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County approves contract to purchase Harman Park property To build a detention facility

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

At its regular meeting on Jan. 15, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted to approve a contract to buy 4.98 acres for \$45,000, with that property located at 125 Harman Park Drive, for the purpose of building a detention facility.

Former County Attorney Todd Starr presented his staff report to the county commissioners in which he recommended the county buy the property.

Starr noted the \$45,000 purchase price is "substantially less than what we believe it would go for in the market."

According to Starr's staff report on the real estate deal, "The County was approached by a representative of the Estate of Fred C. Harman III, who

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Photo courtesy James Dickhoff

Almost 60 participants take advantage of the Pagosa Nordic Club's Learn to Cross Country Ski Clinic on Saturday, Jan. 12. The classic cross-country skiing and skate skiing lessons are for never-evers, beginners and intermediates and are 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. The next clinics are scheduled for Jan. 26 and Feb. 9.

Upper San Juan site up 10 percent in snowpack from last week

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Whoever has done their snow dance over the past week, local snowpacks thank you, as totals have once again increased, this time by 5 percent, according to data from the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Last week, snowpack totals for the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins sat at 79 percent of median, while, as of Jan.

16, those totals were at 84 percent of median.

The Upper San Juan site, located within those basins, has also seen an increase, with a snowpack total of 66 percent of median, up from last week's total of 56 percent of median.

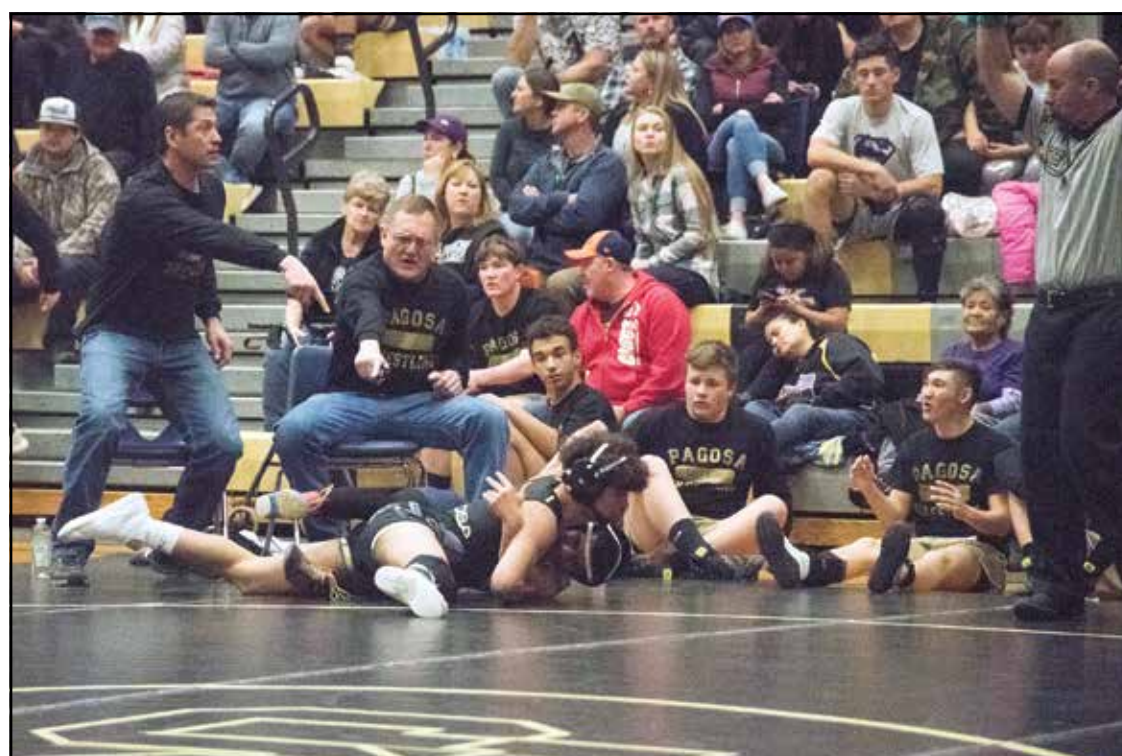
For the Upper Rio Grande Basin, another increase was indicated in snowpack totals, with current levels measuring 80 percent of median.

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Photo courtesy Lili Pearson

An Abert's squirrel plays peek-a-boo with a photographer from its hiding spot in a tree following a recent snowstorm.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Coaches and teammates react to one of EJ Monterroso's early matches at the Pagosa Springs Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational on Jan. 12. Monterroso notched a third-place finish to help his team claim first.

Property tax notices mailed, reflect increases

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Property tax notices are now hitting the mailboxes of Archuleta County property owners and, as Assessor Natalie Woodruff indicated, some property owners are being caught off guard by the fact that their taxes have increased.

Woodruff explained that the top two questions coming into her office since the notices began being delivered Monday have been why taxes went up and how taxes can be protested.

Also raising questions is a pink piece of paper included in the envelope with the tax notice urging property owners to ensure their lots under 35 acres are not affected by a recent county resolution concerning improperly divided parcels.

Why did my taxes go up?

Woodruff reminded the public that taxes increased due to a pair of property tax increases approved by voters in 2018.

"We don't set the mill levies," she said, noting that the assessor's office only works with values of property and each district is in charge of its own mill levy.

In May, during a special district election, property owners within the Pagosa Fire Protection District voted to increase the district's mill levy from 4.073 to 7.865.

In November, Archuleta School District voters opted to allow the district to collect an additional \$1.7 million in revenue each year.

To receive that amount, 29.7 mills are being levied for the 2018 tax payment, an increase from 24.209 mills.

2019 (for 2018 property taxes) is the first time both mill increases have been applied.

How can I protest my taxes?

Woodruff explained that property owners cannot protest taxes, only assessed values.

Values, she added, would have had to have been protested in May of 2018 to affect the tax bills making their way to owners now.

What if I haven't received my notice?

Woodruff explained that if property owners haven't received their notices by Jan. 22 or 23, they should call

■ See Notices A8

District attorney finds no criminal wrongdoing in November election

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

An investigation by the Sixth Judicial district attorney into an elections complaint filed in November by former sheriff candidate Rob Keating has concluded there was no evidence of criminal wrongdoing.

In a Jan. 9 email to The SUN, Sixth Judicial District Attorney Christian Champagne stated, "After careful consideration and investigation, it was found that Mr. Keating's complaint and the supporting evidence he presented did not rise to the level of establishing probable cause that a crime had been committed."

The district attorney's investigation concluded a few weeks after the Colorado Secretary of State's Office had already determined that Keating's allegations were mostly unfounded, which was reported by The SUN on Nov. 29, 2018.

Keating's complaint was mainly

■ See Election A8

Pagosa man arrested for fraud, criminal impersonation

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A Pagosa Springs man was arrested on Jan. 3 on charges stemming from allegations that he trespassed into multiple unlocked cars and stole items, then cashed a stolen check.

The estimated total value of the items and cash taken is about \$2,000, according to Pagosa Springs Police Chief Bill Rockensock.

"Between Jan. 2 and Jan. 3, we had three reports of first-degree criminal trespass into motor vehicles," Rockensock said, with the cars broken into being located in the Mesa Heights subdivision.

All the vehicles were unlocked, he noted.

The individual who broke into the vehicles stole multiple items, Rockensock reported, including

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EDITORIAL

Weathering winter's storms

Experiencing exceptional drought this past year makes one truly appreciate the snow that has blessed Pagosa Country these past few weeks.

Unfortunately, we are not yet out of the woods or the rating of exceptional drought, and we are thankful for additional snow in the forecast.

Those of us who have lived here for some time are accustomed to heavy, wet snowstorms causing power outages, impassable roads, traffic accidents, school closures or delays, and other storm-related chaos.

During those times, you will find snowplow drivers, utility crews and emergency services personnel stepping up to the challenge of opening roadways, restoring services and keeping us safe regardless of the weather or the time of the year.

You will find Colorado Department of Transportation crews out at all hours working to keep our highways open, including the one over Wolf Creek Pass. On top of that, they work to perform avalanche control.

For most snowstorms, Archuleta County snowplows start rolling as early as 2 a.m. to allow for school buses and residents to get where they need to go.

Town crews take an all-hands-on-deck approach when storms hit as

all maintenance crews and parks and sanitation staff work to clear snow.

During these storms, towing companies are on call, ready to pull unlucky people out of ditches. Unfortunately, there are many people who are just plain careless and who need to slow down or just not get out on the roads at all.

Challenges come with heavier, more extreme storms. Some county roads may not be plowed the day of the storm. Those days, only first-priority roads might be plowed.

There are numerous things that can affect plowing schedules, including unusual weather conditions, emergency situations, safety concerns and available resources.

You should always be prepared for storms and keep an eye on the weather forecast. Make sure you have your prescriptions refilled before a storm hits. Water, first aid supplies, pet supplies, batteries, canned heat, flashlights, candles and heating fuel are a few things you should keep on hand.

Do you have enough food for a few days? Bread, eggs and milk are often cleared off the shelves before a big storm.

Do you have a full tank of gas in your car and tires with good tread?

Emergency supplies in your car can come in handy.

And, don't forget to check on your neighbors to be sure they are doing OK.

Pagosans are a caring sort of people who pull together during these storms. There's nothing like discovering that neighbors and friends have already plowed your driveway for you.

Last week, we witnessed two people getting stuck in an alleyway downtown. Both times, strangers came to the rescue. One man picked away at thick ice to free a car. Three SUN employees came to the rescue of a Jeep spinning on ice and pushed it until the vehicle started moving again.

When a county plow truck got stuck along a residential street, a homeowner delivered a cup of hot coffee to the driver while he waited to be pulled out of the ditch.

Being so accustomed to these winter storms, we don't always stop and think about our snowplow and tow truck drivers, utility crews, emergency services personnel, complete strangers, friends and neighbors who help us out when we need it the most.

We extend a sincere thank you to everyone in our community for pulling together for a job well done.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 18, 1929

Many unforeseen difficulties have been encountered in installing the light plant at the company site below town the past week, and during a test made yesterday morning it was discovered that a piston rod had been broken during a previous setup at Alamosa, where the plant had formerly been in operation. Manager J.L. Giger and John H. Lattin immediately departed for Durango, where a new rod is now being turned out at the foundry. The part is expected to be ready by tomorrow noon and will probably reach here by tomorrow night. If so, and providing installation can be made without other trouble developing, there is a possibility of lights and power Sunday night or within a short time thereafter.

Mrs. F. A. Woods is now recovering from severe burns sustained while trying to save clothing and furniture during the recent burning of the Chas. Hazelwood ranch home on the Blanco, in which she and her son, Chas. Garvey, resided.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 21, 1944

The Pagosa Springs Billiard Hall located beneath the Post Office has just been opened by J.W. Slater, of Durango. The new proprietor has gone to considerable expense to repair and renovate the equipment and the patronage of the general public will be greatly appreciated. A decent and respectable atmosphere will be maintained and the ladies are cordially invited to come and learn the game of Pocket Billiard. Basic instruction will be given without extra charge.

Mrs. C.T. Hazelwood left for Denver Saturday night to be with Mr. Hazelwood, who became seriously ill with a leg infection. Mr. Hazelwood will be confined to the hospital in Denver for the next ten days. Mr. Hazelwood had made the trip to Denver Wednesday of last week with a shipment of cattle when he became ill.

A fire in the Triple "S" Coal Mine at the Snooks ranch on Beaver Creek and run by Oliver Swain, of Bayfield, did a lot of damage to timbering and track last Friday.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 16, 1969

Errol Ryland, biologist for the Colorado State Game, Fish and Parks Department, was in this area the past week making a trend count of elk. The county showed that the elk herd in this area is holding its own very well.

A new, 3100-foot-long Poma lift tow started operations at Wolf Creek Pass Saturday. Work on installing the tow was started last summer but a delay in receiving some of the equipment prevented the tow from operating until last Saturday. The new tow opens up an area of deep powder snow that is thought to be the finest in Colorado. In addition several new runs are available at the tow. The new tow gives the Wolf Creek Ski Area a total of four operating tows and a capacity in excess of 1500 skiers per hour on the tows. All skiers who have used the new powder ski area and the new trails are in accord that the construction of the additional lift has lifted the Wolf Creek Ski Area into the ranks of major ski areas. The fact that there are no overnight accommodations at Wolf Creek will prevent it from having the attendance that is found at other areas.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
January 20, 1994

County commissioners Tuesday agreed to further explore the prospect of asking voters to extend the temporary 2-cent sales tax. Before the tax can go on the ballot though, the commissioners agreed that the division of tax revenues between city and county must be clarified. The discussion resulted in part from county interest in the town's efforts to annex a portion of U.S. 160. The section in question extends to the site of the proposed Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Center, west of South Pagosa Boulevard. A county-wide vote approved the 2-cent sales tax increase in 1988 with the restriction that the tax would be rescinded in 1995. The vote also obligated the county to use its portion of the tax monies to pay for the courthouse remodeling and construction of the county jail facility. The town's receipts were targeted for capital improvements such as the paving of many of the town's streets and alleys.

WHADDYA THINK?

What is your favorite winter activity?

Poll results (151 votes)

Downhill skiing/snowboarding	15 percent
Cross-country skiing	8 percent
Ice skating	5 percent
Snowmobiling	17 percent
Relaxing by the fire	55 percent

This week online:
Who should be responsible for removing snow from sidewalks in town?
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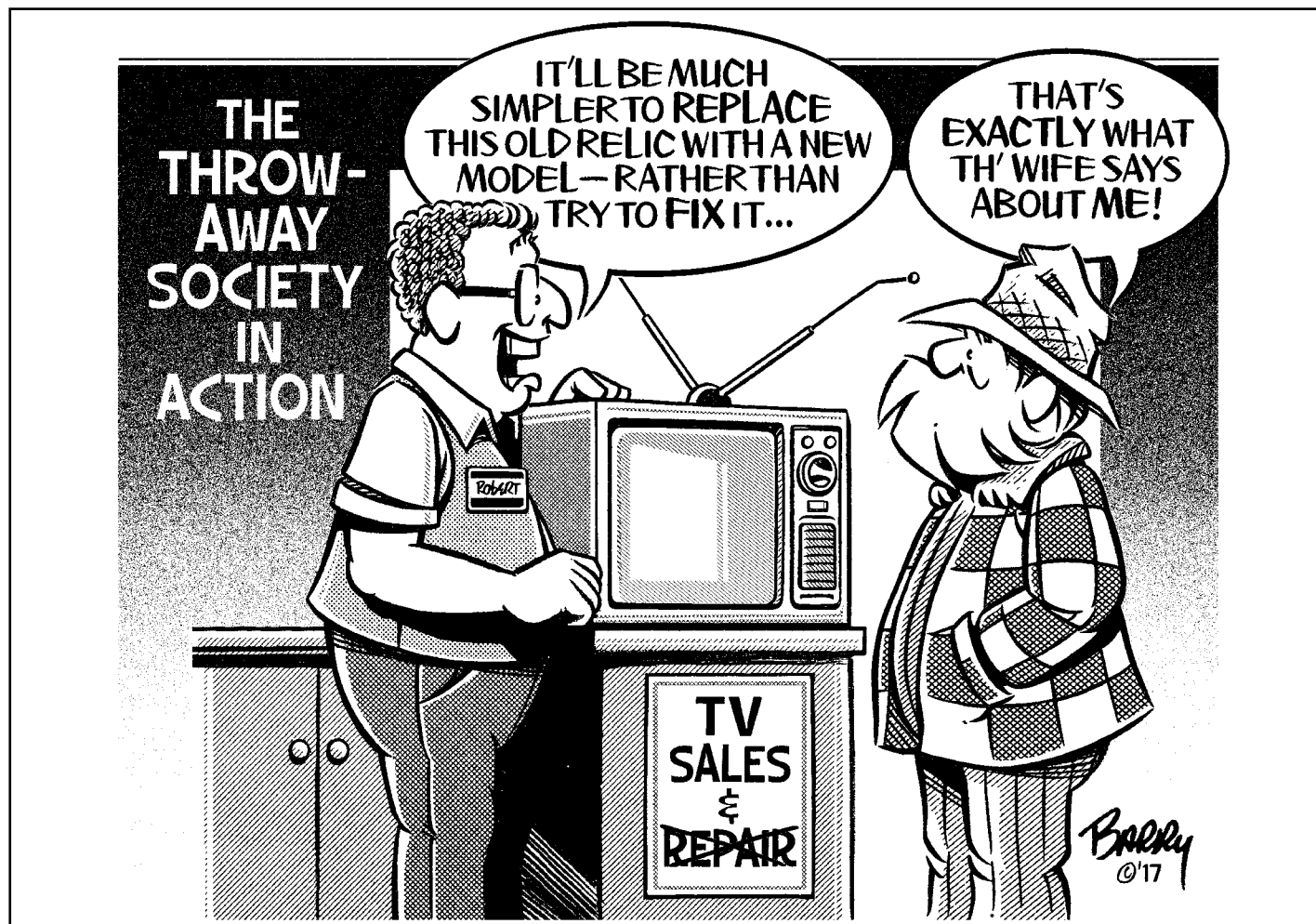
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LOOKING BACK



From the Nov. 13, 1975,
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200 YEAR OLD SHAWL — Vicki Martin models a 200 year old shawl at a fashion of yesteryears show last Sunday. The shawl was loaned for the show by Mrs. Ruby Archuleta.





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.

We need a detention facility

Dear Editor:
We need a detention facility. Why do we need this jail? Three short answers, 1. State Statute requires Counties to have a jail facility, 2. There is an additional expense being incurred to house and transport detainees at other facilities, 3. Transporting these detainees poses additional danger to them and the deputies. With that said there is a multitude of things to consider.

Twice now the voters have turned down the ballot for an increase in sales tax for a new justice facility. This was by a small margin, 6.4%. My opinion is that the opposition is not against the Jail but more against the dollar, the tax, and the size of the facility. This was very apparent at the ACRWC meeting Tuesday 1-8-19. The guest speakers, Commissioner Ronnie Maez and Sheriff Rich Valdez, explained the Counties plan. You may have already heard that the BOCC is moving forward to build the detention facility only. They plan to finance it with a certificate of participation (a loan) the principal amount of approximately 13 million. The plan is an expense in excess of \$850,000. per year for 25 years. You do the math. Not prudent or ethical or democratic, my opinion. During the meeting the debate was clearly equal, for and against, mainly over the expense not over the need. The plan also excludes any voter approval which is legal, but may be considered a loop hole in the TABOR laws. Shouldn't we the people have a say in how the taxes

are spent? That is how those taxes got approved in the first place.

Consider these quotes from Thomas Jefferson, "I however place economy among the first and most important republican virtues, and public debt is the greatest of dangers to be feared. To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt ... I am for a government rigorously frugal and simple." "We in America do not have a government by the majority — we have a government by the majority who participate ... All Tyranny needs to gain foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent." We should listen. Get involved.

Involvement of the public with the BOCC regarding the jail has been minimal at best. For the past 8 or so months that I have been attending work session and regular meetings of the BOCC and witnessed first hand that public involvement only comes from problems, we have a problem fix it. Again my opinion, a lack of time to commit, a poor notification of agenda items and a complacent attitude ("I can't make a difference") are some of the major factors minimizing public involvement, I am guilty.

How can more involvement be gained to this County wide problem?

You are the minority reading this, step up get involved please ..

To be Continued

Rob Keating

Wolves in Upper San Juan Basin

Dear Editor:
If you have watched your dog or cat play with a bird or mouse before it kills and eats it be aware that wolves and other predators of-

ten make killing their prey a game. Most of our domestic livestock such as sheep, cattle, pigs and goats make an easy source of prey for these large predators. A characteristic of most predators, especially wolves, have fun in their killing process, and can start consuming their meal before it is dead. That makes me uncomfortable.

Wolves generally operate in a pack held together by a dominant male. When their prey is abundant, however, more males can form new wolf packs. These must move into new areas. This tends to rapidly expand the areas impacted by wolves. The wild animals that wolves prey upon, naturally seek safe areas. These often include rural subdivisions and even towns. Have you seen deer in your subdivision and Pagosa Springs? Well, introduced wolves, when their food source moves to town and subdivisions, will also come to town. Our dogs, cats, and other pets are also wolf food. How does that work for you?

Also big game hunters provide a significant source of income for local business owners. Are you aware that hunter businesses have experienced serious loss of hunter income where wolf introduction has occurred? Why has that happened? Well, introduced wolves have killed off the game animals or they have migrated to safer areas where there are no wolves. Our ranching business would soon be seriously impacted by wolf predation. It's a tough occupation and wolf predation could likely put ranchers out of business. More subdivisions and less open space?

Initial introduction of a wolf pack would probably have a small impact, but with an abundant and unsuspecting food supply (deer, elk, and domestic livestock) the wolf population would explode, becoming a major environmental and public problem that would be impossible to control. Also, remember when you see a captive wolf it has been well fed and habituated to humans. If that wolf were to become seriously hungry, it would become an unpleasant and dangerous animal. No wolf introduction is simple and best for the Upper San Juan.

John J. Taylor
Florence, Ariz.

Drop those misleading labels

Dear Editor:

Politics ... hmmm. Some ask, are you a "Repub. or a Dem.?" Well, just what does that mean anymore? Political parties "way back" were intended to be a means in which clear minds would elect nominees from both parties who were intelligent, knew our history, and were good listeners — not "dug in" to extreme views. Good listeners are the ones who have won peace around the world, have legislated to answer the needs of our people regardless of party loyalty. They served, believing that if they worked hard, the next election would take care of itself. Personal "Power" was not the reason for their service.

Who decided that "Conservative" meant one Party and "Liberal" meant the other? Let's drop those misleading labels that divide us and get back our two-party system that made government work. Coming from different "perspectives", the two Parties found ways to meld liberal and conservative ideals that embraced the true meaning of our Constitution. We need more voters who are "thinkers" rather than "followers". Most important is what is in the heads and hearts of those who want to serve us.

They did it with love.

Patty Tillerson

Thanks to our unsung servants

Dear Editor:

I have been praying for a deep snow season since July of last year. The land needs the water generally, and where I live expressly depends on each year's snowpack for spring water. So I am grateful for the good amount of snow we've received this winter so far.

With the snow I realize comes work. Safe and free travel on our roads, state and county, depend on faithful folks to get up early, stay up late, and deal with heavy machinery. I want to offer public thanks for all the unsung servants who put in their extra time and labor to keep our town and county running smoothly in spite of spates of snow. I am grateful for you, and thank God for your service.

Emrys Tyler

Town, county to discuss 'Roadmap to Affordable Housing' Tuesday

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Jan. 8, members of the Pagosa Housing Partnership (PHP) presented a "Roadmap to Affordable Housing" to the Pagosa Springs Town Council.

That plan is slated to be discussed again at Tuesday's joint town and county work session scheduled to begin at noon at Archuleta County's administration building at 398 Lewis St.

The 60-page "roadmap" was created after the town council awarded a \$50,000 contract and entered into a professional services agreement with PHP in July 2018 to develop a housing development program with long-term funding strategies; build coalitions in the community to support and enhance workforce housing; create a resource website for housing; and serve as a key point organization for local governments, housing developers, housing seekers and community housing organizations.

The roadmap covers aspects such as goals and guiding principles, a summary of need, and including key action steps, with timing and responsibilities, to create 100 affordable homes for sale and rent by 2025.

"The action steps draw from a diverse array of incentives, regulations, funding, and partnerships tailored to be responsive to conditions in the Pagosa Springs/Archuleta County area. Public/private partnerships are considered to be one

of the key tools and an inventory of appropriate land and funding opportunities for those partnerships is also included in the plan," an executive summary states.

More about the plan can be found at www.pagosahousingpartners.org.

While the plan was presented to town council on Jan. 8 and noticed to allow the council to formally adopt the plan, that decision was delayed until after the upcoming work session on the matter.

Also slated to be discussed at that joint work session, according to Town Manager Andrea Phillips, is the Archuleta County Housing Authority's low-income housing tax credit project, the idea of a community facilities advisory group, updates on the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation's broadband project, and updates regarding recycling (namely glass) and the county's landfill.

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Birth

The following is the December birth with parents from Pagosa Springs as reported by Mercy Regional Medical Center:

Micah James, Krista Milburn and Mario Canilao, 5 pounds, 10 ounces, 1:32 p.m., Dec. 30, 2018.

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

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Obituaries

Donna Kay (Dyke) Audetat

"For God so loved the World that He gave His only begotten son for he that believeth in Him shall not perish but shall have everlasting life." The Lord has called home to Him our beloved Donna Kay (Dyke) Audetat. She succumbed to liver cancer after a very short illness.



In the service to others, Donna's lifelong calling was nursing. She served for more than 40 years in that profession. Before becoming a licensed practical nurse, she also worked as a nursing assistant. At all times caring and a consummate professional, she received the highest compliments. It was often said that she worked far above her station. Twice she began school to become a registered nurse, but each time the Army moved us.

On the evening of July 31, 1971, Donna Kay married Thomas Audetat by candlelight. (Due to a monsoonal rain storm, the lights were out in the JP's office.) A couple months before that, barely one day after her high school graduation from Reedsburg, she struck out in her 1960 Chevrolet Bellaire armed with her dad's borrowed Standard Oil gas card and carrying a Honda 305 Super Hawk in her truck. Just three days later, she arrived in Biggs Army Airfield in El Paso, Texas, and she never looked back.

She followed her husband throughout his 22-year Army career, with residences from coast to coast and Germany. They lived together at nearly 40 addresses in their life, but her favorite was her Colorado Log Systems home in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Prophetically, she insisted that her home in Pagosa would be her last. No one, not even she, could have predicted the dramatic turn of events that ultimately took her from us.

While she was always a confirmed home body, she was also a seasoned world traveler. She visited Africa, Australia and Europe in her many sojourns. Her most recent trips included Ireland and a week with friends near Melbourne, Australia. Her heart was happiest in Europe as she lived for five years in Munich, Germany, while they finished out his military career and visited western part of that continent multiple times.

Donna Kay is survived by her husband, Thomas; their son and daughter, Thomas Jr. (Kristine), of Bellingham, Wash.; and Michelle (Patrick) Huck, of Pagosa Springs; her sister, Carol Smith, of Lake Delton, Wis.; and her brother, Patrick Dyke, of Fredonia, Kan.; three grandsons, Moses and Mathew Huck as well as Ethan Audetat (USN); and one granddaughter, Cheyenne and Patrick Beberia; two step-granddaughters, Kaylee (Justin) McDonald and Kaitlin (Lonnice) Kuch; as well as two great-granddaughters, Ilona Huck and Peyton Beberia. She also is survived by her stepsister, Sharon (Alan) Bennett, of Lacrosse, Wis.

Donna is preceded in death by her father, Neil B. Dyke (91); her mother, Evelyn J. (Ziegler) Dyke; and her stepmother, Marian O. (Wilhem) Dyke (100), all formerly of Reedsburg, Wis.; her brother, Bernard N. Dyke (71), of Belvedere, Ill.; and her stepsister, Shirley (Phillips) Redwine.

Join Donna's family and friends in a memorial service at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Community United Methodist Church. Pastor Leighton Mekeal will officiate. After the spring thaw, we will celebrate her life and spread Donna's ashes over her favorite fishing lake. We will announce that date when winter has released its cold, frosty grip on our valley.

In lieu of flowers, plants or priceless treasures, the family has asked that memorials in Donna's name to Community United Methodist Church. Gifts will be used to purchase benches for the walkway by her home and near a fishing hole she loved.

Medray Carpenter

There will be a service for Medray Carpenter, a longtime Pagosa resident who passed away on Jan. 6, on Friday, Jan. 18, at Crossroads church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please join us in celebrating Medray's life.

Family requests in lieu of flowers to make a donation in Medray's name to Veteran's Memorial Park. Make checks payable to Veteran's Memorial Park (VMPAC), P.O. Box 2642, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Donald (Don) Wayne Ruth

Don Ruth passed away at his home on Jan. 8 with his wife of 54 years by his side.

Don was born in Greensburg, Kan., on Aug. 14, 1941, the third son of Verle and Vila Ruth.



When Don was almost 4 years old, they moved to a farm near Johnson, Kan. Don grew up on the family farm. Growing up, Don was active in 4-H and sports. He graduated in 1959 from Johnson High School and then attended Ft. Hays Kansas State University. He graduated from Ft. Hays in 1965 with a BS degree in agriculture and a minor in mechanics.

On June 7, 1964, he married his college sweetheart, Kathryn (Kathy) Heglund, in Assaria, Kan. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2014. To this union, two children were adopted to make their family complete: daughter Deann Ruth, Mancos, Colo., and son Steven Ruth, Grand Junction, Colo.

He farmed the family farm until 1977, when the family moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo. Don was the mechanic for Archuleta School District 50 JT. and then was the director of transportation for the

school district. He retired in 1999. He then worked at the local golf course for several years.

Don was a drill sergeant in the Army Reserves; was a 50-year-plus member and past master of the Johnson Masonic Lodge No. 441 in Johnson, Kan.; a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason; a 50-year member and past worthy patron of the Ulysses Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 67, Ulysses, Kan.; he taught 4-H small gas engines classes; had his private pilot's license and flew Cessnas; served on the Alpha Rockridge Metro board for the past 28 years and was an active member of the Community United Methodist Church, Pagosa Springs, Colo., since 1978.

Don's passion was restoring antique cars. He loved showing his cars in car shows and sharing car stories.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one niece.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy; daughter Deann Ruth; son Steven Ruth; brothers David Ruth (Pat), Sparks, Nev., and Darrel Ruth (Marylin), Johnson, Kan.; brother-in-law, Jim Heglund, Assaria, Kan.; nine nephews and nieces; and numerous grand- and great-grand-nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St., Pagosa Springs, Colo., on Friday, Jan. 25, at 11 a.m. A light lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Gifts of the Heart at CUMC for the food pantry; Vets for Vets or to the Community United Methodist Church. Memorials may be sent to CUMC, P.O. Box 300, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Service

Larry Charles Olin

On the morning of Dec. 3, 2018, we lost the pleasure and privilege of skiing, fishing, hunting, playing cards, volunteering, having a drink, enjoying a meal and sharing a story with Larry Charles Olin (71) when he passed away at home in Pagosa Springs, Colo.



A full obituary was printed in December. Join family and friends in celebrating a life well lived at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse.

In lieu of flowers and priceless treasures, please consider making a donation in Larry's name to: Veterans Memorial Park (VMPAC), P.O. Box 2642, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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Recent snowfall increases both snow water equivalency and precipitation totals

By Chris Mannara
 Staff Writer

Snowfall over the past week has done some good for the local scenery and snowpack levels; however, little changes were made to lake levels from last week.

According to a press release crafted by Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey on Jan. 7, Lake Hatcher is currently 40 inches from full when last week it was 43 inches from full.

Stevens Lake saw an even smaller change, with current levels measured at 135 inches from full compared to last week's total of 136 inches from full.

Lake Pagosa is 25 inches from full. Last week it was 26 inches from full.

Minimal changes were recorded at Village Lake. Last week, totals were recorded at 15 inches from full when this week they are 14 inches from full.

For Lake Forest, lake levels remained the same as they were last week at 7 inches from full.

Hatcher's lake levels increased because of water being put into the lake itself, Ramsey explained, but other lakes have increased because of natural precipitation.

Total cumulative available lake water for treatment and delivery is up this week, with current totals sitting at 72.6. Last week that was recorded at 71.9 percent.

Diversion flows remain un-

changed, with total flows being recorded at 6 cubic feet per second (cfs) and, again, both the West Fork and Four Mile diversion flows contributing 3 cfs each to that total.

However, Ramsey's press release again explains that Four Mile's flows are inconsistent due to ice dams and fluctuating river flows.

A development recorded in this week's press release notes that from Jan. 4 through Jan. 10 this year, collective water production was at 11.08 million gallons.

The Snowball water treatment plant produced 3.37 million gallons of water in that time frame this year, while the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 7.71 million gallons.

Last year, in that same time period, collective water production was listed at 9.42 million gallons.

From Dec. 28, 2018, through Jan. 3, 2019, collective water production was listed at 9.66 million gallons.

In his press release, Ramsey estimates that the reason for the increase in water production could be attributed to more people in town for the holidays and ski season, but he also noted that this was just a guess.

Snow water equivalency

As of Jan. 14, snow water equivalency (SWE) has seen a solid jump from last week, going from 8.8 inches to 10.3 inches.

The SWE median has remained the same at 16.3 inches.

The median and averages are based on data from 1981 through 2010.

Ramsey's press release indicates that SWE for this week is at 63.2 percent of the median.

"It's going in the right direction," Ramsey said of the SWE data.

Precipitation has also seen a jump from last week, 1.3 inches to be exact, going from 13.4 inches to 14.7 inches.

The precipitation average also jumped from 17.8 inches to 19.1 inches this week.

Precipitation this week was 77 percent of the median.

The precipitation data specifically measures any precipitation data received, starting on Oct. 1.

"That number is always going to go up," Ramsey said of precipitation values.

However, SWE data itself can drop, Ramsey noted.

"The precipitation is what they measure, what fell on the ground, and so it's always going up. Every day it should be a little higher," he explained. "We're in better shape precipitation-wise than we are snow water equivalency-wise and that's likely due to that blip that we had in October where we got all that snow in early October, but melted off."

Overall, Ramsey explained that he feels better about both sets of data, but added that there is a lot of room for improvement.

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Mayor Don Volger swears in Clayton Buchner as the new Pagosa Springs Municipal Court judge on Jan. 8 after his unanimous appointment by the Pagosa Springs Town Council.



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Justin P. Fay is sworn in as a substitute Pagosa Springs Municipal Court judge following his appointment by the Pagosa Springs Town Council on Jan. 8.

Town council appoints new municipal court judges

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Several appointments and a hiring took place throughout the course of the Jan. 8 Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting.

Those appointments included new municipal court judges, a new municipal court prosecutor, an appointment to the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board and a new public works director.

The hiring of the town's new public works director was first on the agenda, coming as part of the consent agenda.

That position has been vacant since August, when Chris Gallegos retired.

Agenda documentation prepared for the meeting describes the process and selected candidate: "A competitive search process was held and the hiring committee recommends Martin Schmidt be appointed to the position. A conditional offer has been extended. Martin will be relocating from Gunnison County, where he has had several years of experience in the Public Works Department. He has a Master's of Public Administra-

tion and is a Certified Public Works Professional through the American Public Works Association (APWA). The Director will be responsible for overseeing three divisions—Facilities Management, Streets, and Utilities (which includes Geothermal and Sanitation). His anticipated start date is February 11."

The next several appointments concerned the Pagosa Springs Municipal Court.

The first of those was the unanimous appointment of a new municipal court judge following the November resignation of Judge D. Brett Van Winkle.

Agenda documentation on the matter explains that the town received four applications from qualified applicants, with Clayton Buchner chosen by the review committee.

Buchner had been serving as the town's prosecutor.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips informed council that Buchner requested a salary of \$45,000 with no benefits, with that being \$4,679 more than the amount budgeted for 2019.

She added that she thought that amount was fair because the town

would be asking the judge to do more in 2019 than it had in previous years.

The judge position is a part-time position with the town.

Following his unanimous appointment, Buchner was sworn in to his new post. His term is for four years per the town's charter.

Next, the council unanimously approved an independent contractor agreement with Justin P. Fay for Fay to serve as a substitute for the town.

Phillips explained that Fay's appointment would give the town two substitute judges, with the other being Diane Knutsen.

The agreement is for \$125 per hour.

Following the vote, Fay was also sworn in.

Then, with Buchner having been sworn in as judge and no longer serving as the municipal prosecutor, the town council appointed Gayle Dixon as the new municipal court prosecutor and special legal council.

Dixon was one of the applicants for the judge position.

The agreement approved was also for \$125 per hour.

The final appointment of the

night was for the tourism board, with Michael Whiting, former county commissioner, receiving a unanimous vote for the at-large seat.

Whiting was the sole applicant to submit a letter of interest by the deadline.

"Please accept this letter of interest to be considered for the currently vacant at-large seat on the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board. As I cycle off of the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners and back into the private sector, I would like to continue to contribute to our economic vitality in those places where I believe I can be of service. Given that tourism is the community's economic engine, this is where I would like to serve," Whiting's letter states in part.

Since the board is a joint board with Archuleta County, Whiting's appointment also had to be voted on by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

The BoCC voted on the matter Tuesday, Jan. 15, with Whiting garnering a 2-1 vote to seal the appointment, with Commissioner Steve Wadley voting against the appointment.

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Review

Continued from A5

The Tenth Circuit dismissed a pair of appeals in a case involving a land exchange for the controversial Village at Wolf Creek on Dec. 11.

According to the court order, an appeal by the Village's developer, Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture (LMJV), was dismissed, as was a conditional cross-appeal filed by a number of conservation organizations.

The dismissals came due to jurisdiction, with it also tying in that the U.S. Forest Service is anticipated to file a record of decision soon that would grant a road easement over forest service land to LMJV's original inholding to provide year-round access.

PSMC was one of several facilities across the state and nation to receive a threatening email on Dec.

13, with that email threatening injury with an explosive device if a certain amount in Bitcoin was not delivered to the sender within a set period of time.

The threat was deemed not credible.

On Dec. 14, ASD was awarded with a School Access For Emergency Response (SAFER) grant worth \$150,694 to use toward interoperable communication hardware for communication systems between schools and first responders.

A truck headed westbound on U.S. 160 early the morning of Dec. 16 drove off the road and struck a tree, resulting in one fatality and injuries to several juvenile passengers.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners approved an employment agreement for a

new county attorney, Todd Weaver, at its meeting on Dec. 18, though it was unclear when the board had opted for Weaver.

As December wore on, snowpack levels continued to decrease compared to the median level.

On Dec. 19, the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins were at 62 percent of median and were the lowest percentage in the state.

"With the snowpack being so dismal last year, our storage in our reservoirs is low already, so we're really hoping for a decent snowpack to kind of, bump those reservoirs back up," NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta said. "We're still in exceptional drought if you look at the drought monitor."

Isidro Ramirez Soto, 33, who

pleaded guilty to an assault 1 charge stemming from a February incident, was sentenced to 22 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections on Dec. 20 by Wilson.

PSMC received a nice gift on Dec. 20: The Department of Local Affairs awarded PSMC a Tier II Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Funds grant in the amount of \$911,720, with those funds slated to go toward a renovation of PSMC's heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

The Pirate basketball teams brought back the Wolf Creek Classic Dec. 21 and 22, with the boys' team going 1-1 and the Lady Pirates going 2-0 at the Classic.

The Classic gave the Pirates a 5-3 record to close out 2018, while the Lady Pirates ended the year with a 5-2 record.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Jan. 17

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

Monday, Jan. 21

San Juan Water Conservancy District work session. 2 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5.

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.

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 6:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.

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.

Thursday, Jan. 31

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

Tuesday, Feb. 5

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

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

Monday, Feb. 11

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board. 5 p.m., Town Hall conference room, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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Outdoors



Pagosa Paw dog sled, Nordic skiing races set for Jan. 19 and 20

By Jennifer Martin
Special to The SUN

Come join the Rocky Mountain Sled Dog Club and Pagosa Nordic Club (PNC) for the eighth annual Pagosa Paw on Jan. 19 and 20. This is a must-see spectator event.

Races start at 8:30 a.m. both days, so show up early for the excitement as sled dog teams gear up for their start times.

This winter dog sports event includes spectacular dog sled rac-

ing as well as Nordic skiing. Races include a six-dog, 6-mile sled race; four-dog, 4-mile sled race; 4- and 6-mile skijor race (dog pulls you on skis); and a junior sled division. There is also a sportsman class offering a 4-mile and a 1-mile course for those who just want to try it out.

Cash prizes are awarded for competitive entries (based on a combined score for racing both days) and medals for sportsman participants.

To register as a racer, visit www.rmsdc.org or call Jennifer Martin at 264-9358. The Pagosa Paw Sled Dog Race will take place at Cloman Park in Pagosa Springs. To get there, drive 1.3 miles up Piedra Road and turn right on Cloman Boulevard (Stevens Field Airport). Continue 1.4 miles until the road dead-ends in the Cloman Park parking lot. Please note for safety reasons, Cloman Park will be closed to the general public until the conclusion of the event around noon both Saturday and Sunday.

The Pagosa Paw is presented by the PNC. The PNC is a nonprofit with the mission to enhance winter recreational opportunities in Pagosa Springs by maintaining accessible groomed winter trails for skate skiing, classic cross-country skiing and snowshoeing for all ability levels and to encourage and promote the use of these winter trails through education, marketing and events.

This will most likely be the last year of this special event, so we hope you can participate. See you at the races.

Pledge your support to Chimney Rock's free interpretive programs

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

For 25 years, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA), a local nonprofit organization, has provided visitors with meaningful, enjoyable, educational programs at Chimney Rock National Monument that are free to the public.

After the local wildfires of 2018, CRIA is hard at work replenishing reserves that were lost due to the 10-day closure of Chimney Rock National Monument. In order to raise funds to continue Chimney Rock's free programs, three courageous CRIA volunteers will brave the icy waters of the San Juan River at the annual WinterFest Penguin Plunge on Jan. 26 at 1 p.m. behind

the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.

The CRIA "Sinks Like a Rock Team" includes Ron Beckman (day manager/board member), Mary Rose (volunteer/tour guide) and Phyllis Webb (volunteer/board member). Please support these hardy souls and Chimney Rock's free programming; make your pledge now at www.ColoradoGives.org/pledge.

Your pledge will help support free interpretive programs including:

- The Life at Chimney Rock free two-day festival: family-friendly, hands-on activities that connect you to the people who lived here 1,000 years ago, plus the Native American Market Place.

- The CRIA lecture series: CRIA hosts five annual lectures featuring archaeology experts from around the southwest that are open to the public.

- School Week at Chimney Rock: free tours and hands-on activities for school groups from around the Four Corners during the week prior to opening the monument in May. This includes CRIA's Jr. Archaeologist program, which is also free to the schools.

Another way to support the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument is to become a volunteer. To help community members learn about the exciting volunteer opportunities at Chimney Rock National Monument, CRIA will host an open house

on Feb. 22 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the EcoLuxe building at The Springs Resort and Spa located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd. Without the CRIA volunteers, it would be impossible to keep this local, nonprofit interpretive program viable. CRIA invites you to stop by the Chimney Rock open house, enjoy desserts with our enthusiastic volunteers and learn how you can become a part of the team.

CRIA runs the daily operations and interpretive program at Chimney Rock National monument in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the San Juan National Forest. For more information, see the CRIA website at www.chimneyrockco.org or call 731-7133.

DUST2 2019 announces winter fat bike events

By Annie Sewell
Special to The SUN

Join DUST2 for the third annual WinterFest Fat Bike Fun Race at Yamaguchi Park on Saturday, Jan. 26.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the races start at 8:45 a.m. with 12 km, 6 km and Kid-K lengths. The entry fee is \$10, and there will be killer awards after the race.

This is a sweet, groomed downtown course. With three lengths to choose from, there is something for all your friends and the whole family. No one will be sitting this one out.

DUST2 will be serving up killer crepes, hot chocolate and coffee for your pre- and postrace cravings.

All proceeds will benefit DUST2 Youth Cycling Team.

The WinterFest after party will be Saturday, Jan. 26, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Looking for a fun place to gather with your friends after WinterFest? Join DUST2 at The Nomad

Lounge at SOCO at our WinterFest After Party with live music by Brooks-i and Robin Davis, swag, beer and cocktails, and tasty apps.

DUST2 will be serving up tasty apps while you hang out with friends enjoying the great music and trendy-mountain-town vibes.

For more information, go to <http://pagosachamber.com/winterfest/>.

Fat Bike Fun Race

Join DUST2 and the Wolf Creek Trailblazers for DUST2's 2019 Winter Fat Bike Fun Race on Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. on U.S. Forest Service Road 725, off of U.S. 160.

With something for everyone, this 4.5- or 10-mile rolling course situated at 10,000 feet in the snowy San Juan Mountains will have you hooting and hollering every pedal stroke of the way. This won't be your ordinary Sunday ride.

For more information, maps, racer discounts and to register, visit www.dustx2.com.



Photo courtesy DUST2

DUST2 will host the third annual Winterfest Fat Bike Fun Race at Yamaguchi Park on Saturday, Jan. 26. This is a groomed downtown course. DUST2 will be serving up crepes, hot chocolate and coffee for your pre- and postrace cravings.

14th annual Backcountry Film Festival coming to Pagosa Springs

By Brittany Smith
Special to The SUN

The 14th annual Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival will show in Pagosa Springs on Friday, Jan. 18, at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. All proceeds will benefit the Colorado Mountain Club's (CMC) Conservation and Stewardship Department.

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- "Ode to Muir" (festival cut), Teton Gravity Research.
- "Ski the Wild West," Thomas Woodson and Drew Petersen.
- "The Abbey," DPS Cinematic.
- "The Backcountry Snowsports Initiative: Human-Powered," Wool Hat Creative Productions.
- "Abandoned" (festival cut), The Road West Traveled.
- "Blue," Aly Nicklas.
- "I Am Here," David Hanson and Michael Hanson.
- "Surfer Dan," Camp4 Collective.
- "Searching for Christmas Tree," Lie Feng.
- "Westward: Brennan Lagasse," KGB Productions.

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Business

CDC tables RFP for broadband service manager position

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Despite having a request for proposal (RFP) crafted for its broadband service manager position, the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) has decided to hold off on approving it to make further alterations and to wait to secure grant funding.

This choice, discussed and made at the CDC board's regular meeting on Jan. 9, was initially brought up by Region 9 Executive Director Laura Lewis Marchino.

"If we don't get the grant, does that affect what the broadband manager would be doing? And, do we want to delay applying for a broadband manager?" Lewis Marchino asked.

The grant in which Lewis Marchino was referring to was the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) grant that the CDC recently applied for.

According to CDC Administrator Mary Jo Coulehan, the amount that was applied for is approximately, "a couple hundred thousand."

However, the CDC will not know if it got the DORA grant funding until March, Coulehan noted.

"Long-term, you need somebody focused on this. We feel like, for this initial project, it's really a Skyverx project that we're helping capitalize," broadband committee member Jason Cox said.

Within the draft RFP presented at the meeting, Cox recognized that the timeline for finding a broadband services manager was "aggressive."

The draft RFP states that the position would close on Feb. 1 and that the selected individual or organization would be notified on Feb. 28.

"I don't know that we necessarily have to be that aggressive, nor that we need that person initially," Cox said.

To Cox's assertion, a project such as this one does not need a full-time broadband services manager, but he did note that it needs a project manager.

The RFP does state, "Depending on the amount of work scheduled, this position may start out as a part-time position, growing into a full-time position."

However, that section of the RFP could cause confusion among interested parties as they do not know if the position is truly full-time or part-time, Coulehan noted.

The closing date of Feb. 1, according to Lewis Marchino, is "way too fast" if the CDC does not have any DORA grant funding.

"I think I'd encourage the board tonight to tighten up the language a little bit," Cox said of the RFP. "I think we could put it out there for longer."

Although the meeting agenda of the CDC did note that the board would be approving the broadband

services manager RFP, Cox stated that he did not believe the RFP was a "critical path item" at the time.

If the CDC does not receive DORA grant funding, it will have to take a step back and evaluate the next steps and see what it can do with the money it has, Coulehan added.

If it wanted to, the CDC could still put out the RFP and see what candidates apply, but they don't necessarily need to offer the position, Cox offered.

Cox later suggested that the CDC board wait, edit the current RFP, and approve and put out the RFP for proposals in February.

"We'll know at the end of March what the grant looks like and you could put a March 31 deadline for applicants," Cox stated.

CDC Board President Jodi Scarpa agreed with Cox's suggestions and moved to table the broadband services manager RFP.

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CHAMBER NEWS

WinterFest activities are snow much fun

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

With more snow on the ground this year than last year, the 2019 WinterFest theme seems to be appropriately chosen with "Snow Much Fun" as the tagline.

This year's activities are plentiful. The Chamber's Annual Gala was moved back a week to coincide with these annual festivities. The gala will be held at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Friday evening, Jan. 25, beginning at 6 p.m.

Attendees will be entertained by the snowman decorations accentuating the Snow Much Fun theme. A full dinner buffet will be offered and entertainment will be provided by the Taylor Brandon Band after the Community Awards. The winners for Citizen, Volunteer, Small Business and Non-Profit categories will be announced, including some community improvement awards. Tickets for the event are \$40 and may be purchased online at www.pagosachamber.com. You do not need to be a Chamber member to attend. Come out and celebrate the award nominees and enjoy the food and entertainment.

Saturday and Sunday mornings will kick off with the hot air balloon mass ascensions. Both ascensions this year will take place on the west side of town. This launching pattern is new this year. With the snowy conditions — not a bad thing — safety

of the balloons and participants is the first priority. With more available launch and landing space on the west side of town, the ascensions for both days were relocated to this part of Pagosa Springs. A morning launch meeting will be held at The Choke Cherry Tree on both days at 7 a.m. The balloons should start inflating at approximately 8 a.m., weather permitting. Please be aware that this event is contingent upon the weather.

After the balloon launch on Saturday, myriad events continue, beginning with a Fat Tire Bike Race originating at Yamaguchi Park at 8 a.m. Those delicious crepes will be available again this year and the race will consist of a kids race, 6K and 16K distances. All proceeds will benefit the DUST2 Youth Cycling Team. There will be a "Learn to Cross-Country Ski" hosted by the Pagosa Nordic Club also on Saturday, with the location still to be determined.

Beginning at about 12:30 p.m., hardy souls will brave the frigid waters of the San Juan River to raise money for their favorite nonprofit agency in the annual Penguin Plunge. Reward these sturdy volunteers with a donation to representative agencies who have chosen to float down the San Juan River, which at this time of year averages about 30 degrees. Spectators can view the plunge over "Davey's Wave" from the

Riverwalk. The parking lot of the Visitor Center is reserved for the plungers, their support teams and emergency services.

Following the plunge, stay downtown and walk up to Reservoir Hill to enjoy the crazy antics of the "Sledz on Rez" sled race, this year hosted by the Build Pagosa group. Participants will sled down a course on Reservoir Hill in homemade sleds. Tubes, skis, snowboards, plastic sleds or other such "sledding" material will not be allowed as a stand-alone sled, but must be incorporated into the homemade sled. There will be prizes such as best decorated sled, fastest time, best crash and other well-deserved awards.

Sunday will see the hot air balloon mass ascension again beginning at about 8 a.m. The Pagosa Nordic Club will host the annual BB Gun Biathlon beginning at about 10 a.m. The location of this exciting cross country/target accuracy race is still to be determined.

Registration and more information about all of these events are on the Chamber's website, www.pagosachamber.com, under the WinterFest poster on the home page. Click on this graphic and then follow the next link to the full page of activities and choose the one you would like to register for or obtain more information on.

The weather this year is certainly supporting winter activities and all of the events during WinterFest weekend. Make sure you bring an extra pair of dancing shoes to Friday night's gala and then dress warmly while attending all of the other activities throughout the weekend. Photographic opportunities will abound at the balloon ascensions with the snow-capped

mountains and frozen lakes creating a stunning backdrop. Don't miss this opportunity to capture an iconic Pagosa vista.

Questions can also be directed to the Chamber office at 264-2360. Just remember, WinterFest is going to be Snow Much Fun this year.

Membership news

We have quite a few renewals again this week to kick off the 2019 season. We welcome back renewing members Galles Properties, Bookends, Mountain West Insurance, Raymond Rent-a-Nerd, Riff Raff on the Rio, Harms/Photographic Associates, Sky Ute Casino, Southwest Garage Doors, Adobe Abodes, Blue Mountain Accounting, Bayfield Gardens and Elk Peaks Consulting Group. Our nonprofit agencies renewing are St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Archuleta Seniors Inc.

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The Pagosa Nordic Club (PNC) would like to thank our volunteer cross-country ski instructors that dedicated their time to the Jan. 12 Learn to Cross Country Ski Clinic at Cloman Park with almost 60 participants in attendance: Juanalee and Dan Park, Coquette Collins, Emily Dietz, Suzanne Coe, Dan Bartley, John Buehler, Nancy Burke, Beth O'Dowd and Lindsey Kurt-Mason.

Also, PNC would like to thank our volunteer groomers that dedicate their time to keeping Nordic ski trails maintained and groomed for everyone's enjoyment: Dan Bartley, Rick Caroselli, Anthony Doctor, Doug Call, Michael Ray, Al Bouchier and Kenny Daniels.

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Sports

BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates take No. 1 spot after big win

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

It was smooth sailing for the Lady Pirates in a pair of games over the last week, with a pair of wins bumping the team to the No. 1 spot in 3A girls' basketball.

The girls were No. 5 in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) heading into the weekend, with the RPI standings helping to determine postseason seeding.

The wins give the team an 8-2 overall record and 2-0 Intermountain League (IML) mark.

Coach Wes Lewis called both games good team wins.

On Friday evening, the Lady Pirates opened league play in Cortez against the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

Pagosa took a commanding lead early in the game, leading their hosts 20-6 at the end of the first quarter and 33-9 at halftime.

The Lady Pirates tacked on another 20 points in the second half while allowing 15 by the Panthers, with Pagosa claiming a 53-24 league win.

"Our defense was good. You know, we had a pretty balanced scoring effort, that was nice. It was just a good team effort," Lewis said.

Devin Wilson logged 20 points in the game to help the Lady Pirates, Lewis indicated.

"She's been shooting the ball

well. She shot really well the other night at Centauri, as well. She's shooting the ball really well right now," he said.

Lewis indicated the team was still only in the high 50s in terms of free-throw success.

Then, with that win in the books, the Lady Pirates were supposed to take on the Centauri Falcons the next evening, but the game was postponed until Monday due to weather.

The Lady Falcons entered the weekend as the No. 3 team in the RPI.

"I don't think it hurt us any, that's for sure," Lewis said of the added rest between the games. "It's certainly better than playing on such short turnaround."

Again, Pagosa built a lead early in the game, leading their hosts 16-12 at the end of the first quarter.

"We were up by four at the end of the first quarter and, you know, just kind of steadily, just kind of each quarter we built our lead a little bit," Lewis said, adding, "It was a good basketball game. It was a fun environment; it was a fun atmosphere. It's always a great game when we get together with Centauri."

Pagosa outscored Centauri 11-7 in the second, 17-12 in the third and 14-9 in the fourth to log a 58-40 win.

The coach noted the team played well, with everyone who played scoring and that the team didn't have



Photo courtesy Justin Cowan

Lady Pirate Devin Wilson looks for the layup in the team's Jan. 11 win over the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers. Wilson scored 18 in the 53-24 win.

trouble with the pressure.

Lewis again highlighted the play of Wilson, whom he explained shot well and passed well.

"Devin played really, really good," he said.

He added that Elsa Lindner was the team's only double-digit scorer with 11 points.

Lewis also highlighted the team's defense. ■ See No. 1 A11

Pirates drop heartbreaker to Panthers, upset Falcons, two more league games this weekend

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Facing two league opponents ranked in the top 10 on the road can be a daunting task for any team.

Thankfully, the No. 12 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' basketball team was able to break even, falling to the No. 5 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers (9-1 overall, 1-1 in league play) on Jan. 11, but coming right back on Jan. 14 to upset the No. 7 Centauri Falcons (9-2 overall, 1-1 in league play).

Not enough wind in the sails

Despite a strong first quarter, Pagosa could not survive a second-half surge by the Panthers and lost by a score of 58-53.

From the opening tip, Pagosa knew it was in for a tough matchup, but was able to build a 14-8 lead after the first quarter.

However, the Panthers clawed back to close the first half, outscoring Pagosa 15-10 in the second quarter to cut their deficit to 24-23 at the break.

Cortez came out strong in the second half, outscoring the Pirates 35-19 in the final two quarters to squeak away with a victory on their home court.

Official stats for the matchup against the Panthers were not avail-

able by press time on Wednesday.

Coach Randy Sorenson explained in an email to The SUN that Pagosa initially had a 10-point lead in the second quarter against Cortez, but foul trouble and ill-advised shots allowed Cortez to claw its way back into the game before halftime.

"We had a late lead but again we had some costly mistakes that really hurt us and we were not able to pull out a win," Sorenson wrote.

Swooping in on the Falcons

After having the initial matchup on Jan. 12 postponed due to weather, Pagosa found its way to the Falcons' nest on Jan. 14 and was able to win a 43-42 nail-biter.

Much like the matchup against Cortez, Pagosa came out strong in the first quarter, but allowed Centauri to get back into it by halftime.

Clinging to a 24-23 lead going into the second half, Pagosa and Centauri broke even in the third and fourth quarters, with both teams scoring nine and 10 points, respectively.

Despite the even scoring down the stretch, Pagosa was able to hang on to defeat the Falcons, who had previously been riding a two-game win streak.

Official stats for the matchup against the Falcons were not avail-

■ See Pirates A12



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Through a sea of hands, Pirate Mason Snarr puts up a shot in a league showdown against the No. 5 Montezuma-Cortez Panthers on Jan. 11. The Pirates could not control the lead in the second half and Cortez was able to come away with a 58-53 win.

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WRESTLING

Pirate wrestling rolls to three victories in three days

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team found success in two duals and a tournament last week, beating Bayfield and Silver City and earning the highest team score at the Pagosa Springs Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational.

On Jan. 10, the Pirates beat the Bayfield Wolverines 49-21.

"It was a very nice, solid win for us," said coach Dan Janowsky. "They're a unique bunch of guys, they bond together. They go out there and they're strong and they're aggressive and they like wrestling. They're all into it."

Skyler Hill started the Pirates off on a roll with a match victory in the 220-pound weight class. He won by fall, earning six points for the team.

"He just wrestled really well," said Janowsky. "He had a great night, had a nice win to get us started."

Erik Wyman, who was wrestling up a weight, claimed victory over Bayfield's James Mars. He won by an 8-6 decision, earning three points for the team.

"He was wrestling up a weight. So, he cut his weight down to 113, then had to wrestle at 120. That was a tough job for him and he got it done," said Janowsky.

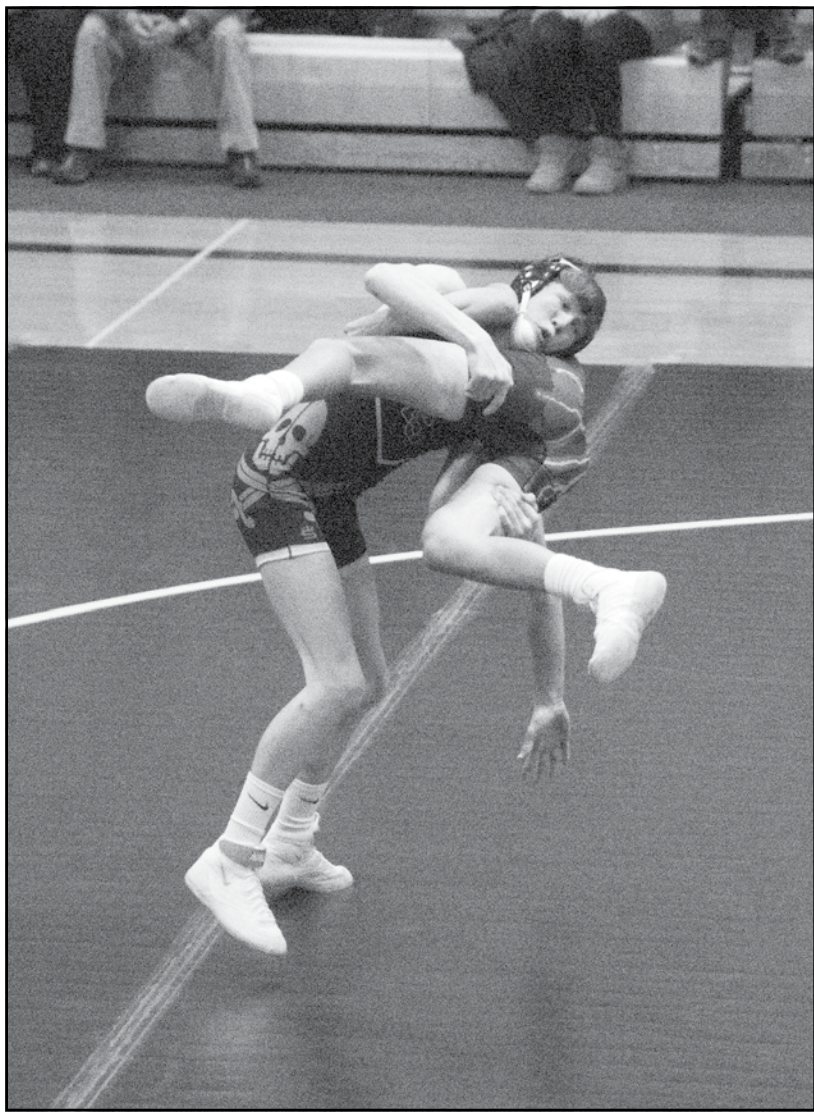
Pagosa's EJ Monterroso lost to Dylan Pickering by decision, 7-6, but Janowsky explained he fought hard and helped fire up his team.

"The way a guy loses can actually inject the team with energy. The way those three guys right off the bat got us going just gave us a big boost of momentum from the get-go and we just rolled from there."

James Thomas (with a fall), Cam Hinger (on a forfeit), Cameron Lucero (with a fall), Ethan Evans (with a fall), Paul Farrah (with a fall), Ian Reinhardt (with a 19-5 major decision) and Connor Aragon (with a forfeit) also earned team points for Pagosa.

The next day, on Jan. 11, the Silver City Silver Fighting Colts traveled to Pagosa Springs for a dual with the Pirates.

"Silver City is a good team," said Janowsky. "They're strong and



SUN photo/Randi Pierce
Erik Wyman throws Bayfield's James Mars en route to an 8-6 decision on Jan. 10. The Pirates defeated Bayfield 49-21 in the dual, with Wyman competing up a weight class, at 120 pounds.

they're physical."

Wyman started off the match by wrestling former New Mexico state champion Vince Marin.

"He fell behind early in that match, was behind 6-2," said Janowsky. "He just continued to work hard, get his points, and he came back from behind and won that match in impressive fashion. That was a great win for us," said Janowsky.

Wyman beat Marin by decision, 10-8, earning three points for the Pirates.

Janowsky added, "It's funny, because wrestling is an individual sport, but one win can give the next guy momentum. He continues to

get better. That was the best win of the season so far."

Monterroso (on a 7-6 decision and Hinger (with a 5-2 decision) claimed victories after Wyman, and all three showed poise that their coach took note of.

"They're starting to recognize how strong they are, how tough they are," said Janowsky. "When a kid gets that feeling that, hey, I'm hard to wrestle, I'm hard to defeat, that's a big step for them as a wrestler and as a young man."

The dual was close throughout. Additional points earned by Lucero (with a fall), Evans (on a forfeit), Aragon (with a 5-3 decision), Hill (with a fall) and Caleb Janowsky

(with a fall) locked in a narrow victory for the Pirates, 36-31.

"As a team performance, it was one of the best dual meet wins we've had in quite some time," said Dan Janowsky. "We rose to the occasion, we showed our progress. That dual brought out our best."

On Jan. 12, the Pirates joined 15 other teams for the Pagosa Springs Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational.

"Silver City, Aztec and Monticello were big champions in 2018," said coach Dan Janowsky. "It made for a tight tournament."

Lucero (at 145 pounds), Aragon (at 182 pounds) and Caleb Janowsky (at 195 pounds) all placed first in their weight classes.

Dylan Tressler placed second in the 120-pound weight class, Wyman placed third at 113 pounds, Hinger placed third at 138 pounds, Ian Reinhardt placed third in the 170-pound division and Monterroso placed third in the 126-pound weight class.

In addition to individual results, each match contributed to the Pirates' team score against the 15 other teams.

"I did not once look at the team score until just before the finals," said Dan Janowsky, adding, "I was really surprised to see that we were behind by 10 points because our kids were wrestling really well. I was expecting us to be in front by a good margin. That is a tribute to the other teams because they were wrestling really well, too."

Toward the end of the tournament, the Pirates surged to earn a team victory.

"We had all 14 kids in the finals one way or another and we won 11 of 14 matches," the coach said, adding, "We were able to take the lead at the 195 pound and keep it through 220. It was a really good team win against some really tough opposition."

The Pirates' next match is today, Jan. 17, against Centauri High School in La Jara. Varsity action is slated to begin at 6 p.m.

Then, on Saturday, Jan. 19, the team will take part in the Mel Smith Invitational in Florence, with action beginning at 9 a.m.
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"It was just a good win all the way around," he said.

Lewis explained that the Lady Falcons had seen the Pirates struggle to score against a zone defense in the second half of Pagosa's game against Sanford and went into Monday's game knowing Centauri could play zone at some point.

"So, they did, they came out and played some zone the second quarter, and we didn't struggle with it," Lewis said. "We didn't struggle with zone against Cortez and we didn't

with zone against Centauri, so it's been nice to see that we're kind of starting to figure some things out against the zone."

Another positive for the team was the free-throw success in Centauri, with Lewis recalling that the team shot 75 percent from the charity stripe.

Following the win, the Lady Pirates were bumped up to the No. 1 slot in the RPI, with Centauri falling to No. 6.

Stats for the games were not available by press time Wednesday.

This week, Pagosa will continue IML play (if the weather allows), first against the No. 43 Monte Vista Pirates on Friday, then against the No. 14 Alamosa Mean Moose.

"We'll get back to work tonight," Lewis said Wednesday, noting the team had a shortened practice Tuesday.

Lewis said the team will continue to work on the "same old" things this week, including fundamentals on defense, improving passing, not turning the ball over, and anticipating both man and zone defenses

next weekend.

Pagosa will take on Monte Vista in Monte Vista Friday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Monte Vista Pirates are 3-7 on season, including 0-2 in the IML. Those league losses have been to Centauri and Alamosa.

On Saturday, the Lady Pirates will host the Mean Moose, with tipoff set for 5:30 p.m.

The Alamosa Mean Moose own a 7-3 record, including a 1-0 league record.
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SWIM

Lady Pirates swim team shows poise and progress in rematch against Durango

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

In its rematch with the 4A Durango Demons on Jan. 11, significant improvements and changes were seen across the board in the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate swim team.

Despite being on the wrong end of a 836-370 result, coach Heather Miller explained in an email to The SUN that the Lady Pirates swam well and had significant time drops on most events.

Miller indicated that the Lady Pirates' starts, turns and finishes were better, but still could use some work.

Regarding the score, Miller noted that she believed that the score was not set up properly for a dual meet since the scores were so high, but noted that it kind of worked in the Lady Pirates' favor.

For dual meets, usually the scoring is lower for events like relays and individual events, she explained.

"It isn't a big deal just noticed the scores were really high," Miller wrote.

Pagosa had previously swam against Durango on Dec. 15 and fell to the Demons by a score of 216-44.

Growth and development

In the 200-yard freestyle, the Lady Pirates saw Sydney Kohler finish within the top five with a time of 3 minutes, 10.21 seconds.

Nell Taylor and Cheyenne Booth were two other Lady Pirates who finished within the top five of the 200-meter, with Taylor registering a time of 3:11.91 and Booth finishing with a time of 3:18.57.

Three Lady Pirates finished within the top 10 for the 50-yard freestyle, with Valeria Monterroso placing the highest of those three at seventh with a time of 35.53.

Annabelle Bowles came just behind her Lady Pirate teammate at ninth with a time of 42.56. Sierra Liverett had a strong outing in the 100-meter fly event, finishing third with a time of 1:28.84.

Both Monterroso and Booth had strong finishes in the 500-meter freestyle, with Monterroso ending with a time of 8:38.39, good enough for a third place finish. Booth placed fourth with a time of 8:45.52.

Two Lady Pirate 200-yard freestyle relay teams cracked the top five, with one team finishing fourth. That team consisted of Bowles, Guillen, Ella Blechman and Michelle Saucedo with a time of 2:18.09.

The second relay team, which included Aguilera, Kiera Schertz-Munoz, Booth and Kohler, placed fifth with a time of 2:22.41.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Taylor finished strong with a third-place finish with a final time of 1:30.95.

Schertz-Munoz followed with a fourth-place finish with a time of 1:54.84, while Kohler rounded out the top five in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:56.07.

Emma Heidelmeier had a strong outing in the 100-yard breaststroke, ending with a time of 1:24.39, which was good for second place.

In that same event, Blechman placed fifth with a time of 2:14.95.

Gaining confidence

As the season has progressed, the Lady Pirates have believed in themselves and that confidence has shown itself to other teams, Miller noted.

Even Durango coaches at this most recent meet between the two teams noticed the change in the Lady Pirate swimmers from their previous matchup in December, Miller added later.

"We had several swimmers who were too sick to be at the meet and a few that were swimming sick. Many swam in an event that they had never swum and did great overall. I feel like everyone stepped up and swam hard," Miller wrote.

According to the Lady Pirates schedule, the next meet on the docket would have been the Delta Invitational on Jan. 19, but Miller explained that Pagosa tried to rearrange its schedule to add another



Photo courtesy Heather Miller

Lady Pirates Nell Taylor, closest, Cheyenne Booth, Sydney Kohler and Catalina Aguilera, farthest, compete in the 200-yard freestyle against Durango on Jan. 11. The Demons bested the Pirates in the matchup by a score of 836-370.

meet, but that did not end up working out.

So, instead of looking forward to Delta, Pagosa will have to set its sights even further down the schedule, focusing on Jan. 25, when they will take part in the Gunnison meet.

Starting time for the Gunnison meet is set for 4 p.m.

The focus for this meet will be for the Lady Pirates to continue to focus on their starts and turns, Miller noted, but also continuing on their path of "race-paced" training and fine tuning technique.

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Pirates

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able by press time Wednesday.


"We got in major foul trouble but we got some good minutes out of some kids and we were able to hang on at the end. It was a really good win and the kids should be complimented for their effort," Sorenson explained.

Reflecting on the first two league games of the season, Sorenson acknowledged that both Cortez and Centauri make for tough atmospheres to play.

As the season progresses, each league game will be tough every single night; the Intermountain League (IML) has no weak teams, Sorenson noted.


Duo of league matchups

Next up for Pagosa will be another road contest, this time



Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

Nell Taylor
Swimming



Favorite subject: Math
Comments from coach Heather Miller: "Nell jumped in and swam the events I asked her to swim without complaint even though they were not her typical events. She always steps up and gives 100% effort at everything, school practice and meets! If I ask Nell to help with something she does without hesitation or complaint."

against the other Pirates, the No. 41 Monte Vista Pirates (4-6 overall) to be specific.

During the regular season last year, Pagosa was 2-0 against Monte Vista, but Monte Vista got revenge against Pagosa in the first round of the IML tournament, defeating them on a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to capture a 43-40 win.

Pagosa is set to take on Monte Vista tomorrow night with tipoff at 7 p.m.

"Monte Vista can really shoot the ball and if they get hot they can light up the scoreboard," Sorenson explained.

The Pirates will return to their home floor on Saturday to face another IML foe in the No. 17 Alamosa Mean Moose (6-4 overall, 1-0 in league play).

Tipoff against Alamosa is set

for 7 p.m.

Last season, Alamosa had Pagosa's number, defeating them in both league matchups.

"Alamosa is solid as always. They are very athletic and they also can score the ball. They are tough defensively as well," he wrote.

For both nights, Pagosa is going to have to be really good defensively, Sorenson explained. But, in addition to that, they are going to have to be able to score in order to come away with two league wins.

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Pagosa Youth Rangers Soccer registration begins

By Dorman Diller
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Youth Rangers Soccer Club is beginning to put together coded teams for the 2019 spring soccer season. We will host an open gym for players and mandatory parent information meetings at the Ross Aragon Community Center on Saturday, Jan. 26.

Players born in 2007-2011 are invited to attend from 1-2 p.m. Players born in 2004-2006 are invited to attend from 2-3 p.m. Parents will meet as follows: U10 (birth years 2009, 2010, 2011) at 1:30 p.m.; U12 (birth years 2007, 2008) at 2 p.m.; U15 (birth years 2004, 2005, 2006 and not in high school) at 2:30 p.m.

Players are asked to wear non-marking shoes to play on the gym floor. Players will run through a practice session. Join us on Saturday to play and learn more about soccer and the club. If you cannot make the open gym/parent meeting, please call and let us know of your interest in joining the club for the spring. You can also visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/pagosayouthsoccer.

Pagosa Youth Soccer is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that competes through Colorado Soccer Association with other teams from

the Four Corners region. Teams practice twice a week beginning in March. Two games are usually played on Saturdays beginning at the end of March in the surrounding areas.

Practice, travel, fees and a uniform are required to join a team. A sliding fee schedule is available. Registration closes Feb. 2. For more information and to register, you may contact Stephanie at 769-2163 or go to www.pagosasoccer.org.

School district to recognize board members

Special to The SUN

Archuleta School District (ASD) is joining school districts throughout Colorado in celebrating January as "School Board Recognition Month."

The district plans to recognize members of the board of education at a special board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 22, in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium at 5 p.m.

Currently serving on the board are President Greg Schick, Vice President Bruce Dryburgh, Secretary Brooks Lindner, Treasurer Bob Lynch and Dawn Kolpin.

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Village Pointe Property
Owner's Association, Inc.
Plaintiff

v.

Loretta Lee

Diann E Amick

Coreen E Kinneer

Defendants

Case No.: 2018CV30081

Attorney for Plaintiff:

Christopher B. Conley

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Fort Smith, AR 72901 Tel. 479.242.8814

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TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):

Diann E Amick

Coreen E Kinneer

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to

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Condominium for failure to pay assessments to Village

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Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at

Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort

Smith, AR 72901.

Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions:

Exhibit A

Matter Amount

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Unit Week Number: 10

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178523, Book 315, Page 350.

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Condominiums in that percentage interest determined

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Lien Amount: \$7,260.42

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/s/ 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:
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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, PAGOSAMEADOWS 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.
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By: /s/ Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee
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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

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Charter school sees early growth, room for improvement in mid-year test results

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The educational progress of Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) students on a variety of tests was addressed by School Director James Lewicki at the PPOS board's regular meeting on Monday.

As part of his director's report, Lewicki explained that PPOS is currently utilizing Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) practice tests for the math portion of the test.

In prepping for a test, you need to know what's on the test and what things to consider, Lewicki explained.

By doing this, it also allows PPOS to examine its curriculum to better prepare students for the exams, Lewicki added.

Another test addressed by Lewicki was the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) test, specifically the middle-of-year (MOY) results.

With the MOY results, PPOS staff is able to track students on how far they read, what passage they read and how fluent they were in reading that passage, he explained.

PPOS, according to Lewicki, had also just recently finished the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) MOY testing, and he later clarified that PPOS is just finishing up its DIBELS MOY testing.

"Over 90 percent of the students in MOY in DIBELS have good growth or significant growth," he explained, referencing literacy. "Over 90 percent of the students in the NWEA at MOY have good growth or significant growth."

Some students are not at grade level, but there is good growth, he added.

The school director's report spe-

cifically notes that in the NWEA reading test, using the Rasch unit (RIT) scoring measurement, that 45 percent of students are below grade level.

However, PPOS is also seeing 39 percent of students at grade level and 17 percent above grade level within the reading portion of the NWEA test.

From the beginning of the year (BOY) to the MOY, first through third grade has seen a 4.09 percent increase, while fourth and fifth grade has seen a 2.57 percent increase from the BOY to the MOY.

To close out the reading portion, 40 percent of students are above the national mean, with three of five grades being above.

On the NWEA math test, utilizing RIT scoring measures, 72 percent of PPOS students are below grade level, while 22 percent are at grade level and 6 percent are above grade level.

First- through third-graders have seen a 4.12 percent growth from the BOY to the MOY on the NWEA math test, while fourth and fifth grade have recorded a 2.37 percent increase.

Nineteen percent of students are above the national mean; however, none of the five grades housed within PPOS are above that mean on the math NWEA test.

Both NWEA and DIBELS, according to Lewicki, are indicating that about 55 to 60 percent are above grade level in reading.

"Which is, the flip side of that, is there's a significant group that are still kind of below," Lewicki said.

That data will help PPOS to create targeted lessons for what those students need, he explained.

Another positive is that the number of students who were labeled as having a significant reading deficit has been reduced by 40 percent, he

noted.

"So, from the beginning of the year, 40 percent of those students are no longer in intensive. They've moved up, so to speak, into strategic, or some of them have actually, a couple of them, have moved up into core," he explained further.

Plan in action

Later in the meeting, the PPOS board formally approved its unified improvement plan (UIP).

Following being issued a priority improvement plan recommendation by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), PPOS was required to develop a UIP to address certain academic areas.

The educational areas and the UIP in general were covered in the Dec. 13 issue of The SUN.

During the Monday meeting, Lewicki explained further in depth that the UIP had been recently updated with PPOS's DIBELS MOY scores.

"The MOY is a decent piece, because we've already met some of our end-of-year goals in the UIP," he said.

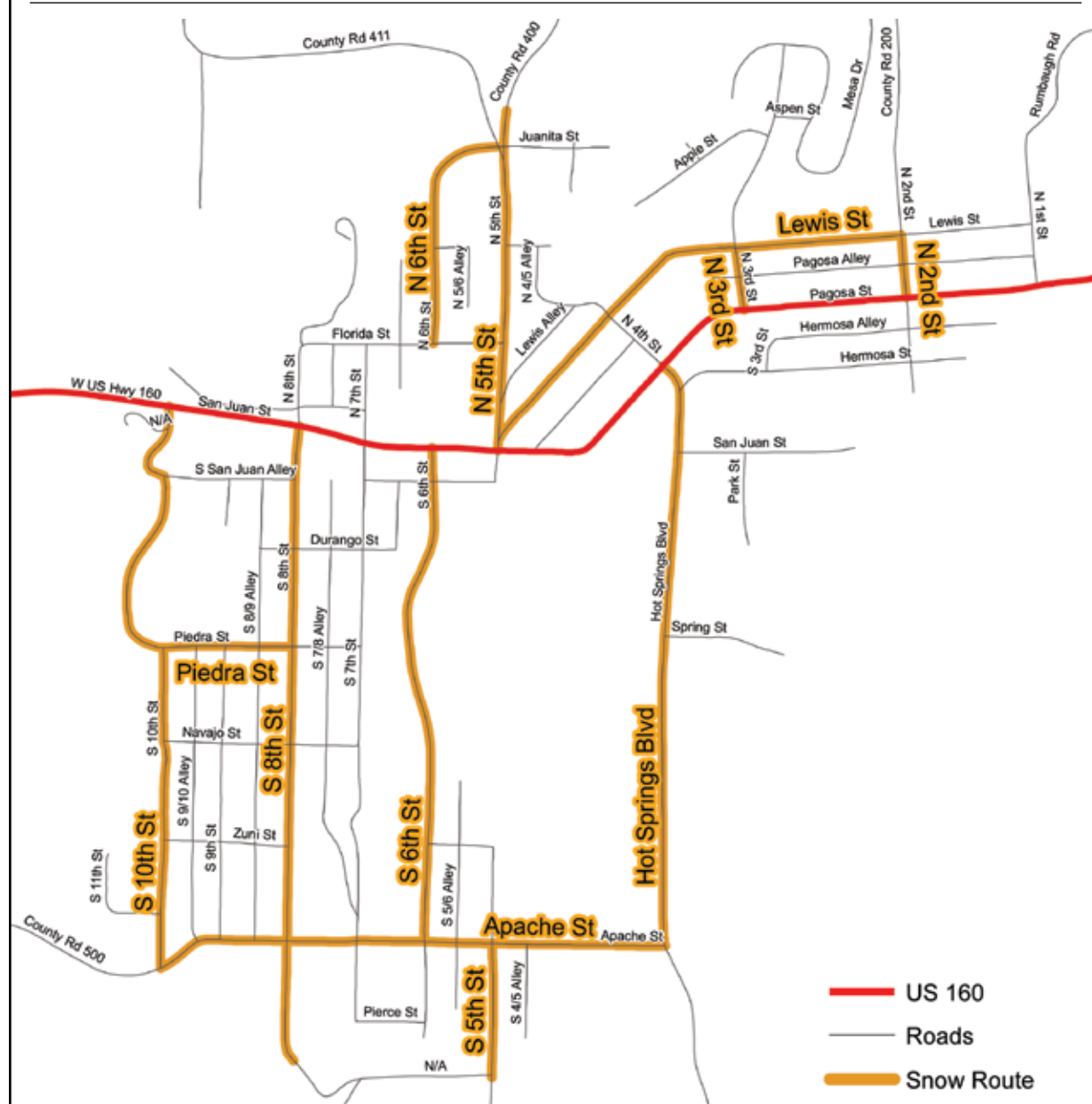
The UIP will be sent to the CDE and, because it's a priority improvement plan, it will come back to PPOS with the CDE's feedback on the plan, Lewicki noted.

The UIP would then come back to the PPOS board around March or April for a finalized vote, he stated.

The PPOS board voted unanimously to approve the UIP.

This UIP was also discussed by Archuleta School District (ASD) at its regular board meeting on Jan. 8, and within ASD Superintendent Linda Reed's report, she notes that PPOS staff, under Lewicki's leadership, is working intently toward a solution to address student learning needs. chris@pagosasun.com

Town of Pagosa Springs Designated Snow Routes



Town issues reminder about snow and ice removal

By Andrea Phillips
Special to The SUN

With these wonderful snowstorms of late comes increased responsibility from all of us to keep pathways cleared for safe passage of cars and pedestrians.

The Town of Pagosa Springs would like to remind property owners and tenants to keep our neighborhoods and business areas safe by reviewing the following guidelines.

Accumulation over 2 inches or more triggers the town's snow operations plan, which means that major streets are addressed first, including snow routes, then side streets, alleys and, finally, trails and parking lots.

Parking restrictions during and after snow events

The town has adopted "snow

routes" throughout the downtown area. These are in effect Oct. 15-April 15. A map can be found on the town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov. To ensure effective snow plowing of these streets, it is prohibited to park on the side of the street where the route is signed. Parking on the incorrect side of the street during or after a storm may result in the automobile being towed or the owner being ticketed.

Safe driving

Please slow down and use additional caution during winter events. Black ice and slick spots can be hard to identify and a few extra minutes of time is worth the safety of the lives in your vehicle and the vehicles around you. Do not drive too close to the plow trucks and allow them room to work. This includes not attempting to pass the plow as they clear local single-lane roads; this endangers not only yourself, but also the plow truck

operators. This will allow them to perform their job more efficiently so that all the streets can get cleared sooner.

Sidewalk clearing

The town requires all residents and business owners to clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property by noon of the second day following the snowfall to provide a clear walking path for pedestrians. Plowing, blowing or pushing snow from private property into the street or alley is prohibited. Snow from private property may not be piled on street rights of way.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping roads and sidewalks safe this winter season.

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Dems prepare for reorganizational and planning meetings

By John Porco
Special to The SUN

The Archuleta County Democratic Party (ACDP) will conduct its biennial reorganization meeting on Feb. 2. The meeting will be conducted at the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 9 a.m.

Colorado Revised Statute 1-3-103(1)(c) requires each county central committee to meet between Feb. 1 and Feb. 15 of the odd-numbered years to organize by selecting a chairperson, a vice chairperson, a treasurer, a secretary and any other officers provided for by the county bylaws, including precinct co-chairs. In addition, participants will select a vacancy committee authorized to fill vacancies in the county central committee and elected offices held

by Democrats.

The meeting is open to the public, but only members of the county central committee are eligible to vote. The county party has a number of vacant positions, including a number of precinct co-chairs. Nominations to each position will be accepted from the floor. However, the person nominated must have a nominator and a seconder, one of whom must be a central committee member. Any Democrat registered in Archuleta County may run for any office. To facilitate meeting planning, persons interested in running for an office are asked to contact Becky Herman, ACDP chair, at 903-0788 or beckyherman98@gmail.com. However, advance notice is not required for nomination.

Following the reorganization meeting, the ACDP will conduct the

second meeting of its new Long-Range Planning Committee. The purpose of the committee is to help make the ACDP more effective and set priorities as the party prepares for the future, specifically the 2020 election. The first committee meeting last November generated good ideas and the ACDP wants to build on this good start. Anyone interested is welcome to participate in this second meeting; it is not necessary to have attended the first one.

Participation by all county Democrats is encouraged in these vitally important meetings. This is your chance to influence the course of the party. A light breakfast will be provided. Contributions of finger foods are welcome. If you plan to attend either or both meetings, please contact Herman so that we are sure to have enough food.

SNAP benefits affected by government shutdown

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As a result of the ongoing federal government shutdown, most who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will receive their February benefits early.

In information provided to The SUN, Archuleta County Department of Human Services Director Matthew Dodson explained that all SNAP participants will be able to use their EBT card to purchase food as long as they have benefits on the card.

However, SNAP benefits will

not be issued again until March, so Dodson cautions those with SNAP benefits to plan food purchases carefully through January and February so needs can be met through the partial government shutdown.

No further information on March SNAP benefits is currently available, Dodson noted.

For those who received an additional SNAP payment on their EBT card from Jan. 16-20, Dodson explains that this is not an additional payment for January, but rather those are the February SNAP benefits.

"The early payment of February SNAP is meant to help with next

month's food. No SNAP benefits will be added in the month of February," Dodson noted.

When the government shutdown ends, SNAP benefits will go back to normal.

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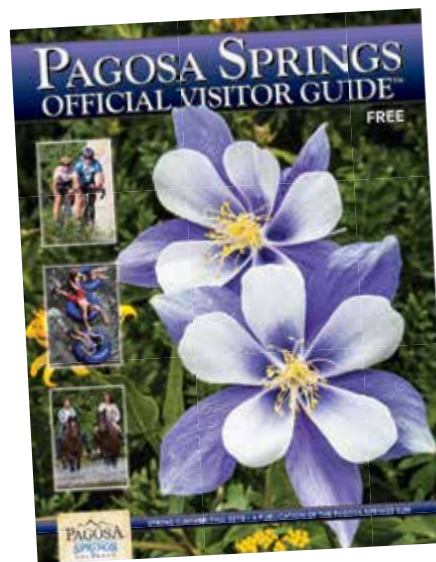
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January 17, 2019

Americana Project, guitar classes to perform concert Jan. 29

By Bob Hemenger
Special to The PREVIEW

The Americana Project class and the intro to guitar class will

have a concert Tuesday, Jan. 29, in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

The concert is free and will start at 7 p.m.

Students from Dan Burch's guitar classes will be performing several group songs, and there will be solo up to full band performances by all the Americana Project students.



Photo courtesy Dale Johnson

Several hopefuls await their turn to audition for the Pagosa Springs High School spring musical, "Footloose." Shown left to right, are Hayden Kiker, Ethan Mazur, Anika Thomas, Antonia Bussoli, Gavin Kiker and Hunter Smith.

'Footloose' sees record audition turnout

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

There was a record turnout of 63 Pagosa Springs High School student performers who auditioned for the high school spring musical, "Footloose," this week.

It will open the end of March. The music and theater depart-

ment spent two days with students as they sang, danced and acted on stage in search of a role in the production.

"Footloose" will be directed by Dale Johnson, with music direction by Dan Burch, accompanist and vocals coach Venita Burch and vocals coach Dale Scrivener.

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San Juan Stargazers to study the Sombrero Galaxy

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

The San Juan Stargazers will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Chamber Visitor Center conference room located at 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

We are now a nonprofit member of the Chamber of Commerce, so this is our permanent meeting location. The meeting is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Hot drinks will be served starting around 6:30 p.m.

Our program for the evening is about the famous Hubble image of the classic edge-on Sombrero Galaxy. Sombrero is part of our galaxy group of 40-50 close galaxies which is called The Local Group. I chuckle every time I think of the "Local Group." Astronomers have a sense of humor.

We also will take a look at Charles Messier, a French astronomer who, between 1758 and 1781, identified over 100 of the brightest objects in the night sky. He did that because his goal in life was to become famous by being the first to find a new comet which like Haley's Comet would forever bear his name. He never did find a comet, but he is more frequently remembered for his list of Messier Objects.

We will also study Edwin Hubble's discovery of the concept of galaxy which took place in 1925. Just think how astronomy has grown in the past 90 years — by going from a man named Hubble who first presented the concept of galaxy to the telescope named after him that makes it possible to

see billions of them. That is mind-boggling stuff we study. You may want to join us.

If you haven't packed up your holiday decorations yet, make sure that as you do, you notice the location of your stored telescope. Almost all families in Pagosa have at least one. As soon as we have a bit less snow we will be having several telescope clinics so that you can learn how to use it or fix it and perhaps share that enjoy-

ment with others. 2019 is the year to do it.

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

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Spotlight: Tyler Price is back home in Pagosa Springs for ‘Little Women: the Musical’

By Tess Wisner
Special to The PREVIEW

Tyler Price has come home to Pagosa Springs for “Little Women: the Musical.” Price is playing the love interest of Meg March, Mr. John Brooke. If you’d like to see and hear Price’s beautiful performance, “Little Women” is playing for one more weekend at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

This is Price’s third season with Thingamajig Theatre Company. He was inducted into the Thingamajig family during the 2017 summer season, which included “Hair-spray,” “Sister Act,” “Big River,” and “Aida.” Price has directed a number of the Whatchamawhozits Children’s Theatre Camp productions, including “Annie Jr.” and “Mission Moo Shu,” which he also wrote. Along with Marion Bienvenu and Ryan Hazelbaker, Price attended Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La.

We had the lovely opportunity to talk with Price and learn more about what brought him to this corner of Colorado.

What got you started in theater?
“My mother passed away when I was 9 years old and a social worker recommended me for the Talented Theatre Program at Estelle Elementary School.”

What made you choose this for a career?

“I was inspired to go into theater by the Jefferson Performing Arts Society in New Orleans. They run these extensive youth programs and that played a huge role in me wanting this as a career. I also worked backstage on some of their productions as a teenager, which gave me the opportunity to meet working actors who traveled the country as performers. I knew that’s what I wanted to do and they gave me some advice that I will never forget.”

What is your dream role?



Photo courtesy Tess Wisner

Tyler Price (right) is happy to be in Pagosa Springs again, this time playing Mr. John Brooke in “Little Women: the Musical” with the Thingamajig Theatre Company at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

“I have many. Number one would be Sweeney Todd. I’d also like to play Dan in ‘next to normal,’ Coalhouse Walker in ‘Ragtime’ and Beast in ‘Beauty and the Beast.’ Of course, Jim in ‘Big River,’ which I played in Pagosa, is my favorite role that I’ve ever played.”

How has this rehearsal process differed from past rehearsal processes?

“The summer was more difficult because we had so much going on. This winter rehearsal process was definitely more chill. I prefer the busy summer schedule because it’s more exciting, but it’s nice to have time to actually do other things in Pagosa Springs.”

How has this role challenged you?

“I think the biggest challenge is making sure my gestures and body stances fit within this time period. I would also like to shout out Tim Moore for casting me in this role. Colorblind casting is the new frontier and I’m happy to see that in Pagosa Springs.”

What keeps you coming back to

Pagosa Springs and Thingamajig Theatre?

“The love. It’s a family here and I need that energy in my life. The kids program holds a special place in my heart, watching them grow up since 2017 has been amazing.”

Price will be playing Mr. John Brooke in “Little Women” through Jan. 20. Come catch Thingamajig Theatre’s production of “Little Women” before it’s too late. To purchase tickets, visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW (7469).

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Cabin Fever Festival to support community bouldering gym

By Michael Whiting
Special to The PREVIEW

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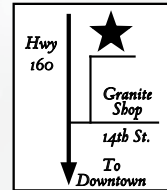
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Thingamajig Theatre Company's production of "Proof" at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts in May 2018 swept the drama awards in a 2018 statewide contest sponsored by BroadwayWorld Denver. "Proof" won a total of seven awards, taking all but one honor related to the "best play" category.

Thingamajig's 'Proof' wins big in statewide theater awards

By Carole Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company's production of "Proof" at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts in May 2018 swept the drama awards in the 2018 statewide contest sponsored by BroadwayWorld Denver, according to results announced in Denver on Jan. 8.

"Proof" won a total of seven awards, taking all but one honor related to the "best play" category: Dennis Elkins, best actor; Christina Norris, best actress; Dan Morrison,

best supporting actor; Melissa Firlit, best supporting actress; John Santangelo, best set design; best small ensemble of a play and best play altogether.

Laine Wong was also a stellar Thingamajig honoree, winning two best lighting design awards — for a play for "Circle Mirror Transformation" and for a musical for "West Side Story."

High-caliber competition

Thingamajig competes in the impressive Denver professional theater market, which also in-

cludes Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Creede Repertory Theatre, Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, Arvada Center, Cherry Creek Theatre, Aurora Fox Art Center and many more.

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from prison in a stolen Dodge Neon, with an 8-ball of coke in the glove compartment and a hooker named Mandy in the back seat.” — Dennis Lehane, “Until Gwen.”

This first sentence definitely gives another kind of voice. “No-body died that year.” — Renata Adler, “Speedboat.”

It was my week to teach at the writers' group. The lesson would be on how to write a strong first sentence. Authors take us on a journey that starts by providing a description that lacks distinctive characteristics. Some use a hook, something that jars us or captures our attention, while others may pose a question that appeals to our curiosity.

The first sentence of a story should take on a specific voice, a tone that leans us towards an understanding of the kind of book we are reading. For example, drama, humor, mystery, suspense or romance. ■ See Lane on next page

Awards

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Regional productions, touring shows and other shows were included in the statewide awards categories. This means that the caliber of the competition is extremely high.

BroadwayWorld is the largest theater site on the Internet, covering Broadway in New York, the West End in London and other key artistic locations worldwide, including Denver.

This year's awards honored productions which opened in Colorado between Oct. 1, 2017, and Sept. 30, 2018.

More Thingamajig honorees

Thirteen additional Thingamajig nominees with exceptional talent made it to the final ballot in this prestigious competition: Elkins, best director of a musical for “Thoroughly Modern Millie;” Firlit, best director of a play for “Proof;” Morrison, best actor in a musical for “Legally Blonde;” Kathleen Macari, star of “Thoroughly Modern Millie,” and Heather McCall, star of “Legally Blonde,” both for best actress; Tyler Price, best supporting actor in a musical for “Legally Blonde;” plus Halley Daigle and Marion Bienvenu, both for best supporting actress in a musical for “Legally Blonde;” Boni McIntyre, best music director for “Thoroughly Modern Millie;” Pia Wyatt, best choreography for a musical for “Thoroughly Modern Millie;” Nanette Cheffers, best costume design for a musical for “Legally Blonde;” Matt McCarren, best set design for a musical for “West Side Story;” and Hannah Shutt, best sound design for a musical for “Thoroughly Modern Millie.”

As well, “Legally Blonde” and “Thoroughly Modern Millie” both were nominated for best musical, and “Little Shop of Horrors” and “Legally Blonde” both were nominated for best small ensemble in a musical.

In addition, McIntyre was nomi-

nated for best supporting actress in a musical for “Sunday in the Park with George” at the Arvada Center.

Reaction from the Moores

Thingamajig Theatre Company was co-founded in April 2011 by the brilliant husband-and-wife team of Tim Moore, producing artistic director, and Laura Moore, production and business manager, both of whom won individual Broadway World awards for their artistic work in 2017.

Said Tim Moore of this year's impressive results: “Legendary Broadway producer and director Harold Prince once said that his creative life was so rewarding because each of his shows took place ‘in an empty black box that you fill with your imagination.’ That's exactly what we believe at Thingamajig. Our dreams have been realized as we have grown from an embryonic idea into a flourishing environment for artistic creativity. These are very exciting times for our theater in Pagosa Springs.”

Added Laura Moore: “These awards directly reflect the support and enthusiasm our patrons and out-of-town visitors have for our outstanding performers and production staff. We are very proud of them all.”

Winter season underway now

Thingamajig's exciting winter season is currently underway. “A Christmas Carol” closed Dec. 30, but the delightful “Little Women: the Musical” will be performed through this Sunday, Jan. 20.

Next up will be “Cerebrotini: Stirred, but not Shaken” by local writer Karl Isberg opening Feb. 8. This comedy takes you on a romp through the ICU and asks the ever-important question, “Are there cocktails in the afterlife?” Following the theater's tradition, this February show showcases local talent. It will be directed by McIntyre and Laura Moore.

Four musicals this summer

Tim Moore recently announced the four musicals which will make up the summer 2019 season: “Ring of Fire: The Johnny Cash Musical Show;” “The Who's Tommy,” a rock musical; “Mamma Mia,” based on the songs of ABBA; and “Jekyll and Hyde,” a musical horror drama. All but “Mamma Mia” will feature live musicians. He promised that a few of the audience's favorite actors will be back to perform and emphasized that “a slew of new highly talented artists will be here as well.”

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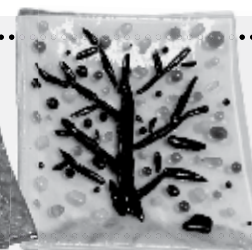
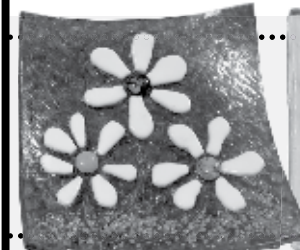


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Summer Graham was born and raised in Houston, TX, where she graduated in 1998 from the University of Houston with a Bachelors in Psychology. Experiencing a personal tragedy, she realized the need to use her skills as a healer, which led to her studies 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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Mercy is a means to a better end

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

As I drink my coffee this morning, I find a simple tool to quell inner demons and hurts.

“The man who has mercy will be rewarded, but the cruel man is the cause of trouble to himself.” — Proverbs 11:17.

Other versions of this Bible wisdom read the first part as “the merciful man does good to his own soul” or “his behavior returns to bless him.”

This reminds me. Once I needed someone to be nice to me. They weren't. I didn't like it very much. Later I learned to dig up past hurts and wrongs to get a grip on any inner struggles. To explore past

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hurts as a way to get to something better is fine, but I found living in those potholes was awful. The forgiver of sins and wrongs helped me climb out.

So I learned about mercy; i.e. to cut people slack, believe the best in them until proven wrong and not jump right to payback when deserved. This does my inner person good — the one you can't see but I have to live with. I can forgive for noble reasons, but also just to

make life better. Revenge is hard on both of us.

Being good to my soul is wise. The world is full of sad things, but also wondrous ones. I can be aware of both, but dwell on its beauty. I can forgive myself when needed and know that being a cruel person is one way they are punished for it.

Wise ideas grease the gears of living. There is less friction as I move on to other things. Solomon's writings on the subject tell me how to manage the part of life I have control over and the scarce assets I have to do it with. I can do mercy. It is a tool in a tool box. Mercy changes me and is a means to a better end.

After all, the people in heaven and hell will tell you they don't deserve to be there.

Lane

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mance. I asked My Sweet Al, “What do you expect in 2019?” He quickly replied, “There is so much in life that we don't know.” It seemed like

a perfect first sentence if he were writing a book. In truth, I learn more and more about him each and every day.

In life, our story is written as we live it and in its own unique voice. We may not always like how it reads, but it is what it is. For some there is drama, others have a lot of humor, but all in their own familiar voice.

I decided to pass around a list of the best first-sentences from 50 novels while at my writers' group. Then I passed around a how-to instruction for writing a strong first sentence.

I asked each writer in the group to write down one or two words to describe themselves or where they felt they were in life. Words that could be used as a working title if they were writing a book. After that, I asked them to write the first line for a novel, a story about their life.

As expected, the first few descriptive words each person wrote and their subsequent first sentences reflected their own unique voice. They were sentences full of tone and texture that brought definition to their life and captured my attention.

“I came into this world squeezed between two dynamic personalities. One clutching the status of

elder, the other charming and favored.” My place — “Peacemaker.”

“Only yesterday, my 9-year-old, tomboy-self slid down Ellenberger Hill in the dark of night screaming my pleasure.” — “A Time of Transformation.”

“In seeing the foibles of others, I've found the joke is on me.” — “Irony.”

When I returned home, My Sweet Al asked how things went at the writers' group.

“I think they understood my teaching. It's important that we know how the story of our lives read.”

“It wouldn't be interesting

to me. I can't get into that far-out stuff. It's like when you talk to me in Greek. It doesn't make any sense, I don't like it.”

Wow! I had hit a nerve in my Sweet Al. I explained to him that this was interesting to me because I'm realizing that I am writing my own story, a story as I live it. I'm starting to understand what my DNA tells me about myself, how I'm wired and why I make certain decisions, even if with a pioneer's tenacity.

No, my voice is not warm and fuzzy, not nurturing, nor will it ever be. And I certainly don't have to wait for a hurricane to make my life interesting. The ideas in my head are enough of a whirlwind for me.

I wonder what I would title the story of my life and how the first sentence would read. Maybe something like this. “An artist whose

hands are held by The Master, skills of the ordinary, but empowered to create with a broad-brush stroke of color.” — “Blank Canvas.”

Final brushstroke: The best writings are those that say, “Based on a true story.” While some tell a tale of being whipped up by life's hurricanes' others, a peaceful calm with no storm in sight. How does your story open? More importantly, where will your story take you in 2019? Will you walk through tomorrow's pages with your same familiar voice, or perhaps discover a new voice that takes you on a journey beyond your own imagination?

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UUs to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

By Dean Cerny
Special to The PREVIEW

Martin Luther King Jr.'s voice was silenced over 50 years ago. His legacy, however, remains a clear and profound voice for those of us who are still listening. This Sunday, Jan. 20, at 10:30 a.m., his words will come alive once again to address the age-old quest for peace upon this earth.

King's ability to meld traditional Christian theology with social action will be on display as we "re-create" his sermon titled "Peace On Earth." In this sermon, he addresses the hypocrisy of religious and governmental leadership that called for peace, but did little or nothing to deliver it during the height of the Vietnam war. Some of us remember these turbulent times

and the necessity of the clarion call for peace that King offered unto a world ravaged by crimes against humanity.

King's sermon, delivered on Christmas Eve 1967, expounds upon the three meanings for "love" that occur in the Christian testament and explains the difficult challenge they pose for us to accomplish peace even today. Also, in this sermon, King expands upon the dreams, as well as the frustrations of his "I have a Dream" speech delivered four years prior.

Nothing could be more Unitarian Universalist than a Baptist sermon written by King. In this sermon re-creation, we bring to life the words of a prophet that challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion and especially, the

transforming and trying power of a selfless love. This MLK-infused service will be led by Pastor Dean Cerny.

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

Check out our calendar of events at pagosauu.org. All of these events take place at Unit B-15 of the Greenbriar Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn onto Park Avenue, then turn into the Greenbriar Plaza, drive to the east side of the parking lot and look for the Unitarian Universalist sign, facing north.

If you would like to schedule a private meeting with Cerny, or for further information, call 731-7900.

PCNT to explore topic of 'Honoring Feelings'

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

All are welcome to join the Rev. Janet Wyrick and Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 10:30 a.m., to explore the topic "Honoring Feelings."

We are where we are today because of our beliefs and feelings. Today is a new day and our future is brighter than ever. Please join us in looking at our feelings and the influence they have had on our experience.

Meditation circle

PCNT holds Meditation and Healing Circle each Wednesday at

6 p.m. All are welcome. Instruction is provided for beginners.

"Group meditation increases a feeling of connection with others. Their practice feels deeper, tapping into a more profound silence than they experience on their own."—The Chopra Center.

Upcoming events

"Introduction to Astrology" will be on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 6 p.m. Please contact PCNT for more information.

PCNT is a New Thought center based on fostering living a spiritually centered life and promoting the philosophies of the Centers for Spiritual Living and the Agape Centers.

We welcome local talent to share gifts, aptitudes and knowledge. Have a hand in making a difference. Participate, learn or contribute your insights, beliefs, knowledge and skills.

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

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

Beef symposium set for Feb. 6

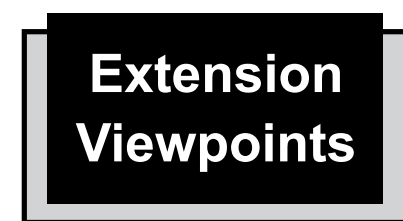
By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

The San Juan Basin Extension Beef Cattle Symposium has been a tradition in southwest Colorado and northwest New Mexico for 36 years. Educational programs are important to help us sustain this way of life.

The 2019 Beef Cattle Symposium will primarily focus on resiliency and ways to maintain profitability and herd health during a fluctuating market. Visit with industry professionals on new programs and alternatives to maintain the health of your herd while maintaining profitability.

This year's symposium is set Feb. 6 at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds.

Speakers include: New Mexico State University (NMSU) Veterinarian Dr. John Wenzel, Montezuma County Noxious Weed Department Head Bonnie Loving, Colorado State University (CSU) Range Management Specialist Retta Bruegger, NMSU Beef Specialist Dr. Craig Gifford



ford and Livestock Marketing Information Center Senior Ag Economist Katelyn McCulloch.

Registration is from 8:30 to 9 a.m., speaker presentations are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Training is from 3 to 6 p.m. The workshop fee is \$25 per person, which includes workshop materials, lunch and refreshments, BQA training, as well as great door prizes from our sponsors.

No lunch or materials guaranteed on registrations received after Feb. 1.

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 it 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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National Radon Action Month: San Juan Basin Public Health to offer workshops, radon test kits

Special to The PREVIEW

January is National Radon Action Month, and San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and Colorado State University Extension office will hold free radon testing workshops and provide free radon kits to participants.

Approximately half of Colorado homes have radon gas levels that exceed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's action level. In Colorado, radon is estimated to cause 500 lung cancer deaths each year. Radon gas has no odor or taste, is not visible and occurs naturally in the soil. Radon enters homes and buildings through small openings. The U.S. surgeon general lists radon exposure as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States.

The Colorado State Board of Health has declared January as Radon Action Month and state environmental officials hope residents will take the time to test their homes.

"The best protection against radon is to test in your home, and January is the ideal time to test because radon is more likely to enter a home and stay there during the coldest months of the year" said Brian Devine, air and water quality program manager for SJBPH.

Radon workshops will be held on the following dates:

- Jan. 17, 6 p.m., Archuleta County Extension office, 344 U.S. 84, Pagosa Springs.
- Jan. 18, 11 a.m., SJBPH Durango Office, Larkspur Training Room, 281 Sawyer Drive, Durango.
- Jan. 24, 10 a.m., Pine River Library, 395 Bayfield Center Drive, Bayfield.
- Jan. 29, 10 a.m., Archuleta County Extension office, 344 U.S. 84, Pagosa Springs.

• Jan. 31, 5:30 p.m., SJBPH Durango Office, Larkspur Training Room, 281 Sawyer Drive, Durango.

Workshop participants will receive as many free short-term radon test kits as they need and the confidence to use them correctly.

Preregistration is strongly encouraged; individuals can preregister for a workshop by emailing their name and address to eh@sjbpublichealth.org. More information can be found at <https://sjbpublichealth.org/radon/>.

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Dutch Henry Born: Wild West legend

Dutch Henry was lounging in a Trinidad, Colo., bar, his eyes fixed on a rickety old pool table and his ears tuned to what might have been a bragging contest between Charley Morrow, Mysterious Dave Mather and several other frontier hardcases whose facial features splattered across wanted post-

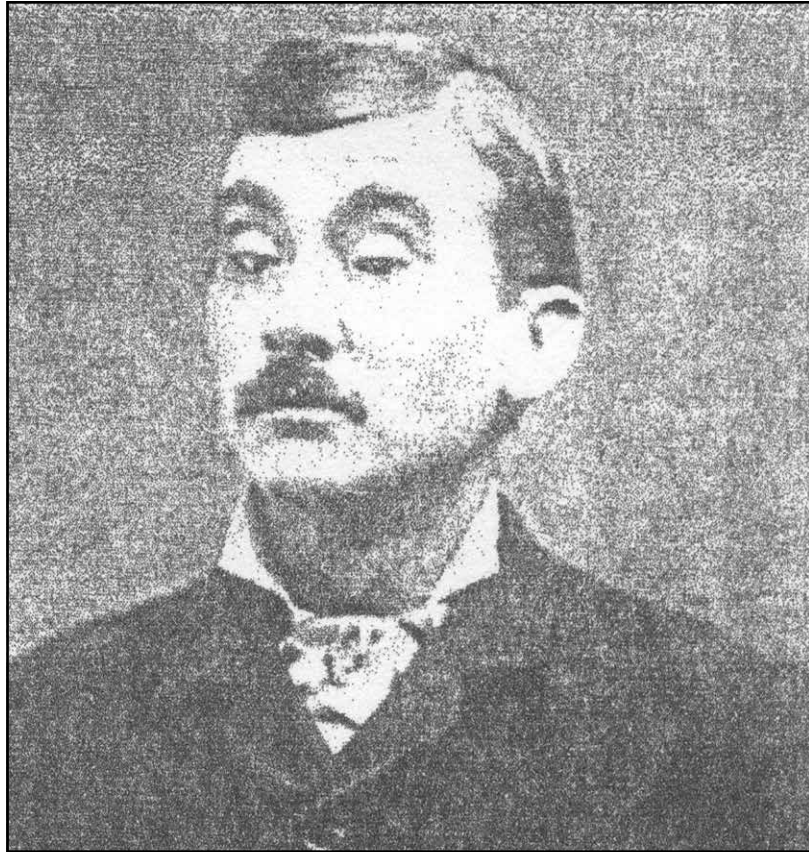


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Judd Hallet was Archuleta County's first sheriff, serving in the 1880s. He undoubtedly kept his six-gun oiled and his trigger finger limber and ready for action.

The others in the room didn't realize that Dutch had reached a deal with Uncle Dick Wooten, the sheriff in Trinidad, to surrender to Masterson and return with him

to Dodge City to stand trial for horse rustling and a few other incidental crimes. All that remained was to establish bail and reward money. Wooten was a famous frontiersman in his own right and had built the toll road across Raton Pass.

Dutch's surrender and submission seemed to mark a turn in his career. A good guess would be that he'd had time to weigh his past occupational endeavors against his heartfelt desire to wed his childhood sweetheart, Ida

Dilabaugh. In any case, after taking care of business in Dodge, He turned from outlaw to prospector and headed for the San Juan Mountains, searching for gold and a chance to win the heart of his lifelong love.

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ers decorating dozens of bulletin boards throughout the West. Anybody willing to chance donating his bullet-riddled carcass to a cranky old undertaker could grab hold of a sizable retirement and reputation by cashing in on the rewards advertised on those posters — if he was man enough.

Nobody was watching the entrance when suddenly the bar room doors swung open and the silhouette of a man well-built, well-dressed, well-armed and well-known to Dutch filled the door.

"Howdy, Bat," Dutch greeted the lawman whose piercing eyes searched the room, one hand hovering over his six-shooter. Other hands in the room inched toward worn leather holsters. There was enough see you in la-la land firepower in the room to bring down a sizable posse.

"Bat, what took you so long?" Dutch asked while glancing around the room with an icy stare. "You all know my friend with the badge don't you? This here is Bat Masterson." Eyes around the room shifted back to decks of cards and an assortment of drinks leaving the sheriff and the West's most notorious outlaw to manage their business without interference.

Eyewitnesses later reported that Dutch was calm and level-headed and for reasons unknown and inconsistent with his reputation unbuckled his pistol belt and handed the arsenal over to the approaching lawman.

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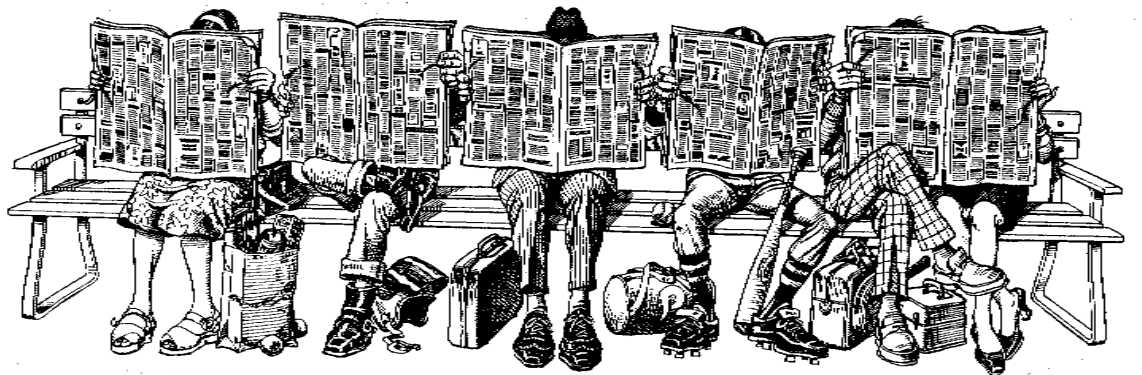
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Library creates foundation to lead fundraising for enhanced collections, programs, services, facilities

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Your library is taking a major step forward in our fundraising efforts by creating a foundation with the mission to raise moneys for information resources, programs, services and facilities. In September, we applied to the IRS for approval of the foundation as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, with that application currently pending.

The foundation will be led by a volunteer board composed of Pagosa citizens and will be supported by individual donors and community partners.

“The foundation will provide critical support to the library by enhancing our programs and services that nurture literacy, the imagination and lifelong learning and by expanding the library’s collections,” said Meg Wempe, library director. “We are excited because we know that working together, the foundation and library can have a greater positive impact on the children and adults of our community.”

For more details about the new foundation, please watch for an article by Cindi Galabota, your library’s development officer, in next week’s SUN.

Library closing

Your library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday.

Book drop at City Market

Just a reminder that we have a book drop at City Market. As you face the front door of the grocery store, you’ll find it tucked behind the fifth post on the left, between the wood storage and propane tanks. Contents are being picked up three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and we’re delighted to say it’s being used.

We have two special requests to make this new service work for everyone: First, please put your Nooks in the media side of the box so they are not damaged by heavy books. Second, the book drop is not for donations. They need to be brought to the library, as some people donate a lot and that will fill the box faster than it is emptied, not allowing people to return their library materials.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 18, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session where you can enjoy video gaming on Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family.

Teen gaming

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Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the seventh through 12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

DIY for adults

At this month’s free DIY event on Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 1 to 2 p.m., you’ll make a goat’s milk and honey soap that’s so easy it can be made in just 10 minutes — and it boasts lots of skin benefits. No registration is required.

Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Computer classes

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

Today, 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

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“The Cowboys” is a western starring John Wayne. “Lorna Doone” is a film adapted from the classic book. “Yoga Journal’s Yoga” guides you through five practice sessions designed to follow the cycles of the Earth from sunrise to sunset. “For Izzy” is a documentary-style romance featuring an addicted photojournalist and an autistic woman. “Unbroken: Path to Redemption” is the follow-up true story of the hero of the film based on Laura Hillenbrand’s bestselling book.

Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

“In a House of Lies” by Ian Rankin is an Inspector Rebus story of a cold case involving a missing private investigator. “Verses of the Dead” by Preston and Child is an FBI Special Agent Pendergast mystery.

Other novels

“The Deal of a Lifetime” by Fredrik Blackman is a novella about a father and son meeting for the first time in years.

Travel books

“Field Guide to the Rocky Mountain States” is a National Audubon Society guide to the geology, wildlife, stars, plants, weather and ecology in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. “Journeys of a Lifetime” is a National Geographic

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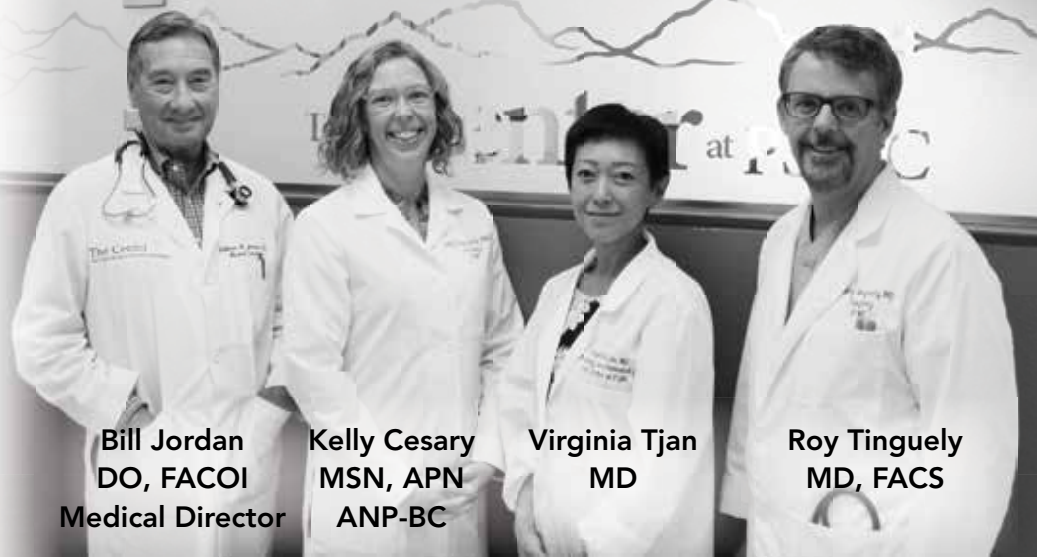
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Caregiver support group will meet Jan. 25

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

If you are a caregiver of a friend or family member in your home or outside your home, please join us for support and respite (adults 21 and older are eligible to participate).

A support group can have significant positive effects on caregivers' well-being. It is a chance to speak with other caregivers who have common experiences with caregiving, learn about resources available in our community, learn how to keep yourself healthy so you can continue to help the care recipient and a chance for respite.

The group will meet monthly and be facilitated by Ana Sancho, Ph.D. The next scheduled meeting will be Friday, Jan. 25, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Please call 264-2167 if you plan to attend or need to request a different starting time.

Memberships

2019 Senior Discount Club Memberships are now offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

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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 Friday, Jan. 25.

Following are the legal services Fiedler can assist with:

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

Please come by or call the Senior Center office (inside the Ross Ara-

gon Community Center) located at 451 Hot Springs Blvd. or call 264-2167 to schedule an appointment.

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Visitors with activities

By Kay Kaylor

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

Pine Ridge has one activity director on weekdays for some 40 or more residents, so your friends and family living there might appreciate activities with visitors. Residents at BeeHive also might benefit from visitors providing stimulating activities. In addition to taking residents on outings or even sitting outside, here are some ideas for indoors.

Studies have shown that music from the past, especially favorite songs, inspires even people living with the late stages of Alzheimer's. Visitors could bring a portable CD player with earbuds or headphones or even play music from smartphones. To avoid frightening a resident living with dementia, approach the person carefully and explain what the items are and what you are going to do, perhaps using the hearing items yourself first.

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guide to 500 of the world's greatest trips with photos and maps. "2019 Good Sam Guide Series" is a travel savings guide for the RV and outdoor enthusiast.

How-to and self-help

"How to Be an American" by author and illustrator Silvia Hidalgo is a field guide to citizenship that reviews the information about how our government works that you may have learned in school but have forgotten. "Your Income Tax 2019" is the J.K. Lasser guide to preparing your 2018 tax return. "Keto Instant Pot" by Maria Emmerich offers more than 130 low-carb recipes for your electric pressure cooker or slow cooker. "The Complete Ketogenic Diet for Beginners" by Amy Ramos is a guide to living the Keto lifestyle.

CDs

"None of my Business" by satirist P.J. O'Rourke explains money, banking, debt, equity, assets, liabilities, and why he's not rich and neither are you.

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you sample movies like you would music.

Thanks to our donors

For books and materials this week, we thank Chuck Jordan and our anonymous donors. We also are grateful to four out-of-state donors. Patricia Howard and Donald Logan from Vancouver, Canada, made a generous monetary gift in honor of Bob and Carole Howard. We also received a generous contribution from Becky and Brian Savage from Fort Worth, Texas.

Quotable quote

"When we're faced with a story, we are wired as a species to respond. To act. We need to be invited into the lives of others ... Stories remain our best teachers of empathy." — Khaled Hosseini, Afghan-born American novelist ("The Kite Runner" and "Sea Prayer").

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Mark your calendars for April's 9Health Fair

By Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs community is gearing up for the 2019 9Health Fair. This year will be even better than in the past.

For the minimal cost of \$35, you can get an extensive blood chemistry that includes cholesterol, triglycerides, glucose and at least 20 more assessment results. No fasting necessary. Optional, more extensive analysis including testosterone for both men and women, and B12 screenings are also available this year on April 27.

Come for vision screening and eye health education; blood pressure and oxygen testing; spine screening; health education and presentations, and so much more. Volunteers are getting ready now.

The 9Health Fair is scheduled

for April 27 at Pagosa Springs High School.

Life-enhancing discovery

One of our volunteers, we'll call her Carol, was gaining weight, losing her hair and suffering from fatigue, muscle cramps and depression. She discovered her thyroid was not operating properly. She received medical treatment and learned how to shift her lifestyle and diet to enhance her thyroid health. She increased iodine-rich foods such as saltwater fish and other seafood, seaweed, kelp and parsley. Further testing showed that she was deficient in minerals. She added ginger as a spice, because it is a good source of magnesium, zinc and potassium. Her vitamin and mineral supplements include: fish oil, zinc, vitamin D, A, C, E and B-complex. Now, she is dropping

pounds, has a full head of hair and all the energy and enthusiasm of a woman half her age. Your health is important and we're here to help.

Come to the health fair to help yourself, friends and the community. Volunteer and/or provide education regarding local health and wellness services or products.

Considering volunteering? 9Health is offering vouchers, special discounts and online registration for our community. We care. And, we'll keep you informed along the way. Visit 9HealthFair.org. Do you have questions or want to volunteer? Contact Sharee Grazda at 731-0317 and/or email sgrazda@gmail.com.

You can reach Constance at 7LawsofHealth@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for April 27 from 7 to 11 a.m. at Pagosa Springs High School, 800 S. 8th St.

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Visitors could bring a coloring book and crayons or pens, a simple game or an art project. A child could bring something to "show and tell." Knowing the past interests of the resident might provide ideas.

To connect the resident with others, visitors could read past or present letters from family, show photos (naming and explaining who the people are if the person forgets) or arrange a video chat with someone living farther away.

Even showing talks or reading from the Internet would add variety to television watching.

For further information, you may call me at 403-2164 or send an email toombudsman2@sjbaaa.org.

Medical alert system

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

pie.

Friday, Jan. 18 — Pork zuppa Toscana, eggplant medley, focaccia bread with butter, milk and salad bar.

Monday, Jan. 21 — New England clam chowder, sautéed spinach with mushrooms, buttermilk biscuit with butter, milk and salad.

Tuesday, Jan. 22 — Beef tacos, charro beans, seasoned asparagus, milk, salad bar and bread pudding with pecans.

Wednesday, Jan. 23 — Hot turkey salad, broccoli with red peppers, honey garlic green beans, milk, salad bar and pumpkin pie.

Thursday, Jan. 24 — Pork posole, squash calabacitas, whole-wheat tortilla, milk, salad bar and flan.

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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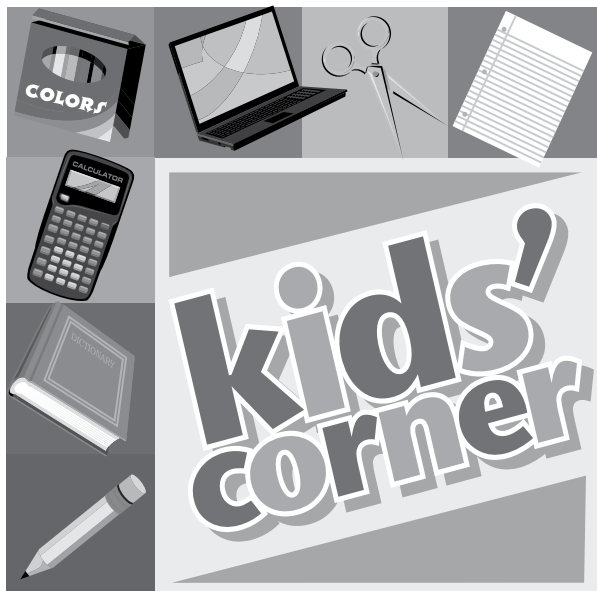
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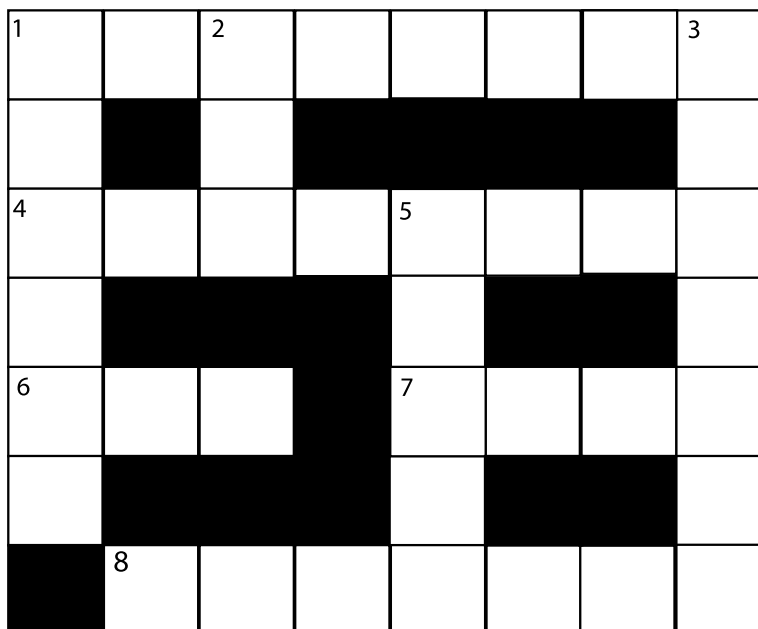
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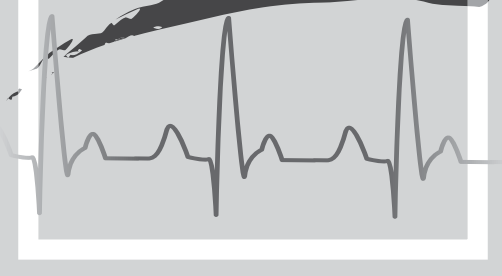
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ANSWER: ART EASEL

Preview Calendar

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

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.

Southwest Organization for Sustainability. 3:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Everyone welcome. For more information, call Phyl Daleske at 731-4589.

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.

Radon Testing Workshop. 6 p.m., CSU Extension Office, 344 U.S. 84. Presented by San Juan Basin Public Health and CSU Extension Office. Workshop participants will receive as many free short-term radon test kits as they need and the confidence to use them correctly. Preregis-

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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 common goldeneye.

These attractive, medium-sized ducks are named for their bright yellow eyes. They are strong flyers known as the whistler for the distinctive sound made by their wings in flight. The male has a black back and white sides streaked with wisps of black at the top. His iridescent green head has a round white patch near the bill. The female is a grayish color with a dark brown head and usually a dark bill tipped with orange. She is very difficult to distinguish from the female Barrow's goldeneye, which can also be seen here but in smaller numbers.

Some birds only show up here in the winter, and the common goldeneye is one of them, spending November through April in our area. Extremely cold-tolerant birds, they are often the last species to leave and the first to return to their breeding grounds in the boreal forests of northern Canada and Alaska. There, they nest in tree cavities near lakes, rivers or wetlands. Like many duck species, a common goldeneye will often lay eggs in her own nest and then sneak in and lay some in the nest of another female. This strategy may insure that if a predator destroys one nest, chicks will survive in the other.

Look for these beautiful birds now on the river through town and on ice-free areas of local lakes.

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

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

Friday, Jan. 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.

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

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

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Saturday, Jan. 19

Pagosa Paw Dog Sled Race. 8:30

a.m., Cloman Community Park. 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.

Cabin Fever Festival. 4 p.m., Hot Springs Boulevard, behind the Bank of the San Juans and The Springs Resort. An event to enjoy by locals and visitors. A bonfire of our old Christmas trees, live music by the Brooks-i Band, beer and food. You can drop off your Christmas tree at that location or bring it with you to toss in the fire. Net proceeds support our new nonprofit community bouldering gym. Call 946-2422 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.

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Sunday, Jan. 20

Pagosa Paw Dog Sled Race. 8:30 a.m., Cloman Community Park. This is an awesome spectator event. For more information, visit PagosaNordic.com.

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

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m.

Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, Jan. 21

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

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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.

TEFAP Food Distribution. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Drive. We will have fresh milk available this month and we will have an inventory clearance from 1-2 p.m. during which any remaining inventory will be distributed.

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.

Incredible Years Parenting Class. 5:30-8 p.m., Seeds of Learning. An opportunity offered

to anyone who wants to build positive relationships with their children, needs more effective discipline or would like new ideas to help their children learn and grow. This class is created for families with children between the ages of 3 and 8 years. A free dinner and child care will be provided.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

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.

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

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

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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.

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

information.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn 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. 23

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

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. All ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

DIY: Soap. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn to make goat's milk and honey soap. It's so easy that it can be made in 10 minutes and it boasts lots of skin benefits. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Jelly Beans After School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs

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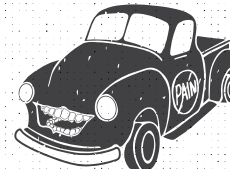
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	Time of Services	
Sunday	Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
	AM Worship	10:30 a.m.
	PM Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	7:00 p.m.



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Cervical Health Awareness Month: San Juan Basin Public Health provides free screenings

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Every year in the U.S., human papillomavirus (HPV) causes 30,700 cancers in men and women, and, each day, 33 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer.

During Cervical Health Awareness Month, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) reminds young adults and parents that the HPV vaccine is cancer prevention. Vaccination is recommended for boys and girls ages 9 through 26. Even though it is ideal to get the HPV vaccine at age 11-12, it is still highly effective in teens and young adults.

Having HPV puts a woman at increased risk for cervical cancer. Only regular Pap tests can detect abnormal changes in the cervix

years before any cancer actually exists.

SJBPH's Women's Wellness Connection (WWC) program provides free screenings for cervical and breast cancer for eligible women between ages 21-64 in Colorado. Breast exams, Pap tests and pelvic exams are included. Referrals for free mammograms are available for women who qualify.

To schedule an appointment for a well woman exam and for more information about the HPV series, call the SJBPH Sexual Health Clinic at 335-2015. More information about the clinic is at sjbpublichealth.org/sexualhealthclinic/. To learn more about the HPV vaccine, visit cdc.gov/hpv/parents/vaccine.html.

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Elementary School, room 9. Free to all ages. For information, call 903-8104 or (702) 556-5649.

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

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

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 24

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.

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

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

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

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. Monte Vista High School.

San Juan Stargazers. 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. We will be studying the Sombrero Galaxy. Call 335-8286 for more information.

Friday, Jan. 25

Free Legal Services. Senior Center. Daniel Fiedler, attorney at law, will be assisting with various legal services. Call the Senior Center to schedule an appointment, 264-2167.

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

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Dance maneuver
- 5 Radiator sound
- 9 Discussion group
- 14 Blacken
- 15 Part of BTU
- 16 Obey, with "by"
- 17 Feel the ____
- 18 Surfer's concern
- 19 Polynesian kingdom
- 20 Nut tree
- 22 Home owner's document
- 24 Raptor's roost
- 25 Bananas, so to speak
- 26 Model of perfection
- 28 Electrical unit
- 31 Word before status or bliss
- 34 Party favorite
- 37 Long-legged bird
- 38 Kind of soup
- 39 Leaves high and dry
- 41 Bend out of shape
- 42 Before of yore
- 43 Driver's need
- 45 Spanish rice dish
- 47 Like some legends
- 51 Cooked in a wok
- 54 Jabber
- 55 Embroidered loop
- 56 Docket entry
- 58 Celestial bear
- 59 Make reparation
- 60 CBer's sign-off
- 61 Kind of school
- 62 Laser printer powder
- 63 Within earshot
- 64 Herbal brews

- 2 Crowd maker?
- 3 Breathless
- 4 Steep cliff
- 5 QB's cry
- 6 Part of a monogram
- 7 Shingles, e.g.
- 8 Western topper
- 9 Eucharistic plate
- 10 Dwelling place
- 11 Prime-time hour
- 12 Drop-off spot
- 13 Tip
- 21 Winter warmer
- 23 Ointment ingredient
- 27 Diamondback, e.g.
- 28 Able to see right through
- 29 Will beneficiary
- 30 Hot sandwich
- 31 Whipped up
- 32 Testify
- 33 Jack's love in "Titanic"
- 35 Bungle

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Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Monte Vista Crane Festival set for March 8-10

By Ruthanne Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

The first week of January kicked off ticket sales for crane viewing and other tours coming to the 36th Monte Vista Crane Festival to be held March 8-10.

In the first week alone, over 200 tickets sold for the various events, from the traditional Sandhill Crane tours to beer tasting and visits to an archaeological site.

“There are still plenty of tickets,” said festival webmaster Deb Callahan, “but by the end of January, the tours will be pretty full.”

The festival celebrates the annual arrival of thousands of sandhill cranes to the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge to rest and refuel before again taking flight for the long journey north to their nesting grounds. The massive migration is something to behold. But, it isn't by accident that such large numbers congregate at the refuge.

The refuge staff works throughout the year to maintain barley fields and healthy wetlands for the cranes. Just before the festival in March, the staff mows large swaths of barley close to public viewing areas. The crane sunrise and sunset tours take birders to these viewing hotspots, where people can see 6,000 or more cranes. Common sights include the crane's graceful courtship dance and the breathtaking liftoffs of thousands of birds when an eagle or other predator happens by.

This year offers several exciting new tours.

The Scott Miller Archaeological Site, located on the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge, is typically closed to the public. But during the crane festival, the site will be open for one tour only. The site contains hundreds of artifacts dating back more than 10,000 years — relics left behind by Paleoindians and the unearthed bones of woolly mammoths and other ancient megafauna.

“There has been an astounding number of artifacts discovered there,” said crane fest committee president Jenny Nehring. “The tour offers an exciting opportunity to see those artifacts and imagine the historic spring-fed wetlands that once existed there and the animals and people who were drawn to the area.”

Tours to the Colorado Farm Brewery — located in farm country southeast of the refuge — give folks an opportunity to learn about the beer brewing and malting process from the only craft brewery that grows all the ingredients on site.

“We're pretty excited about this new tour, which showcases the unique aspects of both farming and nature in the valley,” Nehring said.

Bird walks with local ornithologist John Rawinski are another addition to the schedule. Rawinski is somewhat of a local legend when it comes to birds of the San Luis Valley. He authored the field guide “Birding Hotspots of South-Central Colorado” and will lead two bird tours around Home Lake — a known hotspot for waterfowl,

shorebirds and bald eagles.

There's also a guided tour highlighting several stops along the designated Sangre De Cristo National Heritage Area. With 11,000 years of documented human habitation, the valley's heritage area offers a unique blend of Native American, Hispano and Anglo settlement dating back centuries. Tour stops may include historic churches, spiritual areas, museums and natural wonders.

Raptor-viewing tours led by experts from Hawks Aloft — a raptor rehabilitation and public education organization in Albuquerque, N.M. — will again be offered. These special tours take folks through the valley's wide-open landscape, where it's easy to spot birds of prey such as rough-legged hawks, eagles and prairie falcons.

“You never know what you might see, a Merlin perched on a wire or a bald eagle eating its prey,” Callahan said. “The tour is great for learning about the habitat and life cycle of raptors from people with hands-on experience with these types of birds, and also how to identify the different species.”

The Monte Vista Crane Festival is an important event for communities in and around the San Luis Valley. It's organized every year by a dedicated group of volunteers and made possible only through the sponsorship of generous businesses and individuals.

For more information about this year's festival and to buy tickets, visit mcranefest.org. To become a sponsor, call (720) 940-7561.

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Center.

Literary Ladies Book Club. 10:30 a.m., Sisson Library. The club will discuss “Killers of the Flower Moon” by David Grann. Stop by the library to pick up your copy. Call the library at 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Teen Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Join us for snacks and lively discussion of this month's book, “Reign of Shadows” by Sophie Jordan. Stop by and pick up a copy. Call 264-

2209 for more information.

Girls' Varsity Basketball. 5:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Bayfield High School.

Caregiver Support Group. 5:30 p.m., Senior Center. For caregivers of friends or family members, adults age 21 and older. Speak to other caregivers who have common experiences with caregiving, learn about resources available in our community and more. Facilitated by Ana Sancho, Ph.D. Call 264-2167 if you plan to attend or need to request a different starting time.

Boys' Varsity Basketball. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Pagosa vs. Bayfield High School.

Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala. PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Along with a delicious dinner and a cash bar, there will be the community awards, fun networking activities, a silent auction and live

music and dancing. Tickets are \$40 per person and available online at www.pagosachamber.com.

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Free legal resource fair set for Feb. 7 in Durango

By Tammy Tyner
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The 6th Judicial District Access to Justice Committee, Southwest Colorado Bar Association and Colorado Legal Services are sponsoring a free Legal Resource Fair on Feb. 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the La Plata County Fairgrounds in the exhibit hall.

Attendees can “Ask-A-Lawyer” about various legal topics and also learn about related resources in a “one-stop shopping” venue.

Local attorneys will staff tables and answer questions on the following areas of law:

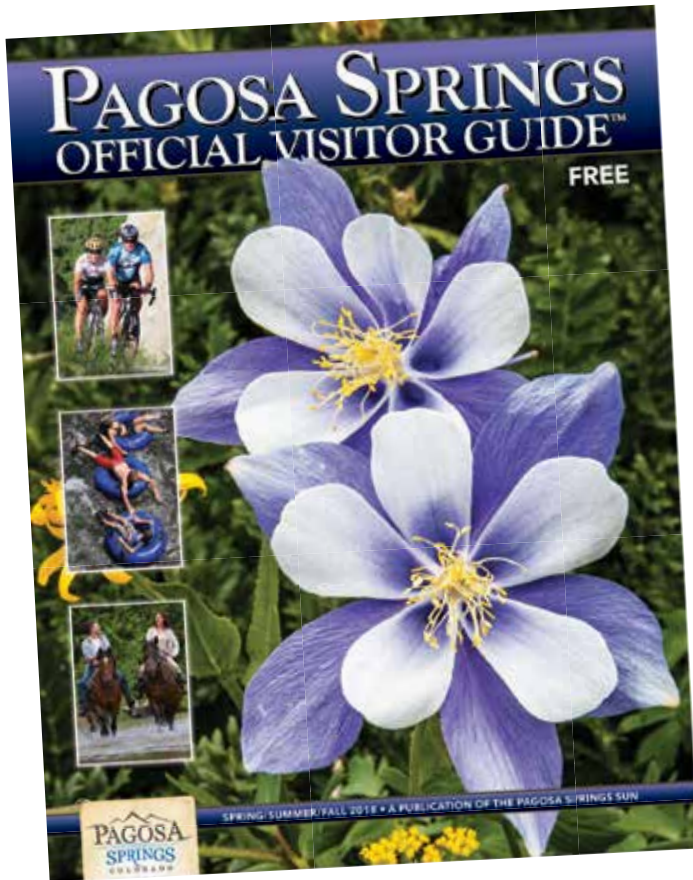
- Contracts and debts.
- Criminal/juvenile/sealing records.
- Employment.
- Family law.
- Immigration.
- Landlord/tenant.
- Wills/living wills/estate planning/probate/power of attorney/do not resuscitate.
- Workers’ compensation.

Other resources will be available:

- Immigrant services.
- Court services: Self-represented litigant coordinator, family court facilitator, protective proceedings and small claims court.
- Mediation.

A Spanish interpreter will be available. Free finger food and beverages will be provided.

For further information, contact Lynne Sholler, chair, 6th Judicial Access to Justice Committee, 1099 Main Avenue, No. 409, Durango, CO 81301, 375-7756 or Lynne@ShollerEdwards.com.



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