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Local woman arrested for theft after allegedly faking terminal cancer

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

An Archuleta County woman was arrested for theft on Dec. 9, 2018, after it was discovered she was allegedly faking terminal cancer and accepting donations through multiple GoFundMe accounts.

Detective Roxanne Lattin of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) received the original complaint of theft/fraud on Nov. 26.

"And the complaint was that Marissa Marchand had set up or had others set up GoFundMe accounts under the pretense ... that she had terminal cancer," Lattin said.

Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez stated that it reportedly began early in the spring of 2018.

Valdez explained that the complaint came to him through a third party who knew a friend was paying money, but that the third party had heard that the recipient was not sick.

He noted that the ACSO researched the funding sites and discovered that approximately four had been set up.

■ See Arrest A8



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Archuleta County's elected officials pose with Sixth Judicial District Court Judge Jeffrey Wilson Tuesday morning after the county's newly elected and re-elected officials were sworn in. In back, left to right, are: Commissioner Alvin Schaaf, Commissioner Steve Wadley, Wilson, Judge Justin Fay, Coroner Brandon Bishop and Surveyor Dean Schultz. In front, left to right, are: Treasurer Elsa White, Commissioner Ron Maez, Sheriff Rich Valdez, Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta, and Assessor Natalie Woodruff.

La Plata County Jail overcrowding affects Archuleta County

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Like happened in 2018, the La Plata County Jail is experiencing overcrowding conditions, kicking into place an amended 2018 administrative order issued by Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson that limits who may be booked into the facility.

The "Amended Order Authorizing the Release of Nonviolent Arrestees During LPCJ Overcrowding" takes effect when that jail is "experiencing overcrowding conditions by hosting 200 or more inmates."

Under the order, "the jail may refuse to accept into custody the following individuals:

"1. Any defendants arrested for any nonviolent offense that constitutes an F-4 or lower offense and any drug felony 4 or lower offense;

"2. Any probation revocation (failure to comply) warrants that have a monetary bond amount set in the warrant; and,

■ See Overcrowding A8

Lynch claims vacant school board seat

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) now has a new board member sitting in the previously vacant seat of director of District 2, with Bob Lynch winning the seat unanimously over Krista Laos on Jan. 8.

The interviews for both candidates took place at a special meeting held by the ASD board in which both Lynch and Laos were interviewed separately by the board.

Laos was not in person at the meeting, but was interviewed over the phone by BOE President Greg Schick during the meeting.



Lynch

Both candidates were asked a variety of questions that included things such as why they wanted the position on the school board, the understanding of the board's relation to many things in the district and what issues they would focus on if elected to the board.

After both interviews took place, each board member, utilizing a tally form, ranked both Lynch and Laos.

ASD provided The SUN with the board members' tally forms and those documents confirm that Lynch won the seat unanimously over Laos.

■ See Board A8

School board approves MLO distribution and salary schedules

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At the Jan. 8 meeting of the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE), the board approved the distribution of salary from its mill levy override (MLO) and also adopted the revised salary schedules for 2018-19.

Distribution breakdown

According to documentation from ASD, its salary committee developed the following recommendations for how the salary increases that were approved via an MLO from Ballot Issue 5A in November of last year should be distributed.

The funding from the MLO will be used to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and staff; fund

full-time school resource officers for safety; fund full-day kindergarten; and provide required funding for Pagosa Peak Open School to increase staff salaries, supplement full-day kindergarten and improve school safety.

The salary committee's first recommendation involved beginning monthly payments to staff starting with the January payroll.

The reasoning behind this move was due to the salary committee's desire to pay staff the MLO funds as soon as possible.

Another recommendation by the salary committee is that ASD retroactively make two additional payments with the January payroll.

According to the documentation,

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Photos courtesy Samuel Bricker of Wolf Creek Ski Area

Wolf Creek Ski Area reported a summit depth of 65 inches of snow on Wednesday with 16 inches of fresh powder in the last seven days. Prior to that, a New Year's storm brought 34 inches of snow to the mountain along with excellent ski conditions. Snowfall at the ski area season to date is 156 inches.



Fire district starts 24/7 paid staffing

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) is receiving funds from the mill levy increase that voters passed in May 2018, allowing PFPD to have 24/7 paid staffing for the first time in history.

PFPD Chief Randy Larson explained the new resources make the community safer.

"We do have people at fire station No. 1, assigned to the station 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This is a first for Pagosa Springs. It's never been that way before," he said, adding, "I slept much better last weekend knowing there were people at the fire station ready to respond during our snowstorms and at night."

Starting Jan. 5, PFPD now has a

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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 want to see in Pagosa Springs during 2019. This is a continuation from the past two weeks.

Ted Dick wrote, "Jail courts."
Genevieve E. Gilbert Janak agreed with Dick adding, "For real."

Jennie Cotton wants, "Affordable housing, no more vacation rentals, the locals find it hard to live when everyother home is a vacation rental and the others are priced so ridiculously somethings got to give! all roads need fixed!!! WE NEED A JAIL, JUSTICE CENTER!!!"

Briana Ricci wrote, "I think pagosa needs more affordable housing.. The price of living is getting out of control as pagosa keeps growing."

Tammy Boen wants, "For our town to have concerts. Major recording artists. We have plenty of places to hold an event! Give us something to do in town so we don't have to drive over an hour for entertainment. Please don't get me wrong. I Love our locals, but it would be a lot of fun without anyone having to drive the distance for it. Change is always a good thing. I think it would be a big hit!"

Julian Grigsby wants, "People start

using their turn signals to avoid accidents."

Gavin Houston shared, "Fast and Reliable Internet."

LaVonne Graves wrote, "1. As sweet as a rec center would be, at this point, I'd LOVE to have a public library that is comparable to the Bayfield library. That place is always hoppin', they have the outdoor equipment, lots of space and activities for kids (perfect for wintertime), families, people that need study rooms and lots of meeting space. I love seeing so many people using the library so much. 2. No plastic bags and no straws (baby steps, right?) 3. recycling program that actually recycles 4. more free outdoor concerts would be nice."

Sandra Smith wrote, "Free recycle bins."

Adrienne Panter shared, "I would REALLY like to see our county put a more concerted effort into a county wide recycling program, with bins available in town or at the grocery store(s), and more incentives for residents to recycle. Even though the cost is nominal to pay to recycle at the transfer station, for many people, that additional expense is enough to discourage them from recycling, so they just throw their recyclables in

with their trash, and off to the landfill it goes."

Mary Ann Flanigan Camacho wants, "More friendly ambience in downtown! Outdoor cafes- pedestrian inviting! If Creede and Durango can present it then so can we! Pagosa is FABULOUS, we just need to let everyone know! Arts are great too! We need a inviting downtown in all seasons!"

Josh Wagner suggested, "Road maintenance in arboles particularly to the state park and marina something!"

Jim Lutomski shared, "The spirit of all towns whether large or small lies in the creative efforts of all people working together to bring about a better life for all. Things change, the world moves on. I want our community to continue to embrace the ideas and values of working towards the 'common good' whether it be recycling, building trails, encouraging the arts, enforcing ordinances and all the other positive suggestions that have been mentioned."

Space doesn't allow for us to print every idea that we received. We appreciate Lutomski's positive suggestion of embracing and working toward the common good in order to make our community better in 2019.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 11, 1929

While the destruction by fire of the plant of the New Light & Power company last Friday night has greatly disrupted things in general in Pagosa Springs, progress has been made towards readjustment and replacement. A 40-horsepower gasoline engine, belonging to the Creosote company, was loaned to the town and placed in position Sunday to pump water into the city mains, thus relieving an acute situation, not only for the domestic use of water but the assurance of fire protection. A complete steam plant reached here Wednesday night from Alamosa, where it had been stored, and is now being installed at the former site below town. Manager J.L. Giger informs us that lights and power should again be available the first of next week.

Dr. A.J. Nossaman was a returning passenger Tuesday from Denver, where he underwent X-ray treatment of his eye, which greatly improved.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 14, 1944

Pfc. John Girardin, who is stationed in Mississippi, arrived Tuesday morning to spend 8 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lew Girardin, and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Gaston.

During the period from January 18th, 1944, to February 15th, 1944, we are called upon to sell \$33,200.00 of Series E, F, and G Bonds to Individuals and \$12,000.00 to Corporations in Archuleta County, making a Grand Total of \$45,200.00 as a quota for the Fourth War Loan Campaign. Banks cannot subscribe to these issues during the campaign, so it is up to you as individuals to see that our goal is attained. Bank deposits over the nation are at an all-time high, and this is your opportunity to invest a portion of your funds for future use when the buying power of the dollar is normal again.

Monday evening a number of friends of Mr. C.O. Dunagan gave him a real surprise by going to his house and helping him celebrate his birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Alley and Sonny, Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cox, Mrs. Everett Dunagan and Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Joy and the honored guest, Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Dunagan.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 9, 1969

Larry Haines, who is manager at the Navajo Recreation Area at Arboles, this week announced that the total number of visitations to that area in 1968 was almost double the number in 1967. The total for 1968 was 73,325 and in 1967 the total was 38,770. The peak month was July when 15,527 visitor days were recorded. The next highest month in visits was June with 12,538 and August was not far behind with 10,491 visitors. Low month was January with 826 visitor days. Haines said that the records kept at the park showed that more people visited the area for sight seeing than any other purpose but that fishing ran a close second.

An automobile belonging to Police Chief Charlie Aragon was stolen Tuesday night of this week and found wrecked about three miles southeast of town on U.S. 84. Jerry Gallegos, found near the car, has been arrested in connection with the incident. According to local police Aragon's car was taken from Kennedy's Texaco after someone broke into the station. The car was driven out and the large door was closed.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 13, 1994

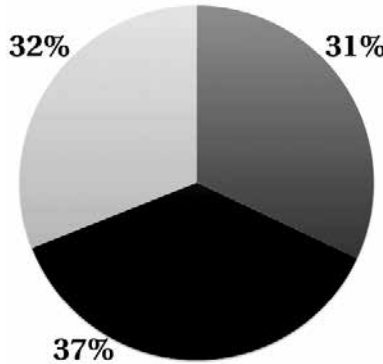
The Pagosa Lakes Local Improvement District became a reality Tuesday when the county commissioners acted on a request by Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association officials. While the district will have no taxing authority and no elected leadership, it enables property owners who live in the district to petition among themselves for specific road improvements. The property owners in turn would seek the county commissioners' approval of the proposed improvements and ask the commissioners to charge applicable assessments on the affected property owners for their prorated share of the costs. The owners' assessments would be based on the value of their property that might adjoin the roadway targeted for improvement.

WHADDYA THINK?

What will the local economy do in 2019?

Poll results (131 votes)

Improve — 32 percent
Weaken — 37 percent
Stay the same — 31 percent



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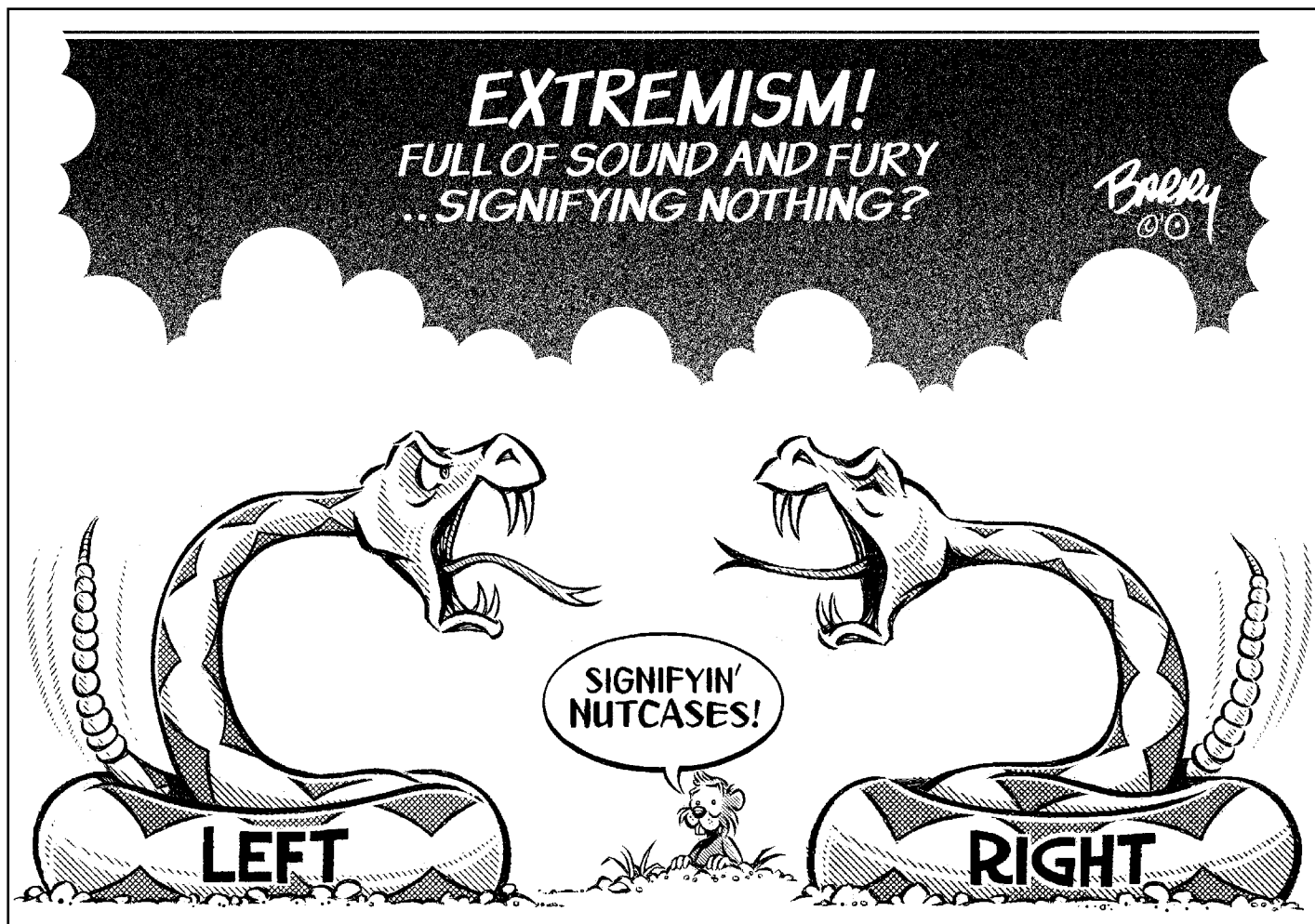
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LOOKING BACK



From the Dec. 11, 1975,
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A ROUGH RIDE — A van, which hit an icy spot and skidded, ended up at the bottom of a 90 foot bank last Sunday on Wolf Creek Pass. The van was traveling at fairly high speed, failed to negotiate the curve where the new four lane highway ends just above the west side highway camp, and overturned. There were no serious injuries to any of the eight occupants.





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.

A kind mind

Dear Editor:
What if someone did something for you that was very kind?
How would you feel?

And, what if each of us kindly provided a gift or performed a task to assist another?

Could individual kindness make a difference?

I was the recipient of a kind act. Actually, two kind gestures within less than 10 days.

These kind and considerate gifts made a difference in my recent concern for how caustic and antagonistic many people seem to be acting. Scathing and nasty remarks and comments appear to be on the increase. Hurtful judgments and hateful words abound. Personally, I have found this behavior and language corrosive and derisive to a cooperative and effective social fabric. Our society.

I was grocery shopping and in line to check out. The cashier was wringing up the costs and packing up the food.

As I was about to pay, a man came up to me and said, "I'm going to pay for your groceries."

I stood there dumfounded and uttered an almost unintelligible "what?"

"You heard me," he said.
My eyes alight and mouth hanging, he put his credit card in the machine and completed the task.

I muttered a number of thank you's as he walked away.

"I'm going to pay this forward," I muttered.

It has taken me some time to assimilate this kind, genuine, and symbolic deed.

If I want to live in a kind, well-meaning world of thoughtful, neighborly, and compassionate people I should also think and act this way. Clearly, I know that we do not alleviate violence with more violence. Merely, we enhance the cruelty, fighting, and forcefulness.

Then, another event occurred.

I was walking my dog on a very sunny, bright blue day on the walkway along the San Juan River downtown. I had forgotten my sunglasses and the glare was spectacular. Eyes squinted I kept my gaze lowered the best I could.

A gentleman with a beautiful, blue-eyed, blonde Siberian Husky introduced his dog to my German Shepherd Dog.

Still shielding my eyes we conversed slightly.

"Beautiful day. Quite bright." He said.

"Yes, beautiful and intense." I responded.

"I have an extra pair of sunglasses. Here." He handed me a ideal pair of sunglasses that fit perfectly.

"How do I get them back to you?" I asked.

"No need. They're extras." He said.

"Seriously? You are so kind." I said.

"Happy New Year." He smiled.

I felt as if I had been given another "Act of Grace". Thank you.

Although I believe that I'm a kind and caring person, how could I be more kind and promote more kindness too, I pondered.

A kind mind. Kind thoughts in all circumstances. Kindness — no matter what. I thought.

A kind mind. New Year's Resolution for 2019. How about you?

Constance d'Angelis

The Pelosi Effect

Dear Editor:

As many of you know during Obama's first week as president, he asked the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of our U.S. Military services "what is the greatest threat to our national security?", to which the Chairman immediately replied "our national debt". Our Treasurer publishes the value of the debt at 3:00 every working day (debt-to-the-penny in treasury.gov). Our Constitution gives the House of Representatives primary responsibility for spending, taxing, and borrowing, their Speaker is in control. I analyzed the Treasurer's numbers for each speaker's terms, took the debt value the day they were sworn in and subtracted that from the debt on each year's anniversary to see how the debt rose year-to-year. The numbers were so large I realized they were meaningless, incomprehensible to mortals. I then divided each year's debt increase by the number of working days in each year, I subtracted 2 weeks vacation from the years 52 weeks

to give me 50 weeks at 5 working days per week, or 250 working days per year. Dividing 250 into a year's debt increase gave me the average debt increase for each working day of each year. To me, the values were now comprehensible.

I started with the debt on George Bush's first year Speaker term beginning at January 2, 2001 when the debt was \$5,728,739,508,558 (the debt his Speaker inherited from Bill Clinton) and subtracted that from the debt 6 years later, \$8,678,229,324,205, when the bipartisan congress was replaced with a Democratic congress to get an increase of \$2,949,489,815,647 for those six years. Divide that by 1500 (six 250-day working years) one gets an average daily debt increase of \$1,966,326,544 (2 billion) dollars. I then compared that debt increase for other similar Speaker and presidential terms. Sparing you the pain of calculating such numbers, following are the results of noted terms (numbers are average dollars borrowed per working day): \$700,000,000 (700 million). Clinton's eight years, Republican Speakers, and 4 years of Gingrich's balanced budgets.

\$1,966,326,544. For Bush's first six years with bipartisan or Republican congress.

\$3,899,463,943. For Bush's last two years, the Speaker was Democrat Nancy Pelosi.

\$6,739,942,972. For Obama's first two years with Pelosi still as Speaker.

\$3,985,929,446. For Obama's next six years with Republican Boehner as Speaker and bipartisan congresses.

\$3,922,190,223. Trump's first 482 days with Republican Speaker.

During Clinton's eight years his Speakers averaged over \$700,000,000 (700 million) dollars daily borrowing (Democrats have always told me Bill left Bush a surplus and he squandered it. So much for MSNBC.). Republican Speaker Gingrich gave Clinton four balanced budgets, but the Constitution does not require Washington to balance spending.

Conclusions are for you to make. Mine are, Republican politicians should all be sent home and replaced by American children who must pay our inexcusable debts. Pelosi is in for a 4 year term. Do not give her a Democrat president in 2020 (we've been there).

Pelosi staying home one day could save us enough to pay for our border wall.

Harris Bynum

Help government employees

Dear Editor:

I listen to the news these days and I am just heart broken hearing about government employees not getting paid. As a person myself who lives paycheck to paycheck I am wondering how or if this shut down is affecting local people in our community. I won't even get into the politics of this situation, I just want to know if there is something we can do to help these people affected by this hardship. Is there a go fund me page or dona-

tion we can contribute to, to help ease their difficult time. Please let me know. Thank you.

Catherine (Kitty) DiLeo

School board

Dear Editor:

On 11/29/18, I sent a letter of interest for the Vacant School Director District 2. On January 7th at 2:00pm I was notified that I would be able to call in for an interview despite being out of town, however the timing was identical with the landing of my flight. Nevertheless I am grateful that I was able to speak to the board for a few minutes after some technical difficulties. I appreciated the opportunity to express again my interest to serve the community with my focus being on the children and the teachers. I was asked if I had a specific agenda, and I was glad to have the opportunity to address their concerns, for I did not.

As I left Archuleta County on the morning of the 8th, at 5:45 am, it struck me what an immense and overwhelmingly important job the Archuleta school District has providing education to all the rural students of Archuleta County. I followed school buses from one side of the county to the other and it occurred to me how many people are employed and contribute to the children of our community. The aspiration and dedication of all interested in our children is impressive and humbling.

Although I was notified a few minutes later that the board would be appointing Bob Lynch, I was told that the board hopes I continue to volunteer at the Archuleta School District. I will continue to foster communication between the employees, the parents and the Archuleta County School Board in any way possible in order to help this District to focus on the needs of all of our students.

Christa Laos

Liberal rants

Dear Editor:

Thank you to Gary Waples, Doug Roberts and others, for your recent letters to the editor in which you've called out the two community members who submit myriad intolerant, hateful, ranting letters attacking conservatives with

outrageous and unfounded claims against our character and values.

Charlotte Maier

Marching orders

Dear Editor:

On January 2, in the midst of a government shutdown, an erratic stock market, a failing trade war, and the catastrophic resignation of General Mattis, Donald Trump informed his Cabinet that it was right for the USSR to invade Afghanistan in 1979. Whaaat? That was 40 years ago. What relevance does this have to the turmoil engulfing his administration?

But wait — it turns out that Vladimir Putin has renewed interest in Afghanistan (oil) and needs to gin up domestic support for potential interference.

Isolated event? Not really. There's the spectacle of Donald Trump shoving aside the PM of Montenegro at the NATO conference in May, and following up by calling Montenegro an aggressive country that could start WWII. Seriously? Montenegro? I had to use a microscope to find it on a map. Why would Trump concern himself with a tiny speck of a country in Europe?

But wait — Montenegro had recently applied for membership in NATO, and one world leader was opposed. You guessed it — Putin, the puppet-master.

Just two examples. There are others.

It's time to stop laughing at the tweeter-in-chief, to stop tolerating his lies, to stop rolling our eyes as he blames any and all for his missteps, and to stop pretending it makes sense to fawn over the world's most vicious dictators.

It's time to learn what Putin might be holding over Donald Trump to coerce his inexplicable behavior before the Russian tyrant delivers new marching orders to the little drummer boy.

K. Muth

Historic anniversary

Dear Editor:

This week, on January the 8th, we celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans which ended

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Obituaries

George Robert Kyriacou

George Robert Kyriacou, beloved son, husband, grandson, uncle and friend, was born on Nov. 26, 1981, and died Dec. 6, 2018, in Maun, Botswana. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Kyriacou; mother Robin Ball; stepfather Ray Ball; father Mark Kyriacou; brothers John Kyriacou and Steve Ball; sisters Anna Ball, Sue Ball, Jody Kyriacou, Aminah Moore and Deborah Harrop; grandparents Bob and Peggy Case; four nephews, one niece, one great niece; and friends in many places.



George was known for his love of adventure, the outdoors and long conversations; his caring and support of his family and friends; his ability to include everyone; and

most of all, his love of life.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St., Pagosa Springs, Colo.

Donations in George's honor may be made to the Pagosa Wrestling Club. Please mail donations to: P.O. Box 4960, Pagosa Springs, CO 81157.

Ruby Maxine Loran

On Jan. 1, Ruby Maxine Loran of Pagosa Springs went to be with her Lord. She is preceded in death by her parents, the Rev. C.C. and Ruby Lamb, and brother Lawrence. She was born Oct. 3, 1929, in Shannon, Texas. She is survived by three children: Tericia Albright, of Abilene; Steve Loran, of Austin; and Greg Loran (wife Diane), of Lubbock; brother Don Lamb, of Vernon, Texas; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Maxine was a graduate of Texas Tech University, taught school, and was involved

with real estate and financial investments. A family-only memorial will take place at a future date.

Norma Lucero

Norma Lucero, 91, passed away peacefully on the morning of Jan. 4. She was surrounded by her loving family and caregivers during the last days of her life.



Norma was born in Lumberton, N.M., on Nov. 28, 1927, to Celso and Rebecca Lucero. She married her loving husband, Ruben Lucero, on Jan. 31, 1946. They made Pagosa Springs, Colo., their lifelong home, where they raised their four children, David, Becky, Albert and Leroy. She enjoyed working at Jackisch Drug for many years, but her real passion was being a homemaker, where she enjoyed

time with her four generations of children. She was also known by many other children in the community as "Grandma Norma" and she treated them as such.

She is preceded in death by her husband Ruben, parents, grandparents and brother Joe Lucero.

Norma is survived by four children: David (Margie) Lucero, Becky (Bruce) Smith, Albert (Theresa) Lucero, Leroy Lucero, her Aunt Susie Medina, 13 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many great friends.

Services will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. A recitation of the Rosary was held Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m.

A Mass was held Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 10 a.m., with a burial at Hilltop Cemetery and a reception to follow.

The immediate family would like to extend a sincere thank you to Pine Ridge Extended Care, and many family members and friends for love and support at this time.

Letters

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the War of 1812 with the British. That war was not popular at the time, and has been treated negatively by American historians since, as a conflict that accomplished nothing and was a huge expense in money and men. I think that is an extremely short sighted view, especially now with the advantage of hind sight.

When the Revolutionary War ended, most realized that Briton had received a bloody nose but had not given up on "the colonies" as they still called them. As soon

as they could get away from the problems in Europe they would be back. They had no respect for this Country and abused us at every chance. President Madison finally had had enough, and convinced Congress to declare war. It became an economic disaster, especially for the New England area, where succession was discussed.

The war produced many more defeats than victories for the young country, but there were two American victories that changed the course of history for the United States. The first was the Battle of

Lake Erie. In that battle, the young American Navy decisively defeated the British, capturing their entire fleet, including the Commodore. This was the worst naval defeat that the British had ever received and remains so to this day. The second defeat was at New Orleans. The British were soundly defeated by a rag tag army, hastily assembled and superbly lead by Andrew Jackson. The British lost more than 1700 troops and these were more than just regulars, they were the cream of their army, including the "Highlanders". The dead included

seventy five officers, and the commanding General. This, compared to fewer than 100 Americans in total. It was the worst defeat of their Army to that date. During the First day of the Battle of the Somme in WWI more were killed in total, but for battle deaths to those involved, New Orleans is their worst land defeat.

Our historians have said that the Battle of New Orleans was meaningless, since unknown at the time, the armistice had been signed in Europe and nothing was changed as a result of the Battle. Again, this is very short sighted. Although the Treaty stated that there would be no border changes, the British had previously claimed that the Louisiana Purchase was invalid, because the French did not own it. Had the City fallen, the British intended to keep it, control the Mississippi, and cut the United States off from the lands to the west.

Even if the aftermath of those two Battles was lost on our historians, it was not lost on the British. Never again did they challenge us on land or sea. The next President issued the Monroe Doctrine warning European governments that we would no longer tolerate their meddling in the affairs of countries on this side of the Atlantic. That document would have been a joke had it not been for the outcome of the War of 1812, and especially those two Battles. Also as a direct result of the war, we were able to draw the northern line with British Canada just south of the Vancouver City limits.

So Happy New Year, and Happy Anniversary, America.
Dick Riethmiller

County planning commission to consider updating building codes

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 23, to consider updating the county building codes.

It will consider moving from the 2006 International Residential Code (IRC) and International Building Code (IBC) to the 2015 IRC and IBC with modifications. Revisions to the Archuleta County

Building Safety Regulations will also be considered.

The Town of Pagosa Springs has already adopted the 2015 IRC and IBC.

John Shepard, Archuleta County planning manager, stated the proposed changes would make the building codes the same between the Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County.

"Pagosa Springs had done the 2015, and they had asked the county to also go to 2015 so the builders

were just working on one building code. Under state statute, the planning commission is required to review and make a recommendation. That's what the meeting is later this month," Shepard said, adding, "The town does maybe 15 building permits per year, we do 150. Why are we following them? Because we're team players."

The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m. in the county commissioners' meeting room at 398 Lewis St.

Written comments may also be submitted to the Archuleta County Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

The county commissioners will discuss adopting the new building codes during their Feb. 5 8:30 a.m. work session and are anticipated to make a decision on the matter at their Feb. 19 regular meeting.
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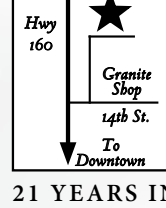


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2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

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 July, August and September.

JULY

July

On July 3, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted to approve new short-term rental regulations.

The decision came after multiple meetings discussing whether to approve or disapprove of new short-term rental regulations for the county.

Also on July 3, the BoCC awarded a contract for the construction of a new cell at the landfill to CRG Construction Inc. for a total not to exceed \$765,250, with a bid alternate of \$30,000.

The project would include surveying, "excavation of approximately 215,000 cubic yards of material" and installing a liner at the landfill.

The San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) found new legal representation at a July 6 special meeting.

The SJWCD board, after an extensive interview process held during the special meeting, opted to choose Newbold, Chapman & Geyer PC as its new legal counsel.

The board's previous counsel, Holsinger Law LLC along with its representative Kent Holsinger, resigned from working with the board in April.

It was announced in July that Pagosa Fire Protection District Chief Randy Larson had been elected to a three-year term as director-at-large to the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Safety, Health and Survival Section.

After much discussion and deliberation, the SJWCD gained a new board member in Bill Hudson on

July 10, when Hudson was formally appointed to the board via a court order from Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson.

During its meeting on July 11, the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) selected the Lindblad Group to complete the initial assessment and planning process of the CDC's broadband efforts.

At the same meeting, Jim Garrett was appointed to the board.

On July 13, the fire restrictions for the San Juan National Forest were lifted.

Made formal at the July 14 Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) board meeting was the acceptance of board treasurer Kim Lund's resignation.

According to PPOS Board President Ursula Hudson in an email sent on July 16, the PPOS board was initially prepared to accept Lund's resignation at the May 17 board meeting; however, Lund was not in attendance at the meeting.

"I am resigning effective immediately the position of Board Treasurer. This duty is not working for my family and my other commitments due to the number of hours I am working helping train Chenni [Hammon] to be the business manager and heading the finance committee," Lund's letter of resignation states. "I am reducing my effectiveness as a member of that committee because of the hours taken to attend board meetings and trainings, which is not in the best interest of PPOS."

On July 17, Brandon Bishop was named coroner, contingent

upon Bishop's fingerprint check. Bishop would finish out former coroner Dan Keuning's term, which was up in January 2019.

Also on July 17, the BoCC unanimously voted to approve a \$450,000 settlement with Hart Construction.

The settlement came in a case stemming from 2015, when Hart Construction undertook to replace the roof over the west end of the courthouse structure, the jail and the former Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) administration area.

While the work was underway, a storm flooded the jail area, and the county alleged in a lawsuit that Hart Construction was negligent.

The county will receive a total of \$780,000 in the case, however, with the county also receiving \$330,000 from its insurance carrier.

The BoCC voted on July 17 to downgrade the county's fire restrictions to stage one.

Seven- and 9-year-old students from PPOS presented data they collected during a two-month project to members of the Pagosa Springs Town Council in mid-July. Their goal for the presentation was to convince town leaders to install trash and recycle bins along the uptown and downtown bike paths.

Following a series of five meetings and disconnect between the two entities, the BoCC and town council voted in July to fund several projects that fall under the governments' joint strategic priorities.

More specifically, those projects related to early child care and education, broadband and affordable/workforce housing.

The second of two Oklahoma men who poached multiple elk while trespassing on private property in Archuleta received fines in court reaching over \$18,000.

The hunter plead guilty in court on July 18 to three counts of wildlife-fail to dress, three counts of wildlife-illegal possession, one count of hunting/trapping/fishing without permission and two counts of hunting without license-big game.

He received fines and costs totaling \$18,126.50.

Weeks earlier, another Oklahoma man pleaded guilty to three counts of failure to dress wildlife,

three counts of illegal wildlife possession and two charges of hunting without a license-big game, received fines totaling \$19,126.50.

A new draft record of decision released by the Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) on July 19 indicated the RGNF would allow road access to the private parcel that is proposed to become home to the Village at Wolf Creek.

The draft decision stemmed from a Jan. 12 letter from Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture (LMJV), the property's developers, to the RGNF seeking "immediate access" to the property.

The draft decision was then opened for public review.

Multiple wildfires were burning in Archuleta County in late July, with the majority caused by lightning.

In late July, it was announced the Archuleta County Republicans had selected Bishop as the 2018 Republican candidate for Archuleta County coroner.

The Republicans were tasked with selecting a new candidate to appear on the November 2018 ballot following the resignation of Keuning.

Keuning, who left the coroner's office for health reasons, won the Republican primary, so he also had to be replaced on the 2018 general election ballot.

By the end of July, both Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs had lifted their respective fire restrictions.

At a July 31 work session of the BoCC, the board discussed the "difficult realities" that would be in place if the jail funding ballot issue were to fail at the polls in November.

Town council member Clint Alley submitted a notice of resignation to Mayor Don Volger and Town Manager Andrea Phillips on July 31, effective immediately.

"After much discussion and thought, I've decided it would be best to resign from the board," Alley's resignation states. "Though I would love to stay on and be a part of this council, my time will not currently allow it. I feel this current council will continue to do a great job."

The resignation left the council seeking a new member.

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AUGUST

August

For the first time, the main stem of the San Juan River came under state administration due to a call placed by the Colorado Water Conservation Board in early August.

It is the Colorado Water Conservation Board 50 cfs [cubic feet per second] in-stream flow right, and it's to ensure the preservation of a minimum stream level to protect the natural environment to a reasonable degree," Colorado Division of Water Resources Lead Commissioner Joe Crabb explained. "It has a 1980 water right priority within our priority system. So, it is fairly junior, but between 1980 and today, basically, anybody who has received a water right within that time frame are likely junior to this and they have been curtailed and shut down, basically."

An interim county administrator employment agreement signature ratification and a interim county attorney contract were approved at the regular meeting of the BoCC on Aug. 7.

Greg Schulte was named as the interim county administrator until December, and an agreement between a law firm and the BoCC was approved for former Archuleta County Attorney Todd Starr to serve as interim legal counsel until a new in-house attorney is hired.

State Court Administrator Chris Ryan spoke with members of the BoCC on Aug. 7 about the possibility of a new court facility in Harman Park if the jail ballot initiative were to pass.

The first of the fall sports at Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) was back in action on Aug. 9, with the Pirate golf team hitting the links of the Conquistador Golf Course in Cortez.

The team took first at the tournament.

On Aug. 14, the ASD Board of Education approved having a girls' swim team at PSHS beginning with the 2018-2019 season.

Local candidates who would appear in the November election were solidified in early August, with three contested races on tap.

The first of the contested races

was commissioner, with Alvin Schaaf running as a Republican and Elizabeth Dickerson, a Democrat, running as a write-in.

Also contested was the race for treasurer, with Republican Elsa P. White facing off against Democrat Debbie Condrey.

The last of the contested races on the ballot was for sheriff, with incumbent Republican Richard Valdez facing off against two unfiliated candidates, Rob Keating and Cole W. Graham.

In mid-August, Archuleta County named its finalists for its county administrator position.

Those finalists were Peter Jankowski, Stephen Felty and Subhajeet Ghose.

Another candidate who was originally named as a finalist, Darren Coldwell, withdrew due to a recent medical diagnosis, according to Archuleta County Human Resources Administrator Robert Smith.

The original three candidates were announced in a press release dated Aug. 16.

With a 2-0 vote on Aug. 21, the BoCC voted to approve participation in a class action lawsuit "seeking to recover underpayments" from the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program, according to the meeting agenda.

The PSHS Pirate football team took to the gridiron on Aug. 24, falling to the Durango Demons 34-6.

The Pirate cross-country teams also hit the ground running on Aug. 24 at the pre-state meet in Colorado Springs.

At that meet, the girls finished second out of 14 full teams and the boys finished eighth out of 17 teams.

The Lady Pirate volleyball team opened its season on Aug. 25 under the helm of a new head coach, Caitlin Forrest.

Unfortunately, the Lady Pirates opened the season with a 3-0 home loss to the 4A Durango Demons.

A five-vehicle accident on U.S. 160 at the base of the Wolf Creek Pass Aug. 27 resulted in one fatality and the closure of the highway for several hours.

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The sun shines on Navajo Peak in the southern part of Archuleta County last weekend following the recent snowstorms. There is a chance Pagosa Country could see more snow this weekend, though weather models were conflicting at press time Wednesday.

Review

Continued from A5

A westbound motor home pulling a boat and trailer was having apparent difficulties with overheated brakes as it descended the pass. After successfully navigating both the switchback curves, the motorhome's brakes failed completely. It proceeded past Treasure Falls as a downhill runaway reaching speeds in excess of 60 mph and entered a second active construc-

tion zone, with the roadway restricted to one lane in that section. At that location, the motor home collided with the rear of a westbound Ford pickup-and-trailer combination. It then continued westbound and hit the rear of a parked and unattended dump truck, the rear of a westbound Hyundai sedan, and the side of a parked and unattended water hauling truck. The motorhome's driver was

pronounced dead at the scene of the crash. The Pirate soccer team then opened its season on Aug. 28, falling to the Crested Butte Titans 9-1. It was announced in late August that a new trial has been set for Charles Ray Stane, who is accused of the 1988 homicide of Vickie Dexter. That trial is scheduled to occur in 2019.

A volunteer consulting agreement with Renee Lewis was approved by the SJWCD board at a special meeting on Aug. 30. The agreement between Lewis and the SJWCD states that the "SJWCD desires to engage a qualified consultant to develop and implement a strategic plan for SJWCD and to identify areas of potential improvements in SJWCD's organizational operations ('Services')."

WJP	7:30am	Springs Resort	8:00am
Alpen Haus	7:40am	Quality Inn	8:05am
Hillside Inn	7:45am	Ski & Bow Rack	8:10am

SEPTEMBER

September

Both the town council and BoCC voted on Sept. 4 to grant additional funds for renovations on what is slated to become a new early childhood care and education center in Archuleta County. In total, the two governmental boards approved \$66,200 toward the continued renovation on Sept. 4, with the two entities having granted a total of \$50,000 for the renovations earlier in the summer. ASD students started the new academic year on Sept. 4. The Pirate football team logged its first victory of the season on Sept. 7, defeating the No. 5-ranked 1A Centauri Falcons 31-12 at home. Even after the necessary triggers were met to enter stage 1 drought restrictions, the PAWSD board decided during a special meeting Sept. 11 to not enact stage 1 drought restrictions. With school in full swing, Archuleta School District (ASD) Superintendent Linda Reed gave an update on early enrollment numbers on Sept. 11. As part of her superintendent's report during the ASD Board of Education meeting, Reed reported a total district enrollment of 1,659 students as of Sept. 10. The previous year, ASD's total enrollment sat at

1,544 students. On Sept. 15, the Lady Pirate volleyball team defeated Bayfield 3-0, with the win being the first over Bayfield in 11 years. The BoCC voted 2-1 to deny the proposed off-highway vehicle (OHV) regulations at its Sept. 18 meeting. After a public hearing and listening to concerns from the county sheriff, the commissioners moved to deny the proposed regulations upon second reading of the proposed ordinance, Ordinance 19-2018 for establishing OHV routes and regulating the operation of OHVs in unincorporated parts of Archuleta County. At the same meeting, the BoCC approved an employment contract for a new county administrator, Peter Jankowski, who was set to begin his post Oct. 1. A trio of Pirate golfers individually qualified for the state tournament with their performances on the links Sept. 18, giving the Pirates a team slot at the tournament. Fire season continued into mid-September, with the Horse Fire growing to more than 550 acres. Other smaller fires also continued to start and drew the attention of fire crews. At its Sept. 20 meeting, the town council approved a vacation rental license.

At the same meeting, town council appointed its newest member — Madeline Bergon, who filled the seat vacated by Clint Alley. In other business at the meeting, town council moved unanimously to reject an amended proposal to allow nearby Hinsdale County residents to fill vacant planning commission seats. The denial sent the problem of filling planning commission seats back to that commission for a different solution. On the same day, the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District voted on a rate increase set to go into effect on Jan. 1. It was the first rate increase in four years for the district. Specifically, PAWSD customers will see their water bills go up by 6 percent each year from 2019 through 2023. Additionally, PAWSD customers will see their wastewater bills go up 2.5 percent each year from 2024 through 2027. Sept. 22 was a day of highs and lows for the Pirate cross-country teams at their home meet atop Reservoir Hill, with the girls' squad taking first and the guys' team continuing to face injuries and illness while finishing third. For the girls, Sierra Liverett set a new course record and Nell Taylor tied the previous course record. On Sept. 24, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and a consulting firm unveiled a possible plan for U.S. 160 through downtown Pagosa. Funding for CDOT's work on the downtown hinged on ballot questions that were voted down at the state level in November. At a special meeting held by the PPOS board of directors on Sept. 24, a resolution was approved to form a building corporation. Per the resolution, the purpose of the Pagosa Peak Open School Building Corporation is "to manage the development and use of a facility and surrounding property in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, ... to fulfill the vision and mission of the founders of Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS)." On Sept. 25, the Pirate golf team laid claim to the Intermountain League title for the first time in the program's history. Pagosa also hosted the tournament. On Sept. 27, CDOT unveiled the signs that now mark U.S. 84 as the "Nolan Olson Memorial Highway." The sign was unveiled in a quiet ceremony for family, friends and co-workers of Olson. Families and teachers gathered at Seeds of Learning on Sept. 27 to celebrate the new school year with a back-to-school barbecue and open house.

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Man arrested after being found in vacant residence

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Jan. 2, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) deputies responded to a report of suspicious activity in the area of Deer Trail in

Aspen Springs, then found and arrested a man who had broken into the residence. Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez explained that the ACSO was advised that there were fresh footprints leading up to a resi-

dence that was known to be vacant. "When deputies arrived at the residence, they observed an adult white male inside the residence," Valdez said. That male was later identified as 33-year-old Carl Wayne Matthews III.

As of Monday, Matthews remained in custody on a \$10,000 cash surety bond. randi@pagosahun.com

Tuesday accident injures one

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

A two-car crash on U.S. 160 near Deer Trail that occurred around noon on Tuesday injured one. Patricia Martin, 48, of Bayfield, struck a Toyota pickup from behind. The Toyota was driven by a male juvenile who was not injured, according to an email from Cpl. Blake

Hancey of the Colorado State Patrol. He explained Martin was transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center by ambulance and sustained some broken bones. Hancey noted, "Both were wearing their seat belt which we believe limited the injuries as this crash occurred at highway speeds." Martin was cited for the incident.

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County to interview four administrator applicants

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Located on the agenda for the Jan. 2 meeting of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) was an agenda topic, under the new business heading, that regarded a potential extension for the recruitment process to hire a new county administrator.

The agenda itself states that based upon the "quality and depth of the applicant pool for the County Administrator position, the Commissioners may choose to extend the deadline for applicants into January 2019."

The agenda topic was preceded by an executive session by the BoCC for personnel matters pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), for the purposes of reviewing applications submitted for the county adminis-

trator position.

Commissioner Ron Maez initially made the motion to enter executive session citing statute C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f).

"Yeah, and also while we were sitting here I received an email on one of our legal matters, so I think I'd also like you to add receiving advice from legal counsel and I'll share with you that advice on a matter I've been working on for you," Interim County Attorney Todd Starr said before the BoCC officially entered into executive session.

In response to Starr's request, Maez stated, "And also for receiving legal advice," as part of his original motion to enter executive session, but did not cite a specific subsection within Colorado Revised Statutes that pertains to receiving legal advice.

That motion was seconded by

Commissioner Michael Whiting.

Before the executive session was formally entered, Starr offered some explanation on the legal counsel advice portion of the executive session.

"And let me just say for the record, I've thought about what else I could say to give more information to the public about this executive session. But, literally, anything I said would violate the confidentiality of the executive session so there's no more I can say," Starr explained.

Following those comments by Starr, all three county commissioners voted to enter executive session.

Upon returning from executive session, the Jan. 2 meeting was reconvened at 2:42 p.m., with BoCC Chair Steve Wadley stating no decisions had been made in executive session.

"We're not going to make any decisions in new business, so we'll just carry on with the meeting," Wadley said.

In an email to The SUN, Interim County Administrator Greg Schulte explained that the BoCC expressed a desire to interview, out of 12 applicants, four candidates deemed "qualified" for the county administrator position and that those interviews will take place on Jan. 14.

"Although we did notice in a manner to do so, there was no motion from any of the Commissioners to extend the Administrator application deadline," Schulte wrote.

Schulte later clarified in a follow-up email that the human resources director for the county, Bob Smith, deemed the applicants qualified based on the job description for the county administrator and a review of the application materials.

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County approves noxious weed ordinance

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

An ordinance which enforces the Colorado Noxious Weed Act was approved upon second reading by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) during its regular meeting on Jan. 2.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest Supervisor Ethan Proud explained during the meeting that the Colorado Noxious Weed Act says that weeds must be controlled by landowners.

According to agenda documentation for the Jan. 2 meeting, the ordinance, specifically titled Ordinance No. 20-2018, was approved upon first reading at a Dec. 4, 2018, meeting of the BoCC.

The agenda goes on to state that this ordinance was published in The SUN on Dec. 13, 2018, and no changes to the ordinance have been made except for the certification page from the first reading.

According to the ordinance itself, the BoCC is charged with providing a mechanism for "identifying, abating and compelling the integrated management and control of noxious weeds."

The ordinance will apply to all property within the "unincorporat-

ed territory" of Archuleta County.

The ordinance explains that property owners are required to manage noxious weed populations on their parcel of property.

For complaints, any party may file a written complaint that alleges a violation of the ordinance itself.

Designated enforcement officers by the county are able to investigate said complaints if they are provided information by: law enforcement, health services, or any other governmental or quasi-public entities, the ordinance explains.

Those officers may also investigate when they have reason to believe that this violation affects public safety, health or welfare, among other things.

The ordinance goes on to explain that properties affected by a noxious weed population are subject to inspection if: the affected owner requests an inspection, a neighbor reports a suspected noxious weed population or the enforcement officer or any other county agent observes a noxious weed population.

If verbal permission is not provided by the property owner for a noxious weed inspection, the property owner will receive a notification via mail.

After 10 days of that notification, if the county receives no response, the court will issue an inspection warrant when the county presents it with an affidavit.

That affidavit, as described by the ordinance, will include information that the enforcement officers believe there has been a violation, a statement that the property owner has failed to respond and a description of the affected land.

Problem identified

If, after inspection, a noxious weed population is determined to exist, a written notice of violation will be issued, the ordinance goes on to describe.

Within 10 days after the county mails the notification to the property owner to remove the noxious weed population, the owner will comply with the terms of the notification or submit an acceptable management plan as well as a schedule to the county.

The ordinance then explains that criminal prosecution may be brought against the owner if the ordinance is not met.

Violations of the ordinance can be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 for each violation, the ordinance explains.

Weed control

"We do have plenty of people in the county who are actively managing their weeds. And one of their biggest concerns is that sometimes their neighbors don't control their weeds," Proud explained in an interview with The SUN.

The ordinance allows for a timeline to be setup for property owners who have noxious weeds on their property to address and fix the issue, Proud explained.

"It's a tool to bring people into compliance and, kind of, to educate somebody who might not know about the noxious weed act," he said.

If parties respond to the initial letter regarding a noxious weed population, they can control the weeds themselves, which is preferable, Proud added.

"And if they don't want to do it with chemical means, there are plenty of alternatives," he noted.

The goal is to not have to enforce on many properties, he explained.

"Hopefully most people who receive one of the letters will be compliant and will work towards managing their weeds cooperatively instead of having to reach that final stage and do the enforcement," he said.

Short-term rental permitting takes shape in Archuleta County

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

In July 2018, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) passed new regulations requiring homeowners who rent their home for 30 days or less to obtain a vacation rental permit.

The board gave homeowners who were already operating short-term rentals until Dec. 31, 2018, to apply for a permit to keep in compliance.

County Commissioner Steve Wadley explained the BoCC received increasing complaints about short-term rentals, and ultimately, the board learned just how numerous they were in the county.

"The genie was out of the bottle," said Wadley, adding the BoCC wanted fair regulations that protect both homeowners renting their houses and neighbors that live around them.

"We wanted to get fair rules in order so that we recognize the people that are renting their properties on short-term rentals, and we wanted to recognize their property

rights to rent. But we also wanted to enact an ordinance that protected the neighbors to some degree against unruly things that would hurt their quality of life."

Wadley added, "It's a divisive issue."

At its Jan. 8 work session, the BoCC was updated on the progress of the new regulations by Archuleta County Planning Manager John Shepard.

"We've had a tremendous response. I've been very happy with that. We're going to do our best to keep up with it," said Shepard.

From Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2018, the county received 155 vacation rental applications and has approved 35. About half of the remaining applications have been scheduled for inspection.

Shepard suggested that proper enforcement is crucial and should be incrementally increased over the year to ensure compliance of the new regulations.

Commissioner Steve Wadley agreed, saying, "We do need compliance and we do need enforcement. This is a new program. We want to get everybody up to speed,

but its not fair for one party to pay and the next door neighbors not."

In a follow-up phone call, Wadley noted the county has hired additional staff to monitor short-term rentals, and the fees from the vacation rental permits should completely pay for the increased staffing.

"When we did the budget this year we added staff to deal with [short-term rentals]. So we want to watch very closely what revenue is coming in to make it revenue neutral. The taxpayers of Archuleta County should not in any way pay for the cost of the short-term rentals. We want the fees to pay for that," he said.

A one-year vacation rental permit costs \$400.

To help with compliance, the county may hire a third party for additional enforcement and to check non-permitted Airbnb and VRBO listings online. Residents can also check the vacation rental status of any home in the county by visiting <https://aca.accela.com/archco/>.

Permit requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Having the local owner or representative available to respond within one hour when the rental is occupied.
- Having a simple site plan showing property dimensions, buildings, number of bedrooms and parking areas.
- Having a valid San Juan Basin Public Health permit for septic, unless home is in a sewer district.
- Proof of Colorado Department of Revenue registration for sales and lodging taxes.
- Notification to any applicable planned unit development, homeowners association or property owners association.

The permit also requires homeowners renting their home as a short-term rental to notify their adjacent neighbors.

Homeowners who wish to apply can visit the county website. The county also accepts written applications, but encourages homeowners to apply online.

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Colorado residents selling their vehicles may now voluntarily report an ownership transfer to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

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agencies.

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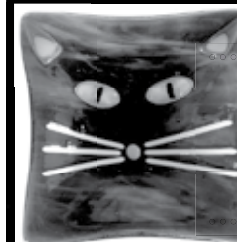
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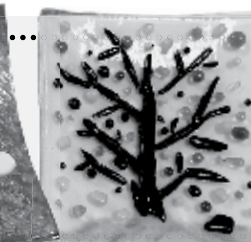
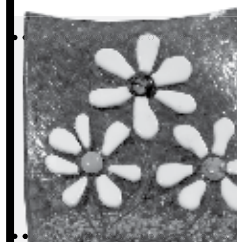


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the rationale behind this move is to pay for as much of the school year worked as possible.

However, the document does note "Concern over appropriateness of paying staff for work in September and October prior to passage of MLO."

The next recommendation involves the payment of two monthly retention payments which will be paid in July upon return of contracts.

This decision, according to the document, is fueled by a desire that some of the MLO be tied to teacher retention, which was one of the goals of the MLO.

"Retiring staff will receive this retention payment without the necessity of returning a contract but will need to submit retirement paperwork," the document reads.

In regard to stipends, which also includes coaching stipends, the document indicates that the sti-

pends themselves will be reviewed after the first of the year.

"No proposal has been developed yet for the timing of payments to be made to individuals who receive stipend payments," the document reads.

The rationale behind no proposal being developed is explained that many stipends are paid from grants; those grants did not have any increases included in those budgets, so the stipends themselves need to

be examined in their entirety.

The specific gross pay amount breakdown that will be given to full-time certified staff from the MLO is broken down as follows:

For the months of January and July, full-time certified staff will receive \$1,375, and for the months of February, March, April, May, June and August, those staff members will receive \$458.33.

This salary breakdown denotes that this in total equals \$5,500.

"Other staff will receive payments patterned after this model, but amounts will be different and some modifications will be made for employee groups that are not paid through the summer," the document reads.

Further discussion

During the Jan. 8 meeting, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed ran through the details of the salary committee's recommendations to the rest of the BOE.

Some staff members, described as classified staff by Reed, would be receiving an increase. That increase is 16.28 percent up to \$5,500, Reed noted.

BOE member Bruce Dryburgh offered that the board should be clear on who this salary distribution covers.

"Part-time people will get a proportional amount," ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson said.

Another suggestion by Dryburgh involved the timeline of the distribution.

"This is for next year. Period. Has to be. Because the other years are going to be different. We either need to write those out or say that this is for school year '18-'19," Dryburgh said. "We either need to talk about what we're going to do for future years or just say this is for school year '18-'19, because it's going to be different."

Hodgson confirmed that this salary distribution would be for the school year of 2018-2019, and that for 2019-2020 the salary schedule would incorporate the salary distribution.

"And if the board approves step increases in the spring, based on the state allocation of funds, then the salary schedule could change to reflect that as well," Reed clarified.

Some questions raised by staff members involved addressing pay for coaches, subs and stipends, and that question, according to Hodgson, would be addressed soon.

Another question, raised by BOE member Bob Lynch, involved whether or not the retention bonus would only be for this year.

"So, the way that it is structured right now, it would only be for this year," Reed confirmed. "I believe it's a choice that we've made for this year. I would certainly like to find a way to do it, but with the way the mill levy language and the amount is, we'd have to look at another way

of doing that."

Reed noted that this is "uncharted waters" for the district and it is trying to honor the wishes of the taxpayers and the staff that the district has.

Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS) eighth-grade math teacher Andy Guinn asked if all non-stipended staff are going to see the 16.28 percent raise, outside of certified staff.

"Just the way it was worded in the document tonight sounded like all staff that was non-certified and all also non-stipended would be getting the 16.2 percent," Guinn said.

Putting aside the stipends for coaches and substitutes, all staff will receive 16.28 percent, up to \$5,500, Hodgson responded.

"So, everyone is receiving. And then salary schedules that are in there reflect those changes," Hodgson said.

Later in the meeting, PSMS Assistant Principal Aaron Freed advised the board to act as quickly as possible on the stipended and substitute rates.

"Because there are a good chunk of people, that was a selling point of the MLO to them," Freed said. "And it's in the grand scheme of things, a smaller aspect in the budget, but quick action on that will gather you some strong support and just kind of some people feeling like they're included."

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Local snowpack levels increase by 8 percent for the second straight week

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Recent snowfall has done nothing but good for the local snowpack, with levels for the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins sitting at 79 percent of median, an 8 percent increase from last week.

The Upper Rio Grande Basin did see a slight drop this last week, only coming in at 75 percent of median, compared to 76 percent last week, according to data from the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The Gunnison River basin's snowpack levels rose slightly, going from 91 percent of median to 95 percent of median this week.

Snowpack levels remained stagnant at the Yampa and White River basins at 102 percent of median. The Laramie and North Platte basins also have a current snowpack total of 102 percent of median, down from 103 percent of median last week.

Another slight drop was recorded at the Upper Colorado River Basin, with totals sitting at 103 percent of median, compared to 104 percent of median last week.

The South Platte River Basin sits at 110 percent of median, compared

to last week when that total was 112 percent of median.

And rounding out the snowpack totals for the week, the Arkansas River Basin has a snowpack level of 105 percent of median, compared to last week's total of 114 percent of median.

In addition to the increase in local snowpack levels, there were also increases recorded in individual snowpack levels for the Wolf Creek summit.

This week, the summit is 80 percent of the Jan. 9 median and 36 percent of the median peak. Last week, the summit was 74 percent of last week's peak and 31 percent of the median peak.

Local snowpack totals could see a bit of a rise this week as the National Weather Service (NWS) predicts that there is a 20 percent chance of snow tonight, a 40 percent chance of snow tomorrow and an additional 30 percent chance tomorrow night.

The NWS also predicts a chance for snow on Wolf Creek Pass as well, with a 30 percent chance tonight.

Those snow forecasts also indicate a 70 percent chance of snow tomorrow and a 50 percent chance tomorrow night.

The NWS also indicates a 30 per-

cent chance of snow on Saturday and a 20 percent chance of snow Saturday night.

NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta acknowledged in an interview that the snowpack levels did increase a little bit, which as he described was "awfully good."

However, Archuleta noted that he has concerns about the individual snowpack totals for the Upper San Juan site, which denotes snowpack totals of only 56 percent of median.

Regarding the snowstorms in the forecast for this week, Archuleta explained that while it's nice to have snow, he just wasn't sure how much snow we would see locally out of the storms.

The reason behind that, Archuleta noted, is that the storms look a little weak.

"It does look like a storm may be coming in the latter part of next week which looks a little bit stronger, so hopefully that will provide us some additional snowpack," he said.

But compared to last year, locally, we are much better off, he noted.

"That's a good thing. Hopefully, the winter will continue to bring us some snowfall, so we don't kind of get stagnant for the next month or so," he said.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Monday, Jan. 14

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners special meeting — county administrator applicant interviews. Time to be determined, Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

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.

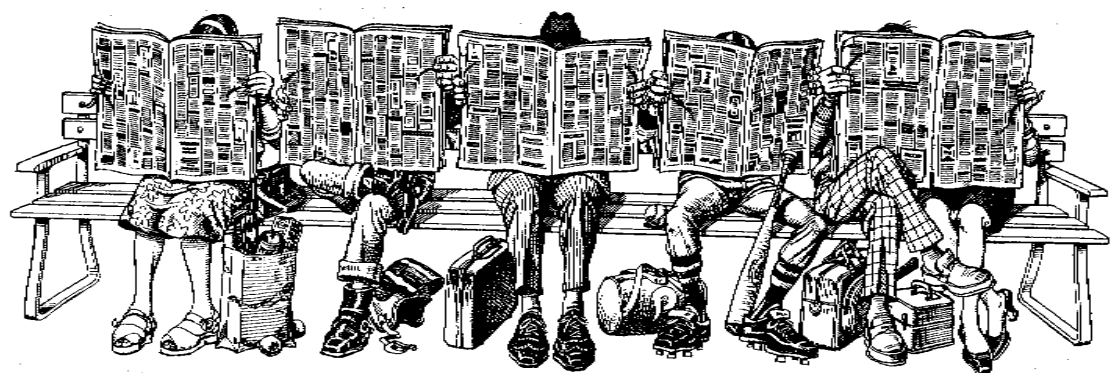
Archuleta County Planning Commission regular meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Thursday, Jan. 24

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

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Board

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At the end of the special meeting, Schick swore in Lynch, officially making him a member of the ASD board.

At the regular meeting of the BOE, also held on Jan. 8, Lynch also volunteered to become the new treasurer for the board.

Jason Peterson, who previously held the director of District 2 seat, was also the treasurer of the board before his resignation on Nov. 13.

"I appreciate being able to be

on there. I look forward to serving,"

Lynch said in an interview with The SUN. "It looks like there's nice energy and momentum, I think, after the MLO [mill levy override] passing. I think that creates some confidence among the board and staff, and hopefully there's good things to build on there."

With the recent passing of the MLO, Lynch explained that it does not necessarily make the transition to the BOE any easier for him, but he acknowledged it as a big mile-

stone for the district.

"I think that's a really big accomplishment and it's really positive for the district and certainly for the staff. They deserve to be paid more, so yeah, I'm glad that's passed," he said.

There are still many questions about facilities to be answered by the district, but the passing of the MLO creates more momentum and optimism for the district, he noted.

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Staffing

Continued from front

The paid crew of three, one officer and two firefighters, on duty 24 hours a day. Three more firefighters will be hired in July to bring crews up to four personnel each, a press release from the district notes.

Volunteer firefighters and volunteer officers comprise 74 percent of PFPD's staff, the press release explains. Volunteers will remain the primary response force for PFPD while the on-shift crews will act as a preliminary response crew.

The mill levy increased PFPD's budget by almost \$1 million, to \$1.9

million for 2019. The total cost to the taxpayer is \$55.52 annually for every \$100,000 of residential value.

Larson noted the increase in staffing will also speed up PFPD's response time.

"It should cut down our out-the-door time anywhere from five to 15 minutes. Previously, if it wasn't 8 to 5 Monday through Friday, we had to wait for volunteers to come into the station and pick up an apparatus to respond. This way, the tones go off, we'll have a truck on the road from two to 2 1/2 minutes," he said.

In addition to increased staffing and faster response times, PFPD will now be able to replace equipment on a rotating basis instead of coming to the public every few years and asking for money through a bond measure.

The funds are also being used to hire a full-time mechanic to cut down on maintenance costs, increase staff salaries and set aside funding reserves for the future.

The PFPD district map and more information about PFPD can be found at www.pagosafire.org.

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Arrest

Continued from front

Valdez and Lattin explained that Marchand, 30, admitted in an interview with the ACSO that she did not have cancer.

However, Valdez noted that the initial investigation prompted an additional investigation, which is

still ongoing.

If that investigation confirms additional allegations, Valdez explained more charges will be recommended to the district attorney.

Valdez noted it is not uncommon for this type of case to grow

as the investigation continues and more information is brought forward.

Marchand is currently out on bond.

Anyone with information is asked to call the ACSO at 264-8430.

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New Pagosa Fire Protection District paid staff take their oath on Tuesday night.



A Shift: Lt. Thad McKain, firefighter Jeremy Taylor and firefighter Ryan Foster.



B Shift: Capt. Will Clark, firefighter Devon Fulton and firefighter Anthony Ferguson.



C Shift: Lt. Jared Wirth, firefighter Josh Montoya and firefighter Lyle Hoffschneider.

Pagosa Fire Protection District

Photos courtesy Roxanne Lattin and Pagosa Fire Protection District

The beginning of 2019 brings new changes for Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD). Starting Jan. 5, PFPD now has a paid crew of three, one officer and two firefighters, on duty 24 hours a day. The full-time coverage was made possible when voters approved a mill levy increase in May 2018. Three more firefighters will be hired in July to bring crews up to four personnel each. Responses from the PFPD will be answered by the on-duty crew along with volunteer firefighters. Volunteer firefighters and volunteer officers comprise 74 percent of the PFPD. Volunteers will remain the primary response force for PFPD, while the on-shift crews will act as a preliminary response crew.



New PFPD firefighters are sworn in Tuesday.

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: 117.
 Dec. 31 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, third-degree assault-simple assault, County Road 600.
 Jan. 2 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, violation of restraining order, criminal mischief, all other thefts, second-degree burglary, tampering with physical evidence, Deer Trail.
 Jan. 2 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, domestic violence, Arrowhead Drive.
 Jan. 3 — Under investigation, no location listed.
 Jan. 3 — Issuing a false financial statement-felony, fraud by check-other method, all other thefts, Navajo Trail Drive.
 Jan. 3 — All other thefts, Goldmine Drive.
 Jan. 3 — Harassment-stalking-misdemeanor, no location listed.
 Jan. 4 — Fraudulent acts, Perry Drive.
 Jan. 4 — Identity theft-uses identity, Cloud Cap Avenue.
 Jan. 4 — Disorderly conduct-misdemeanor, domestic violence, third-degree criminal trespass, Park Avenue.
 Jan. 4 — All other thefts, identity theft-uses financial device, computer

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service for two weeks: 165.
 Dec. 24 — Traffic/no insurance, U.S. 160.
 Dec. 24 — Animal/running at large, San Juan Street.
 Dec. 24 — DUI/careless driving/failed to notify, East Pagosa Street.
 Dec. 24 — Assault, Pagosa Street.
 Dec. 24 — Fireworks prohibited, South 6th Street.
 Dec. 25 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.
 Dec. 26 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.
 Dec. 30 — Trespass warning, Hot Springs Boulevard.
 Jan. 1 — Criminal mischief, Hot Springs Boulevard.
 Jan. 2 — Following too closely, U.S. 160.
 Jan. 3 — Criminal trespass, Mesa Drive.
 Jan. 3 — Criminal trespass, Apple Street.
 Jan. 3 — Criminal impersonation/forgery/theft, San Juan Street.
 Jan. 3 — Assault, San Juan Street.
 Jan. 3 — Traffic/suspended license, County Road 600.
 Jan. 4 — Criminal trespass, Mesa Drive.
 Jan. 4 — Information only, North 5th Street.
 Jan. 4 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.
 Jan. 5 — Unauthorized use of financial device/theft, South 8th Street.
 Jan. 6 — Criminal mischief, South 6th Street.

Jan. 6 — Violation of restraining order, Cornerstone Drive.

Jan. 6 — Warrant arrest, Cornerstone Drive.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

Jan. 2 — Leonard Lyle Hoffschneider, reckless endangerment, 12 months unsupervised probation, fines and costs — \$398.50.
 Jan. 2 — Evin Maze, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$205.50.
 Jan. 2 — Cheryl L. Lopez, seat belt not used, license plates-expired temp permit, fines and costs — \$183.50.
 Jan. 2 — Jacob Philip Herbster, fail obey traffic control device, fines and costs — \$202.50.
 Jan. 2 — Anthony Lewis, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs \$265.50.
 Jan. 3 — Christopher Allen McCorkle, driving under the influence, 60 days jail, two years probation, fines and costs — \$2,315.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

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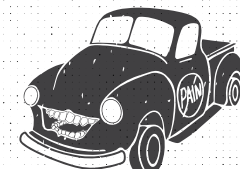
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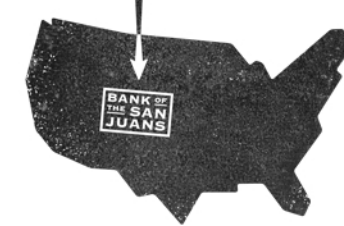


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Sports

BASKETBALL

Pagosa survives late surge to defeat Sanford, take on two league foes this weekend

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As the saying goes, "History repeats itself." That certainly was the case as the No. 17 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' basketball team won another closely contested matchup against the No. 12 2A Sanford Indians (4-4 overall) by a score of 40-38 on Jan. 5.

The Pirates, returning to their home floor after a brief hiatus due to the winter break, showed no signs of fatigue as they built a quick 12-3 lead by the end of the first quarter.

However, the Indians struck back with a strong offensive outburst of their own, scoring 12 points while holding the Pirates to only five in the second quarter.

Clinging to a slim 17-15 lead heading into the second half, Pagosa came out strong, outscoring Sanford 16-5 in the third quarter.

In the last quarter, Sanford attempted a comeback, outscoring the Pirates 18-7, but it just wasn't enough and Pagosa was able to come away with the win on its home court.

Ryan Lewis led the charge offensively for Pagosa, posting 13 points while also adding five rebounds.

Mason Snarr followed with nine points, four rebounds, an assist and a steal.

Mitch Lewis added seven points of his own to go along with five rebounds, four assists and a steal.

Cade Cowan finished with five points and three assists, while Jesus Pacheco tallied four points, four assists and a steal.

Javier Mariñelarena rounded out the stat lines with two points and a steal.

Coach Randy Sorenson wrote in an email to The SUN that after the Pirates' hot start to open the first quarter, Sanford took its time on offense and ran the clock, which led to a low-scoring second quarter by Pagosa.

To counter that, Sorenson talked with the team at halftime and looked for ways to speed up the game in order to get more offensive possessions.

One method of manufacturing more offensive possessions for Pagosa involved going to a zone defense and trapping Sanford whenever the opportunity came about, Sorenson explained.

"Unfortunately we did not extend the lead in the fourth quarter. Again we struggled to finish the game and allowed them to hang around. We got a little bit impatient offensively and had some costly turnovers with some of them being unforced," Sorenson wrote.

As has been the case historically for matchups between Pagosa and Sanford, the game ended close, Sorenson noted; however, this time Pagosa was able to come away with a win.

"Give Sanford credit for know-



SUN photo/
Randi Pierce
Pirate
Mitch Lewis fights through contact from a Sanford Indian defender on a fast break attempt as part of the battle between Pagosa and Sanford on Jan. 5. Lewis finished with seven points, five rebounds, four assists and a steal as Pagosa held on to defeat Sanford 40-38.

ing what they needed to do to give them a chance. They play hard and are always well coached. We have got to work hard on finishing games and taking care of the basketball and handling pressure," he wrote.

Marquee matchups

The road ahead gets no easier for Pagosa as they will begin league play for the first time this season against the top two teams in the Intermountain League (IML) on the road.

Pagosa will first find itself on the road against the No. 4 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers (8-0 overall) on Jan. 11, with varsity tip-off scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Cortez is coming off of a 56-38 win against the 4A Durango Demons on Jan. 5.

This season, the Panthers are averaging 75.5 total points per game,

compared to Pagosa's 46.7.

Last season, Pagosa went 2-0 against Cortez in two league matchups.

Since the 2005-2006 season, the Pirates and Panthers have squared off 13 times, with Pagosa holding a 9-4 record against Cortez.

This season, with no league games having been played yet, Cortez holds the No. 1 spot in the IML standings.

The next day, Pagosa will travel to take on the No. 5 Centauri Falcons (8-1 overall) with action starting at 7 p.m.

Centauri's lone loss of the season came on Dec. 15, 2018, at the hands of the Delta Panthers by a score of 54-40.

Last season, Pagosa also went 2-0 against Centauri in league matchups.

In 30 matchups since the 2005-2006 season, Pagosa has held a 21-9 advantage over Centauri.

Prior to league action this year, Centauri is in second place, right behind Cortez, in the IML standings. Pagosa is third in the IML standings.

"This weekend will be another great test for us and we need to cleanup some things this week in practice in order to have a chance. Both Cortez and Centauri are really good teams and both places are tough to win at. We will have to be at our best," Sorenson wrote.

Moving forward, the Pirates will have to handle pressure and take care of the ball, he later acknowledged that both Cortez and Centauri will apply pressure and force you to speed up.

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BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates start year with a 45-27 win over Sanford

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team started the 2019 portion of its schedule with a 45-27 win over the 2A Sanford Indians on Jan. 5.

The win gives the Lady Pirates, who are No. 4 in the Colorado High School Activities Association polls and No. 5 in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI, which helps determine postseason seeding), a 6-2 league record heading into league play.

Pagosa opened the game strong, logging 14 points in the first half while limiting the visiting Indians to three points.

That trend continued in the second quarter, with the Lady Pirates notching another 16, this time allowing Sanford six points.

"Well, I was very pleased with the first half. I thought we were good defensively and I thought we did a good job in man offense. They were very deliberate and patient on offense and so we played defense for long periods of time, but it was good," coach Wes Lewis said.

With a 30-9 lead heading into the second half, Pagosa added seven in the third quarter while allowing another six from Sanford.

Sanford outscored its host in the fourth quarter 12-8, but fell short of claiming the victory.

"A little disappointed in our ability to score against the zone in the second half, but it's some things we've kind of been addressing this week in practice," the coach said.

Hailey Griego led the Lady Pirates in scoring on the night with 11 points, also contributing five rebounds, one assist and a steal.

Elsa Lindner put up 10 points in the game, six rebounds and two steals.

"I did think Elsa did a really good job and I think Elsa is really trying to do some of the stuff we've been working with with our post players.

You know, the stuff we work on in practice every week, well, she's taking it to the game and doing it," Lewis said. "And, that's been really rewarding for me and her, I think"

Lewis further praised Lindner's attention to detail in translating the work from practice to games.

Teagan Stretton followed with nine points, an assist and two steals.

Devin Wilson added seven points, including landing a 3-point shot. She also had four rebounds, one assist, two steals and a block.

"We got some points of out Teagan and Devin, and that's nice to be balanced," Lewis said.

A pair of Lady Pirates logged four points each — Taylor Lewis and Molly Graham. Taylor Lewis also contributed a pair of rebounds, five assists and a steal. Graham added three rebounds, one assist and two steals.

The team landed 14 of 24 attempts from the free-throw line for a 58 percent success rate.

"Fifty-eight's still not very good. I mean, we need to be shooting at 70 percent, there's just no two ways about it," Wes Lewis said.

The Lady Pirates turned the ball over 13 times in the game.

Now, the Lady Pirates will open Intermountain League (IML) play against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers and No. 3 Centauri Falcons.

"Every game's a big game — we take that approach," the coach said.

IML action will start for the Lady Pirates Friday in Cortez against the 3-3 Panthers, who are No. 35 in the RPI standings.

"Cortez has got a new coach and, you know, they've got a pretty good little team," Wes Lewis said, noting the Panthers played a lot of 4A schools before Christmas.

But, while Pagosa is still working to figure out what Cortez will look like under a new coach, Wes Lewis noted that the team has size, some



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Pagosa's Hailey Griego looks to put up a shot despite opposition from the Sanford Indians on Jan. 5. Griego put up 11 points in the home game to lead her team.

decent guards and some kids who shoot the ball well.

"We're going to have to be locked in and ready to play that night," he said.

Varsity action is set to begin at 6:15 p.m. in Cortez.

The following day, the team will have a quick turnaround and head in the opposite direction to La Jara for a matchup against the Falcons.

Wes Lewis noted the turnaround is not favorable, with Friday's game in Cortez starting late and the games being on opposite ends of the league.

"It's just not the best situation, and there's but nothing we can do about it, but it's frustrating to be

spread out like that," he said.

To help be prepared for that turnaround, the team has been splitting time in practice this week to prepare for both games and that a lot of the work that took place before the Sanford game should apply to Centauri, with the Falcons playing mostly man defense this season.

The Falcons are 8-1 on the season, having lost to the No. 1 2A girls' team, the Del Norte Tigers, on Dec. 7, 2018.


They too, Wes Lewis noted, have a new coach.

Varsity action is set to tip off at 5:30 p.m. at Centauri High School. randi@pagosasun.com




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Lady Pirate Molly Graham fights for possession of the ball beneath the Pirate basket in Pagosa's 45-27 win over the Sanford Indians on Jan. 5.



Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

Emma Heidelmeier
Swimming



Favorite subject: Science
Comments from coach Heather Miller: "Emma leads by example. Although Emma was gone for a little bit due to cheerleading she stepped right back in and reestablished herself as a team leader. She was able to swim two personal bests at the swim meet which allowed her to come-back and swim at finals in Montrose. Emma can always be counted on the step it up for her team and kick into another gear when needed. For these reasons I nominate Emma for the triple impact athlete."



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Outdoors



Pagosa Nordic Club announces upcoming events

By James Dickhoff
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Nordic Skiathlon last weekend gathered racers from around the region to compete in the first race of the Southwest Nordic Race Series.

the Telluride Butch Cassidy 15 km Freestyle Ski Chase on Feb. 9 and the Durango Pine Needle Langlauf 30 km Freestyle on Feb. 23.

The term "freestyle" is used when you can either skate ski or classic ski the race course. Top finishers of the entire series win a pair of Rossignol skis.

Upcoming Pagosa Nordic events

The skiathlon required skiers to classic cross-country ski for 10 km and then switch gear and then skate ski for another 10 km. The course was set at Cloman Park and the conditions could not have been better. The snow was firm and fast.

The Pagosa Nordic Club is hosting the season's first Learn to Cross-Country Ski Clinic this Saturday, Jan. 12, starting promptly at 10 a.m. and lasting till about noon at Cloman Park. Classic cross-country skiing and skate skiing lessons for never-evers, beginners and intermediates will be offered by some of Pagosa's best cross-country skiers. These clinics are a great way to learn tips on how to cross-country ski and improve your techniques making the sport even more enjoyable.

Top female finishers included Molly Hummel in first place with a time of 1:02:08, Sana Sevanto in second at 1:05:15 and Lynne Bjorklund in third at 1:28:50.

Top male finishers included Steve Igin in first place with a time of 1:05:21, Dan Batvinas in second at 1:16:59 and local JD Kurz in third at 1:23:27.

Local ski shops offer discounted

rental gear for these clinics; just mention you are signed up. Registration is available at PagosaNordic.com under the events tab. Space is limited, so sign up today. The next scheduled clinics are on Jan. 26 and Feb. 9.

On Jan. 18, the Pagosa Nordic Club is hosting a Moonlight Cross-Country Ski. Registration is available at PagosaNordic.com.

The ninth annual Pagosa PAW Dog Sled Races are coming up on Jan. 19-20. This Rocky Mountain Sled Dog Series event is an exciting spectator event that includes a number of different dog sled events and canine skijoring events held at the Toner Ranch, 15 miles north on Piedra Road. Canine skijoring is where your dog(s) pull you on your skis. This is an awesome spectator event and the excitement begins before the races start at 8:30 a.m. as all the teams start to gear up.

As part of the Pagosa Springs Winterfest, Pagosa Nordic is hosting a Nordic Biathlon ski race, one of

our most popular race formats. The biathlon will be held on Jan. 27, with the location still to be determined.

The biathlon requires you to shoot at targets with Red Ryder BB guns between each of four ski laps. Races include a competitive 16km, citizens 4 km and a Kid-K. This event is a great spectator event. Registration is available at PagosaNordic.com.

Groomed trails

With the recent new snowfall, a number of cross-country ski trails are now being groomed for skate skiing with set tracks for classic cross-country skiing.

Wolf Creek Ski Area continues to groom Alberta Park offering 6 km-10 km of groomed trails accessed from the far east end of the parking lots.

The Pagosa Nordic Club is grooming the following trails: Cloman Park offers about 10 km of groomed trails with portions entering private property where dogs are prohibited due to wildlife and livestock concerns. West Fork offers up to 15 km of groomed trails. The Laverty Ranch offers up to 10 km of groomed trails on private property which allows Nordic skiing only, with no dogs allowed on this trail system. Fall Creek Nordic trail grooming has stopped and will resume in late winter as our other close-to-town venues begin melting away. Trail details and grooming reports can be accessed at PagosaNordic.com.

The Pagosa Nordic Club is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, 100 percent volunteer organization with a mission "To enhance winter recreational opportunities in Pagosa Springs by maintaining accessible groomed winter trails for skate skiing and classic cross-country skiing for all ability levels and to encourage and promote the use of these winter trails through education, marketing and events."

The Pagosa Nordic Club serves as the local advocate for groomed cross-country ski trails and you can find current cross-country ski trail grooming reports, trail maps, activity and event schedules at PagosaNordic.com. The Pagosa Nordic Club relies on annual club memberships, business sponsorships and trail-use donations to cover expenses associated with providing groomed Nordic ski trails. All local ski shops offer rental gear, so grab your skis and we'll see you out on the trails.

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 ANNUAL 1/23/2019
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Christopher B. Conley

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 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 §38-38-101(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 ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 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)'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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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 SERVICER 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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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
McCarr & Hebbels, 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 §38-38-103 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. Hagstrom
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 §38-38-101(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: 569914423003
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 ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 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)'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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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:

Shay L. Denning #36736
Maynes Bradford Shippy & Sheffel, LLP Durango 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 Koegel be changed to Carol Ann Riley.

/s/ Cheryl Mulbery
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
Published January 3, 10 and 17, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*.

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

Peregine Townhouses Property Owner's Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

INTERMOUNTAIN COACH LEASING, INC., et al.
Defendants

Case No.: 2018CV30091
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Christopher B. Conley
Hayes, Johnson & Conley, PLLC
700 South 21st Street
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Tel. 479.242.8811
Email: chris@hjclegal.com
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**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):**
JOHN H MCDANIEL
DANIEL GOLDBERG
ABIGAIL GOLDBERG
KATHRYN MAY-HUME
ALBERT R HUME
ROBERT C FAUDREE

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 Peregine Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Peregine 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:
Peregine Townhouses Phase IV
Matter Amount
Owners: JOHN H MCDANIEL
Building Number: 16
Lot (Unit) Number: 7831-7832
UDI Points: 200,000
Lien Amount \$2,249.69
Owners: DANIEL GOLDBERG & ABIGAIL GOLDBERG
Building Number: 17
Lot (Unit) Number: 7833-7834
UDI Points: 105,000

Peregine Townhouses Phase IV, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 98002629, subject to First Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 98002628, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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 Peregine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Lien Amount \$1,669.63
Peregine Townhouses Phase VII
Matter Amount
Owners: KATHRYN MAY-HUME & ALBERT R HUME
Building Number: 36
Lot (Unit) Number: 7871-7872
UDI Points: 77,000

Peregine Townhouses Phase VII, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20005495, subject to Third Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 20002414, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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 Peregine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Lien Amount \$1,808.69
Peregine Townhouses Phase VIII
Matter Amount
Owners: ROBERT C FAUDREE
Building Number: 38
Lot (Unit) Number: 7875-7876
UDI Points: 105,000

Peregine Townhouses Phase VIII, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 20010666, subject to Third Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 20002414, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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 Peregine Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Lien Amount \$1,950.16
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
The Upper San Juan Health Service District d/b/a Pagosa Springs Medical Center is accepting qualification submissions for PSMC's HVAC Renovation Project.

Before responding to this RFQ, please obtain the complete RFQ Package setting forth the minimum qualifications, the description of the project, scope of services, schedule, insurance/bond requirements, and other details for the HVAC Renovation Project from Heather Thomas by contacting her at Heather.Thomas@PSMEDC.org or 970-507-3815.

Notice published in the Pagosa Sun on 1/10/19. RFQ responses due to Heather Thomas at PSMC before the closing deadline which is 12:00 noon on Wednesday 1/15/2019.

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**Notice of Public Meeting
Planning Commission**
Archuleta County, Colorado

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to CRS 30-28-204 that the Planning Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado, will hold a public meeting to consider updating the County Building codes from 2006 International Residential Code (IRC) & International Building Code (IBC) to 2015 IRC & IBC with modifications. Also revision to the Archuleta County Building Safety Regulations. The language proposed to be adopted is available for review in the County Building Department 970-264-1390.

The public meeting will be held on Wednesday January 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the County Commissioner's meeting room at 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at which time all interested parties will be heard.

Written comments may also be submitted to the Archuleta County Planning Department, P. O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, at or prior to said meeting.

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119th Christmas Bird Count recap

By Keith Bruno
Special to The SUN

On Dec. 15, 2018, 56 participants from the Pagosa Springs community came together to count birds in the 119th Christmas Bird Count (CBC).

They divided into eight different zones and systematically walked, drove and cross-country skied across those areas to count birds. Some folks even wandered around in the dark to successfully locate the hoots of a great horned owl on count day. Additionally, volunteers for the effort kept tabs on bird species seen over the course of the count week.



Photo courtesy Kristine Rubish

This female green-winged teal in flight was one of 3,466 birds counted in the Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 15, 2018. A total of 5,314 birds were counted the previous year by the same number of observers.

Why does all this matter? First off, this year our team pinpointed 63 species of birds; that's three more species than last year. But, last year (2017), we tallied 5,314 total birds. This year (2018), we tallied 3,466 total birds. (Note: same amount of observers as last year.) That's a big drop anyway you look at it.

At the end of the day, we gathered for chili and stories from the day of birding. Folks saw lots of raptors. A juvenile white morph ferruginous hawk had us guessing whether or not it was indeed a ferruginous or a rough-legged hawk. Fair amounts of waterfowl were located on the lakes.

Local Cub Scout participants even jumped in to help with spotting birds. Good stuff. But, in general, even before total numbers were tallied, participants could sense that they had seen far less numbers of birds when compared to last year. An American pipit and Say's phoebe were spotted along the river trail. A prairie falcon was spotted during the count week. Normal birds for this part of the world, but quite unusual to see these birds at this time of year.

So, what do we make of this phenomenon? Was it lasting repercussions from the year's drought? Was

it a poor year for reproduction as a result? Did the birds simply head elsewhere for the winter for more fodder? The answer is: We don't know. But, there's one way to get an answer and that involves continuing to conduct CBCs for the future. For, if we continue to observe and document what we see, then patterns can be discerned. Perhaps we can continue to learn how our avian neighbors are faring through bouts of drought, wildfire and any seasonality changes that we seem to be undergoing. After all, citizen science (now coined "community" science) is a way for us to contribute to understanding our current predicament.

Thanks to all you great folks that came out to count birds for the 119th CBC.

Cabin Fever Festival to support community bouldering gym

By Michael Whiting
Special to The SUN

Net proceeds will support the new nonprofit community bouldering gym.

Kick off the winter blahs and reconnect at the Cabin Fever Festival around a huge bonfire of our old Christmas trees, with live music, beer and food.

The event gets underway after 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, on Hot Springs Boulevard behind Bank of the San Juans and The Springs Resort.

This inaugural event is a fun, casual celebration of winter and friends for full-time locals, part-time locals and visiting locals.

Drop off your Christmas tree at the location (follow the signs) or bring it with you to toss on the fire. For event information, call 946-2422.

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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.

Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 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. SEWELLAND ROBBIN L. SEWELL
Original Beneficiary(ies) UNITED COMPANIES FUNDING, INC.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for UCFB MHI 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 §38-38-101(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 ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 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)'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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Business

Strides being made toward broadband solution

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

To move forward with the broadband efforts within Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved two items recently.

The first step involved the BoCC approving its 2019 budget on Dec. 12, which included \$100,000 for the broadband project of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC).

For CDC President Jodi Scarpa, funding from the town and county is a vote of confidence for the work the CDC has done.

"We are excited to validate that trust, move broadband forward, and begin to improve connectivity throughout our community," Scarpa wrote in an email to The SUN.

The next step involved a letter of support from the BoCC for both the CDC and Skywerx for broadband grant funding.

That grant funding would be from the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA).

At a work session of the BoCC on Jan. 2, CDC Administrator Mary Jo Coulehan offered updated information on the broadband project.

"Two things are very exciting that you may not be aware of. We

are following what we gave you in the proposal. So, one of the first things that they're working on is the Aspen Springs monopole to try and get some service out there," Coulehan explained.

An Internet service provider needs to apply for the DORA funds, not a county or governmental agency, which means that Skywerx is applying for the funds, Coulehan added later.

According to Coulehan, Skywerx and/or Mammoth Networks will also be donating money.

"So, we have expanded, or extended, the amount of money committed from 35 percent, which is what we had budgeted to," she said. "We are able now to take that down to 17.5 percent. They will be matching that as well."

The money that the BoCC allocated for 2019 for broadband will now be able to "go even farther," as Coulehan described.

The CDC is in the process of finishing a request for proposal (RFP) for the broadband project manager and that RFP is due by Jan. 15.

According to Coulehan, the amount that is being applied for is approximately, "a couple hundred-thousand."

"Broadband is a utility now. It's not like it used to be," BoCC Chair Steve Wadley stated.

In regard to when the CDC will need the money from both the town and county, Coulehan explained that DORA will not give the CDC an answer until March.

"So, I would not think until second quarter, most likely, if we're granted the funds," Coulehan said.

The grant recipient will be Skywerx, Coulehan noted, or whoever the CDC chooses for future projects.

The grant is not a reimbursement grant; however, it is a money-for-projects grant with the money being provided up front, Coulehan noted.

"It's in the grant that we will be providing matching funds. If in fact, they are looking for partners and we will indicate to them that we, the county and the town, are committing 17.5 percent to whatever the match is," Coulehan stated.

Finally connect

In the letter of support, attributed to Wadley, it states that Archuleta County is "topographically challenged."

"In many cases, it is cost prohibitive for providers such as CenturyLink to access these more remote yet populated areas," the letter explains. "Utilizing Skywerx's fixed based wireless technology for

these harder to reach project areas, we believe we can finally connect some of the more remote regions of our county."

For the county's Community Development Action Plan (CDAP), the area of technology was ranked a high priority for the community, the letter explains.

"We wish to increase the last mile buildout to certain unincorporated areas of our county to provide access for families with children for distance learning, emergency services, telecommuters, and even just basic internet service," Wadley wrote.

With improvements made to the wireless industry, Wadley notes that the economy of Pagosa Springs will be diversified by supporting at-home businesses, which was one of the CDAP's initial goals.

The letter of support also praises Skywerx for its efforts in bringing more and better coverage to remote areas.

"We would like to see their efforts continue as they connect remote Archuleta County areas through this grant project proposal," the letter states.

That letter of support was approved by the BoCC at its regular meeting on Jan. 2.

chris@pagosasun.com

CHAMBER NEWS

Archuleta County reassessed to an enhanced rural enterprise zone

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

In an update from the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, communities throughout the state were informed of their enterprise zone qualification.

Let's take a step back first and describe what an enterprise zone means to a community. The state offers businesses or individuals a state tax credit if they invest in an enterprise zone project or EZ designated area. Start-up businesses can get credits for new hires and job training, employer-sponsored health insurance, commercial vehicle investment, vacant building rehabilitation and new employee credit for agricultural processor.

Businesses must apply for the credits before the project is started to ensure qualification. It is not retroactive. Individuals can also receive state tax credits if they contribute to a certified EZ project.

There are a number of qualified projects in Archuleta County including the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC), Pagosa Springs Medical Center Foundation, Seeds of Learning, the Geothermal Greenhouse Partner-

ship and more, just to name a few. The complete list can be accessed on the state EZ website, www.choosecolorado.com/ez. Contributors will receive a 25 percent state credit for "cash" contributions or a 12.5 percent credit for "in kind" contributions. Check with the nonprofit you are donating to see if they are a certified EZ project.

In order to become an enhanced rural enterprise zone, the community must meet two of five criteria that the state has established. An enhanced enterprise zone community is eligible to extend a higher tax credit for new employees and the agricultural processor new employee credit.

Portions of Archuleta County have been designated as an enterprise zone for years and now qualified for this enhanced status by having a county per capita income less than 75 percent of the state average and the total nonresidential assessed value ranked in the lower half of all counties. Three counties were added to the enhanced list this year: Archuleta, Moffat and Yuma. This list is revised every two years.

The county has a plat of the designated enterprise zone areas. The Chamber and CDC also have maps of these designated areas. If you are interested in moving a business to Pagosa or

you are a business that knows someone that is interested in opening or moving their business, it is important that they contact the Chamber to obtain the correct information. It is also critical that they contact the Region 9 offices to register their project in advance of building to receive the proper guidance and assistance so they can qualify for all the appropriate tax credits.

For more information about enterprise tax credits and the Enhanced Rural Enterprise Zone Program, please contact the Chamber at 264-2360 or the Region 9 offices at 247-9621.

Membership news

We kick off the new year with a good amount of renewing businesses this week. Thank you to longtime Chamber members Galles Properties, Raymond Rent-a-Nerd, Adobe Abodes and Harms Photo/Graphic Associates. Other renewing members include All Seasons Lake Lodge, Elk Peaks Consulting Group, Bookends, Southwest Garage Doors and the Pagosa Fire Protection District.

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Region 9 Economic Development District opens Pagosa Springs satellite office

By Laura Lewis Marchino
Special to The SUN

As of Jan. 9, the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado (Region 9) will have a satellite office located in the Bank of the San Juans building in Pagosa Springs.

"Adding office space in the communities we serve has been a long-term goal in support of our mission," said Laura Lewis Marchino, Region 9's executive director. "Having this physical location in Pagosa Springs will be much more convenient for the east side of our region and allow Region 9's programs and services to be more easily accessed by

the Pagosa and Archuleta businesses."

Region 9 is a nonprofit corporation led by a 26-member board of directors that provides lending capital for start-up businesses, businesses needing smaller amounts or those that have a funding gap with their local bank.

Region 9 also administers the Enterprise Zone Tax credit program, provides socioeconomic data, and provides a variety of technical assistance to support economic development goals and priorities.

Office hours will be Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment at 305 Hot Springs Blvd. Please contact Region 9 at 247-

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June Madrid, former clerk and recorder, receives a plaque from commissioners Ron Maez and Steve Wadley.



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Betty Diller, former treasurer, receives a plaque from the county commissioners.



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Michael Whiting, former commissioner, poses with his family and his plaque.



Honoring the past and welcoming the future

With newly elected officials taking the helm this week, Archuleta County has been honoring the past and welcoming the future. The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners honored the three outgoing elected officials with plaques on Jan. 2 and Jan. 8, while the majority of the newly elected and re-elected officials were sworn in by Sixth Judicial District Court Judge Jeffrey Wilson on Jan. 8.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce
Commissioner Alvin Schaaf shakes Judge Jeffrey Wilson's hand after taking his oath of office.



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Clerk and Recorder Kristy Archuleta is sworn in.



Photo courtesy Natalie Woodruff
Treasurer Elsa White is sworn in by County Court Judge Justin P. Fay on Dec. 31, 2018.



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Assessor Natalie Woodruff shakes Judge Jeffrey Wilson's hand after being sworn in.



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Sheriff Rich Valdez shakes Judge Jeffrey Wilson's hand after being sworn in.



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ARTS & LIFE

'Little Women: the Musical'

Playing at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts through Jan. 20



Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

January 10, 2019

‘Little Women: the Musical’: A heartwarming tale of sisterhood for the whole family

By **Tess Wisher**
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company's production of "Little Women: the Musical" is playing at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts through Jan. 20.

This heartwarming musical, based on the beloved book by Louisa May Alcott, tells the story of the four March sisters: Jo, Beth, Amy and Meg. We follow these four sisters as they grow into womanhood through love, loss and swashbuckling stories.

Directed by Dennis Elkins, "Little Women" is a story of a military service family while they fulfill their duty to their country and supporting their ambitions. You catch a glimpse into Marmee's struggles raising four little women by herself while her husband is serving in the Civil War. You see Jo's desperation to be a part of something bigger than herself while honoring her commitment to her family.

Like in the book, Jo March, played

by Marion Bienvenu, is a strong-willed, independent aspiring young writer clawing for her chance at literary success. Through Bienvenu's performance, you see the effect of her familial bonds in every action. She strives to support her family while her father is serving in every way she can. She illegally chops

Her family is what she needs to succeed in a world that is all too happy to remind her she is not following the rules.

down a Christmas tree. She sells her hair. She writes constantly. In each of these actions and more, Bienvenu highlights Jo's undying duty to her family with superb acting and a powerful voice that will have you breathless.

The entire cast of "Little Women" is filled with phenomenal performances, especially by the three March sisters who are portrayed by Grace Olson-Davidson (Meg), Alicia Osborn (Beth) and Pagosa Springs native Johannah Laverty (Amy). Each of these women brings their special brand of familial love to the table.

The scenic elements, designed by Matthew D. McCarren, create a beautiful playground that easily transforms from the March living room to a deep dark forest in Jo's story. But no matter what, the living room and attic where Jo writes

her stories are always present. No matter where the story transports us, the March home is forever ingrained in our view of that space, because it is the ever-guiding force for the four sisters.

"Little Women" is the story of four sisters as they grow into adulthood and discover their places in the world. The musical is filled with moments of Jo desperately searching for passion and excitement, but ultimately finding that her greatest adventure story is with her sisters. Her family is what gives her strength. Her family is what she needs to succeed in a world that is all too happy to remind her she is not following the rules. But, by not following those rules, she is supporting her family while the country is at war.

If you want to see a musical with strong women who sing about meaningful life events, beautiful music that captivates universal struggles and joys of growing up, and a sword fight or two, this is the show for you. "Little Women: The Musical" is more than that novel you read in 10th grade with some music thrown on top. It's a new way to see this strong and inspiring family. It's captivating and powerful, full of life and youthful ambition. It's truly a must see story.

"Little Women: the Musical" will be playing through Jan. 20 at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. To get your tickets, visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW (7469).

Thingamajig Theatre is a professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater in residence within the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts producing musicals, comedies and dramas year-round.

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Jason Rose and Denise Chaney to offer music for Sunday Night Unplugged

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

Sunday Night Unplugged at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will begin the new year this Sunday at 5 p.m. with the lovely sounds of Jason Rose and Denise Chaney serenading the evening of meditation.

"They have developed that innate sense of ensemble that comes from years of experience."

If you have never experienced the quiet beauty of Sunday Night Unplugged, you might find it is exactly what you need to help start the year on steady footing.

Sunday Night Unplugged is simple in its approach, giving tools for those in attendance to enjoy quiet meditation and prayer. These tools include scriptural and secular readings and prayers interspersed with beautiful contemplative music, all centered around extended periods of silence.

Every month, Sunday Night Unplugged brings guest artists from around the community to provide music for the evening. Rose and Chaney have offered their talents on numerous occasions, offering their original songs to complement the theme of the evening.

This week, they will be accompanied by guest backup musicians, including Nicole Cotts on vocals, Jarret Chaney on bass and Samuel Hughes on cajon.

"Jason and Denise have sung together for years and have produced numerous CDs of their music. They have developed that innate sense of ensemble that comes from years of experience. We are always pleased and honored to have them sing for

us. They provide that quiet beauty that people have come to expect from Sunday Night Unplugged services. We always look forward to having them with us," said the Rev Douglas Neel, rector of St. Patrick's.

Sunday Night Unplugged takes place the second Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

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Life is about giving, not getting

Life is about giving, not getting. A personal gift from my 22-year-old grandson prompted this article.

He was so excited for me to see his gift that he opened my Gucci gift box. With great care and attention, he walked me through the importance of owning an item made of Gucci fabric. From the box, he took the scarf and wrapped it around my neck and insisted I model it. He wanted to feast his eyes on his gift.

At his coaching, I held the Gucci scarf up to the light and traced the woven threads in the form of the initial G. I smelled the wonderful Gucci scent and removed the hand-written card from the fold of the scarf.

The message read, "I love you so much, Grandma. You are the most wonderful lady I know."

The sentiment would have been enough for me for a lifetime, but the scarf was about me experiencing what was important to him.

My grandson bought the scarf for me and, according to his mother, he struggled. He wanted it for himself. He laid down his own wants and gave me "his scarf." It

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



was more than spending his whole paycheck. It defined his desires and what he wanted.

It reminded me of a short story by O. Henry, first published in 1905. The story told of a young husband and wife buying gifts for each other with very little money. The plot had a twist.

With only \$1.87 in hand, desperate to find a gift for Jim, Della cut her long beautiful hair and sold it to a nearby hairdresser for \$20. She bought a \$21 platinum fob for his pocket watch. The perfect gift for Jim.

Waiting for Jim to come home, Della sat at a table near the door. She prayed that Jim would still think she was pretty. Unusually late, Jim walked in and stopped short at the sight of Della.

Jim gave Della her present, an assortment of combs, useless now that her hair was short. He unwrapped the chain for his pocket watch, which he had sold to purchase the ornamental combs.

Although they were left with gifts that neither one could use they realized how far they were willing to go to show their love for each other.

This year, I knew I needed to do it. I looked at the Gucci scarf and tried it on one more time. I admired the workmanship. Then I wrapped it in fine paper. I didn't want to give it away. I had never owned a Gucci scarf.

My grandson opened my gift on Christmas. He tied the scarf around his neck and wore it the rest of the day. He was elated. His designer scarf had returned.

Final brushstroke: Sometimes showing our love to someone requires us to give up something we ourselves cherish.

Readers' comments

Send your comments to betty@bettyslade.com.

UUs to reflect upon theology

By Avalon Haykus

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

■ See Theology on next page

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PCNT announces classes and winter hours

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

“Your soul, that inner space, is yours to consult. It will always guide you in the right direction.” — Dr. Wayne Dyer.

All are welcome to join the Rev. Janet Wyrick and Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) on Sunday, Jan. 13, at 10:30 a.m., as we explore the topic “Accepting Change With Courage.”

Please notice the time change.

Science of Mind classes begin

On Sunday, Jan. 13, at 9 a.m., PCNT will begin a Science of Mind 101 course. It is an introductory eight-week course. We will learn to transcend limits and to live without boundaries. There will be study of the basic principles of Science of Mind. You will experience a life-

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Upcoming events

The following are upcoming events: “Reset Your Mind With Mantras and Essential Oils” on Thursday, Jan. 10, “Vision Board Playshop” on Saturday, Jan. 12, and Introduction to Astrology” on Thursday, Jan. 17. Please contact PCNT for more information.

PCNT is a New Thought center

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

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Theology

■ continued from previous page — ideas that offer guidance for this creative process.

Pauline 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, the Pagosa

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Writing as a divine calling

By Joyce Holdread
Special to The PREVIEW

“A page that aches for a word that speaks on a theme that is timeless ...” These words from a Neil Diamond song both attract and haunt me.

As finite human beings, we think that the Creator of the universe is powerful enough to enact whatever He chooses. This is true. But there is more at work here: He chooses to accomplish his ongoing restoration and creation through us. We are his eyes and ears, hands and feet, mind and heart, his voice and presence to our human community. He chooses to limit himself to expressing his healing action through us — with all our flaws. But our imperfections do not discourage God, nor do they diminish his call to us.

Divine callings are myriad and various; writing is one of them. The abolition of the slave trade affords a strong example of God’s restorative work through writing. In 18th century England, Quakers and evangelical groups were already resolute scribes depicting the evils of the slave trade. Although initially scorned, their work propelled a wider consciousness of this social malady.

Some of these unknown writers, obedient to their calling, influenced John Newton, William Wilberforce, Thomas Clarkson, and others who became the leaders of the antislavery movement in England. In 1833, the Slavery Abolition Act was finally written into law, just three days before the death of Wilberforce, who had been its constant champion for over four decades.

This legislation, in turn, along

A Matter of Faith

Noam Chomsky, American linguist and social critic, claimed that human language was “infinite utterances formed of finite elements.”

with the writings of former slaves and other European abolitionists, spanned the ocean to help sway the thinking of Americans, such as Abraham Lincoln and Harriet Beecher Stowe. Where would we be without the “Gettysburg Address” or “Uncle Tom’s Cabin”? Writings that have advanced the forward

movement of human life and consciousness through the ages could have been initiated by a humble Quaker sitting in his hovel below London Bridge, faithfully putting quill to parchment in response to God’s call.

Not only in restoration does God “need” us, but also in his continual creation. Again, Neil Diamond’s line reaches me: “... a song in search of a voice that is silent.”

Do we have stories ruminating in our hearts that we’ve never given birth to? Has our Creator breathed into our beings songs, ideas, projects that are nudging us for expression?

Noam Chomsky, American linguist and social critic, claimed that human language was “infinite utterances formed of finite elements.” This concept is fascinating: Our finite words can be strung together in an infinite variety to communicate God’s voice to a jaded world. This divine-human, creative confluence brings joy, hope for unrealized possibilities, and humor for our shared human condition through the works of Dante, Shakespeare, Cervantes or Twain. It provides powerful insights from writers like Dostoyevsky and Solzhenitsyn, or empathy for human suffering in the writings of Dickens, Hugo or Steinbeck.

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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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Photo courtesy John M. Motter

Last week our photograph featured Fil Byrne and Henry Gordon as young men in full western regalia with drawn six shooters. Today's photograph shows the same two in the same pose, now old men without six shooters but with lots of shared memories.

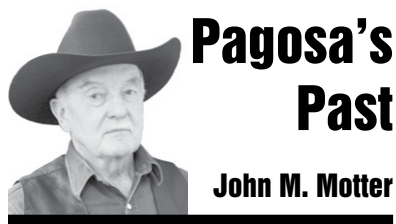
Dutch Henry Born: Wild West legend

This week we quote from the Dodge hometown newspaper starting with the headline: "CAUGHT AT LAST. The Renowned Dutch Henry, the Outlaw Chief, Has Fallen."

"Hearing that the great king of outlaws was in the hands of the Las Animas officers at Trinidad, Sheriff Masterson went up last Wednesday to see what he could see, and, if possible, secure the prisoner and bring him to Ford county to answer for the many 'irregularities' in his conduct toward the owners of horseflesh in this vicinity."

The following is from the Trinidad Enterprise, which explains what action was taken there:

"Dutch Henry,' the man who seems to be wanted in different states for a variety of crimes, such as horse-stealing, mail robbery, and even murder, and of whose arrest here we gave account in yesterday's Enterprise, was brought before Judge Walker to-day upon complaint of Sheriff Wootton, that he is a fugitive from justice in Ford county, Kansas, charged and indicted for grand larceny. The sheriff of Ford County, Mr. W.B. Masterson of Dodge City, was present as witness. Mr. Caldwell Yeaman appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Salisbury for the defense. We learn that in the course of the proceedings there was some sparring between one of the attorneys and the visiting sheriff from Dodge, in which the legal gentlemen became considerable excited by unwarrantable mention of 'unmentionable' matters by the witness. Now it is generally the witness who



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gets badgered and excited, and it may be well enough for gentlemen of the legal persuasion to happen upon a witness who can give them an opportunity to know how it is themselves. The result of the examination was that 'deutcher Heinrich' was bound over to appear at the March term of the district court, and it was ordered that in default of bail he shall be confined in the Bent county jail. A notice was made by the prisoner's counsel that the case be referred to Judge Chambers at Pueblo, and Justice Walker took the matter under advisement. 'Dutch Henry' is

rather a genteel looking man for a horse-thief, road-agent, and murderer. He has black hair and eyes, black mustache, long face, and Roman nose. His eyes are bright and penetrating, and indicate quick intelligence. He is dressed in a good suit of black, white shirt, and other corresponding clothing."

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New book explores value of books and libraries to our lives

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

If you are reading this “Library News” column, you probably love libraries and admire librarians. If yes, you no doubt will enjoy “The Library Book” by Susan Orlean, which garnered rave reviews and spent weeks on the New York Times nonfiction bestseller list.

The book opens with the 1986 fire that burned down the Los Angeles Central Library. Nobody died, but 50 firefighters were injured and more than a million books were damaged.

The fire didn’t make much news at the time — maybe in part because that same week, a nuclear reactor melted down in Chernobyl and sent the stock market crashing. Even after arson was suspected and a suspect identified, the fire never attracted the public’s imagination. It was just one of the many senseless, regrettable things that happened, was briefly noted and then more or less forgotten.

Orlean uses this fire and the 145-year history of the Los Angeles library system as a backdrop to deftly explore the purpose and value of libraries in the U.S. and around the world. Her storytelling skills make the people involved and even the buildings themselves come to life. In fact, this book follows three threads — the whodunit relating to the fire, the L.A. library system history and the broader evolution of libraries in our lives.

Here are a few excerpts to give you a sense of her book:

• “Volunteers ... formed a human chain, passing the books hand over hand from one person to the next, through the smoky building and out the door. It was as if, in

Library News

this urgent moment, the people of Los Angeles formed a living library. They created, for that short time, a system to protect and pass along shared knowledge, to save what we know for each other, which is what libraries do every day.”

• “The publicness of the public library is an increasingly rare commodity. It becomes harder all the time to think of places that welcome everyone and don’t charge any money for that warm embrace.”

• “Books are a sort of cultural DNA, the code for who, as a society, we are, and what we know. All the wonders and failures, all the champions and villains, all the legends and ideas and revelations of a culture last forever in its books.”

• “Even though the Internet and electronic media wouldn’t appear for decades, you can sense, even in the 1960s, that librarians knew traditional book lending would not always be the institution’s chief purpose ... Libraries were increasingly moving in the direction of functioning as information centers as well as being repositories of book collections.”

• “Libraries are old-fashioned, but they are growing more popular with people under 30. This younger generation uses libraries in greater numbers than older Americans do, and even though they grew up in a streaming, digital world, almost two thirds of them believe

that there is important material in libraries that is not available on the Internet.”

“The Library Book” is in our collection and available for your reading pleasure.

Legal clinic tomorrow

Friday, Jan. 11, from 2 to 3 p.m., a free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney will take place via computer link. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property tax, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veterans benefits and civil protection orders.

Please check in at the registration desk. You will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. This clinic takes place the second Friday of every month.

All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us Friday, Jan. 11, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. to enjoy a free G-rated movie with your friends and family. Our contract does not allow us to name the film in the media, but you can find the name in the activities calendars.

LEGO Club on Saturday

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

Board games

Monday, Jan. 14, fourth- through 12th-graders are invited to play a variety of board and tabletop games in this free session from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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Library

■ continued from previous page 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.

Teen writers group

Join us Wednesday, Jan. 16, from 4 to 5 p.m. for our free teen writers meeting for seventh- through 12th-graders. This group's interests include stories, poetry, graphic novels and fan fiction.

Computer classes

Join us for free sessions from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursdays to learn a useful technology skill or application. 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.

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.

Nonfiction

"Love for Imperfect Things" by Zen Buddhist monk Haemin Sunim advises how to accept yourself in order to be at peace with the world around you. "How Schools Work" by Arne Duncan is an inside account of the failures and success

from one of the nation's longest-serving secretaries of education. "The Minimalist Home" by Joshua Becker is a room-by-room guide to a decluttered, refocused life in any sized house or apartment. "Snowman" by Bob Eckstein is a history of this iconic winter symbol with

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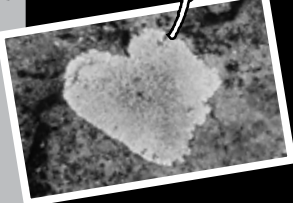


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2019 Senior Discount Club Memberships now available

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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VITA tax preparation

VITA will be returning to prepare federal and state income tax returns at no charge as part of the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

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 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:

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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

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Library

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in cannabis. "Ten Grapes to Know" by master sommelier Catherine Fallis is a guide to 375 wines with tasting notes. "Frommer's Easy Guide to Alaskan Cruises and Ports of Call" is a guide book.

Large print

"The Trading Post and Other Frontier Stories" contains 14 original stories of historical American fiction. "One If By Land" by Ethan J. Wolfe is book four of the Regulator Series. "Castle Butte" by John D. Nesbitt is a coming-of-age story where boys become men.

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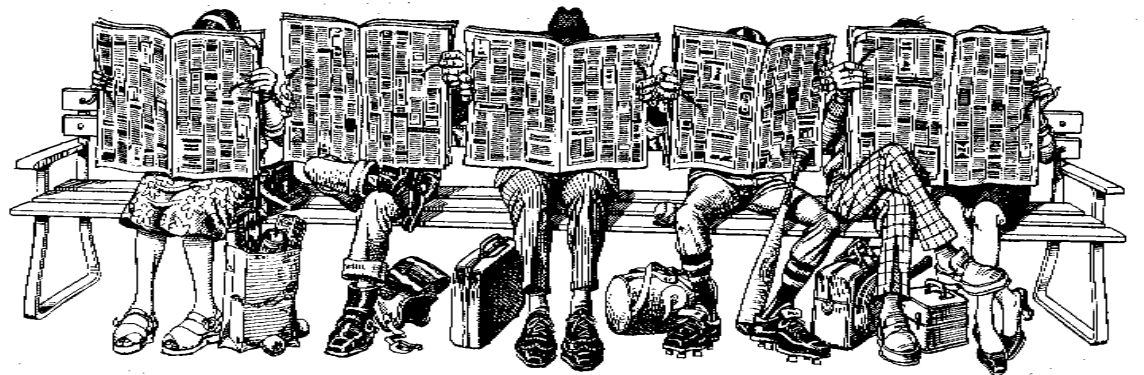
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Senior

■ **continued from previous page** 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 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: Gawande's five questions

By Kay Kaylor

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

Some of you may have heard of or read the bestselling 2014 book by Dr. Atul Gawande, a professor, writer and surgeon, titled "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End." After research and interviews with more than 200 people about their serious illness, he created "Five Questions to Ask at Life's End."

As Gawande emphasizes in a 2017 Google talk, the questions also are relevant to people considering long-term care options for themselves or loved ones. The intent is to identify the priorities of those facing changes due to age

or illness versus care created by a society built on "rescue" and safety.

The exact words vary, but here are the questions and comments derived from the talk:

1. What is your understanding of your current health or condition?

2. If your condition worsens, what goals would you have for life or health care? For example, would you prefer not to die in a hospital?

3. What are your fears or hopes for the future?

4. What tradeoffs are you willing to make or not make? (What are you willing to sacrifice or not sacrifice?) For example, how much pain medication would you like versus consciously experiencing your dying process?

5. What would a good day look like? For example, you may want to eat chocolate ice cream no matter what diet a doctor has prescribed.

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Medical alert monitoring systems are available for seniors. We can help you get set up with a system and assist with the monthly service charges or, if you already have a system in place, we can help supplement the monthly service fees.

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. 10 — Turkey potpie on puff pastry, bacon green beans, milk, salad bar and carrot cake.

Friday, Jan. 11 — Shrimp scampi with orzo, lemony roasted eggplant, stir-fried asparagus, breadstick with butter, milk and salad bar.

Monday, Jan. 14 — Orange chicken with brown rice, cauliflower snowflakes, yellow squash medley, milk, salad bar and poached pears.

Tuesday, Jan. 15 — Beef stroganoff, spinach pie, beets braised in butter, milk, salad bar and snickerdoodle cookies.

Wednesday, Jan. 16 — Grilled turkey sandwich, potato/leek soup, corn on the cob, cranberry sauce, milk and salad bar.

Thursday, Jan. 17 — Crunchy baked catfish with tartar sauce, Brussels sprouts with sweet chili sauce, roasted sweet potatoes, milk, salad bar and lemon cream pie.

Reservations and cancellations are required. You can make a reservation at 264-2167 by 9 a.m. the morning of the day you would like to dine in the Community Cafe at the Senior Center.

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Scene ... at the Christmas Bird Count. On Dec. 15, 2018, 56 participants from the Pagosa Springs community came together to count birds in the 119th Christmas Bird Count. The team pinpointed 63 species of birds during this year's count.



January is Radon Awareness Month

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Data shows that homes in most Colorado counties have the potential for radon levels above the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended action level.

Radon has been identified as a risk factor in developing lung cancer because it decays into radioactive particles that can get trapped in the lungs. These particles release bursts of energy that damage lung tissue, and it is estimated that radon may be associated with about 21,100 lung cancer deaths per year in the United States.

Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas emitted from uranium, a naturally occurring mineral in rocks and soil. Normally, radon rises up through the soil and dissipates in the air outside. Radon becomes a concern, however, when it seeps through openings such as cracks, loose-fitting pipes, sump pits, dirt floors, slab joints or block walls and accumulates in the home.

Because radon levels are influenced by a variety of factors — soil type and moisture, how tight the home is, type of heating and ventilation system, movement of air and groundwater, air pressure and lifestyles behavior of the occupants — the only way to know if a home has elevated levels of radon is to test it.

All homes in Colorado should be tested for radon, and only individual testing can determine which houses may have a radon problem. You cannot base your radon level on a neighbor's test result as every home is different. If tests show higher-than-acceptable levels of radon in the home, mitigation is needed.

The cost of repairs to reduce radon depends on how the home was built and the extent of the problem. Most homes can be fixed for \$800 to \$2,500. A variety of methods may be used to lower radon levels in a home, including sub-slab, drain tile, sump hole and block wall suction. Sealing cracks and other openings in the foundation and covering sump pump holes are basic approaches to radon reduction; however, sealing alone is not

Extension Viewpoints

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proven to significantly or consistently lower radon levels.

Free presentations about radon detection and mitigation will be offered at the CSU Extension office in Pagosa Springs on Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. and again on Jan. 29 at 10 a.m. To reserve your space at a presentation, call the San Juan Basin Public Health at 335-2030.

For more information on radon, testing, mitigation and resources, visit the CSU Extension website at www.ext.colostate.edu and download Fact Sheet No. 9.953, "Preventing Radon Problems in the Home."

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 for a disaster and help others in with their planning.

This is a free course, but the youth must commit to the full 21 hours and helping 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.

Annie's Project

Annie's Project is an educational program dedicated to strengthening women's roles in modern farm and ranch enterprises. The mission is to empower farm and ranch women to be better business partners through networks and by managing and organizing critical information.

The cost is \$75 and will be held from Feb. 28 to March 2. Materials and meals will be provided. Please come by the Extension office to pick up an application or visit the Facebook page, CSU Extension-Archuleta County, to download. Applications are due on Feb. 15.

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

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.

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.

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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.

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

Free Legal Clinic. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. No registration required. Please check in at the front desk. Everyone will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a free legal clinic via computer link for parties who have no attorney. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for the legal issues in the areas of family law, civil litigation, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, veteran's benefits and civil protection orders. Call 264-2209 for more information.

All-Ages Movie. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. A panda and noodle maker dreams of kung fu fighting. He has a long way to go if he wants to fulfill his destiny and become a legendary warrior. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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Saturday, Jan. 12

Pagosa Nordic Club: Learn to Cross Country Ski Clinic. 10 a.m., Cloman Park. An excellent clinic for never-ers, beginners and intermediate Nordic skiers. 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.

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.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6 to 12 years old. We've got the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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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.pagosacenter.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.

Sunday Night Unplugged. 5 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. We will begin the new year with the lovely sounds of Jason Rose and Denise Chaney serenading the evening of meditation. Sunday Night Unplugged includes scriptural and secular readings and prayers interspersed with beautiful contemplative music, all centered around extended periods of silence.

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.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

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

Board Games. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Those in the 4th-12th grades are invited to play a variety of board and tabletop games. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Teen Gaming. 4-5:30 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. 16

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

United Way Ski Day. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Wolf Creek Ski Area. Discount lift tickets will be available for \$61. Wolf Creek Ski Area will donate a portion of all lift tickets sold to United Way of Archuleta

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

Wellness Clinic. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Senior Center. Held by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

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.

Teen Writers. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Calling all teen writers: stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction — it's all welcome. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group. 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

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

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. 17

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.

Duplicate Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior

Center.

Computer Class: Microsoft Word Resumes. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. You will discover how to create a professional-looking resume. 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.

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Friday, Jan. 18

Pagosa Nordic Club: Moonlight Cross-Country Ski. Registration and more information can be found at PagosaNordic.com.

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.

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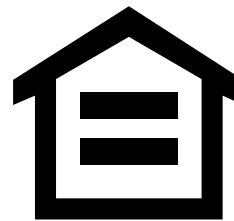
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ANSWER:



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‘FRIENDS! The Musical Parody’ will usher in 2019 with comedy Jan. 16 in Durango

By Indiana Reed
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“FRIENDS! The Musical Parody” is a comedic musical that lovingly lampoons the television show “Friends” — celebrating the misadventures of everyone’s favorite group of 20-something pals as they navigate the pitfalls of work, life and love in 1990s Manhattan.

Twice extended in New York since its opening in October 2017

and called “a delightfully naughty confection,” the musical plucks the best moments from the TV show’s 10 years and recreates those moments through an uncensored, fast-paced romp. Indeed, it’s a seemingly typical day at New York’s coffee shop, Central Perk, until an unexpected runaway bride with beautiful hair enters the picture and kicks the gang into comedic action.

“FRIENDS! The Musical Parody” is said to keep audiences laughing as well as tug at the heartstrings recalling regular themes: Will Rachel and Ross get together? Will Monica ever find love? Will Joey have an acting career?

Get a behind-the-scenes preview of the show on “New York

Live TV” at www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=12&v=rBL4aSaPic.

Tickets for “FRIENDS! The Musical Parody” (\$39/\$29) are available online at www.durangoconcerts.com, by calling 247-7657, or visiting the ticket office inside the Durango Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue in downtown Durango. Ticket office hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. Posted ticket prices include applicable service charges. All sales are final.

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Race. 8:30 a.m., Toner Ranch. This is an awesome spectator event. 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.

Girls’ Varsity Basketball. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Alamosa High School.

Boys’ Varsity Basketball. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Alamosa High School.

Thingamajig Theatre Presents ‘Lit-

tle 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.

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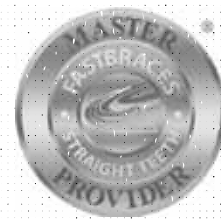
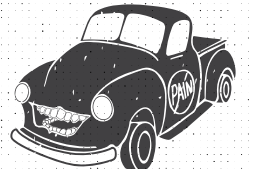
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New year commitments

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Even though it had been a few years since I had been a scoutmaster, I always tried to go on campouts with the boys when an extra adult was needed. This mostly fell on the high adventure in the summer, which lasted most of a week. Each year, as we hiked miles into the wilderness or attempted steep mountain terrain, I felt the challenge of my age a little more. And each time, I made a mental commitment to get into better shape.

I missed a couple of years of high adventure due to other responsibilities, and when I was able to

He approached me with skepticism that I would accept. "Daris," he said, "I know you're old and out of shape, but we really need someone to play old sow with us."

For those of you who have never played old sow, it's a game with about six to eight players, a hockey puck, clubs to pound the hockey puck, and everyone against everyone else. I doubt I need to say how this type of game plays out with a group of rambunctious boys, but I will mention that few ever go away from the game without a nice collection of bruises.

Jason started getting the game together, and a few of the boys his age agreed to play. But he really needed at least one more player. He went to all of the older boys first, and all of them turned him down. He then started at the youngest leaders and worked his way up. I was the oldest leader by a good 10 years, so after all of the others had turned him down, I was the last one for him to ask.

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He had me at the "old and out of shape" line.

"Get me a stick," I growled, "and prepare for a whippin'."

He excitedly ran back to the

other boys and told them the news. They quickly found me a big club, and after I whittled it somewhat smooth, we were in business.

I might have been old and out of shape, but I had played some tough games of old sow. The boys soon learned that experience could make up for an overabundance of energy. I blocked their sticks and moved the puck with great expertise.

"Wow!" Jason said, "I've never seen anybody play like that."

By the time the game was over, I had earned their respect, even though I was gasping for air. I determined once more to get into better shape. The hike the

next day only increased that resolve. Still, by the time the new year rolled around, I hadn't started an exercise routine. However, the thought of the high adventure only six months away made me recommit.

The days went by, and work and other challenges took priority. Before I knew it, we were on a high adventure again. This time I was the scoutmas-

ter. Our camp was at Bear Lake with lots of water activities. One of them included carrying our big paddle boards down the mountainside, spending a day on the lake, then carrying the paddle boards back up to the waiting trailer.

We carried the boards down in groups, two on each board, making multiple trips. But we spent a long time on the lake, and it was past time to set up camp. As the boys started struggling up the mountain, two carrying a paddle board, I decided we needed to hurry things up. I threw one on my shoulder and carried it up by myself. I even passed the boys. But when they finally caught up to me at the top, I was still struggling to catch my breath.

Jason looked at me and said, "You know, inside all of that old fatness, you're actually pretty strong."

And that was when I made a renewed commitment to get into shape again. And I still plan to make that my new year's commitment—right after I finish off the last of the Christmas pie so it won't go to waste.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Conn. neighbor
- 5 Herringlike fishes
- 10 Leave in, to an editor
- 14 Ancient Andean
- 15 "Water Lilies" painter
- 16 Fiesta fare
- 17 Go to great heights
- 18 Itsy-bitsy bits
- 19 How one might run
- 20 Spanish gentleman
- 22 Mac maker
- 23 Wife, jokingly
- 25 Hindu soul
- 28 Aspen aficionado
- 29 Word after pocket or loose
- 31 Deliberate destruction
- 36 They may be pulled
- 38 Dilbert's workspace
- 39 Erotic
- 41 Early English comedy, "_____ Gurton's Needle"
- 42 "Get lost!"
- 44 Minuscule
- 45 Accept responsibility
- 50 Unaccompanied
- 51 Weatherman offerings
- 55 Lose steam
- 56 Parlor piece
- 57 Beat badly
- 58 Clothing line
- 59 Certain exams
- 60 Frank Herbert sci-fi series
- 61 Nothing but
- 62 To the point
- 63 A whole bunch

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- 2 Forest ox
- 3 Wound covering
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- 5 Clothing size
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- 9 Ave. crossers
- 10 Kind of infection
- 11 Buccaneers' home
- 12 Reason for a food recall
- 13 Representative
- 21 Spiny lobster
- 22 Like Cirque du Soleil performers
- 24 Fix, in a way
- 25 Plays a part
- 26 Quaker's "you"
- 27 "Death in Venice" author
- 30 Son of Cain
- 32 They're punched at work
- 33 Top of the heap
- 34 Secluded valley
- 35 Mysterious: Var.
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Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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The Met: Live in HD continues with Cilea's 'Adriana Lecouvreur' Jan. 12

Indiana Reed
Special to The PREVIEW

The Met: Live in HD, presented by the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College in partnership with New York's Metropolitan Opera, continues its 2018-2019 series on Saturday, Jan. 12, with a new production of Francesco Cilea's "Adriana Lecouvreur."

The Met's performance will be screened in the Vallecito Room of the FLC Student Union, broadcast in high definition from the Metropolitan Opera beginning at 10:55 a.m. Run time is three hours, 16 minutes, with two intermissions.

The revered soprano Anna Netrebko joins the ranks of Renata Tebaldi, Montserrat Caballé and Renata Scotta, taking on — for the first time at the Met — the title role of the real-life, famed actress Adrienne Lecouvreur, whose intrigues — and on and offstage passions — dazzled 18th-century audiences.

The soprano is joined by tenor Piotr Beczala as Adriana's lover, Maurizio. The cast also features mezzo-soprano Anita Rachvelishvili and baritone Ambrogio Maestri. Gianandrea Noseda conducts.

"Adriana Lecouvreur" unfolds in Paris in 1730. The setting reflects a nostalgia for the Rococo era that swept over Europe and the Americas around the turn of the last century.

Sir David McVicar's staging for the new Met production, which sets the action in a working replica of a Baroque theater, premiered at the Royal Opera House in London, where the Guardian praised the "elegant production, sumptuously designed ... The spectacle guarantees a good night out."

"Adriana Lecouvreur" occupies a unique place in opera history: largely dismissed by experts from its premiere in Teatro Lirico, Milan, 1902, to the present day — yet it is cherished by its fans for the dramatic possibilities provided by the lead roles.

The opera is said to offer a deft combination of frank emotionalism and flowing lyricism. Based on a play by Eugène Scribe, Cilea's operatic retelling quickly became a favorite of charismatic soloists. The title character in particular is a quintessential diva role.

View a promotional video of "Adriana Lecouvreur" at www.metopera.org/season/2018-19-season/Adriana-Lecouvreur.

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The Met Live in HD features four



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additional operas in the 2018-2019 season:

- "Carmen" (Bizet) — Feb. 2.
- "La Fille du Régiment" (Donizetti) — March 2.
- "Die Walküre" (Wagner) — March 30.
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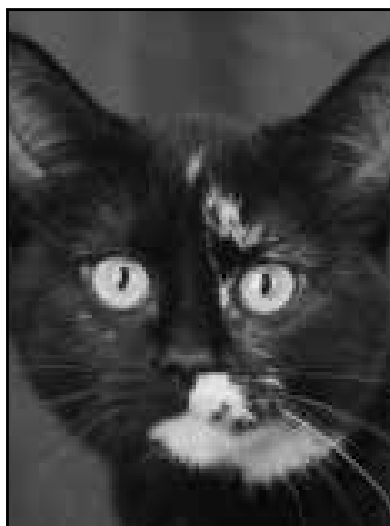
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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER has openings for an **PRN Emergency Department RN**. Applicants must have CO RN licensure and Emergency Department experience. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration and the human resources office or downloaded from www.pagosaprimedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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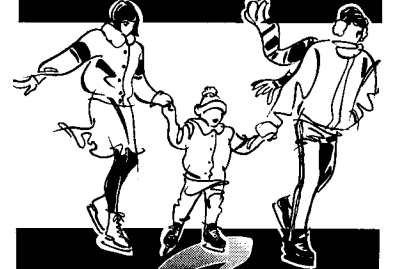
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intuition to lead the way.

In his book, "Man and his Symbols," Carl G. Jung wrote, "Imagination and intuition are vital to our understanding. And though the usual popular opinion is that they are chiefly valuable to poets and artists ... they are in fact equally vital in all the higher grades of science ... Even physics, the strictest of all applied sciences, depends to an astonishing degree upon intuition."

Music provides a key for unlocking imagination and intuition.

"There, now I've got it," Albert Einstein would often say, after

playing the piano or violin. His son, Hans, explained that whenever Einstein felt that he had come to the end of the road or into a difficult situation in his work, he would take refuge in music, and that would usually resolve all his difficulties.

It's fascinating that Einstein, one of the greatest physicists of all time, valued music so much to inspire his imagination and intuition.

"If I were not a physicist," he

said, "I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music ... I get most joy in life out of music."

Rhythm, dynamics, melody, harmony, tone color, texture, form — the world of music can awaken our intuition and get us traveling in creative directions. The hand-drumming class offers an opportunity to explore the art of intuitive music; free improvisation

without any rules beyond the logic or inclination of the participants involved.

Designed as an opportunity for people of all ages to unleash their creativity, the class is a family-friendly activity. No previous experience is necessary. Drums are provided for those who do not have one.

For more information, call 731-3117. The Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave.

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 brown creeper.

This tiny bird is common in mature, coniferous forests, but is so well camouflaged that it often goes unnoticed. Its brown back streaked with light and dark tones resembles the bark of a tree. The creeper's defense against predators, spreading motionless and flat against a tree, is a disappearing act. Its white belly is hidden against the tree trunk.

Unlike nuthatches that move headfirst down the tree, creepers seek out insects, eggs, larvae and spiders by spiraling up the trunk. They use their long, slender, downcurved bills to probe the crevices in the bark, and their long, stiff tails for balance. After reaching the top of a tree, a creeper will fly down to the base of another and begin its upward journey again.

In winter when insects are scarce, creepers will add seeds to their diet and come to suet and sunflower feeders. They are also more likely to join mixed-species flocks and roost with other creepers in winter.

Brown creepers require large, live trees for foraging insects near dead or dying loose-barked trees for nesting. The female builds her small, tightly woven nest hidden between the bark and the trunk of a tree. After logging operations, the brown creeper is an indicator species used to determine if the forest has remained healthy.

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

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