently than otherwise.

Let it be said quickly that one need not be a UU to live a conscious life; however, being part of the UU community means that we benefit

from our third principle, “Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation.” Thus, theological reflection becomes a community endeavor, substantially deepening the experience.

Sunday’s service by UU lay leader Pauline Benetti will examine the ideas of several UU theologians — ideas that offer guidance for this creative process.

Benetti holds in her history a teaching career devoted to shaping and forming creative, thinking individuals and a corporate career as a trainer and technical writer. The transition from one to the other was successful, but not easy.

In her retirement here in Pagosa, Benetti has returned to her genetic roots — soil, water, plants and critters — for she is the daughter of Italian parents who came separately to this country, met in California and farmed the land to build the American Dream for themselves and their children. And, now that she has time, she has added to her life the satisfaction of service — whether it be with the Pagosa UU Fellowship (PUUF), the Pagosa Farmers Mar-

ket or the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership.

About PUUF

Our fellowship is about community; it is about spiritual growth. We are a welcoming congregation and invite everyone to share in our faith community.

Service begins at 10:30 a.m., and following that we invite you to share refreshments and conversation. Leadership is by Pastor Dean Cerny on the third and fourth Sunday or by a lay leader on other Sundays.

The Religious Exploration program for 2- to 9-year-olds begins on Jan. 20 and 27. For more information, contact Anna Ramirez at afancis@hotmail.com.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbriar Plaza, then turn left and continue around the complex until you see the Unitarian Universalist sign as it faces the mountains. Come in and join us. You are welcome.

For further information about PUUF, visit pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.

Photography

■ continued from previous page those just starting out are welcome.

The Photography Club normally meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room of the Methodist Church. However, this will be our last meeting of the calendar year. The normal schedule will resume in January.

Our January meeting will feature a presentation by John Farley titled “Photographing the Weather.” In his talk, Farley will discuss some things he has learned during more than 20 years in the field photographing interesting and unusual weather phenomena, and will share some of his favorite weather photographs.

He will cover such topics as learning about the weather, how to photograph potentially dangerous weather safely and good Internet sources for weather information and weather photography techniques. He will share some of his techniques for getting good weather photos and will specifically discuss several different techniques for lightning photography.

Farley is a digital photographer residing in Pagosa Springs. Since his retirement in 2006 after 30 years as a sociology professor, he has turned to photography as his primary activity. He considers the sky to be among the most interesting subjects for photography, because even in the same location, it is never the same twice.

Although Farley likes to shoot weather, landscape and wildlife/animal photos, his favorite shots are ones that combine two or all three of these elements in interesting ways. Farley’s photography has appeared in *Weatherwise* and *Colorado Country Life* magazines, in the photo book “A Year or So in the Life of New Mexico,” in several of Farley’s sociology books, and at art galleries and exhibits in Madrid and Farmington, N.M.; Alton and Edwardsville, Ill.; and in Pagosa Springs. His work has also been shown in the annual New Mexico Photographic Arts Show (on six occasions) and at the Photo Arts Santa Fe Photographers Market. Farley’s weather videos have appeared on the National Geographic Channel

and on The Weather Channel.

Members are encouraged to bring their 10 best (or favorite) images from 2018, or 10 images illustrating lessons learned in photography to share with the group.

For more information, please contact our president, Andy Butler, at (512) 581-1470 or visit our website, pagosaspringsphotoclub.org.

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A dream: 'The Old Man in the Overstuffed Chair'

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

Let me tell you my dream about "The Old Man in the Overstuffed Chair."

The Old Man sat in a massive chair and kept his eyes on the little boy. The child made his way forward to stand in front of the great big chair. He looked up with earnest anticipation at the Old Man. "Can I come sit on your lap?" The Old Man stretched out his strong arms and lifted the young lad up to sit next to him. The child settled in as the large arms held him close.

He called out to his dad, "Come join me, Daddy. I saved you a place."

With sadness in his eyes, the father said, "I can't right now. The workload in my office is crazy and things aren't about to change anytime soon. People depend on me."

The little boy smiled and yelled, "OK, but try to hurry. Love you, Daddy."

Dad waved back and said, "Love you, too, and I promise to join you when things slow down." The dad turned and walked away, but not without one final look over his shoulder.

The Old Man smiled and nodded.

Years later, an aged man stood off to one side and leaned on his cane. In the shadows, he witnessed the scene unfold between the boy, now a father himself, and the Old Man in the chair.

Several years passed since the

A Matter of Faith

little boy first climbed onto the Old Man's lap. Their relationship grew deeper with each life experience. From the comfort of his cozy chair, the Old Man made himself available to encourage and console. With his arms still wrapped around the young man, he smiled and shared a secret with his life-long friend.

The elderly gentleman moved from the darkness into the light. He hesitated for a brief moment before he lowered his head and hobbled toward the over-sized chair. He drew close and looked into the Old Man's eyes. "OK if I join you today?"

"Of course, come on up. I reserved a place for you years ago." With the help of the Old Man, the elderly gentleman lifted himself into the chair.

The young man grinned and said, "Hi, Dad, I prayed you would join me some day."

As the Old Man looked out into the distance, someone else made his way to the overstuffed chair.

The dream holds many facets of interpretation. I want to share one. A child accepts Jesus at a young age and climbs up into the overstuffed chair and God becomes his Heavenly Father.

The young father becomes consumed with career and other

distractions. Priorities are out of order and good intentions placed on the back burner. God must wait till things slow down.

Too late, he wakes up to a marriage in shambles and kids who no longer seek his advice. He turns to Jesus for help and God invites him to sit in the comfy chair. Jesus becomes Lord of his life.

Advanced in years, a man looks back over his past and understands nothing lasts forever. He finds himself alone. No longer relevant in his chosen career, replaced by a younger and brighter generation, he slips into obscurity. His family now grown rarely calls or visits.

With regret, he wonders if broken relationships can be restored. He realizes his need for a Savior and accepts Jesus. With outstretched arms, God bids him to come sit in the overstuffed chair.

Because of Jesus, it is never too late to accept His invitation.

Someday, the chair will be exchanged for a throne as the world recognizes Him as King of Kings.

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most-High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David...

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write, for these words are true and faithful." — Luke 1:32 (ESV), Revelation 21:5 (KJV).

I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

The writer's name for last week's "Matter of Faith" column was unintentionally left off. Gregg Heid was the author. The SUN regrets this error.

Welcome the new year with new spirit at PCNT

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

"We have within us a Power that is greater than anything — a Power that can overcome every obstacle and set us at peace, healed and prosperous, in a new light" — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

All are welcome to join Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 6, to bring in the new year with joy and laughter. We will celebrate together a coming year of growth and community. 2019 is our beginning of new ways of being in love and peace to all.

Meditation circle

PCNT holds Meditation and Healing Circle each Wednesday at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Instruction provided for beginners.

Upcoming events

Upcoming events include "Healing with Spirits of Light" meditation on Jan. 3, "Manifestation Magic" on Jan 4, "Mantras and Essential Oils"

on Jan. 10, "Dream Board" workshop on Jan. 12, and "Introduction to Astrology" on Jan. 17. Please contact PCNT for more information.

PCNT 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.

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.

PCNT events are held at 40 N. 15th St., in the Momentum Fitness building.

Request a concentrated affirmative mind treatment or obtain information by joining us, emailing PagosaCommunityNewThought@gmail.com, mail P.O. Box 1052 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1052, or call (505) 604-5031. Find us on Facebook (Pagosa Community of New Thought) or our website, www.PagosaNewThought.org.



Lorrie Lawrence is a Certified Ayurvedic Medical Practitioner, former field medic and VA nurse. Lorrie has over 30 years experience in the field of integrative wellness. Magna cum laude graduate, completing studies and practicum in the USA, Switzerland, Germany, France and Mexico for Allopathic and Indigenous Medicine. Additional education with Dr's Deepak Chopra, David Simon, and Vasant Lad, for Ayurvedic Medicine and is a Certified Chopra Center instructor.

Lorrie is an author/contributor to wellness industry publications and a public speaker offering wellness solutions as well as development of private and group retreats. Lorrie is a board certified Continued Education Provider and founder/operational director of Sedona Wellness, AZ and Pagosa Wellness, CO. Each facility hosts retreats, cleanse programs and educational workshops.

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Summer Graham was born and raised in Houston, TX, where she graduated in 1998 from the University of Houston with a Bachelors in Psychology. Experiencing a personal tragedy, she realized the need to use her skills as a healer, which led to her studies of Chiropractic and natural medicine, graduating from Texas Chiropractic. Dr. Graham is the Medical Director of Aztec Chiropractic, an established family practice of 40 years founded by the late Dr. Frank Nino. She currently studies under the founder of the Wholistic Kinesiology Institute, Dr. J Dunn for methylation evaluation and treatment. Her current practice incorporates many diagnostic modalities as well as the genetic fountain of youth, Methylation Therapy. Dr. summer joined the medical group at Pagosa Wellness at its inception in 2017, and is accepting new patients at our new wellness spa location.

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

Thursday, Jan. 3

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

Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

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

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

Computer Class: Getting Started. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. You will learn the basics. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Little Women the Musical.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Based on the 1869 classic of the same name written by Louisa May Alcott, "Little Women" is the ultimate tale of sisterhood told through four sisters living and growing in the Civil War era. This heartwarming musical will have sisters, mothers, brothers and fathers captivated by these young women. For more information and tickets, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Friday, Jan. 4

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., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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

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

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

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

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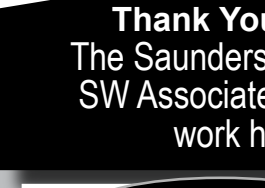
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Saturday, Jan. 5

Pagosa Nordic Club Skiathlon Race. This event includes a 20km competitive race, 6km youth race and a Kid K. The competitive and youth races include two legs, one on skate skis and the other on classic skis. For more information, visit PagosaNordic.com.

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

Paws to Read. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Sisson Library. For K-5th grade. Come and share your favorite book with Hondo, a dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Girls' Varsity Basketball. 5 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Sanford High School.

Boys' Varsity Basketball. 6:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Sanford High School.

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Little Women the Musical.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Based on the 1869 classic of the same name written by Louisa May Alcott, "Little Women" is the ultimate tale of sisterhood told through four sisters living and growing in the Civil War era. This heartwarming musical will have sisters, mothers, brothers and fathers captivated by these young women. For more information and tickets, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Sunday, Jan. 6

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Little Women the Musical.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Based on the 1869 classic of the same name written by Louisa May Alcott, "Little Women" is the ultimate tale of sisterhood told through four sisters living and growing in the Civil War era. This heartwarming musical will have sisters, mothers, brothers and fathers captivated by these young women. For more

information and tickets, go to www.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, Jan. 7

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

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

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced group at 10:15 a.m. Call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

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

PALS Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. PALS can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Total-Body Conditioning. Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Total-body exercise class using the court and basketballs. Bring a mat.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

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.

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir 'Keep Pagosa Warm.' 4:45 p.m., U.S. 160 across from middle school. The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will be participating in its second annual "Keep Pagosa Warm" event to help those in need to stay warm during the cold winter months. The Girls

Choir invites the public to join them in this event. Simply bring a warm scarf to the location and tie your scarf with the others.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

Tai Chi Class. 8 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

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.

Archuleta County Republican Women. Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant. Hear Commissioner Ron Maez and Sheriff Rich Valdez discuss "Where do we go from here — regarding the jail." Doors open at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

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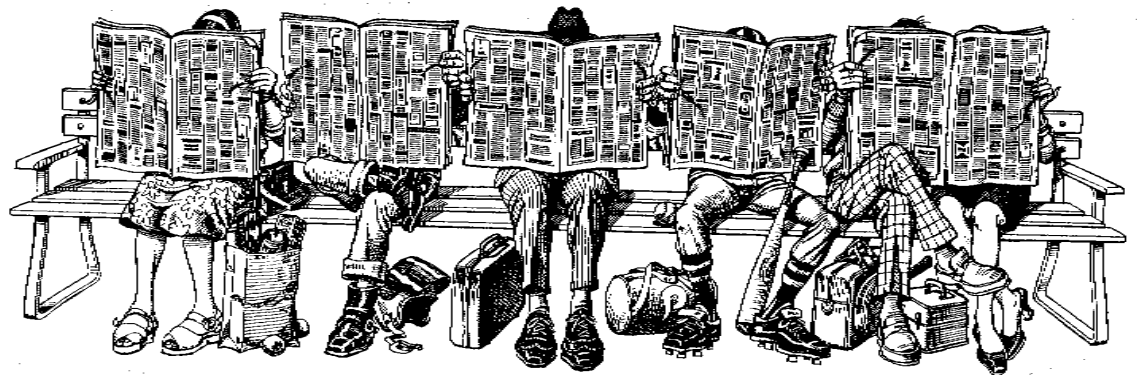
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Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Kevin Kelly, Ph.D., at (505) 699-0824 for more information.

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

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Book Club for Adults. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles and enjoy refreshments. This month we will discuss "Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore," by Robin Sloan. Come by and pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Teen Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson

Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

PALS Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. PALS can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn nightclub two step. Not to be confused with country two step, this is a smooth, flowing dance to be danced to slow ballads or love songs. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

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. All ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Flow Yoga Class. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

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

Jelly Beans After School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. Free to all ages. For information, call 903-8104 or (702) 556-5649.

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-

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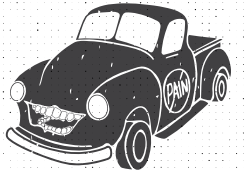
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 nity Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

American Legion Post 108. 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St. Veterans group meeting.

Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Join us for socializing at 6 p.m. The meeting will feature a presentation by John Faley titled "Photographing the Weather." John will discuss some things he has learned photographing interesting and unusual weather phenomena. For more information, contact Andy Butler at (512) 581-1470 or visit pagosaspringsphotoclub.org.

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, Jan. 10

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

Mountain View Homemakers. 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. A focus on balance and physical wellness. Dr. Scott Anderson, DC, will be speaking. Before his talk, enjoy a potluck lunch provided by members. All area women are welcome. Call Tozi at 731-3360 with any questions.

Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

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

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

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

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

PALS Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. PALS can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Boys' Varsity Wrestling. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Bayfield High School.

Watershed Enhancement Partnership Meeting. 6-8 p.m., CSU Extension Building. We would like to identify water resource issues, and opportunities or projects that can be completed voluntarily within the San Juan Basin that can promote a watershed that supports all uses. More information and another opportunity to provide input can be done by completing the survey found at <http://www.mountainstudies.org/sanjuan/smp>.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Lecture Series. 7 p.m., The Springs Resort and Spa Ecoluxe building. Presentation by Linda Baker on "The Momentum of the Southern Ute Museum since the Takeover by the Tribe in May 2016." Linda will also discuss the relationship between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Chimney Rock. Social hour will be at 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Little Women the Musical.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Based on the 1869 classic of the same name written by Louisa May Alcott, "Little Women" is the ultimate tale of sisterhood told through four sisters living and growing in the Civil War era. This heartwarming musical will have sisters, mothers, brothers and fathers captivated by these young women. For more information and tickets, go to www.pagosa-center.org or call 731-SHOW.

Friday, Jan. 11

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., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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

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.

Boys' Varsity Wrestling. 4 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Rocky Mountain Duals.

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Saturday, Jan. 12

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

Boys' Varsity Wrestling. 10 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational.

Fundamentals of Buddhism: A Practice and study with Debra Quayle. 10 a.m., Universalist Unitarian, Suite B-15, 70 Greenbriar Drive. All are welcome.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. We have exciting events and programs coming up throughout 2019. In January, we have a "Crazy Quilt" project. In February, a chenille bunny, In March, learn how to resize a quilt block. We also have the best show 'n' tell each month. Additional information can be found on Facebook, pagosapiecemakers.com or contact us at pagosapiecemakers@gmail.com.

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Sunday, Jan. 13

Thingamajig Theatre Presents 'Little Women the Musical.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Based on the 1869 classic of the same name written by Louisa May Alcott, "Little Women" is the ultimate tale of sisterhood told through four sisters living and growing in the Civil War era. This heartwarming musical will have sisters, mothers, brothers and fathers captivated by these young women. For more information and tickets, go to www.pagosa-center.org or call 731-SHOW.

Pagosa Uke Jam. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. All levels welcome. Come sing and share in the fun. Instruction for beginners provided.

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, Jan. 14

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

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

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced group at 10:15 a.m. Call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

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

PALS Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. PALS can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Total-Body Conditioning. Noon-1 p.m., Community Center. Total-body exercise class using the court and basketballs. Bring a mat.

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

CPR Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension Office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Tai Chi Class. 8 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

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

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

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

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

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

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

PALS Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration

required. PALS can help you with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Mark can help you develop a plan to achieve your education goals. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn nightclub two step. Not to be confused with country two step, this is a smooth, flowing dance to be danced to slow ballads or love songs. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

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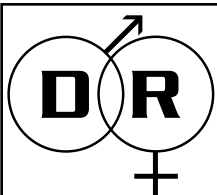
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A guide to energy-efficient office lighting

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

As you can imagine, office buildings consume a pretty substantial amount of energy. According to Southern California Edison, the average commercial office building uses about 30 percent of that consumed energy on lighting.

Because lighting does make up such a large portion of energy spent in commercial buildings, the energy efficiency of office lighting is an important factor that should be taken into consideration. By making a few lighting updates, ranging from major to minor, your office could decrease its electricity consumption.

Update overhead lighting

If your office still uses incandescent or old fluorescent lighting in large overhead fixtures, it could be time for a much-needed update. While fluorescent bulbs do consume less energy than incandescent, they still can't match the energy savings of LEDs. LED lighting uses about 75 to 80 percent less energy than incandescent light sources and lasts much longer, too. To replace large fluorescent troffers, you can use LED light panels, which will work just as well and use only a fraction of the energy.

If you have T12 fluorescent lighting, upgrading to T8 fluorescent tubes will make a huge difference in energy savings and light quality. However, if you want to make an even bigger difference in energy savings, switch to 18-watt T8 LED bulbs to replace your 32-watt T8 fluorescents. Over the life of a T8 LED, you can expect to save \$77 and make up the entire cost of the lamp in approximately 28 months. They also produce virtually no heat. The less heat being produced in the building, the less you'll be blasting the air conditioning to try and balance the temperature. They are also available in color temperatures ranging from warm white to stark white to accommodate your particular preference.

Extension Viewpoints

Efficient accent lighting

Whether it's track lighting to accentuate your company logo or wall sconces that give your conference room stylish flair, most offices use some form of accent lighting. LED technology has advanced to the point where you can find an LED replacement in a variety of bulb shapes, color temperatures and lumen outputs to replace incandescent or fluorescents in just about any existing light fixtures. If your wall sconces use incandescent E12s, switch them out for LED candelabra bulbs. The same goes for MR16 track lights or your recessed downlights — the possibilities are endless.

Control the lights

Because many people stay within the vicinity of their desk or a designated department to do their jobs, there are some areas of the building that don't require constant lighting, such as restrooms, break rooms or supply closets. Installing motion sensors in these less-occupied areas is a convenient way to monitor the amount of light being used. If you're lucky enough to have your own personal office, you could also install a dimmer switch to customize the light levels at any given time while curbing electricity use and extending the life of your office's lighting.

Low-wattage signs

Safety lighting, such as emergency and exit signs, are imperative to the lighting design of any commercial building. These signs are using energy 24/7, so why not find exit signs that use as little as possible? LED exit signs can last up to 25 years and come in an array of designs that will complement the design of your office space. An even more energy-efficient option is

photoluminescent exit signs. These signs don't require any electricity use and recharge when exposed to external light sources.

Disaster preparedness class

The Extension office is offering a disaster preparedness class for youth ages 13-19. This is a comprehensive 21-hour course that educates youth on how to prepare with their planning.

This is a free course, but the youth must commit to the full 21 hours and help seven families with their communication and disaster planning. Please call Robin Young for more information.

Go to our facebook page, CSU Extension-Archuleta County and download the application, or come by the Extension office to pick one up. The deadline for applications is Jan. 9.

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.

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I don't know if those pistols wielded by Pagosa pioneers were loaded. On the left is Fil Byrne, Archuleta County's first school teacher and superintendent of schools. On the right is cattleman and frontiersman Henry Gordon. In truth, these men were friends and helped each other build our county.



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Dutch Henry Born: Wild West legend

Dutch Henry Born of Pagosa Springs pioneer history spent a good part of his nefarious life dodging the law in Dodge City, Kan.

While lounging in Trinidad, Colo., Dutch Henry, as the old country western song says, "fought the law and the law won."

The report on this event is recorded in "Great Gunfighters of the Kansas Cowntowns 1867-1886," published by the University of Nebraska Press in 1967.

Anybody who likes to kick off his shoes, plop down on the couch and cradle a bowl of popcorn while watching Wild West heroes on TV knows who Bat Masterson was. The unvarnished truth is, Masterson, Wyatt Earp, Bill Tighlman and a whole passel of Dodge City history makers were acquaintances of Dutch Henry. I'll let the readers judge the moral uptitude or downtitude of Dutch's environment.

Starting on page 242 of the book cited above, we read as quoted from the hometown newspaper, "The first masquerade ball of this season was given on Christmas night by the Dodge City Social Club. The grotesque masquers assembled at the Dodge House, where the ball was given, and participated in the amusements laid out for them unknown to each other, until 12 o'clock, when the order was given to 'show up' which occasioned a considerable amusement, as many had so disguised themselves that even their most intimate friends failed to recognize them. This was one of the most real enjoyable dances given for a long time, and was attended by a very harmonious class of our society. Messrs. Webster, Marshall, Conner and Willett were the committee on management and the music was under the superintendence of Mr. Geo. Hinkle, Messrs. Cox



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

such a character would be quite a feather in any lawman's hat."

Next week: Dutch Henry under the gun of Bat Masterson — what happened?

While lounging in Trinidad, Colo., Dutch Henry, as the old country western song says, "fought the law and the law won."

and Boyd. The proprietors of the Dodge House made themselves particularly agreeable and their guests correspondingly comfortable. Champagne and wine flowed freely, but not to excess, and a merrier Christmas night was never enjoyed in Dodge. As near as our reporter could distinguish the following is a list of those who were present and participated: ... W.B. Masterson and Miss Brown ...

"As far as Sheriff Masterson was concerned, the year 1879 started off auspiciously. On New Year's Day he journeyed to Trinidad, Colo., after one of the West's most wanted men, Dutch Henry.

"This man was considered to be one of the most successful horse thieves, escape artists and all around outlaws in the West. His fame approached that of Jesse James and the Younger brothers back East. Naturally the capture of

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Free legal document preparation coming to Senior Center on Jan. 25

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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The planned dates are Feb. 23 and March 16, by appointment only. The gross income limit this tax season is \$54,000.

Please call 264-2167 for more information or to make an appointment.

Free legal document preparation

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging will provide legal services for seniors through the program at attorney, Daniel Fiedler. Fiedler will be spending the day at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center on Jan. 25.

Following are the legal services Fiedler can assist with:

- Public benefits and utilities shut off.
- Landlord-tenant problems, such as persons being evicted.
- Simple wills, power of attorneys, medical durable power of attorney and living wills.
- Consumer issues such as advocating for persons harassed by debt collectors.
- Emergency limited long-term care guardianship and domestic problems, such as abuse.

Please come by or call the Senior Center office (inside the Ross Aragon Community Center) located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. or call 264-2167 to schedule an appointment.

Health and wellness

The Senior Center has a pilot program expanding health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring, or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID

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and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C. The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next Health and Wellness date is Jan. 16.

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Alzheimer's Act to become law

By Kay Kaylor

As the part-time long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County, I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge, a 24-hour extended care home, and BeeHive, an assisted living residence. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life.

Alzheimer's advocates are celebrating the new year with positive news from Congress. The House passed on Dec. 19, 2018, an act first introduced in November 2017 and passed by the Senate Dec. 12, 2018, the Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act.

The BOLD Infrastructure establishes Alzheimer's Centers of Excellence throughout the country to expand and promote innovative and effective Alzheimer's interventions. It provides funding to state, local and tribal public health departments to implement those interventions and to carry out the Public Health Road Map, including promoting early detection and diagnosis, reducing risk, and pre-

venting avoidable hospitalizations.

Finally, the act increases the collection, analysis and timely reporting of data on cognitive decline and caregiving to inform future public health actions.

More than 5 million Americans are currently living with Alzheimer's and, without significant action,

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Communication skills kids can learn

Special to The PREVIEW

An ability to communicate effectively is a life skill that can serve a person well at any age.

Communicating well is considered so essential that the Boy Scouts of America even require prospective Eagle Scouts to earn communication merit badges.

It's never too early to help children become better communicators. From toddlerhood to grade school and beyond, learning how to interact with others are necessary at every stage.

Developing communication takes time, but there are various techniques to help kids become better communicators.

• Great communication is a two-way process. Listening is often as important as speaking when communicating. Parents can help model good behavior by listening and letting children express themselves before offering their own opinions.

• Take turns in conversation. Rather than speaking at the same time or interrupting others, effective communicators take turns offering their thoughts. Listening to others can help shape what the other person might say.

• Speak regularly with one another. Initiate conversation frequently so that children become accustomed to speaking with adults and others. Chat about where you're going when running errands or discuss television plots during commercial breaks.

• Make conversations relevant. Allow experiences that are happening around the family to shape conversations. Encourage curiosity and introduce new themes and vocabulary. The more the child gets to experience, the more inclined he or she may be to discuss those experiences.

• Modify communication methods. Some children may struggle to communicate effectively. By working

with speech/language pathologists and making the most of digital and other communication aids, parents make things easier for kids who are struggling to communicate.

• Ask for details. The organization Understood.org advises adults to focus on recall and sequencing when speaking with children. These skills are important and can be enhanced when kids offer details. These techniques can help children ultimately develop strong comprehension and writing skills.

• Speak with others. Encourage children to speak to their peers, adults and educators as much as possible to establish comfort in various communication settings. Doing so will help in the short- and long-term.

Communicating is an important component of school, home life and future employment. Children who learn to communicate effectively are in position to thrive in school and later in life.

Senior

■ continued from previous page as many as 16 million Americans are predicted to have Alzheimer's by 2050. According to supporters, the BOLD Infrastructure public health actions will allow individuals with Alzheimer's to live in their homes longer and delay costly institutionalized care.

For further information, you may call me at 403-2164 or send an email to ombudsman2@sjbaaa.org.

Memberships

Senior Discount Club memberships are 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, Jan. 3 — Salmon, green chili and corn enchiladas, steamed asparagus with lemon, milk, salad bar and Key lime pie.

Friday, Jan. 4 — Beef bourguignon, new potatoes with green beans, French baguette with butter, milk and salad bar.

Monday, Jan. 7 — Pork baked ziti, roasted cauliflower soup, glazed carrots, focaccia bread with butter, milk and salad bar.

Tuesday, Jan. 8 — Chicken and dumplings, cabbage steaks, buttered corn, milk, salad bar and baked apples.

Wednesday, Jan. 9 — Beef meatball open-faced sandwich, snap pea medley, cream of zucchini soup, milk, salad bar and orange dessert.

Thursday, Jan. 10 — Turkey pot pie on puff pastry, bacon green beans, milk, salad bar and carrot

cake.

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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New book explores dangers of foodborne illness and offers practical advice to deal with germs

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

News of food recalls and concerns about whether or not you can eat romaine lettuce can be worrisome. After all, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) predict that 17 percent of us will come down with a foodborne illness this year.

Now a new book in your library's collection called "Did You Just Eat That?" by two scientists named Paul Dawson and Brian Sheldon looks at a wide variety of germ dangers facing us every day and offers practical advice on how to deal with them, given that bacteria are an unavoidable part of life.

Some of the issues the authors address are humorous. Some are deadly serious (pun intended). All are timely and informative.

This book can be read on two levels. There's a multitude of research and scientific information for those who are interested in such detail. Most readers will want to take in at least some of it because, as the authors say, the better you understand the microbial world, the more you will profit from this book. Or, you can just skip to the results. Here's a sampling of the findings:

- In a recent study, 21 percent of movie theaters and 51 percent of restaurants had surfaces judged to be highly contaminated. Other major reservoirs of bacteria you deal with every day are cellphones, TV remotes, salt and pepper shakers, toothbrushes, computer keyboards and bathtubs/whirlpools.

- The five-second rule is a dangerous myth. When food comes in contact with a contaminated surface like your floor, bacteria are transferred almost immediately. Think about this: Eating food off any floor is like eating off a surface where people and pets have walked for days — or longer.

- Eating out can be risky. Menus carry bacteria from many sources, from staff to other diners, although paper menus are safer than laminated ones. More than 60 percent of foodborne illnesses come from food prepared at a restaurant or deli and 10 percent more were from a catering or banquet facility.

- Blowing out birthday candles can be hazardous because droplets from the respiratory tract and mouth are expelled onto the cake.

- Sharing food is a good way to pass on germs, popcorn being a prime example.

- A good hand-washing regime is one of the best ways to protect



yourself. Best way to wash your hands is to follow the ServSafe protocol: Rinse with warm water, lather with soap for 20 seconds, rinse with warm water for another 10 seconds. Follow with alcohol-based hand sanitizer for best results and use a lot of it. It's safer to dry your hands with a disposable paper towel than air blowers.

For further food safety tips, the book also includes detailed to-do lists relating to shopping, food storage, food preparation, cooking techniques, handling leftovers and more.

If all this makes you wonder how we deal with the inevitable germs on library books, we use a natural cleaner called Citra-solv — or Goo Gone for very sticky or harder to remove messes — to clean the covers of books as they are returned.

In an additional effort to lower the spread of germs, we also wipe each computer mouse and keyboard down with an antibacterial wipe. During this time of year, when there are more illnesses around, we do it daily. During the summer, it is done every other day. If a patron ever mentions that he/she has been sick, we make sure to wipe down anything that they are returning or any computers that they use.

If you are ill and want to ask a friend or family member to pick up your items, you can either send the person with your library card, or call us to add the person's name to your account as being able to pick things up for you. For everyone's account security, we don't check things out without one of these criteria being met.

Here's to a healthy and safe 2019 for us all.

Teen advisory board today

Today, Thursday, Jan. 3, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 4, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for a free all-

■ See Library on next page

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Aladdin's find
- 5 River critter
- 10 Become unhinged
- 14 Specialty
- 15 Bouquet tosser
- 16 Legal lead-in
- 17 Stout topper
- 18 Marketing gimmick
- 19 Axis of ____
- 20 Freeway mishap
- 22 Like some bars
- 24 Give some slack
- 26 Tennis shot
- 27 Respectful greeting
- 29 Take to the soapbox
- 31 Upper crust
- 32 Bird-feeder food
- 33 Deteriorate
- 37 Pigeon sound
- 38 Well-educated
- 41 Neighbor of Swed.
- 42 Keep an eye on
- 44 Skirt feature, sometimes
- 45 Provide, as with some quality
- 47 Tree part
- 49 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 50 "Baby Blue" singer George
- 53 Lewis Carroll character
- 55 Circular
- 57 Let back in
- 60 Group of soldiers
- 61 King or queen
- 63 Give a pink slip
- 64 Winning margin, maybe
- 65 Senseless
- 66 Multi-user OS
- 67 Kind of socks
- 68 Tree for chocolate
- 69 For fear that

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- 2 Type of lily
- 3 Taxicab emblem
- 4 Faint
- 5 Slow to learn
- 6 Drivel
- 7 Windsor, for one
- 8 Make revisions
- 9 Make over a room, eg.
- 10 Bee participant
- 11 Belly button
- 12 Greet the dawn
- 13 Muscle paralysis
- 21 Home away from home
- 23 Poker prize
- 25 Feed
- 27 Religious offshoot
- 28 Natural soother
- 30 Budget item
- 32 Table staple
- 34 Sabotage
- 35 Early course
- 36 Rare trick taker
- 39 Obscure

- 40 Atlanta-based airline
- 43 Military inductee
- 46 Stephen King's "____ Things"
- 48 Engine need
- 49 Audiophile's purchase
- 50 Made a red-faced exit

- 51 Carpentry joint
- 52 Worker's wish
- 54 Athletic venue
- 56 Yellowfin, e.g.
- 58 Van Gogh subject
- 59 Kind of message
- 62 Resinous deposit

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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ages gaming session where you can enjoy video gaming on Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family.

Paws to Read on Saturday

Saturday, Jan. 5, from 11 a.m. to noon, youngsters from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to share their favorite books with Hondo, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories, at a Paws to Read session. This is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence.

Tween gaming

Free gaming for fourth- through eighth-graders is Monday, Jan. 7, 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 seventh through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Book club for adults

Our free book club for adults meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles and enjoy refreshments. On Jan. 8, we will discuss “Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore” by Robin Sloan. If you need a copy, please stop by your library. No registration is required.

Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place Wednesday, Jan. 9, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Computer classes

Join us for free sessions from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursdays to learn a useful technology skill or application.

Today, Thursday, Jan. 3, is Getting Started, when you will learn the basics. Jan. 17 is Microsoft Word Resumes, when you will discover how to create a professional looking resume. Jan. 31 is Saving and Finding Files, when you learn how your computer is organized, including files and folders. No registration is required.

Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) takes place on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., plus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help from Mark with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Note there is no PALS today, Jan. 3.

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 9:30 to 10 a.m., join us for free great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. This is an excellent way for kids of all ages to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

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.

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.

DVDs

“Life According to Sam” follows one family’s fight to save their son from a rare and fatal aging disease. “Flicka” stars Alison Lohman, Tim McGraw and Maria Bello. “Nexo Knight” is the first season. “Prep and Landing” and “Naughty and Nice” are two Disney holiday adventures on one DVD. “The Man Who Invented Christmas” is based on the true story of Charles Dickens’ creation of “A Christmas Carol.” “10 Bible Stories for the Whole Family” is an animated collection created for kids. “Sherpa” tells about the Nepalese guides on Mount Everest.

Novels

“Come From Nowhere” by Ellen Greenfield features seven characters experiencing the two-day blackout in New York City in the summer 1977.

CDs

“Target Alex Cross” by James Patterson is a political mystery set in D.C. “Oath of Office” by Tom Clancy is a Jack Ryan thriller. “Pandemic” by Robin Cook is a medical thriller. “The Enemy of My Enemy” by W.E.B. Griffin and William E. Butterworth IV is set near the end of the Third Reich. “Master of Her Fate” by Barbara Taylor Bradford is the first book in a new historical saga. “Robert B. Parker’s Blood Feud” by Mike Lupica is a Mafia family story. “Kingdom of the Blind” by Louise Penny is a Chief Inspector Gamache mystery set in Quebec.

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Habits that can promote personal growth

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The dawn of a new year is a time of personal reflection for many people. Upon reflecting on their lives, many people resolve to change those lives for the better.

Making the most of opportunities for personal growth can help people enrich their lives and be happier. Embracing some habits and ditching others can contribute to personal growth and help people live full and fulfilling lives.

• Wake up early. Many people can think of various things they would like to do if they only had more time. Reading more books, exercising more often or learning to cook are just a handful of activities that can enrich peoples' lives. By waking up earlier each day, people can make better use of their mornings. Read a book while the morning coffee is brewing or run a little on the treadmill before the kids wake up. Waking up earlier also can give you a chance

to get some chores done, opening up more time to pursue some new hobbies at night.

• Quit smoking. The ill effects of smoking are many. Smokers may not know just how quickly after quitting their bodies will begin to recover. The American Lung Association notes that smokers' heart rates drop to a normal level 20 minutes after quitting. Twelve hours after quitting, the carbon monoxide levels in smokers' blood return to normal as well. Quitting also can provide people with more financial freedom. The resource Smokefree.org notes that, in early 2018, someone smoking a pack a day spent about \$177 per week on cigarettes. That amounts to roughly \$9,200 per year. Financial freedom can make it easier to pursue passions that promote personal growth, such as traveling.

• Volunteer. A study from researchers at the London School of Economics that was published

in the journal Social Science and Medicine found that the more people volunteered, the happier they were. The researchers compared people who never volunteered to people who did, finding that the odds of being "very happy" increased by 7 percent among people who volunteered monthly. Those odds increased by 12 percent among people who volunteered

every two to four weeks. Volunteering also provides opportunities to meet new people, including those from different backgrounds than your own. Such interactions can help people develop more well-rounded worldviews.

• Turn off your devices. Numerous studies have discovered that the brain cannot multitask. Unfortunately, many people un-

knowingly try to force their brains to do just that by checking their devices. Avoiding devices during the workday can make you more productive, and turning them off when you arrive home at night can foster stronger relationships with your loved ones.

The dawn of a new year is a great time to explore various ways to promote your personal growth.

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the green-winged teal.

The green-winged teal is the smallest dabbling duck in North America and when seen swimming alongside a mallard, it appears tiny. They are found in shallow waters, often along the shoreline, or feeding on mudflats and sometimes on agricultural fields. In winter, they are seen feeding here at the edge of the river and in the open shallow ponds near the Riverwalk. They eat small invertebrates or seeds, whichever is most available.

Unlike songbirds, which display their bright, colorful breeding plumage in spring and summer, waterfowl acquire it in late fall and winter. A male green-winged teal in winter is identified by his cinnamon-colored head cut by a swath of green extending from the eye to the back of the neck. His grayish body has a white line extending from waterline to the shoulder. Females are brownish with a yellow patch near the tail. Both sexes display the bright green wing patch for which they are named in flight and sometimes while at rest.

In waterfowl, feathers which provide insulation, flotation, flight, camouflage and color are replaced in seasonal molts. After breeding season, these teals molt into drab, eclipse plumage and are rendered flightless for 20-40 days. Many species of waterfowl are difficult to distinguish during this phase, but winter is a great time to view them.

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