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Let it snow: Caution, preparedness urged with ongoing storms

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

It's official: The snow dances are working. While no official totals are kept for Pagosa County, anecdotal reports in the area range from nearly 90 inches of snow this season west of Pagosa Springs to nearly 110 inches in the Chromo area.

Wolf Creek Ski Area was reporting 304 inches so far as of Wednesday morning, with 29 inches of that coming in the latest storm and 58 coming within seven days.

And more is falling. A winter storm warning and a hazardous weather outlook for the current storm were issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) Wednesday, with the warning in effect until 5 p.m. tomorrow, Feb. 22.

The outlook states, "Wintry weather will continue through Friday as a large Pacific storm passes through the area."

The warning indicates that 10 to 16 inches of snow is expected from the storm with locally higher amounts possible.

Pagosa Weather, a Facebook page run by local meteorologist Todd Cook, however, is predicting 1 to 2 feet for the valley, with higher amounts possible, and 2 to 4 feet for Wolf Creek and the surrounding mountains.

"Friday night through Sunday

■ See Storms A8

Area snowpack hits 95 percent of median

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

With multiple heavy snow storms over the past week, the Upper San Juan site has seen a 12 percent increase over last week, according to data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

As of Feb. 20, the Upper San Juan site was 95 percent of median, when last week it was 83 percent of median.

All eight basins with reported snowpack levels have levels above at least 105 percent of median.

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins are 119 percent of median this week. Last week that total was 100 percent of median.

For the Upper Rio Grande Basin, an increase of 16 percent was recorded, jumping to 113 percent of median from 97 percent of median last week.

The Yampa and White River basins currently are at 112 percent of median. Last week they were 106 percent of median.

Snowpack totals at the Arkansas River Basin have jumped from 116 percent of median to 124 percent of median.

The Laramie and North Platte basins have increased marginally, going from 104 percent of median to 109 percent of median.

The South Platte River Basin also saw a slight increase of 2 percent, going from 108 percent of median last week to 110 percent of median this week.

■ See Snowpack A8

On to State!



Photo courtesy Stacia Aragon
Twelve members of the Pagosa High School Pirate wrestling team pose for the cameras after triumphantly qualifying for the state tournament. The Pirates finished with the second-highest team score at regionals on Feb. 16.

County votes to adopt 2015 building codes

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Despite opposition from local builders, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) voted unanimously to adopt new building codes at its Feb. 19 meeting.

The county voted to adopt the 2015 International Building Code (IBC) and the International Residential Code (IRC), moving the county to the 2015 codes from the 2006.

Citizens who spoke during public comment were mostly against the county's adoption of the new codes.

Mark Hall cited his experience

■ See Building A8

Broadband group to take on Aspen Springs project

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At the most recent Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) meeting, a status update and briefing on contractual business and next steps was given regarding the CDC's broadband efforts.

Initially, the CDC was going to apply for a Department of Regulatory Agencies (DoRA) grant and the group would be notified if it received grant funding in March.

However, the grant had to be submitted by an Internet service provider (ISP), and that ISP would be in charge of the funds while the CDC offered "technical assistance," Cox

explained.

The engineering portion of the grant involved local ISP Skywerx, but Skywerx did not feel comfortable with the submission before the Jan. 15 grant application deadline, Cox noted.

According to Cox in a follow-up interview, Skywerx withdrew the grant application the day before the Jan. 15 deadline.

Skywerx did not feel comfortable enough on the technical side of things, leading to them holding off until the next grant application deadline of July 15, Cox explained.

"There was just too much engineering to do. So, they decided to not submit," Cox said during the meeting.

However, according to Cox, two individuals who are a part of the granting authority board for DoRA also work for Skywerx.

Those board members were able to review the grant application and, after further analysis, noted that the CDC had a shot to get the grant, but the application could be stronger, Cox explained, which led to Skywerx withdrawing the application.

"So, it didn't mean the CDC withdrew it, it's just that we collectively didn't get far enough together," Cox said.

What the CDC tried doing recently regarding broadband

■ See Broadband A8

Photo courtesy
Jeff Monafó

This great blue heron spent Valentine's Day fishing on the dock at Lake Pagosa. The photographer reported that the bird outfished everyone else on the lake.



New county administrator hired, will start in March

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

L. Scott Wall will become the new Archuleta County administrator on March 18, according to an employment agreement approved by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

"I'm very excited to get started, and I'm looking forward to working with the board of commissioners, all the elected officials, city employees and the citizens of the county," Wall told The SUN Wednesday.

Wall's employment agreement is for an initial three-year term, and will automatically renew unless Wall gives notice to terminate the contract.



Wall

The contract shows an annual salary of \$124,000.

"He's making a little more than minimum wage, isn't he?" joked County Commissioner Steve Wadley at the meeting.

Wall most recently served as city administrator for Willow Park, Texas, from August 2016 to August 2017.

Interim County Administrator Greg Schulte previously explained that the county administrator "acts as kind of a chief executive officer for the county."

Wall's employment agreement states that he will be responsible for managing and supervising the following departments: Road and Bridge, Solid Waste, Planning, Build-

■ Administrator A8

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EDITORIAL

Weathering storm, after storm, after storm

Thursday night many of us were snuggling deeper under our blankets seeking warmth due to the power outage that affected some 25,000 people throughout Archuleta and La Plata counties.

Tree-related damage was caused by heavy snow on branches and mature trees, bringing them down onto powerlines. Area utility workers were hard at work throughout the night.

Thankfully, Archuleta School District had canceled school on Thursday evening in light of the pending storm on Friday. We can't recall when ASD administration ever called a snow day the night before, but this past week, they canceled school twice the day before. This had to have been a huge stress-reliever for parents and staff who had their own need to plow and shovel snow the next day.

When the power went out at the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch center, the emergency generator kicked on to allow for business as usual. According to Andrea Phillips, board chair, the only inconvenience was the Internet was down, which meant that they were not able to run plates or use the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

"The most eventful calls were for slide-offs on the road. We are grateful that things weren't any more eventful," wrote Phillips in an email.

Pagosa Fire Protection District Chief

Randy Larson reported that they were able to respond with on-duty crews to all emergencies and had good volunteer response as well.

"Response times were slower because of the weather conditions and will continue to be until the roads are clear. We have also had to help out our EMS partners when it has been difficult for them to get to the scene and to move patients.

We expect more motor vehicle accidents in the next few days but hopefully everyone will slow down or stay inside until this is over," wrote Larson in an email to The SUN.

Larson's biggest issue with the power outage was "my computer frying a hard drive."

Over at Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), there were 43 momentary lapses in power, which caused the emergency generator to attempt to come online.

"The outages also caused harm to some equipment that will need to be repaired," reported CEO Rhonda Webb in an email Tuesday. "PSMC has Emergency Operations Plans for events including heavy snow and power outages. Our staff handled the snow and outages in accordance with our plans and training."

Webb also noted that road conditions caused by the storm resulted in slower patient transport times by EMS. The Emergency Operations Center,

Pagosa Fire and EMS agencies responded quickly and communications were established with backup systems.

Throughout the town and county, snowplow drivers worked to clear roadways. The same goes for Colorado Department of Transportation crews who worked to keep our highways safe and passable.

Friends showed up for friends, neighbors showed up for neighbors and Pagosans pulled together to weather the storm, like generations of Pagosa folks have always done.

Utility crews and public employees went above and beyond the call of duty, working around the clock to clear and repair damaged powerlines and restore services.

Those of us who have lived here for some time are accustomed to heavy, wet snowstorms, but we don't always stop and think about our snowplow drivers, utility crews and emergency services personnel who step up to the challenge of opening roadways, restoring services and keeping us safe regardless of the weather or the time of the year.

We thank these people for their incredible heart and persistence as they worked to restore services safely and expeditiously. We commend them for their assistance, hard work and unwavering dedication.

A sincere thank you to everyone for a job well done.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 22, 1929

The natural hot water from various artesian wells in town was utilized Wednesday by town officials to melt the accumulated ice and open frozen culverts at different places in the city. The work was effectively and efficiently done.

The Sunetha Golf Club held its first meeting in the Citizens Bank building on Monday evening, with eighteen members present. The following directors were elected for the coming season: Dr. A.J. Nossaman, A.W. Olson and E.M. Wiley. Laws and the constitution of the club were discussed. Improvement of the course was unanimously approved by the members and it is hoped that this year will see a decided increase in membership.

Dr. W.D. Milton of Denver was an arrival last Friday night to remain for two weeks attending to the dental needs of his patients in this section.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 18, 1944

The Pagosa Buccaneers lost a very close and exciting game to the Chama Wildcats here Friday night, February 11, by a score of 15 to 14. In the second team game the Pagosa boys won by a score of 20 to 13. The following boys played for Pagosa in these two games: Belarde, Lynn, Espinosa, Wiley, Reynolds, Montano, Flaugh, Ruybalid and Quintana.

Archuleta county Chapter of the American Red Cross held its regular meeting Friday afternoon of last week, February 11th, in the Library. Tentative plans were made for opening the drive for our \$1800 War Fund quota. Watch this column for news.

Mrs. Gertrude Elliott, who passed away at Denver a few days ago, was well known by the older people of the Piedra. She was the first teacher to teach school in what was then the new Yellow Jacket school house about 39 years ago this coming spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keane gave a dinner Saturday. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conklin, Mrs. May Carlin, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Carlin and John Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Toner and son, Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Ken McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. George Kleckner, Bob Grimes and daughters, Ivy May and Pearl, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hardman.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 20, 1969

Snowfall continues more or less regularly on Wolf Creek Pass and the season total snowfall may be close to a record before spring finally arrives. The snowfall total this season, through Tuesday, was 396 inches and more has fallen since that time. Snowfall in February, through Tuesday, totaled 72 inches. This is above the average over the past ten years but nearly as great as the record February snowfall. This was in February of 1962 when the snowfall on Wolf Creek totaled 151 inches. The fall for that entire winter was 581 inches.

It was with regret that the officials of the Wolf Creek Pass Ski Area canceled the dedication scheduled for last Saturday. It was necessary to cancel the event because of too much snow. It doesn't seem likely that any ski area ever has too much snow but Wolf Creek Pass has this year. Nevertheless, the big new tow is in place, in operation, and is a big asset to the area. Because of this installation skiers from anywhere can be sure to find skiing that tests their ability.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 24, 1994

Prior to last week's state wrestling tournament, many high school sports pundits were certain that undefeated Ryan Roark of Brush would cruise to the 3A championship at 152 pounds. They were wrong. When first place was awarded at McNichols Sports Arena late Saturday night, Tony Mymern of Pagosa Springs ascended to the top of the winner's platform, and the gold medal was hung around his neck.

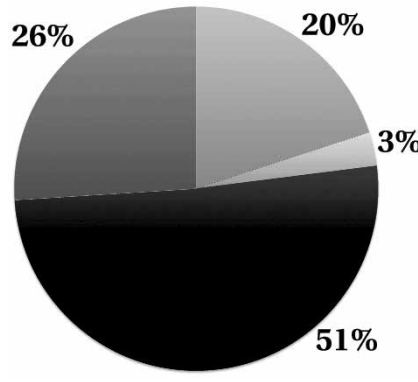
Final wording on guidelines for sponsoring assessment units within the Pagosa Lakes Local Improvement District gained approval from the county commissioners Tuesday night during their meeting in Arboles. The guidelines also spell out that the sponsors, not the county, will bear the up-front expenses involved with establishing an assessment unit in which property owners will pay for improvements on roads that service their properties.

WHADDYA THINK?

Where are your favorite potholes?

Poll results (148 votes)

- Downtown — 20 percent
- Pagosa Lakes — 51 percent
- Aspen Springs — 3 percent
- Other — 26 percent



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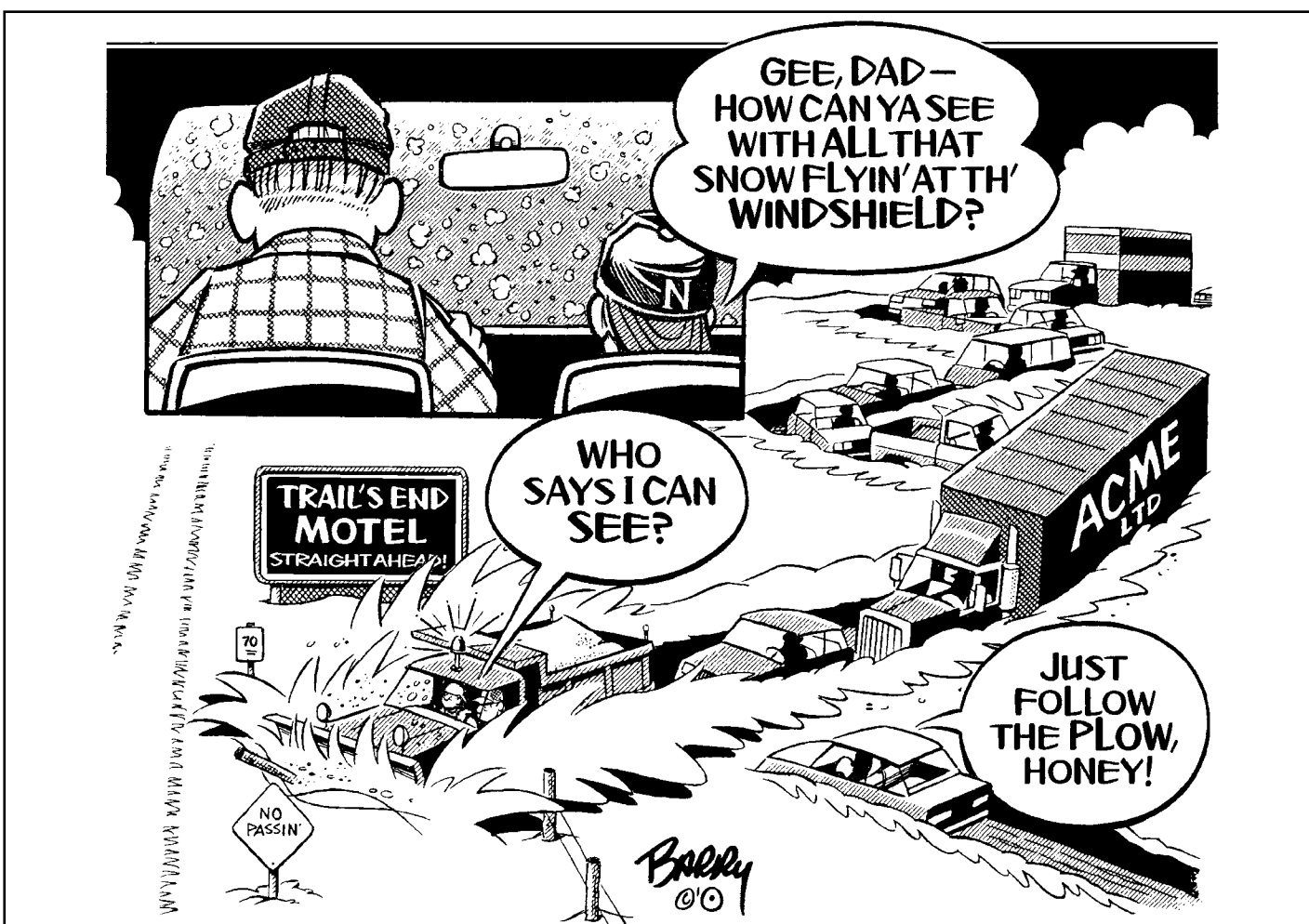
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LOOKING BACK



Photo courtesy
Marvel Bramwell

Marvel riding with her dad,
Floyd Bramwell when he
was Pagosa Sheriff 1948 and
Uncle Lee Turner on the right.



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.

Michael's story

Dear Editor:
"I'm sorry. So very sorry." As a professional woman who came up in the 60's, and was raised Roman Catholic in Toledo, Ohio, I'm humbled by the sexual abuse crisis, I am no longer a person who subscribes to Catholic dogma. Recognition of my grief arose from the prior lack of genuine concern from the Catholic Church. It appears to have been brought to the forefront and acknowledged by the current Papacy.

The Roman Catholic Church is spectacularly wealthy and retains massive control over people throughout many countries. The data of their wealth is available although skewed to avoid investigators whether amateur or professional from finding the truth. As an aside: visit the Vatican in Rome. This experience will give you a viewpoint of wealth and power that you may not have realized in the past. Personally, I'm an amateur. My credentials? I care.

About 16 years ago the Boston diocese was identified as a priestly abuse center for young Catholic children. Lawsuits were brought and settlements were reached. Millions of dollars were provided to victims. Was this enough?

I had a friend who was abused by a priest. My friend's name is Michael. His mom, Catherine was divorced, got a GED high school diploma, worked full-time, and received no child support from Mikey's father. Life was hard. When Father McCauley came to the parish and took a liking to Michael, his mom was overjoyed. Father McCauley took Mikey out to the lake and was very attentive. Catherine believed the caring was important for her son's connection with a male role model and his development. She noticed that Mikey was quiet and more subdued. Catherine thought that he was more centered and comfortable having a male caring person around him. Wow, was she unaware. This priest was sexually abusing Michael.

Mikey couldn't speak about it. He was distraught, afraid, and believed there was something wrong with him. This is how these predators operate. Sexual abuse is a mechanism for acquiring power.

Michael lived a life of fear, anxiety and trepidation. He repressed the remembrance of the actual acts of sexual abuse. He was in and out of psychiatric and psychological offices. Lots of drugs later, he expressed some of what happened to him. It took 40 years before he was able to remember portions of the actual abuse. Michael was 50. He died three weeks later. Michael was my friend.

We cannot continue to live as followers of any form of religious, political, or social precept. We must think for ourselves. Question everything. Be curious. Consider others' point of view. Think for ourselves. Open our minds to possibilities, especially those that might differ from what we were taught. Let's avoid more stories like Michael's.

This type of trauma has given rise to a current trend of PTSD.

Possibly, there's progress toward "Truth" and service, respect, and responsibility rather than personal gain and power, as sordid and squalid as it may be.

Constance d'Angelis

CDOT kudos

Dear Editor:
I wanted to give kudos to the CDOT work crew ... I saw them out patching potholes at 10 O'clock at night. ... Thanks.

Jeff Greer

No means no

Dear Editor:
Where did this concept of Certificates of Participation (COPs) ever come from? They are an instrument used to blatantly circumvent TABOR. It's a debt for goodness sakes. An \$840,000 a year lease payment to UMB Bank is not a "long term" solution. Oh, so the county "walks away". Exactly what circumstance would arise that would result in that decision? Once again no jail. Great idea gang. Now the bank really holds all the cards. They have the jail. Could privatize it and offer it to the county at a higher rate. It's a "follow the money" game boys and girls. The mere concept of a \$25 million dollar jail for a town this size is ridiculous. Stop it ... Build something we can afford.

So what part of no do the Commissioners not understand? Voters clearly indicated their opinion but the message has fallen on deaf ears. I'm furious that the Commissioners would even investigate this option of COPs. It's a slap in the face. Ok voters, go ahead and turn us down all you want we'll just go around you. That's the way of this country after all ... yes I said it. If you don't get what you want, no worries we'll bully our way around those silly citizens. Oh I forget, you were democratically elected to meet the needs of the people. Right you were. But it's not so difficult to recall you all from your post. You've really gone too far this time. Political suicide must be part of the new curriculum for Civics 101. We see it at all levels of government daily.

The discussion in last week's article explaining Mr. Weller's input made me lose my breath. His advice was spot on but once again on deaf ears. Check to La Plata County for \$45k is bad fiscal management but it's OK to pay someone double that amount each month to service the debt. Wake up gentlemen. That testimony alone should have had your attention but for some very strange reason, you still authorized staff to proceed on this project. An approval that came with multiple

servings of taxpayer dollars desert and a unilateral increase to the existing engineering services contract of almost a million dollars. That smacks of some type of procurement violation somehow. I'm sure there are a few AE firms that would have liked a chance to compete for that work. Again ... "follow the money".

Funny money being tossed around on the land, the lease, the engineering and construction management contracts, the cost for bond council, other legal fees, and on and on. Did I also read that a 15% contingency was authorized? Anyone do the math? Another \$950,000. So instead of checking your email for the 12th time today, send one to the Commissioners and tell them to withdraw the resolution that authorized this mess. It will only take a few minutes.

Tony Medrano, PE.

Pagosa hospitality

Dear Editor:
Last Wednesday's storm left me and my daughter stranded in Denver, on the way to Durango to ski at Wolf Creek with my lifetime friend from Pagosa. Our 3:30 connection was cancelled and the next flight delayed. Our only hope was the last flight, arriving very late. While seated in the Denver terminal, I said to my daughter that Bill, age 74, was really nervous about picking us up. We all know that winter ride is notorious, even with good weather and a predictable landing time. I texted him I would find an Uber. He wished me good luck. At that point, a lady sitting next to me said — "Oh, we'll take you, we live there". Wow. I told Bill to go back to bed. We landed very late only to find everybody's luggage and skis were hopelessly lost, resulting in another hour of lines and paperwork. Mary Ann and Mike then drove us right to Bill's front door, arriving after 1:00 AM.

I wanted to send her a thank you card, but all I know is her name is Mary Ann and she lives in North Pagosa. If anybody reading this knows her, thank her for me for her hospitality.

Jim Pantano
Allentown, Pa.

Right and duty to build the wall

Dear Editor:
Last week's "Doomed to Repeat History". I think that letter missed a very important different between the wall proposed for our southern border and the wall that was built in Berlin, and along the rest of the border between East and West Germany, early 1960's The East German communists built that wall, and it was built to keep their people IN, not to keep the West Germans out. Whether for good or bad, it was very effective, and lasted until the collapse of communism some thirty years later. I am not against immigration. I wouldn't be in this wonderful Country, if it were not for immigration. However, there must be controls or there is chaos and crime. That is the purpose of the wall proposed by the President.

The Great wall of China was built by the Chinese to keep the Mongolians out, not to keep the Chinese in, and it must have been very effective or they wouldn't have extended it for over 5000 miles. More recently, 2015, the Hungarians built a wall to check the uncontrolled flow of Syrian refugees. Reportedly it has been more than 99% effective.

The only problem with the currently proposed wall is that it was not built 30 years ago. Previous Presidents, of both parties, simply did not have the guts. All this hype is just anti Trump nonsense, not concern over human rights or anything else. The President has sworn to protect the American people, and he is trying to do it, despite the kicking and screaming. Current federal law, under the McCarran - Walter act of 1952 allows for: "suspension of entry or impositions of restrictions by the president when ever the president finds that the entry of aliens, or any class of aliens into the United States would be detrimental to the interests of the United States." This law has been enforced at least three times in my memory, by Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, and Carter. So the President has the right and the duty to build the wall, so let's get on with it.

Dick Riethmiller

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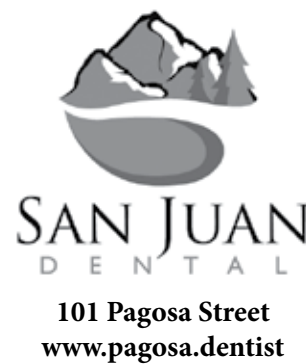


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Pagosa's Destination Master Plan revealed

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

At a joint town and county work session on Tuesday, Feb. 12, Michael Stumpf, principal of Place Dynamics LLC, presented the findings from the Pagosa Springs Destination Master Plan.

In a follow-up phone call, Stumpf said his team was looking for "what are the most significant needs to make the town more attractive to visitors."

The objectives for the plan listed in the presentation are to:

- Develop an understanding of visitors' patterns and perceptions.
- Assess how infrastructure, transportation and businesses affect visitor experience.

• Recommend how the town and county can increase visitors and encourage them to spend more money while here, among other things.

The report cited the most visitors hail from the Texas-Oklahoma corridor.

The report, which used cell-phone data purchased from apps to assess where tourists are from, shows visits from hotter places like Texas, Oklahoma, and Phoenix, Ariz., peak in the summer and are weakest in autumn.

Stumpf explained he normally spends a lot of his time counseling towns on how to make their online marketing presence stronger and that he didn't need to with Pagosa Springs.

"Pagosa Springs has probably the most sophisticated marketing program of a community of its size that we've seen. Really, really impressive," said Stumpf.

Stumpf's presentation cited that Pagosa's lack of chain hotels could be a deterrent to visitors, and that consumer trust is often higher with name brands.

"The independent [hotels] are one especially that people are often very reluctant to stay in," said Stumpf, adding, "So there are a lot of people who will bypass [Pagosa] and say, 'Since I'm not familiar with it, I'm not going to stay.'"

The presentation cited Pagosa's "highly competitive" assets as:

- Hot air ballooning, hiking/backpacking, cross-county skiing, hot springs, horseback riding and wildlife viewing, among others.

Adventure activities, dude ranches, mine tours, hang-gliding, climbing and trains were all cited as visitor assets that were "unavailable."

The report noted that the visitor center is "very good," and that hotels, restaurants, shopping, parking, the river path and event facilities were "challenges."

Stumpf noted that there is strong market demand for both a new hotel and for a meeting/banquet space.

Short-term recommendations to draw more visitors include:

- More signage to direct visitors to trailheads and attractions.

• More signs on hiking and biking trails.

• Additional art installations and historic interpretation.

• A parking study for the downtown area and a river access study for the San Juan River.

• More content on travel apps.

Medium-term recommendations are:

- Prepare a downtown revitalization plan.
- Improve event infrastructure.
- Extend the river path east.
- More aggressively market waterfalls and wildlife viewing opportunities.

Long-term recommendations are:

- Create meeting and banquet facilities.
- Strengthen the arts economy.
- Develop adventure attractions.
- Expand marketing for banquets and meeting space, if it ever gets built.

The presentation noted that Pagosa Springs has many quality activities to choose from, the hot springs are a major draw, and that its less-crowded and less-commercial qualities make it an appealing option for tourists.

Durango; Silver City, N.M.; Moab, Utah; Salida; and Marquette, Mich., were cited as comparable cities that are competitive to Pagosa Springs.

Commissioners amend meeting schedule

Evening meetings set for March, April and May

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) amended its meeting schedule Tuesday afternoon to include evening meetings.

The move came in the form of a resolution approved unanimously by the BoCC and makes it so the board's first meeting of the month, on the first Tuesday, will begin at

6 p.m. instead of 1:30 p.m. for the months of March, April and May.

According to the agenda for the meeting, the move is to "attempt to be more accessible to all segments of the citizens of Archuleta County."

The agenda also notes that the 6 p.m. meeting time may be extended into additional months "if attendance numbers prove effective."

Commissioner meetings are held in the commissioners' meeting room in the county's administration building at 398 Lewis St. randi@pagosasun.com

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Feb. 21

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District/Town of Pagosa Springs joint work session. 5 p.m., Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 6:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

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, Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board. 5:30 p.m.,

Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Wednesday, Feb. 27

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

Thursday, Feb. 28

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

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

Obituary

Kermit L. Case

Kermit L. Case, 84 (Jan. 25, 1934-Dec. 24, 2018), of Pagosa Springs, Colo., completed his journey on this earth on Dec. 24, 2018, at Pine Ridge Extended Care Center after a long illness.



Born to Clarence and Lola Case, of Little River, Kan., he was the eldest of two sons. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and loving wife of 64 years, Sharon L. Diamond; five children: Kathy Holthus, Pagosa Springs; Alan Case (Deb), Lexington, Ky.; Janet Boyer (Russ), San Diego, Calif.; Joyce Parsons

(Dave), Norman, Okla.; and Karen Bunning (Tracy), Pagosa Springs; brother Edward Case (Beth), of Little River, Kan.; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Kermit was a master of trades, as he seemed to find success in many fields through his life. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1954-1957. From his roots of farming to an aeronautical product analyst for Beechcraft to insurance and fuel additive sales to banking vice president to owner/photographer, he excelled in his endeavors. He will be remembered fondly for his perpetual smile, open, generous heart and a lifelong ability to march to the beat of his own drum.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the Pine Ridge employees and caregivers for their countless hours and support through the past year.

Letters

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What good have I done today?

Dear Editor:

Thinking back to one year ago, within a few days, my sweetheart's journey through this life would end. He loved the mountains and over the years, had brought our young family on camping trips to Colorado. Southwest Colorado became our favorite and we began to dream of moving here some day. In 1977, we began building our "dream" life with our 2-BR home here in Pagosa, all I ever wanted. What was the "appeal"? There were mountains in other places, why Pagosa? I believe it was the life-style of sharing blessings with others, enjoying what we had, never about "more". There were only three churches, all located "in the neighborhood", they were good neighbors and all encouraged their followers to "be doers of the word". Those members built the foundation for this community.

When we moved up, we were so excited — we came to live like "Pagosans" — the simple, caring nature of the people whose warm welcome made us feel at home. Bob volunteered with the Forest Service and many other community service projects over the years. He supported me with love right to the end. Fortunately, he was never bedridden, was able to enjoy his final days at home with me. One day, when I was called to help someone, it was getting near meal time. I called to let him know I was "on the way". He answered, "oh, no hurry, I got hungry and fixed me a P&J — I'm OK". That was my husband right to the end.

The embrace of this community has filled my days with God's love and given me the strength to find my way with only sweet memories by my side. Let's continue to ask ourselves, "what good thing have I done today?" That is what defines this community. My personal thanks to all.

Absolutely, you are loved.

Patty Tillerson

Puzzling creatures

Dear Editor:

Human Beings are puzzling creatures. On one hand, we are exceedingly intelligent, but on the other, we will believe virtually anything. In spite of overwhelming evidence against it, there are people who seriously believe that the earth is flat. Others still believe that vaccinations cause autism, even though the British doctor who originally published the study had his medical license revoked because the study was so flawed, and subsequent legitimate research has shown no connection. Geology is one of the most established sciences we have and with fossil records and radiometric dating we can accurately determine the age of things, yet some people believe the Earth is only 6000 years old. 97 percent of climate scientists, world wide, agree that climate change is real and that it is largely caused by human activities. Ignoring that warning is like playing Russian roulette with a 100 chamber revolver and 97 of

them have live rounds. Even so, some people refuse to believe it.

So I guess it shouldn't come as surprise that approximately 30 percent of this country's population still believe that the narcissistic, misogynistic, xenophobic, crooked, lying, Putin puppet that is in the White house is a good thing. Sad.

Dennis Wyrick

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Business



Economic snapshot provides insight into town, county

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As part of its economic snapshot for 2019, Region 9, the economic development district for southwest Colorado, revealed some interesting information about Archuleta County and Pagosa Springs.

Within the snapshot, it describes that from 2010 to 2017, Archuleta County's population increased by 2 percent, from 12,060 people to 13,316 people.

In comparison, La Plata County's total population from 2010 to 2017 increased by only 1.6 percent, going from 51,441 to 53,619 people.

Pagosa Springs' population increased by 2.4 percent, going from 1,722 people to 1,937 people.

Durango's population increased by 1.8 percent, going from 16,901 people to 18,518 people.

According to the snapshot, from 1990 to 2000, Archuleta County's population grew by 8.5 percent annually. This ranked fifth out of 64 Colorado counties and 14th nationwide for rate of growth.

That growth rate has reportedly slowed to only 2 percent, with the state demographer estimating an increase of 7,900 residents in the next 20 years.

These figures do not reflect seasonal visitors.

In 2017, retail/trade held the largest percentage of Archuleta County's employment, with 904 total jobs, equal to 14 percent.

Average annual wages at these positions were listed at \$27,543 for Archuleta County, while in La Plata County that average was \$29,522.

By comparison, La Plata County had only 11 percent of its total jobs taken up by retail/trade; however, La Plata County had more jobs available in retail/trade, with 3,724 total.

La Plata County's largest employer in 2017 was the health

services field, providing 4,156 jobs and equaling 12 percent of the job market. In Archuleta County that job market only had 454 jobs, amounting to only 7 percent of the job market.

In total in 2017, there were 6,632 jobs in Archuleta County, with an average annual wage of \$33,944. La Plata County had 35,008 total jobs with an average annual wage of \$44,789.

Accommodation and food was the second-largest field in Archuleta County, sitting at 13 percent of the job market with 847 total jobs. Average annual wage for these positions was listed at \$18,732 in Archuleta County, while La Plata County's average annual wage was listed at \$19,327.

In La Plata County, accommodation and food took up 10 percent of the job market with 1,771 total jobs.

Only six jobs were reported in Archuleta County that involved management of companies and enterprises — 0.1 percent of the total Archuleta County employment.

La Plata County had 88 jobs that involved management of companies and enterprises, which is 0.3 of the job pool.

Average annual wage for these positions was listed at \$100,551 in Archuleta County and \$90,417 in La Plata County.

In addition, the snapshot also reports that wholesale trade in Archuleta County grew 32 percent from 2015-2019; utilities positions, however, dropped 13 percent in that same time frame.

In 2017, Archuleta County unemployment rates were recorded at 3 percent, which was higher than the state's mark of 2.8 percent but lower than the nation at 4.4 percent.

La Plata County, in 2017, had unemployment rates of 2.5 percent.

About 67 percent of total employment in Archuleta County is by wage earners and 33 percent is through proprietors.

In 2017, the low-end wage in Archuleta County was recorded at under \$27,150, with 22 percent of the county falling in that category, compared to La Plata County's low-end wage of under \$35,830, with 36 percent of that county falling in that category.

Archuleta County's mid-wage was estimated between \$27,151 and \$40,380, which accounts for 48 percent of the county's employment share. La Plata's mid-wage of between \$35,831 and \$53,300 accounts for 29 percent of the employment share.

Only 30 percent of Archuleta County residents have what is described as a "high wage," which specifically is over \$41,381. In La Plata that wage is listed at anything over \$53,300, which amounts to 35 percent of La Plata County.

And only 6 percent of Archuleta County residents have what is considered a "livable wage," which reported as \$61,860.

A "livable wage" in La Plata County is listed at \$68,120, which only 5 percent of residents have.

Archuleta County as a whole was not described as an Enterprise Zone, though areas of the county do fall into the designation, with two census blocks not eligible. La Plata County had 19 of 33 census blocks designated as enterprise zones.

An Enterprise Zone is an impoverished area in which tax concessions are offered to encourage business investment and provide jobs.

Base industries

Accounting for 62 percent of the 5,145 total base industries in 2017 in Archuleta County, tourism and households hold the largest base employment with 1,544 and 1,648

jobs each, respectively.

In La Plata County, tourism and households are also the largest base industries, taking up 46 percent of the 24,836 total base industries in 2017.

The Upper San Juan Health Service District was the top employer of Archuleta County residents in 2018, providing a total of 280 jobs. Archuleta School District 50 JT followed by providing 275 jobs, while Walmart added 190. Archuleta County provided 150 jobs, while the Town of Pagosa Springs provided 42.

Mercy Regional Medical Center was the top employer in 2018 in La Plata County, employing 1,321 people. Durango School District 9R followed by providing 1,011 jobs. The city of Durango accounted for 595 jobs, while La Plata County only provided 458.

Income

Total personal income (TPI), which is the sum of all income paid to county residents from various sources, data shows that Archuleta County's total TPI was \$535,465 in 2017.

Forty-seven percent of that total was from employment earnings, specifically \$249,539, while 30 percent of it, or \$159,477, came from dividends, interest and rent.

Archuleta County's per-capita income (PCI) for 2017 was listed at only \$39,444, while the state of Colorado's was \$54,646.

The nation's PCI for 2017 was recorded at \$51,640.

La Plata County's TPI in 2017 was \$2,902,362, with \$1,673,644 in employment earnings accounting for 58 percent of the TPI. Dividends, interest and rent accounted for \$892,896, or 31 percent, of the TPI.

La Plata County's PCI for 2017 was listed at \$52,759.

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CHAMBER NEWS

Financial programs available to assist your business

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

It's the start of a new year. You're full of ideas. Perhaps it's time to start that business that you've dreamed of. Perhaps it's time to expand. Perhaps you need some new equipment or would like to make some improvements on your building to improve efficiency or even curb appeal. One small detail is missing — money.

The good news is that there are several loan programs that can help businesses. One of the Chamber's and the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation's (CDC) closest relationships is with Region 9 Economic Development District. Region 9 has a variety of loan packages to meet the needs of businesses from small loans to those over \$100,000. They have a Business Loan Fund Program which leverages private funds to bridge the gap between monies and financing needed for your project.

Those loan applications which may not qualify for other loan terms and conditions and where other financing options have been exhausted are often a candidate. This type of loan can be used for capital equipment, working capital or inventory. Matched with private financing or equity capital, this type of loan can be very helpful to start-up or expanding businesses.

Region 9 also has a Micro Enterprise Loan Fund program which combines capital and technical assistance. Loans need to be less than \$100,000 and technical assistance grants up to \$5,000 are there to assist the business owner in running a successful enterprise. The program requires that the business have five

or fewer employees at the time of the application and the owner must qualify as low to moderate income. Technical assistance can be used for professional help with marketing, accounting, legal or the like. The other loan fund available is the Energy Efficiency Fund Program. After an energy audit, the business can work on reducing energy consumption and operational costs and improving energy efficiency. This fund can be used to improve a building's energy efficiency, equipment to improve efficiency, improvements to generate renewable energy and even contractor fees to improve efficiency.

In addition to the Region 9 loan funds, the CDC also has a micro-loan program which works well in conjunction with Region 9's busi-

ness loan fund or private financing. The CDC has made four loans so far and is interested in assisting more Pagosa Springs businesses.

If you are interested in finding out more about available loan programs to start or assist your business, there are several options for you. Contact the Chamber to discuss your needs so we can see what program might work for you. Contact the Region 9 office and speak to a business loan professional. Region 9 also has an office now in Pagosa Springs at the Bank of the San Juans on Hot Springs Boulevard on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. Of course, all loans are subject to proper collateral, a good business plan and the ability to repay the loan.

Our business organizations:

The Chamber, CDC, Region 9 and the Small Business Development Center are here to help promote our business community. We want to see start-up and expansion efforts. In addition to the loan programs, the Chamber can also assist start-up or relocating businesses identify other tax credits to aid in their financial investments. Contact Mary Jo at the Chamber to start the conversation about how one of these organizations can help you grow in Pagosa.

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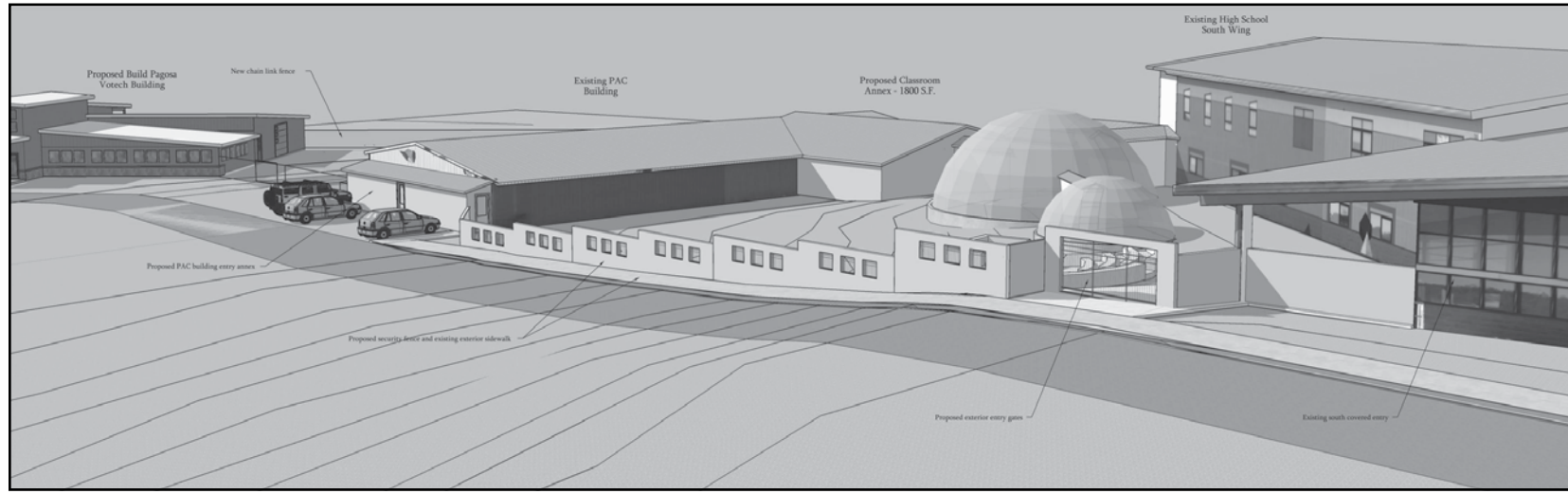


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Preliminary graphics illustrate what could be in the future for Pagosa Springs High School and its vo-tech buildings and classes. This concept was presented to the Archuleta School District as a potential way to expand vo-tech offerings at Archuleta School District while also bolstering security.

Present and future vo-tech programs addressed at school board meeting

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As the educational spectrum evolves, more fields of study are opened up to students.

At Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS), the field of career and technical education (CTE) has been expanding, and Principal Sean O'Donnell laid out some preliminary ideas on how to further expand those programs and improve safety at PSHS.

These topics, discussed at the Feb. 12 meeting of the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE), were prefaced by O'Donnell with the history of CTE programs at PSHS.

One thing that O'Donnell noted was that when these programs were first put on the table as being able to be offered to students, the issue was having enough space to teach these classes.

"We've made do with that," O'Donnell said.

Future ideas

As a way of gauging interest from students, PSHS administered a student perception survey and some of the classes that got the most interest included health sciences, art, culinary arts and woodworking, O'Donnell explained.

Some of those classes, health sciences and art, can be taught in the current space at PSHS or are already well-established programs, but with culinary arts and woodworking, PSHS lacks the ability to grow those programs, O'Donnell explained.

"As we started talking about facilities, one of the things that was very important to me in the design process, or what could possibly be, is student safety," O'Donnell said.

Part of the safety issues come into play for students who are taking part in the CTE courses in buildings that are a distance away from the high school, O'Donnell explained further.

"When our kids are down there working, if they have to work in the yard, there's really no way to limit people that aren't supposed to be in our educational spaces from entering those spaces," he said.

In any conceptual design to address this problem, the idea of creating spaces that keep students safe is important, but also keeping people off campus that are not allowed to access those spaces, O'Donnell noted.

As part of this, preliminary conceptual designs were presented to the BOE, with O'Donnell noting these are just ideas and that there has been no site testing done to see if these conceptual ideas were even feasible to fit in certain areas.

Some of the ideas contained the construction of an enclosed hallway that connects PSHS and the CTE buildings located just below the high school, as well as the use of grow domes within that space for other CTE-based classes.

Other ideas floated out by O'Donnell included the potential construction of a wall to further secure the area and the building of an amphitheater for some outdoor education.

If culinary arts programs were to be expanded as well, that would involve the displacement of the Pirate Achievement Center (PAC), which could include the addition of classrooms on the backside of the PSHS vo-tech building for the PAC and redo the current kitchen space at PSHS, O'Donnell described.

Additionally, more space would

be constructed for woodworking and other building-trades classes, O'Donnell noted.

O'Donnell also touched on the construction of a 3,900-square-foot construction hangar that the building-trades classes could use to build up to a small home within the area.

"To me, that's such a grand idea of how to be able to do building trades all winter long," O'Donnell said.

At the time of the meeting, O'Donnell did not give any cost estimates because the ideas are conceptual in nature.

"What is our priority?" BOE member Bruce Dryburgh asked.

O'Donnell indicated that factoring into that determination were student interest and that the CTE programs are industries within the local community that students can contribute to.

Acknowledging that these ideas were preliminary, BOE member Brooks Lindner commended O'Donnell for the forward-thinking nature of the designs.

"Spaces look appropriate. And, you know, we've been hearing for years about the desire for people in our community, parents and students alike, to have more of this kind of thing in our schools," Lindner said.

The vice chair of Build Pagosa, Larry Ash, also offered background on the history of the building-trades programs at PSHS.

According to Ash, the total cash income to PSHS through Build Pagosa monies that has been given directly to ASD is over \$50,000.

"Also, donations from our community and building industries for tools, equipment, machinery, materials and time is well over \$100,000," Ash said.

Future CTE projects could involve working with the Town of Pagosa Springs, building affordable teacher housing and building other structures at the new Veterans Memorial Park, Ash added.

"We have a need for temporary classroom space to expand these CTE classes. We spent a lot of time and effort on looking at space downtown that could work and meet requirements for the school district," Ash said.

However, after extensive research, the Build Pagosa group ended up at the PSHS campus, Ash noted.

"Now we are looking at the possibility of a small addition to the current PAC building and domes for these classes. This investment will be for a permanent space for temporary use for the building trades and may be used for other CTE programs," Ash said.

The next goal would be to build a new CTE building on PSHS property to hold the classes that are currently offered and those that could be in the future, Ash indicated.

Another step would include formalizing an agreement with the school district and Build Pagosa for finding an engineering and architectural firm to further the projects,

Ash described.

"Our plan is to form a private-public, partnership with Build Pagosa Incorporated and the school district to complete these projects," Ash said. "Our goal is to donate these buildings and improvements to the school district when completed."

However, in regard to whatever project is done for CTE programs, Dryburgh raised the question on whether or not Ash and O'Donnell were pretty set on those facilities being located on the PSHS property, to which Ash responded, "Pretty much."

ASD as a whole has a large number of students who do not go off to college and instead choose to enter a different profession, Dryburgh explained, which relates to the need for these programs.

"I think it would be very helpful, before we go too much further, if you guys would tell us specifically what kind of direction you're looking for from the board and the staff so we can start narrowing what we might be doing," Dryburgh said.

According to Ash, to build a new building, the cost would be more than what local contractors and lumber yards can offer, but Ash noted that by knowing individuals with "deeper pockets" and a passion for the Pagosa Springs community, it expands the options.

"I think these people aren't willing to fund any conceptual ideas. I think a partnership now with Build Pagosa and the school district is to get hard documents," Ash said.

There is a lot of work to be done, Ash noted.

The first phase of the project could involve adding classrooms to the PAC building, connecting it to PSHS building and possibly utilizing the grow domes, Ash described.

"I think there's a great deal of support on the board for a number of the ideas that you've presented tonight," Dryburgh said.

For the future of the project, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed suggested that ASD bring a proposal to Build Pagosa involving next steps, while BOE member Dawn Kolpin also suggested having an idea of how this would affect the ASD budget.

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School district addresses request for Vista property

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

With an interest in a portion of the Vista Drive property that Archuleta School District (ASD) owns, Don Murphy of Avalon Property Co. explained his request to the Board of Education (BOE) during a regular meeting on Feb. 12.

Murphy, participating in the meeting via phone, had also submitted an email to ASD going further in depth on his request.

According to Murphy, he has been working within the realm of housing and helping meet housing demands and needs in various states.

"Affordable housing for the general workforce for Pagosa is almost nonexistent. Many people travel 30 miles, one-way to work in your inviting town. Others may want to move there, but not purchase a home immediately. Still, others may not be able to qualify to buy a home, after the debacle in 2008-9," Murphy wrote.

Specifically, Murphy explained that his intentions were to build an apartment complex on 8 acres of the total 32 that ASD owns on Vista Drive.

"I can also help master plan the remaining 24 acres with school buildings at one end of the site,

and playing fields between the apartment complex and the school. I will install all the utilities for the future school site while building the complex," Murphy wrote.

The item regarding Murphy, however, was noted as only a discussion item by the ASD BOE agenda.

During the meeting, Murphy explained that he is anxious to meet the housing needs in Pagosa Springs.

"It seems like most of the employees are having to drive 30 to 40 miles to work," Murphy said.

These figures, according to Murphy, also relate to median income figures within the Pagosa Springs area.

"Three years ago I was there with your previous town manager. He asked me to look into developing housing for his area," Murphy said.

After further research, and with additional financing to work with the current conditions locally, Murphy noted that he was looking for concessions from as many local governmental bodies as possible to look at properties that could be dedicated for a potential project.

"We can make this work on a combination affordable housing and market-rate housing," Murphy said.

If the apartment complex were

to be built on the property, the apartments themselves would be rent-based only, Murphy added later.

"They won't be subsidized. They won't be controlled. They will fit that particular tenant's affordable situation," Murphy said.

The Vista Drive property that ASD currently owns is appropriate for the project, Murphy noted adding that, at 32 acres, it is "oversized somewhat for a elementary or middle school."

BOE member Brooks Lindner raised the question of what other governmental agencies would be involved in the process, to which Murphy responded that state and county agencies would be consulted.

"Have you had the opportunity to talk to any other governmental agencies in our county? Or are we first?" BOE member Bruce Dryburgh said.

"Well, we wanted to be sure we secure the site first, so I'm really talking to you first," Murphy responded.

ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson posed a question to Murphy on whether or not Murphy was asking the board to gift him the 8 acres or if he would be purchasing the property.

"I will have to have the prop-

erty decided to the entity that would be formed to build this, but that's really why I'm starting with you," Murphy said. "We'll be putting a lot of dollars into the market study and then the architectural plans to make this a reality. We cannot buy the property and then turn around and pay for the cost of construction."

The cost of construction as well as materials and employees to build the complex is the expensive part of the project, Murphy described.

Dryburgh suggested that the BOE do more research regarding affordable housing locally and then to reconvene for another phone call with Murphy.

Later, Dryburgh and ASD Superintendent Linda Reed both confirmed that if the 8 acres were gifted to Murphy, the remaining acreage would be large enough to potentially build a new school if the need was there.

"I feel like if we want to do anything about affordable housing as a school district, that we figure it out from our end, how would we want to do it," Lindner said, "and figure out our parameters, what it's going to require. And, we somehow then take it to the people that might be able to execute it."

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Lt. Gov. Primavera announces 2019 Girls Go CyberStart Program

Special to The SUN

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In 2018, 250 students from 24 high schools in Colorado participated in the girls-only online cybersecurity competition through which prizes and scholarships are awarded. Students and schools can

learn more and register at <http://girlsgocyberstart.org>.

"Women are underrepresented in the tech and cybersecurity industry," said Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera. "We hope this challenge will encourage more young women to test their skills and explore opportunities in this field."

The Girls Go CyberStart game is an online series of challenges that allow students to act as cyber protection agents to solve realistic problems and puzzles and explore

exciting, relevant topics, such as cryptography and digital forensics. Participating students (and their teachers) do not need prior knowledge or experience in information technology or cybersecurity to participate. All that is required is a computer and an Internet connection.

"Cybersecurity is a fascinating and ever-evolving field," explained Dr. Theresa M. Szcurek, chief information officer and executive director of the Governor's Office of Information Technology. "I encour-

age young Colorado women to participate in Girls Go CyberStart and uncover a passion for information technology, because cyber experts are in great demand."

The Girls Go CyberStart program is free for schools and students. As an added incentive for this year's program, another \$200,000 in college scholarship money will be awarded to high school juniors and seniors who perform well in the game. At least 10 high school girls in Colorado will win scholarships, and the top three high schools in Colorado with the most participants will win awards of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500, respectively.

All Colorado high school girls in grades 9 to 12 are invited to play. Registration opened Feb. 18. Play begins on March 20.

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commissioned officer in the United States armed forces.

This is also an opportunity to hear from representatives of the congressional delegations about how they can assist students gain a nomination to a service academy, which is complex and can start as early as the junior year in high school.

The five events are:

- Saturday, March 2, 1 p.m., in Fort Morgan at Fort Morgan High School (709 East Riverview Ave., Fort Morgan).
- March 30, 1 p.m., in Pueblo at Pueblo Centennial High School (2525 Mountview Drive).
- April 3, 10 a.m., in Alamosa at Adams State University (208 Edgemont Blvd.).

• April 13, 11 a.m., in Denver at Denver South High School (1700 E. Louisiana Ave.).

• May 4, noon, in Grand Junction at Colorado Mesa University (1100 North Ave.).

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Broadband

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 was “pretty tough,” Cox explained. “We tried starting Dec. 12, when the budget decision was made to move forward on that application,” Cox explained, adding that the process was also slowed down by doing it over a holiday period. The broadband group and the CDC made a lot of progress, however, with Cox explaining that the efforts were “80 to 90 percent complete.” The broadband group will continue to push Skywerx to work on the application in front of the submittal deadline, Cox said, adding that the application will be submitted before July, with Cox hoping it will be submitted in April. In the follow-up interview, Cox noted that the broadband efforts

so far have not been a failure at all. “The grant application and this grant program is designed for ISPs to work with their local communities to get these projects done,” Cox said, noting that sometimes these projects can be too expensive to get done without a public-private partnership. **The bright side** Despite not submitting the DoRA grant application as soon as it would have liked, the broadband group and CDC collectively now have a grant application that is nearly complete in front of the July deadline, Cox explained. In addition to the application, the CDC has also paid for the work that has been outsourced for the first portion of the broadband

project, Cox noted. The first portion of that project, specifically, relates to the Aspen Springs monopole project. “Every single penny and every single ounce of effort and every resource we threw at it will be used in the next submission deadline, which is July 15,” Cox said. “We will go, at that time, for five of the six projects we originally identified.” Cox explained that this means that all of the work that was done to flush out the DoRA grant application is going to be preserved and presented in the next application. **Aspen Springs project** As noted previously, part of the broadband project is to provide services to unserved and under-

served areas, Cox explained. One of the underserved areas, Cox noted, is Aspen Springs, which also has a huge return on investment. As part of the early broadband project stages, the Aspen Springs project was one of six projects that the broadband group hoped to accomplish. “We’re going to peel the Aspen Springs project off of that because it is by far the lowest cost per parcel,” Cox said. “The opportunity to get it done in the spring versus in the fall, that gives us six months. Time values money and just having that service out there sooner. So, that’s why we’ve chosen to not wait for the grant application.” The cost to provide broadband services to Aspen Springs, per parcel, is about \$67, with the threshold being around \$700 per household or below, Cox explained. “We’re going to serve 300 properties with a \$20,000 investment,” Cox described, noting that investment would be split in half between the broadband fund and Skywerx. “We won’t get the match from the grant, but we’ll get it done this spring and it’s going to be a big win,” Cox said. Putting money into the project from the broadband fund offers an incentive for Skywerx to prioritize the project, Cox explained, adding that when public money is thrown into a project, it shows that the community is committed and prioritizes the project. A project in the Upper Blanco Basin is also in the works to be potentially added to the slate of work, Cox added later.

everybody downstream is pretty much not in great shape,” Cox said. However, a southern route that connects substations from the county fairgrounds to almost Vista Drive exists, and to get to it, that would involve getting fiber to La Plata Electric Association’s (LPEA) 8th Street building. “We didn’t necessarily say in exchange, but we basically said, ‘If we could do that, would you guys be amenable to us looking at having a lease on that fiber and being able to provide open access?’” Cox said. In response, LPEA CEO Mike Dreyspring, who is also a CDC board member, agreed to this potential proposition, according to Cox. The grant process for this particular project would not be able to be submitted until 2020, Cox noted. As part of the overall broadband project, a place in which the participating ISPs could house their equipment, often referred to as a carrier-neutral location (CNL), was also touched upon by Cox as part of his briefing. The CNL, which would be secured and climate-controlled, has had candidates ranging from Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) to LPEA as potential suitors. “But the hospital makes sense,” Cox said, citing topography and other standpoints. The broadband group is currently working with PSMC to get that CNL project going, Cox explained. The project will involve physical construction as well as security and climate control being maintained by PSMC, Cox described. The CNL will have an external access door for ISPs to enter and do whatever they need to without interfering with PSMC’s security systems, Cox added later. This CNL idea is in the “formative, brain-storming phase,” Cox

noted. Preliminary CNL discussions have touched upon the space being rent-free, but the physical construction of the space could be paid from the CDC’s broadband fund, Cox explained. “This is not eligible for any granting through the programs we looked at, so it makes sense for us to deploy our capital on it before the next grant cycle,” Cox said. According to Cox, \$20,000 has been allocated for the CNL and Cox added, “That will be plenty of budget.” As for the one who will be leading the charge on all of these efforts, the broadband services manager, Cox offered some insight that position. According to Cox, he and CDC Administrator Mary Jo Coulehan went over the broadband services manager request for proposal (RFP) in order to discuss how to strengthen the document. “I think there was emphasis on this will be a part-time position to begin,” Cox explained. “That could morph into a full-time position. I think from a project perspective, right now, we’re making it, without really impeding on the projects’ progress, without having a full-time or part-time person in that role.” The broadband subcommittee is currently acting as a de facto services manager without executing contracts, Cox explained. The idea moving forward is to approve the broadband services manager RFP as soon as the next CDC board meeting, and eventually send it out to accumulate responses and a potential candidate, Cox said, noting that it could be by summer or sooner. “The broadband services manager, ultimately, is going to be a key piece of the whole project,” Cox said, adding that at this point the CDC is “not quite there yet.” *chris@pagosasun.com*

Building

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 as a local electrician, saying that every new electrical code book raises costs and the price is almost double to install electrical compared to 2014. Hall also suggested that manufacturers of building supplies have too much lobbying power in rewriting building codes. “You go from a \$7 breaker to a \$60 breaker, and in the beginning of the code book, who do they thank? The manufacturers, right up front, for helping assist with the new codes,” said Hall, adding, “So you know where that money’s going, there was no real big reasons for changing these things.” The commissioners cited increased safety measures in the new codes as reasons for adoption and received pushback from local builders, including Tim Miller. “Can you tell me how many houses have fallen down in Archuleta County in the last 20 years?” said Miller, asking, “What’s the safety concern you’re talking about?” Consensus from many of the builders who spoke alluded to the “if it’s not broke, don’t fix it” mantra, saying the current codes work fine and there is no reason for the county to adopt new ones. The Town of Pagosa Springs adopted the 2015 codes in 2017, and local builder Ero Brown contrasted the ease of building within the county compared to the town. “I honestly always dreaded building downtown... I feel like the

county, everything goes pretty well, it just seems to work. Everybody’s happy,” said Brown. He added, “I’m not so sure why we have to be in line with them.” When the town was considering adopting new codes, it worked with an independent building committee for over two years to make the 2015 IRC and IBC fit the local community, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained in a Jan. 29 email to The SUN. Larry Ash, president of that committee, which has since become Build Pagosa, has previously said builders in opposition to the 2015 codes are “misinformed” in their concerns that it would raise costs. “My gut feeling is [the new codes are] not going to increase costs,” Ash said at Tuesday’s meeting. Local builders have cited an increase in building costs as reason for their opposition to the 2015 codes. Steve Schwartz, who was a member of that committee, echoed Ash’s sentiment, saying, “The people that say that it’s going to increase the costs and we’ll never have affordable housing if we get the current code, they don’t understand. The idea that it needs more discussion is ludicrous. It was hammered to death,” referencing the years spent on reviewing the code in the committee. In a statement to The SUN, Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Chief Randy Larson wrote in favor of adopting 2015 codes, stating he was for having the town,

the county and PFPD all working from 2015 codes. Larson wrote, “It is our goal to have all 3 jurisdictions working from the same code year.” Larson noted at the meeting that adoption of new codes could reduce Insurance Services Office (ISO) ratings, with the potential to lower residents’ fire insurance premiums in the county. The Archuleta County Planning Commission, a body that makes recommendations to the county about building codes, among other things, voted at its Jan. 23 meeting to recommend that the county take no action, to continue with the 2006 codes, and conduct further research on the 2018 International Code Council codes. John Shepard, county planning manager, clarified the planning commission’s decision at Tuesday’s meeting. “It wasn’t necessarily that they had any opposition to the 2015, they really had no reason to see that it was any better than 2006,” explained Shepard, adding, “But they would really like you take a look at the 2018 code, because that has a demonstrated benefit to the community.” The 2018 codes have guidelines for tiny homes, which some builders have referenced as being a solution for affordable housing in the county. The county commissioners voted 3-0 in favor of adopting the 2015 IBC and IRC. *john@pagosasun.com*

Other updates
 As the broadband project progresses, redundancy is something to keep in mind and strive for, Cox explained, so as to not have a single point of failure. “Right now, fiber gets cut, anywhere from hospital to downtown,

might impact power lines, and call LPEA to schedule trimming of so-called ‘hazard’ trees. LPEA contracts professional arborists for the tree trimming effort.” Power outages and flickers also caused damage to equipment at Pagosa Springs Medical Center, CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb indicated. Snow continues to affect area roads and intersections, with both the NWS and local officials warning of potential hazards. “Travel will become very difficult to impossible at times. These hazardous road conditions could impact the morning or evening commute. Power lines could be impacted by the persistent moderate to heavy snowfall rates,” the warning states. Town of Pagosa Springs Manager Andrea Phillips cautioned drivers that with the series of storms, snow removal personnel are running out of areas to store the snow in town. The snow, then, is piling up at intersections and decreasing visibility. She urged drivers to pull out of such intersections carefully. LPEA is also urging preparedness, even if travel is not planned. LPEA offered the following preparedness tips: charge cellphones, have batteries for lamps and flashlights, and have gasoline for snow blowers and back-up generators.

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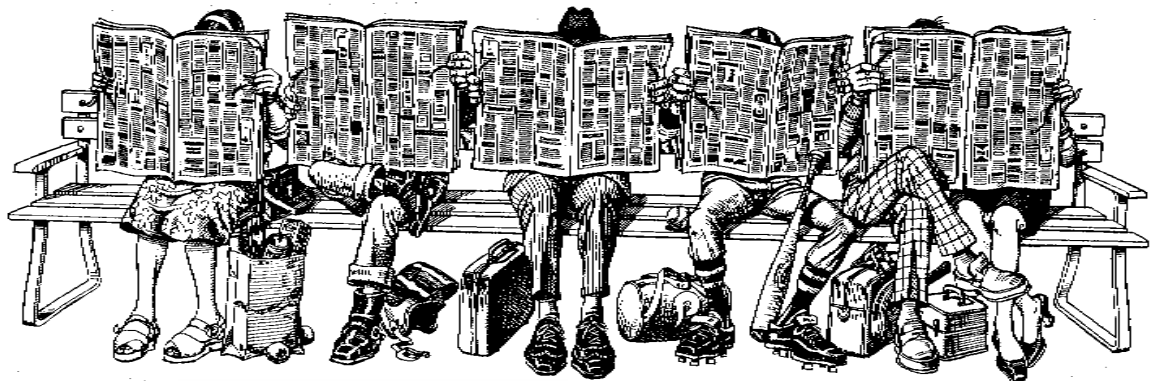
Storms


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 night will be drier,” the outlook states. As of Wednesday, the NWS was predicting sunny skies for the weekend for both Pagosa Springs and Wolf Creek Pass. But, while the storms have brought beneficial moisture, as well as good powder for snow enthusiasts, the storms have not been without issues, some of which remain. Effects of the series of storms included closed schools and businesses, accidents, power outages and more. The power outages Feb. 14 and 15, at their peak, affected 25,000 people in Archuleta and La Plata counties. Those outages, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) reported, were caused by wet, heavy snow. “A significant issue during this storm was tree-related damage — snow weighted on branches or mature trees, bringing them down and into the lines,” an LPEA press release states, also noting, “LPEA has a proactive tree trimming program to help mitigate this type of outage occurrence, but LPEA crews will not encroach on private property or trim any trees outside of the public right-of-way without property owner permission. LPEA Operations requests property owners to think about their trees that

Snowpack
 This week the summit is also 78 percent of the median peak, when last week it was only 63 percent. “We’re on the right track,” NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta said. With all the snow Pagosa Springs has been getting recently, it’s obviously a good thing, Archuleta noted, but ideally a cool spring would help due to less runoff so the “snowpack comes out on a gradual timeframe and we have a decent flow through the streams for an extended period.”

Administrators
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 Maintenance. It also notes Wall will be responsible for implementing policies adopted by the BoCC and preparing and making recommendations for the county’s budget. After approving Wall’s contract,

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Town, county to discuss potential parks and rec agreement

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs are moving toward further cooperation when it comes to parks and recreation.

The next step in that potential cooperation will come at Tuesday's joint work session of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) and the Pagosa Springs Town Council, when those boards discuss a draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) on the topic.

More specifically, that MOU would, if ultimately approved by both governments, combine the county's Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) task force and the town's Parks and Recreation Commission.

That work session is set to begin at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Town Hall.

But, in advance of the town council and BoCC discussing the potential MOU, the Parks and Rec Commission and PROST vetted the document, including at the Feb. 12 meeting of the town's commission with county and PROST representatives.

At that meeting, Interim County Administrator Greg Schulte began the conversation, explaining to those present that the recitals included in the draft MOU provide the reason.

In part, that document states, "the importance of parks and recreation activities and facilities have consistently been rated as one of

the most important services provided by the Parties to its residents and visitors ..."

The document also notes a county-wide advisory vote in November 2014 that had over 5,000 responses and "decisively affirmed the residents' desire for the Parties to join efforts and resources for parks and recreation purposes ..."

It adds, "the Community Parks and Recreation 2018 Survey (with over 500 responses) also conclusively stated that parks and recreation activities were of paramount importance and that the Parties should collaborate together on this endeavor ..."

"This is an opportunity to tip the toe in the water," Schulte told the group.

Schulte then explained that the MOU was largely modeled after the one that joined the town's and county's tourism efforts.

And, like tourism, which is funded through lodging tax, there is revenue dedicated to parks and recreation, namely through Conservation Trust funding from the state.

"At the end of the day, if you hate it, there's an easy out," he added, indicating that, like tourism, the new board would be whittled down from the existing two through natural attrition.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips then explained that the topic is a joint strategic priority for the town and county, then asking for feedback.

PROST member Larry Lynch explained that PROST has "always

kind of worked off of" the 2007 parks and recreation master plan and that the group had talked about a year ago about the two groups merging.

"I think, personally, it's got some possibility," he said, adding that he is confident PROST's members feel it is a strong direction to consider.

As discussion continued, Schulte indicated that the county has some money left over from a ballot issue that allowed the county to keep additional tax revenue above state limits for a period of seven years, though that funding will go toward an indoor arena being constructed, as will up to \$300,000 of the county's Conservation Trust fund balance.

He then explained the county receives \$100,000 in Conservation Trust funds, with \$30,000 of that going to the town. The county having a \$500,000 fund balance currently.

The MOU, he noted, suggests that the county up its contribution to \$60,000.

The conversation then turned to the suggested composition of a new board, with the draft MOU suggesting a member of the BoCC, one from the town council, a Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association representative, a school district representative and three at-large members.

In the end, several of those present concluded that there didn't need to be a set membership, though there would be town and county governing board representation.

Also discussed were some of

the potential opportunities the group could work on, including planning for places such as Yamaguchi South, a recreation center and more.

Role of the group

Per the draft MOU, the group would:

- Advise the Town and County and other stakeholders regarding parks and recreation matters.

- Hear requests from community groups and recreational organizations regarding funding for facilities or programs and make recommendations to the Town and County regarding same.

- Assist the Town and County with master plans and strategic planning for future parks and recreation facilities.

- Developing and recommending new policies, ordinances, administrative procedures and other means to expand the Parks and Recreation programming in a coordinated and efficient manner ...

- Conducting studies and making recommendations relating to new park and recreation plans, goals and objectives ...

- Performing any other duties to advise on or assist with park and recreation matters as assigned by the Town Council or County Commissioners.

The MOU explicitly states that any agreement for maintenance or other services between the town and the county for county parks or recreation facilities will be set out in a separate agreement.

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Today, Venezuela's currency is worthless, its citizens struggle to find food, access to basic health care and medicine is virtually nonexistent, and the military has been weaponized against the people.

Mass protests in recent years have frequently filled the streets in Caracas and throughout the country where citizens have called for free elections and an end to the incredible pain and suffering that has been inflicted on them by the Chávez and Maduro regimes. Hundreds of protestors have been killed by the government and many thousands more have been injured and/or imprisoned.

This stark contrast to the decades of economic prosperity and democracy that once made Venezuela the most prosperous nation in Latin America has resulted in one of the most urgent humanitarian crises in the world, and the largest refugee crisis in Latin America, with profound implications for the region. As the Venezuelan people continue to fight for their freedom through peaceful protest, mounting international pressure has brought the situation to a head.

Maduro declared victory in a fraudulent May 2018 presidential election that has been rejected by the vast majority of the Venezuelan

people and by nations around the world. As a result, in adherence with article 233 of the Venezuelan Constitution, the president of the Venezuelan National Assembly and opposition leader Juan Guaidó assumed the role of interim president of Venezuela, challenging Maduro's legitimacy.

The U.S. is leading within a strong coalition of over 50 nations in standing with the people of Venezuela, recognizing the authority of Interim President Guaidó, and supporting the people's fight for fair elections and the end of socialist rule. Guaidó has called for free elections, the restoration of democratic institutions, and has for the first time in many years brought hope back to the people of Venezuela.

We often take for granted the democratic principles that afford Americans the freedoms we enjoy every day: popular sovereignty, free enterprise, three separate branches of government, a system of checks and balances, freedom of the press and federalism. These are principles that must be fought for and handed on to future generations.

Today, we are hearing from many different elected officials on their vision of what the future of our country should look like. We must never take for granted the principles that have made America the strongest and most prosperous nation on earth and we must stand with the people in Venezuela who long to be free from tyranny.

San Juan Water Conservancy District seeks directors

By John Porco
Special to The SUN

The San Juan Water Conservancy District, based in Pagosa Springs, is seeking qualified individuals to serve on its board of directors. The board currently has three vacancies.

Directors serve as volunteers, without benefits or compensation, except for approved out-of-pocket expenses. In accordance with Colorado law, candidates for director must own property and be registered to vote within the boundaries of the district and have knowledge of water-related matters. The district includes the Town of Pagosa Springs and most of the surrounding areas.

The board meets bimonthly on the third Monday of even-numbered months, although special meetings and work sessions are sometimes scheduled. Meetings are held at the district's office at 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 5, Pagosa Springs CO 81147.

Interested parties should submit a letter of interest to the Honorable Jeffery R. Wilson, chief judge, Archuleta County Combined Courts, P.O. Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, confirming that

they meet the property ownership and voter registration requirements and outlining their relevant experience. A copy of this letter should be sent to the district at our office address above. Questions on the district, its boundaries, the application process and any other matters should be directed to the board chair, John Porco, at 946-2684.

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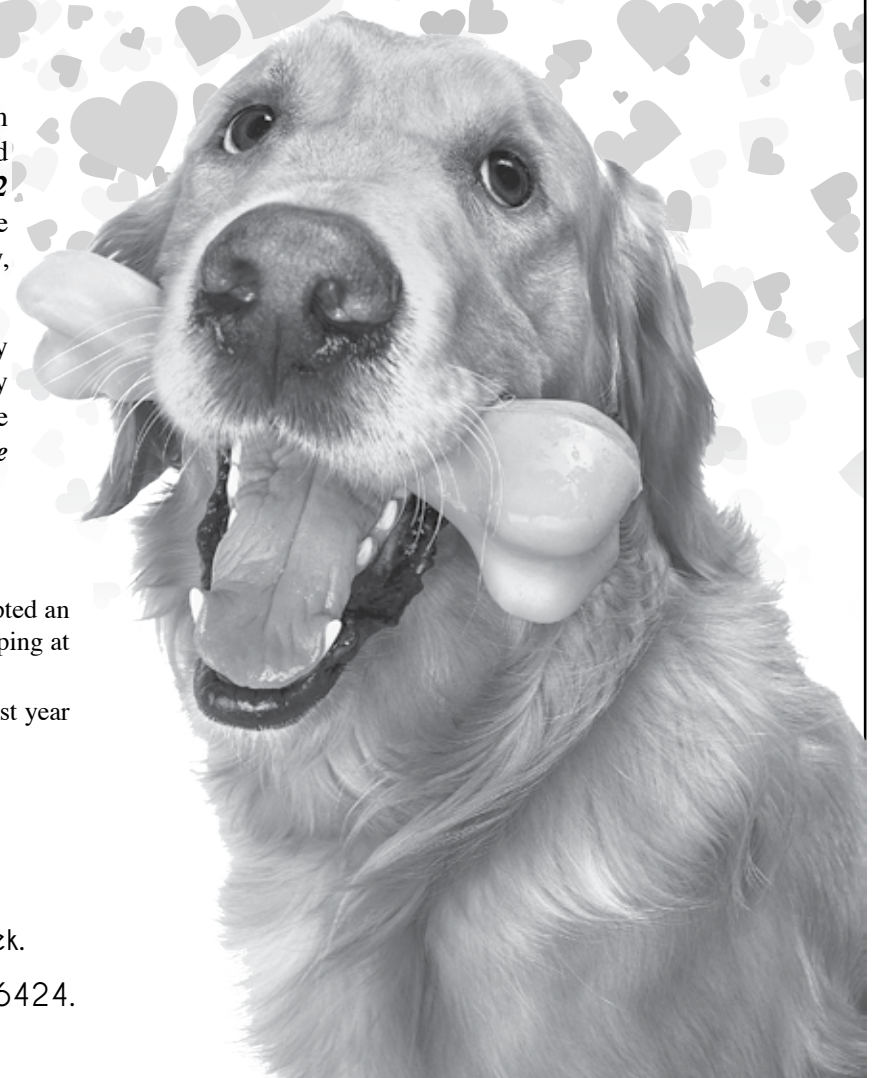
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Outdoors



Volunteering at Chimney Rock: A gem of Archuleta County

By Laura Lunsford
Special to The SUN

Some people have asked me what I like about volunteering as a tour guide at Chimney Rock. I like sharing all the various facets of this little-known gem nestled next to the Piedra River Valley of Archuleta County.

The first facet is the sandstone pillar from which the monument gets its name. Frequently, visitors have never heard of Chimney Rock until they see the twin sandstone pillars (Chimney Rock and Companion Rock) and then they see the sign on U.S. 160. Many people are fascinated by the fact that the sandstone was formed when this whole area was an inland sea and that there are fossils in the sandstone left behind by primordial sea life.

The second facet is the architectural structures and archaeological information about the Ancient Pueblo people and their connection to the Chaco Canyon trading network. This aspect frequently leads

to questions about the modern-day Pueblo culture and their connection to the Chimney Rock location. I highly recommend coming for a visit during Life at Chimney Rock, when kids of all ages can learn from hands-on activities about the daily lives of the Ancient Pueblo people.

Then there is the facet of the astronomy and the alignment of the moon to the twin pillars during the northern lunar standstill. Not many people have ever heard of the northern lunar standstill prior to their visit.

It is also wonderful to watch visitors as they drink in the scenery from the top of the Great House trail. There are questions about how far you can see, and about the plants and animals — including our resident peregrine falcons.

All of these facets combine to create a truly memorable visit. Many people comment about how they like the small group tours and about how much they have learned. I hope that my tour guests leave Chimney Rock with an ap-

preciation for how people across the centuries have been attracted to the twin pillars and have stopped for a shorter or longer time to appreciate their beauty. I'll be looking for you this summer.

To help community members learn about the exciting volunteer opportunities at Chimney Rock National Monument, the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) will host two open houses. The first will take place on Friday, Feb. 22, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the EcoLuxe building at The Springs Resort and Spa located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

The second will take place at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library on March 22 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. There will be a host of CRIA volunteers on hand who are eager to introduce guests to the variety of roles that support this unique program and the flexibility in level of commitment. Some of the volunteer positions include: visitor cabin host, mesa host, tour guide and maintenance crew.

CRIA offers a great, in-depth training program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers. This year volunteer training will take place on April 26 at the PLPOA Vista Clubhouse at 230 Port Ave.

For more information about the monument, calendar of events and volunteer opportunities, please stop by the Chimney Rock open house and enjoy desserts with our enthusiastic volunteers. Beverages will be available for purchase at The Phoenix Lounge. We are very excited for the upcoming season starting May 15 and want to encourage the community to join us.

CRIA is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that 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.

Turkey hunting seminar and youth/women's mentored turkey hunt April 12-14

By Doug Purcell
Special to The SUN

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) will offer a free Turkey Hunting 101 Seminar on April 12 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the John Paul II Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd. The turkey hunting seminar is open to anyone interested in learning how to turkey hunt.

In conjunction with the turkey hunting seminar, CPW will also host a mentored turkey hunt for qualified youth and women applicants. The mentored hunting event will span the weekend of April 13-14, following the turkey hunting seminar. Hunts will occur on private properties around Pagosa Springs.

Youth (12-18) and women interested in participating in the mentored turkey hunting event must fill out an application which can be obtained from:

- CPW Office, 151 E.16th Street, Durango.
- U.S. Forest Service Office, 180 Pagosa St., Pagosa Springs.

No hunting experience is necessary, but selected hunters must possess a valid hunter safety card and a spring over-the-counter turkey hunting license by April 12. Applications must be received by March 26 and selected hunt participants will be notified by March 29.

CPW can supply needed equipment (including firearms and ammo) for the hunt. Participants will need their own cold-weather clothing, footwear and camouflage outerwear (turkey hunting starts in the cold early morning and camouflage is very important). Selected participants are encouraged to use their own equipment.

For additional information, please call District Wildlife Manager Doug Purcell at 799-0843.



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Hunters urged to study changes as applications for big game licenses open March 1

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

Hunters hoping to draw a big-game license in Colorado in 2019 are urged to study up on all the changes in license requirements and fees prior to the March 1 opening of the application period.

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Commission recently approved a variety of changes to big game fees in response to the passage of the Hunting, Fishing

and Parks for Future Generations Act by the 2018 Colorado General Assembly.

For example, the application processing fee will be \$7 for state residents and \$9 for nonresidents in 2019. The fees are based on the cost of processing applications.

Another major change is the requirement that all applicants, including youth ages 12-17, must buy a qualifying license prior to applying for the big game license draw. Qualifying licenses are spring

turkey, annual small game, annual resident combination small game/fishing and veteran's lifetime resident combination small game/fishing.

Licenses must be valid for the current license year, April 1, 2019-March 31, 2020. All qualifying licenses will be available for purchase starting March 1. Go online for more details: cpw.state.co.us/feechanges.

After the 2018 application process, the CPW Commission heard

from many hunters who wanted to ensure that all hunters invest in the agency's wildlife conservation and management programs in Colorado.

"The philosophy behind requiring hunters to obtain a qualifying license is to make sure wildlife management is the foundation of our hunting opportunities," said John Howard, chairman of the CPW Commission. "License revenue is the primary funding source for wildlife conservation in Colorado. Applicants who are only seeking preference points are not currently contributing to those efforts."

The qualifying license approach is used in several other western states. It replaces CPW's previous "pay-to-play fee" for deer, elk, pronghorn and bear applicants who were unsuccessful in the drawing or who applied for a preference point as their first choice and did not hold a qualifying license.

Another key change is to the application and correction deadline. Draw applications and any corrections to the applications must be submitted by 8 p.m. on April 2, four hours earlier than in previous years when the deadline was midnight.

Anyone hunting moose, bighorn sheep or mountain goat now must pay a preference point fee. Hunters who are unsuccessful drawing their first choice hunt, or if they apply for a preference point hunt code as their first choice, will automatically be charged a \$50 resident or \$100 nonresident fee. No other big-game species have preference point fees attached.

"It's very important all hunters read the 2019 Colorado Big Game brochure, which will be available online Feb. 14 at the CPW website at cpw.state.co.us," said Cody Wigner, assistant area wildlife manager in Colorado Springs. "We don't want hunters to be caught off-guard by the new fees and deadlines. There are two full pages of changes in the brochure. We want everyone to have the best possible hunting experience and that includes getting their applications for the draw in early and accurately."

Wigner also urged hunters to check their online accounts to ensure their contact information is current and credit card information is up-to-date, as well.

"Then check your account after the draw to see the draw results, your preference point levels and the status of your payments," Wigner said.

CPW's "What's New" video for the 2019 big-game seasons can be found at: <https://vimeo.com/317081778> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-eQTceuty0&feature=youtu.be>.



Photo courtesy Mike Buckingham

While in a particularly energetic mode back in January, Pagosa resident Mike Buckingham uncovered the hydrant adjacent to his Twin Creek Circle property. Buckingham sent this photo to The SUN as a reminder that property owners should shovel out around hydrants. You never know when the house you might help save could be your own.

Rotary kicks off Ice Melt Contest

By JoAnn Laird
Special to The SUN

Is cabin fever getting the best of you? When you take a break from shoveling snow, how about exercising some new brain cells while having some fun, with a chance to win cash prizes in the mean time?

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is holding its Ice Melt Contest in cooperation with the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA).

Simply put, this is a contest of precise timing. These crafty Rotarians will take a completely frozen, huge drum with clocks attached to it and set it on the now-frozen Lake Hatcher.

As we head toward March 20, which is the first day of spring, the lake will thaw, the drum will fall through the ice, the clocks stop working and that will signal the date and time to end the contest and award the winners.

The top three guesses — closest to the date, hour, minute and second when the clocks stop — will win \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place.

Tickets for your guesses are \$5 each, \$20 for five and \$100 for 30. Get your tickets soon, as the ice will historically melt before March 20. Contact any Rotarian, pick up a paper form from the Chamber of Commerce, the Chokeycherry Tree, the PLPOA

Rec Center or the PLPOA administration building on Port Avenue. From the comfort of your home, go to <https://form.jotform.com/90245466595163>.

All proceeds will go toward the Rotary Scholarship Fund for Pagosa Springs High School graduates. Rotary has proudly funded over \$20,000 a year, for over 20 years, to deserving students. In 2018 alone, \$28,000 was awarded.

Here's a chance to possibly win serious money as you dream of your upcoming summer adventures and more importantly, help our local youth with higher education. Do you think March 3 at 4:27 p.m. and 15 seconds will win? Or maybe March 11 at 3:46 p.m. and 22 seconds. Or when?

Community outreach meeting scheduled for Navajo State Park

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

If you're wondering what's been happening at Navajo State Park lately, plan to attend a community outreach meeting on Feb. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the TARA Community Center, 333 Milton Lane in Arboles.

In the last two years, Colorado Parks and Wildlife has built a new aquatic nuisance inspection sta-

tion, a new water treatment facility, improved the boat storage area and is completing a resurfacing project on the boat ramp. Park Manager Brian Sandy will talk about those projects, plans for the marina store and future plans at Navajo.

Sandy will also talk about this year's water forecast for the reservoir and what that will mean for boating.

Anyone interested in Navajo State Park is invited to attend and

discuss any issues or concerns regarding the park.

Navajo State Park is a major recreational facility in southwest Colorado, drawing more than 330,000 visitors every year. The 2,100-acre park offers boating, fishing, hiking and biking trails, wildlife viewing, 138 camp sites and three cabins. The reservoir is one of the largest in the West at 15,000 acres.

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EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

Colorado farmers and ranchers share nutrient and water quality best management practices, look for survey input

By Robin Young
SUN Columnist

Across Colorado, farmers and ranchers are using best management practices to help keep nutrients out of lakes and streams and improve Colorado's water quality. These forward-thinking producers believe the most effective way to reach agriculture and achieve the best results is through outreach and voluntary action. Their stories and resources are now available to help other producers care for Colorado's waterways.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) have released the "Colorado Ag Water Quality," an outreach project developed by Colorado State University Extension. The resources, found at www.ColoradoAgNutrients.org, include videos, a factsheet and publications on nutrient and water quality management.

Across the United States, nitrogen and phosphorus have the potential to accumulate in waterways, causing water quality issues such as algal blooms, fish kills and impaired drinking water supplies.

Colorado Regulation 85 currently addresses nutrient concentrations in surface water by encouraging the adoption of best management practices.

"Myself along with a number of other agricultural entities became aware of it [Regulation 85] and were actively engaged in the stakeholder discussions until it was adopted by the Water Quality Control Commission in 2012," stated Bill Hammerich, CEO of the Colorado Livestock Association.

Regulation 85 sets a 2022 timeline for evaluation of this voluntary approach for reducing nutrient concentrations in surface waterways. Additional regulations may be considered, depending on the success of these voluntary efforts. Colorado's farmers and ranchers have responded by working proactively to safeguard Colorado's waterways.

"Many farmers and ranchers are already using some of the latest and greatest agricultural technologies and best management practices to produce the world's food, fuel and fiber in the most sustainable ways possible," explained Colorado Corn Growers Association President Dave Eckhardt, a Weld County farmer. "However, in order to preserve agriculture's nonregulated status, we have to figure out how to quantify the progress we've made over recent decades in terms of managing the entire land-water-nutrient picture, and also share that data to show how we achieved these successes."

To help improve the outreach,

the Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA) Ag Water NetWORK (www.agwaternet.org) is initiating a survey of agricultural producers to determine their familiarity with watershed management plans. That survey is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/agwatershedsurvey>.

The Web-based survey asks producers about their water-related needs and priorities, and solicits feedback on their interest in being involved in local watershed management planning efforts.

The survey is the kick-off to a statewide outreach initiative intended to help raise awareness and understanding about the value and benefits of watershed planning for agricultural producers. Training workshops will also be held for ag-oriented individuals who are interested in representing agricultural interests as they engage with other water stakeholders on local watershed management planning efforts.

The state water plan sets a goal of having 80 percent of critical watersheds covered by watershed management plans by 2030. The plan sets a similar goal for locally prioritized streams.

Watershed management plans are developed through locally led efforts that address the needs of a diverse set of local water interests. The watershed management planning and implementation process evaluates local water resources; identifies needs; prioritizes solutions; and secures funding to implement solutions that help

protect and improve existing uses, including agricultural, and support healthy rivers and streams.

Colorado's farmers and ranchers own and control much of the water and land in Colorado, so their involvement in shaping local watershed management plans is crucial to creating comprehensive, well-balanced plans.

Please share this link to agricultural producers — farmers and ranchers, dryland and irrigated. Their opinions will shape outreach and training on watershed management planning, and will help other water interests better understand the perspective and needs of the agricultural community. Aggregate results of the survey will be released in report form and in presentations. No individual producer results will be released.

Producers who complete the survey will be eligible to win up to \$100 in Cabela's or Bass Pro gift cards. A minimum of eight random drawings will be held during the survey period.

Questions or comments? Please contact Phil Brink, CCA Ag Water NetWORK consulting coordinator, at (720) 887-9944 or (303) 475-3453, or the CCA at (303) 431-6422. Go to www.agwaternet.org for more information. A link to the survey is also on the website.

Visit www.ColoradoAgNutrients.org to find out more about how Colorado's farmers and ranchers are working to improve nutrient management and Colorado's water quality.

Council to discuss beetle-kill trees falling on trails

By Bob Milford
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Area Trails Council (PATC) and its board will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m. in the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association conference room.

I encourage all Pagosa area user groups, nonprofits and local businesses to send a representative and any individual who uses the national forest and wilderness areas to this very important meeting. If you are concerned about the

future and maintaining the trails, safety and access to our local national forest and wilderness areas, I strongly suggest you attend this meeting and get involved in helping the PATC and its many partners solve the many issues we have in Pagosa area forests. The No. 1 issue is the beetle-kill trees falling on trails.

We will be updating everyone on the plans and what is going on these very important issues. We will be asking for input from all attendees of the meeting.



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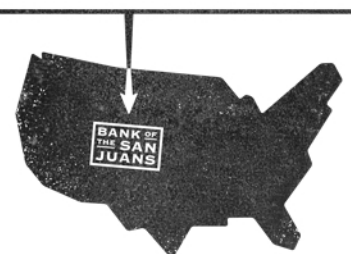
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Sports

WRESTLING



Photo courtesy Stacia Aragon

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestling team stands with confidence after a very strong performance at the regional tournament on Feb. 16. The Pirates earned a combined 237.5 points, taking second place in the tournament.

Pirates advance 12 to state tourney

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

Twelve out of 13 Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestlers qualified for state at the regional tournament on Feb. 16.

Coach Dan Janowsky noted that the Pirate wrestling team has sent at least 12 wrestlers before, but this year was different.

"Some of those years we had guys that just squeaked in," said Janowsky. "This year every guy won it in the tournament."

As a team, the Pirates amassed 237.5 points, which is normally good enough to win, but No. 1-ranked Alamosa earned 274 points to gain the highest team score at the tournament.

"We scored 237.5 points and that's a huge total," said Janowsky, adding, "That's good enough to get first place 99 times out of 100."

Wrestlers had to earn at least a top-four finish in their weight class

to advance to the state tournament.

Cameron Lucero (145-pound weight class), who is 42-1 in his matches this season, seized first place in his weight class, going undefeated at the tournament.

Janowsky noted that opponents often "wilt under [Lucero's] aggressive pressure."

Caleb Janowsky (195), who was coming off a knee injury, came in second in his weight class.

Ian Reinhardt (170) placed second in his class, as did James Thomas (132) and Erik Wyman (113), punching their tickets to the state tournament.

In addition to those victories, Dan Janowsky said a group of third-place finishers exceeded expectations and gave their all at the regional tournament.

"Ethan Evans (152), Paul Farrah (160) and Brae Bergdolt (138), those were all weights that when you looked at it on paper, looked like we maybe wouldn't [advance to state].

They all wrestled above their seed," said the coach.

Evans, Farrah and Bergdolt all finished third in their weight classes and will advance to state.

Dylan Tressler (126) lost his quarterfinal match and then battled back to win four in a row to secure third place and a spot at the state tournament.

"That is really clutch wrestling because your back is to the wall and you have to win every match," said Dan Janowsky, adding "Dillon is a tough kid and he had to work extremely hard every round. But he never panicked ... A lot of times a kid will go, 'Gosh, if I lose I'm out,' and then they won't wrestle very well, but he never played that game. I'd say that's characteristic of our whole team. They wrestled one match at a time."

He added, "It's hard to do that when your back is to the wall like that and you can't make any mistakes."

Skylar Hill (220) placed third in his weight and will advance to state.

Connor Aragon (182) and Trevor Torrez (106) both placed fourth in their weight classes and will advance.

The coach noted the enormous scope of the event.

"It's a big tournament. There are over 800 wrestlers in it," he said, adding that it's hard for wrestlers to "not get distracted by the bigness of it."

The coach explained, "In it's own way it's not big, you don't have to wrestle all 800 guys, you only have to wrestle one, one at a time. When we think of it in those terms, I think we get our best performances."

The state tournament begins at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Pepsi Center in Denver and runs through Saturday, Feb. 23.

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BASKETBALL

Lady Pirates head into postseason as state's top team

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirates are heading into this week's Intermountain League (IML) tournament as the No. 1 team in the league, as well as in Colorado 3A girls' basketball.

The Lady Pirates closed out the regular season with a pair of games over the last week, with the team first closing out regular-season league play in Bayfield, then welcoming Ignacio to town to close the book on the regular season.

In wrapping up regular-season play, the Lady Pirates extended their winning streak to 12 games and improved their record to 17-2.

Now, the Lady Pirates will work to extend that winning streak and maintain their strong position heading into the postseason, beginning first with the IML tournament.

The first round of the IML tournament was initially set to be played on Tuesday evening at a pair of sites, but Mother Nature provided a change of plans, as she has done multiple times in the last week.

The Montezuma-Cortez Panthers (fourth in the league with a 3-7 league record and 7-10 overall) were set to welcome the Bayfield Wolverines (fifth in the league with a 3-7 league mark and 7-12 overall record). On the other side of the pass, and the Centauri Falcons (third in the league with a 6-4 IML mark and 15-5 overall mark) were scheduled to welcome the Monte Vista Pirates (sixth in the league at 0-10 and 4-16 overall).

The Panther-Wolverine matchup was postponed until Tuesday evening due to inclement weather, with the results of that game not available as of press time Wednesday. Centauri, however, defeated Monte Vista by a score of 71-35 Tuesday.

Tuesday's and Wednesday's

games were to decide who will advance to the main part of the IML tournament, which is being hosted by Montezuma-Cortez High School today and Saturday, weather dependent.

Tonight at 7:30 p.m., the Lady Pirates will take on the winner of the Panther-Wolverine game.

"We'll go and have a plan in for both of them," coach Wes Lewis said Saturday of preparing for the league tournament with short notice of who the team will play.

Centauri (who is also the No. 6 team in the state) will play Alamosa, the league's No. 2 team and the state's No. 8 team, today at 6 p.m.

Then, the winners of today's games will play to be the IML tournament champion, with that game set for Saturday at 6 p.m.

"Early in the game we left a lot of points on the floor. I mean, ... we should have been up around 20 points at the end of the first quarter and we just ... missed some easy bunnies, left some points on the paint," the coach said.

The teams who lose today's games will face off for third place Saturday at 3 p.m.

The Lady Pirates rounded out their flawless league record on Friday, Feb. 15.

Despite being originally scheduled for Feb. 14 Pagosa's Lady Pirates didn't travel to Bayfield for their final regular-season league matchup until Feb. 15 due to inclement weather.

But, no matter the day, or the fact that the team was battling illness in the week leading up to the game, the Lady Pirates still returned home with a 46-30 win.

The Lady Pirates took a strong lead by the end of the first quarter, leading 18-6, but failed to build on that lead in the second, allowing the Wolverines 10 compared to their nine points scored to take a 27-16 lead into the second half.

Pagosa outscored Bayfield 13-8 in the third, but the teams were even at six each in the fourth, leaving Pagosa with a 46-30 lead at the final buzzer.

But, despite the win, the coach indicated that the team did not live up to its potential.

"We had kids on pregame, we

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Trevor Gian is named Coach of the Year by the Colorado Soccer Association. Gian posed for a photo Saturday with Pagosa Youth Soccer players and coaches.



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had the extra, I mean, there's no excuses. We just, we played bad," he said, adding, "We missed easy shots, we turned the basketball over, we gave up offensive rebounds, we were just sloppy."

Hailey Griego led the team offensively on the night with 16 points, including four of six attempted free throws. She also posted 13 rebounds, two assists, two blocks and two steals.

Devin Wilson followed with 14 points, including three 3-pointers and a 3-for-3 stint from the free-throw line. She also contributed five rebounds, three assists, two blocks and four steals.

Elsa Lindner put up nine points in the game, pulled down eight rebounds, and logged four assists, two blocks and two steals.

Taylor Lewis added three points, three rebounds, one assist and two steals before being injured in the game's final minute.

Adelyn Dozier and Teagan Stretton each put up two points in the game. Dozier also added a pair of rebounds, an assist and two steals. Stretton contributed two rebounds while playing limited minutes due to injury.

Kori Lucero offered her team a rebound, while Molly Graham notched two rebounds.

The Lady Pirates shot 61 percent from the charity stripe, hitting 11 of 18 attempts.

Pagosa turned the ball over 18 times in the game.

The team then looked to rebound and play strong to finish out the regular season against the 2A Ignacio Bobcats with a game that was rescheduled multiple times.

The Bobcats are the No. 16 team in 2A and now hold a 13-6 record.

"We played Teagan very little, and I thought she looked good while she played last night," Wes Lewis said on Saturday, explaining that transitioning between the games was primarily talking to Stretton and asking her if she could up her minutes against Ignacio given Taylor Lewis' injury.

Stretton, he explained, is battling a neck injury.

"She thought she could, so we basically just replaced the minutes from Taylor last night with Teagan," Wes Lewis said, pointing out that the team played short-handed both nights.

But, despite the injuries, Pagosa outscored the Bobcats in all four quarters — 12-7, 13-4, 22-9 and 11-8 — to send their guests home with a 58-28 loss.

"Early in the game we left a lot of points on the floor. I mean, ... we should have been up around 20 points at the end of the first quarter and we just ... missed some easy bunnies, left some points on the paint," the coach said. "We were doing a good job in transition running the floor ... we were just not quite catching cleanly, we weren't passing great, we weren't finishing the ones we did do the right thing on."

The team, he noted, did a better



Pagosa's Hailey Griego works to break through an Ignacio barrier during Saturday's 58-28 victory over the 2A team. Griego scored 10 points in the Pirates' final regular season game.

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job in the second half.

Four Lady Pirates put up double-digit points in the game.

With three 3-pointers, Dozier led the Pirates offensively in the game with 14 points. She also contributed a rebound, two assists and a steal.

Stretton put up 12 points, including a 3-pointer, in the game despite dealing with an injury, also adding six rebounds, three assists, a block and a steal.

Wilson followed with 11 points, which included a pair of 3-pointers. She also notched five rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Griego put up 10 of the team's points and pulled down seven rebounds. Too, she tallied four assists, a block and a pair of steals.

Lindner added five points, six

rebounds and three assists.

Graham and Lucero each added three points, with Lucero also logging four rebounds and an assist. Graham pulled down a rebound.

"She's just a smooth athlete that's just kinda got a natural ability for finding the open spot, and she's a good scorer and she just contin-

ues to impress me each and every week," the coach said of Lucero.

Miah Schoffner added a rebound and a block to the team's totals.

Overall, the team shot 75 percent from the free-throw line, making 12 of 16 attempts.


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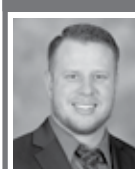
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Regional wrestling action

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'Over the Rainbow'

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir • Friday, March 1 • 5-9 p.m. • Community Center



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Steve Blechschmidt, a well-known guitarist in Pagosa, will provide the music for a portion of the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir's "Over the Rainbow" fundraiser on March 1.

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Steve Blechschmidt to offer music at 'Over the Rainbow'

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

Are you tired of shoveling snow? Then come take a trip "Over the Rainbow" and experience a magical evening while supporting one of Pagosa's youth groups. You'll be sure to want tickets to the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir's upcoming fundraiser, which will be held Friday, March 1, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

While dining on a catered dinner and bidding on stunning silent auction items, event goers will be treated to the masterful artistry of Steve Blechschmidt, a well-known guitarist in Pagosa.

At the age of 38, Blechschmidt made a promise to his daughter: "I'll learn to play guitar if you keep up your piano lessons."

Unknown to him at the time, an overwhelming passion to play guitar would guide him for the next 20 years.

Blechschmidt began his guitar instruction at Forte Music Academy in Denver, where he was fortunate to take lessons from Daniel Bolshoy, a world-renown classical guitarist. Next, he started writing songs and playing electric guitar in a Christian rock band that played monthly over a 12-year period for a Volunteers of America homeless mission in downtown Denver. Blechschmidt met his wife, Carol, in a praise band where they played together for seven years.

Blechschmidt became fascinated by a unique style of guitar called fingerstyle guitar. He studied under two additional teachers, seven-time ASCAP instrumental music award-winner Thomas Leshinsky and current University of Colorado professor Owen Kortz. Fingerstyle guitar, made popular by Chet Atkins, can be described as playing the piano on the guitar. The melody, bass and rhythm are delivered by one guitar, often leaving the listener asking, "Is all that sound coming from one guitar?"

While working in a high-stress corporate environment, Blechschmidt listened as the CEO would bring in chamber musicians to play. This music would bring an unexplainable peace to the workers. What a powerful impact — instrumental music brought into an environment seemed to sooth the soul.

With this idea in tow, Blechschmidt formed a duo, Two Guitars Telling A Story (TGTAS). Guy Steagall, TGTAS duo partner, a guitar professional who toured nationally for eight years, added a lead guitar part to Blechschmidt's fingerstyle tunes. Blechschmidt played ap-

proximately 100 times a year as a solo artist and with TGTAS in the Denver country club scene, in fine restaurants and for special events held in beautiful settings such as the botanic gardens. Blechschmidt continues to play with TGTAS, mostly in the Denver area.

Now living in Pagosa for the last three years, Blechschmidt continues to seek out beautiful settings and enhance the settings with fingerstyle guitar. Currently, Blechschmidt plays at local locations and for special events such as The

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The concert cast of “When I Grow Up” rehearses for the Feb. 23 concert. Curtains Up Pagosa is starting off its 30-year anniversary celebration with the concert featuring Broadway tunes performed by veteran actors and vocalists from ages 8 to 28.

‘When I Grow Up’ concert slated for Saturday

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is starting off its 30-year anniversary celebration with a special performance of its popular 2019 Concert Series, “When I Grow Up,” featuring Broadway tunes performed by veteran actors and vocalists from

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The show is produced and directed by Dale Johnson with music direction by Dale Scrivener and Robert Neel, with accompanists Joan Knab and Sally Neel.

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Little Black Dress Affair, Festival of the Trees, Over the Rainbow, art shows and similar events. He also plays in a trio called Acoustic Picnic. Acoustic Picnic plays at Pine Ridge and similar settings. You can see Blechschmidt’s schedule and sample his music at www.sebguitar.com.

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In addition to a delicious catered meal and exceptional music, the event will also include a mini concert by the Girls Choir, boot-scootin’ fun with a dance featuring the San Juan Mountain Boys and a silent auction which is sure to tempt us all.

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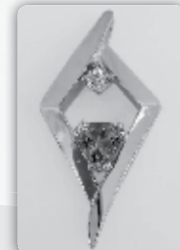
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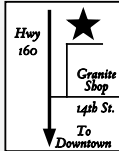


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Volunteers from Pagosa Peaks Volleyball hold up some of the clay bowls that have been made ready for Saturday's Empty Bowls event. The members will be there as volunteer servers.

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Empty Bowls is going to be soup-er

By **Kirsten Le Roux**
Special to The PREVIEW

We soup-prise that it will come as no soup-prise to you all that we have a soup-perior event planned for the 10th anniversary celebration of Empty Bowls in Pagosa Springs this week.

We have had a soup-perb response from the community for delicious homemade soups, chilis, stews and chowders. Once again, Pagosa ladled it on the line for us. Each will be a broth-taking dish; there's one Texas red chili made with lots of corn — that one will be amazing. Of course, nothing too cheesy. OK, maybe a little cheesy. There will be cakes and biscuits, too, and the event is so close now we can almost taste it.

We are soup-premely grateful to the Pagosa Peaks Volleyball teams,

who will help serve; they are soup-er stars. Their manager, Shane Lucero, who organized them, as well as the hosting of the event at The Springs Resort and Spa, is one in a bouillion. He has even said that for those of you who get a little chili, you can take it outside and sit by the enormous fire pit.

Don't stew on this any longer; grab a friend and come along. Here are the details:

The Empty Bowls charity event will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. at The Springs Resort and Spa EcoLuxe. All are welcome.

There is a \$10 entry donation, and clay bowls, soups and dessert while they last. The bar will be open and Bob Hemenger will be entertaining. There will be a silent auction and specialty cocktail, "The Miss Tessie."

Hand-drum sessions offer a chance to harmonize

By **Paul Roberts**
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at noon.

Dramatic seasonal changes, awe-inspiring wilderness, mineral-rich hot springs, Pagosa is a constant source of beauty, imagination and healing — a hallowed ground beckoning us to harmonize with ourselves, with each other and with Mother Nature.

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enough you will see music; the heart of nature being everywhere music."

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ThingamaWHO audition deadline Feb. 25

By Laura Moore
Special to The PREVIEW

The auditions for Thingamajig Theatre Company's ThingamaWHO teen program are underfoot. The deadline for audition submission is Feb. 25.

Thingamajig is introducing the second season of the ThingamaWHO program for teens ages 13-17 who are serious about theater. The program offers an extremely limited number of parts for teens to work alongside of the professional company members as actors, dancers and singers in a production of "Alice in Wonderland Jr." as well as opportunities in assistant stage managing.

The show will be directed, costumed and designed by Thingamajig Theatre's professional production team and it will run every Saturday morning in July and August as well as traveling up Rez Hill to the Four Corners Folk Festival on Labor Day weekend.

Rehearsal will take place in May, June and July, and performances will be every Saturday at 11 a.m. in July and August with an opening date on July 5 at 2 p.m.

ThingamaWHO is currently taking audition submissions for this summer opportunity. Please consider the time commitment before submitting an audition. Also, note: If you are very interested in the program, but have a few conflicts

with the schedule, you may still submit an audition along with your conflict dates.

For interested teens: Email Laura Moore (laura@pagosacenter.org) a video or video link of 90 seconds of a song accompanied (contact Dale at thingamibox@gmail.com if you need help with accompaniment), 60-second comedic monologue, a list of your conflicts with the schedule and if you are interested in assistant stage management. The full rehearsal calendar can be viewed at pagosacenter.org.

Auditions submissions are due by Feb. 25. Please feel free to email Moore with any additional questions.

San Juan Stargazers study about galaxies near and far

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

The San Juan Stargazers will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 28, in the Visitor Center conference room located at 105 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Our program will be another profound one. We will study more about Edwin Hubble's discovery of galaxies. At one time, astronomers thought that the Milky Way was the whole universe. What a jump from one galaxy to 300 billion galaxies. Let that thought blow your mind for a while.

Hubble's views of nebulae that appeared to be beyond the Milky Way using the great telescope at Mt. Wilson took place in the 1920s. He came to learn that these nebulae, in fact, were separate galaxies. Then he applied the Doppler effect to come up with Hubble's law about their movement. Way back then, he understood the need for

dark energy to account for movement in the universe. He was quite the genius who certainly deserved to have the space telescope bear his name.

I love how our lessons take complex ideas and make them understandable for us all. Our programs are for people of all levels of astronomy and it is amazing how much each person learns. Don't let the fact that you feel like a beginner keep you away. We are all so amazed by what we are learning that we simply do not judge anyone.

Start preparing for March 28 at 6 p.m., when we will have our first telescope clinic of 2019. Many people in Pagosa have a telescope which they were given or picked up somewhere, but have no idea how to use it or if it is even usable.

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Astronomy news flash: A su-

permoon will be visible on Feb. 19 and March 21. Supermoons appear larger than the usual moon because the moon's orbit around the earth is not a circle, but an ellipse. So, there are times when the moon is, in fact, closer to the earth and therefore looks bigger. Check it out and see if you can notice a difference.

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

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

Tickets on sale now for A Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown

By Pennie DeClark
Special to The PREVIEW

Come one, come all; just come get your tickets now. Put on your fanciest western wear and join us on March 15 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. in the Our Savior Lutheran School gymnasium, 56 Meadows Drive, for the third annual Colorado Guys and Gals Hoedown.

This event is not to be missed, with Andy Janowsky (vocals and guitar) and Jeff Johnson (banjo and fiddle) from The High Rollers playing their good-time tunes,

delicious brisket served with all your favorite country fixings, deserts and beverages. We will also have beer and wine available at our cash bar.

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'Acoustic Duets' will showcase local musicians of all ages

By Cynda Green
Special to The PREVIEW

I'm one of those lovers of live music who chooses where I spend my evening out based on what band is playing. But many times, I can't hear the music, or the music is too loud in an attempt to be louder than the socializing. If you, too, are a lover of live music and wish you could better hear the musical offerings of our local bands, then "Acoustic Duets" is for you.

"Acoustic Duets," at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 4, at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, showcases five duos comprised of 10 local musicians. Each duo will perform four songs in a concert setting, with each musician singing and playing acoustic instruments.

"Acoustic Duets" is also a fundraiser for Pagosa Springs' nonprofit Thingamajig Theatre Company.

Although most of the duos are composed of musicians who play in local bars and restaurants, "Acoustic Duets" duo Allora Leonard and Ella Hemenger represent the Pagosa Springs High School Americana Project. The Americana Project is an elective class that nurtures students' love for creating and performing music and the study of roots music.

I photographed Leonard and Hemenger for "Acoustic Duets" and then asked these two talented young ladies a few questions.

How long have you been musicians?

Hemenger: "I've been involved in music all of my life. I've been

involved in many musicals, but this year I really stepped forward with my singing and my voice lessons."

Leonard: "I've been singing all my life, but didn't really start moving forward with it until I was 9 years old. At 10, I won a talent show in my hometown of Hondo, Texas. From there, I progressed and was flown out to Kentucky to perform and all over the country. And now I'm spreading my wings. I'm going to New York City next October to perform at Lincoln Center. So I've been progressing in my performing."

What motivated you to get into music and do you have any musical career plans?

Hemenger: "My dad [teacher and saxophonist Bob Hemenger] ■ See Showcase on next page

Hoedown

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likes to do music. So, I always felt I wanted to do music, and he inspired me a lot. I've picked up many instruments from him and have branched off on my own. I can play bass, piano, I play a lot of saxophone and ukulele. And I sing."

Leonard: "A lot of my inspiration came from church. Really worship. That is one thing that drove me. Plus, my family has always listened to all types of music, from classical music, to George Strait, to jazz, and musicals, singing and what not. For several years, I just sang to my horses when I rode. They never bucked me off so I guess I was OK. As far as instruments, I play guitar and a little ukulele."

Can you give us a hint as to what songs you will perform at "Acoustic Duets?" (They laughed.)

Leonard: "One hint. We're going to do a couple of country songs that have a whole lot to do with cheating. One is more of a pop country song, and one is a song I wrote."

Is there anything else you'd like to say?

Both: "Thanks for the opportunity."

That opportunity goes both directions. "Acoustic Duets" offers its performers the opportunity to play in a concert setting and offers the audience the opportunity to experience their music without the distraction of a noisy environment. As previously mentioned, "Acoustic Duets" is also a fundraiser for Thingamajig Theatre Company, making it a win-win-win event.

Besides Leonard and Ella Hemenger, the other duos performing are Carl Mori and Debbie Tucker, Bill Hudson and Greg Milioto, Brooks-i and Jarret Heber, and Robin Davis and Jimi Giles. Various genres of music will be played by these duos.

Mark Brown is set to entertain the audience as master of ceremonies. Mori will provide sound.



Photo courtesy Cynda Green

Allora Leonard and Ella Hemenger are one of five local duos that will perform in "Acoustic Duets" on Monday, March 4, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. The event will benefit Thingamajig Theatre Company.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by calling 731-SHOW (7469) or online at www.pagosacenter.org. If available, tickets will be sold at the door.

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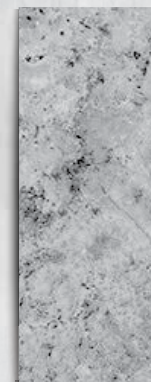


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Save the date for a very sweet evening

By Mike Stoll
Special to The PREVIEW

The annual Humane Society Chocolate and Other Decadent Delights auction and dinner will be held March 16 at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse on Port Avenue.

This popular event raises funds for the daily operating expenses of the animal shelter by auctioning decadent desserts created by local chefs, caterers, bakers, candy stores, restaurants and creative chocolatiers. The creativity and chocolate artistry of this year's roster of great bakers are certain to generate plenty of "oohs" and "aahs" as their culinary delights are unveiled. It's an entertaining and fun evening you don't want to miss.

The live auction portion of the evening will be preceded by a seated dinner, along with a cash bar featuring wine, craft beer and soft drinks. Attendees will be able to purchase delectable Buy-It-Now desserts and the ever popular Bal-

loon Pops while supplies last.

Tickets for the auction are \$25 and are available at the Humane Society thrift store and animal shelter or by calling 264-5549. Seating is limited, so do not delay.

This year's auction will also include the drawing of the winner for our winter raffle event. The raffle features a brand-new propane-fired Marcel outdoor 34-inch concrete fire pit by Christopher Knight Home with a retail value of over \$300. Raffle tickets are only \$5 and may be purchased at the auction or prior to the event at the Humane Society thrift store on East U.S. 160. All raffle proceeds support the animal shelter.

The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs does not receive funding from any national organizations such as the Humane Society of the United States, American Humane, ASPCA or United Way. The animal shelter relies on revenue from private donations, our thrift store and fundraisers such as the Chocolate Auction to continue our mission of

creating a safe haven for animals in need.

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Kids' Art Camp: 'The Art of Being Me'

By Casey Crow
Special to The PREVIEW

Spring Break is just around the corner, and with it comes an opportunity for Pagosa Springs kids to attend an exciting weeklong art camp facilitated by Beyond Words International (BWI or Beyond Words).

Beyond Words, a locally based nonprofit, will offer a five-day children's art camp in Pagosa Springs March 25-29. The mission of Kids Art Camp: "The Art of Being Me" is for kids to explore different mediums and art forms, inspiring them to explore their creative imagination.

Kids' Camp will run the week of spring break from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Arts Council (PSAC) building. Each day, participants will have the opportunity to learn different forms of art including various styles of dance, abstract art, collage, music and more.

In addition, our teaching artists will bring out themes of positive self-expression, self-image, mindfulness, self-awareness and relationship building intermixed with fun games and activities.

Camp will conclude on March 29 with an art show created and carried out by the kids. Students will create, learn how to display their art, write their artist statement, and present their work to friends and family. The art show, open to the public, will feature live music, appetizers, drinks and live performances by the camp kids.

Kids' Art Camp: "The Art of Being Me" will be held at the PSAC building March 25-29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for kids ages 6-12.

Students must register ahead of time. Registration is \$15 per child and space is limited. Tuition for camp is \$150 for the full five days, \$135 for three full days or \$50 for one full day. Family discounts are available. For additional children, cost is \$100 for five days, \$85 for three days and \$50 for one day.


Here's how to register your kids: Send the registration fee to BWI at P.O. Box 291 with your child's (or children's) name(s), age(s) and number of days they will attend. Or, submit this information through PayPal at <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3603448>.

As we know, many families in our town are unable to enroll their children in spring break activities. If you would like to help our local kids attend this creative and empowering art camp, please consider becoming a child's sponsor. Simply visit our PayPal page and select an amount you'd like to sponsor. Or, mail your sponsorship to BWI at P.O. Box 291 in Pagosa Springs. A sponsorship of only \$150 will provide one child five days of Art Camp.

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Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon

The Sisters in Song community women's chorus will begin rehearsals on March 5 in anticipation of performing with the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir at its spring concert on May 9.

Sisters in Song Women's Chorus beginning rehearsals March 5

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

The Sisters in Song community women's chorus is ready to embark on another joyous year of making beautiful music together. The choir is again being sponsored by the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir, and it is open to all women in Pagosa and surrounding areas who love to sing.

Ladies in the community are invited to be a part of this women's chorus that will share the stage with the Girls Choir at its annual spring concert, which will be held on May 9.

The chorus will begin rehearsals on Tuesday evening, March 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church. Rehearsals will continue each Tuesday evening until the concert in May.

The women's chorus will perform quality choral music highlighting home, family and friendship. The concert theme is "An Evening with Friends," chosen to complement the summer educational activity that the Girls Choir will experience in the Pagosa area in August.

"The music will be fun yet challenging," said Linda Parker, director of the women's group. "No prior experience is required to be a part of the choir, only a \$15 fee to help offset the cost of the music. Reading music is always helpful, but there will be enough rehearsal time to learn the music."

The Women's Chorus has been formed to offer the girls of PSGC

the opportunity to sing with a women's chorus. Conceived and directed by Parker, the chorus will allow the girls to meet some Pagosa ladies who have enjoyed music throughout their life. The chorus will have its own part of the spring concert, singing several tunes alone, then finishing the concert with the Sister Sledge hit "We Are Family" with the Sisters joining the Girls.

"I am excited to offer Pagosa ladies the opportunity to share their love of music and singing and to give them an opportunity to perform. We musicians are hams and we love to perform," said Parker.

If you have questions or would like more information, call Parker at 264-1434 or email her at singpagosa@gmail.com.

"We're looking forward to meeting new friends, having an entertaining time and being a part of a unique experience in Pagosa Springs," she said.



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By Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

Nearly half of American adults are at risk for major health problems because of high blood pressure (also called hypertension or HBP).

High blood pressure is one of the leading causes of heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness, dementia and death in the United States.

Heart disease and stroke are the first and third most common causes of death of Americans.

More than 100 million Americans are diagnosed with high blood pressure — that's one of every three adults. Only about half have their condition under control.

Almost 20 percent of Americans don't know they have hypertension.

Don't be one who doesn't know. Come to the Health Fair on April 27 from 7 to 11 a.m. at Pagosa Springs High School.

The 9Health Fair offers blood pressure screenings in addition to many other testings.

High blood pressure

People with readings of 130 top number (systolic) or 80 bottom number (diastolic) are considered to have high blood pressure.

American Heart Association guidelines

- Normal blood pressure — 120/80 — Healthy lifestyle choices and yearly checks.

- Elevated blood pressure — 120-129/80 — Elevated blood pressure — healthy lifestyle changes, reassessed in three to six months.

- High blood pressure/stage 1 — 130-139/80-89 — Heart disease and stroke risk assessment. Need for lifestyle changes and medica-

tion with monthly follow-ups until blood pressure is controlled.

- High blood pressure/stage 2 — 140/90 — Lifestyle changes and two different classes of medicine, monthly follow-ups until blood pressure is controlled.

Come to the high school on April 27 from 7 to 11 a.m. for screenings and education.

Want to volunteer? Have a working brain and a good attitude? Most volunteers don't need special medical skills.

Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Sharee Grazda at 731-0317 or email her at sgrazda@gmail.com. Visit 9HealthFair.org.

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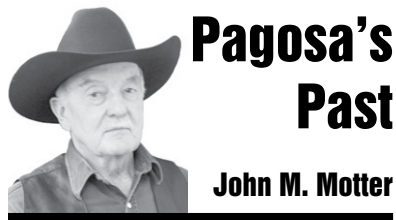
Traipsin', tradin' and explorin': Who was first?

For many years, the Old Spanish Trail served as a vital link between Hispanic New Mexico and Hispanic California.

The first footprints on most of this trail were planted in 1776 by Franciscan priests Atanasio Dominguez and Silvestre Vélez de Escalante, who traipsed in the footprints left by Juan Maria Antonio de Rivera in western Colorado in 1765.

Motivated by the desire to find an overland route from Santa Fe, N.M., to the Roman Catholic mission on the coast of Northern California, the venturesome priests accomplished one of the most famous explorations in the American West. By way of comparison, the USA-sponsored Lewis and Clark expedition was not launched until 1806. In fact, the USA did not become a nation until 1776. By that time, the Spanish had explored most of the Far West.

The two fathers, with Bernardo de Miera y Pacheco acting as cartographer, traveled with 10 men



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

through much of the unexplored American West, including western Colorado, Utah and northern Arizona. Guiding the expedition across this harsh and unforgiving terrain were three members of the indigenous Timpanagos Ute tribe.

Dominguez was born in Mexico City in about 1740 and joined the Franciscan order in 1772. He arrived in Santa Fe in 1776. Escalante was born in Spain about 1750. When he was 17, he became a Franciscan in Mexico City. In 1774, he was stationed at Laguna Indian Pueblo and in 1775 was assigned to the Zuni Indians. In 1776, he was summoned by Dominguez for the California expedition and died two years af-

ter completing the expedition. He is remembered for the journal he kept describing the exploration. Closer to our time and place, the high school in Tierra Amarilla about 60 miles south of us in New Mexico is known as Escalante High School.

Pacheco lived in Chihuahua before moving to El Paso in 1743. He was an army engineer, merchant, Indian fighter, government agent, rancher and artist. His experience as a cartographer made the journey historic when he produced several maps of the expedition around 1778. His notes and maps were used by historian Herbert E. Bolton in his classic history "Pageant in the Wilderness: The Story of the Escalante Expedition."

Editor's note: Information from the Feb. 7 "Pagosa's Past" column was taken from the Colorado Encyclopedia's entry on the subject. It should also be noted that Juan Maria Antonio de Rivera's second expedition was in 1765, not 1865, as the column stated.

The words written on the heart

It was the headline on every channel and in every newspaper. Amazing how a blue Chanel bag can reveal the character of a person.

While on the train platform at Lincoln Center on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, a bag caught his eye. In it, 100 \$100 bills. Richard Taverna took his find to the local police station.

"It's not mine. Whoever has lost this \$10,000 is probably going through a lot of distress."

A NYPD deputy inspector was in disbelief, but was proud of Taverna for doing the right thing. Newscasters and journalists alike jumped on the story. The 63-year-old retiree? He was surprised by all the attention his good deed brought him.

The police identified the rightful owner. The blue Chanel bag and its contents belonged to a woman named Aya.

"I didn't expect to get this back. It is money for my children's Christmas gifts."

There was no overt appreciation for Richard Taverna's upright heart, no embrace, no jumping for joy. Aya, a Kazakh woman of wealth and privilege, offered her reward, her thanks.

What person in their right mind spends \$10,000 on children's gifts for Christmas? Moreover, just a thank you?

My Sweet Al said, "The man's heart was written on by God before the incident. He gave it back because it was the right thing to do. He didn't need a reward from the woman. God rewarded him by allowing the whole world to see his good deed on national television."

To be fair, it makes you wonder

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



There was no overt appreciation for Richard Taverna's upright heart, no embrace, no jumping for joy.

what the world saw of Aya's heart.

We picked up our discussion the following morning. We talked about the words God writes on our hearts, like black ink markings on white paper. Our lives, God's expression in indelible ink.

Jonathan Cahn writes, "When the Word is sent into the world, it must have a context, it must have a parchment, a paper, a voice, some medium to bear and manifest it to the world."

Our lives are that medium which shows a story marked by God. He uses everything we are, and even the environment around us to tell His story. And sometimes, He even uses a blue Chanel purse to point to the story He has written.

1 Peter 2:21 says, "To this you

SOMEONE... *is coming. has come. is coming again.*



The theme of the Bible is like a thread woven through a fine fabric.

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Abuse comes in many forms, even digital

By Ashley Wilson
Special to The PREVIEW

More and more information is coming out about the prevalence of media and use of electronics among kids and teens. While digital media has given us more ways to connect across the globe and have information at our fingertips, there is also a large downside.

According to the Urban Institutes study on digital abuse among teens:

- 25 percent of dating teens report they've been digitally victimized by their partners. Only 9 percent seek help, and rarely from parents or teachers.

- 84 percent of digital abuse victims said they were also psychologically abused.

- 52 percent of digital abuse victims said they were also physically abused.

- 33 percent of digital abuse victims said they were also sexually coerced.

- One in six youth report being the victims of cyberbullying, which is abuse and harassment from someone other than a romantic partner.

- 90 percent of cyberbullying victims said they were also psycho-

logically abused.

- Two-thirds to three-quarters of cyberbullying victims said they were also physically abused.

- Victims of cyberbullying were almost three times as likely to also experience digital dating abuse or harassment.

According to the Domestic Violence Awareness Project, approximately 1.5 million high school students experience physical abuse from a dating partner every year.

These numbers are alarming and adults in our community can make a difference. If you are a parent, make sure to talk to your teen, not only about how to be safe online, but also what healthy relationships are or are not. Only 9 percent of dating teens who have been digitally victimized seek help. So, the conversation needs to happen with every teen so that those who are in this situation know they can ask for help.

If you don't have children in this community you can still make a difference by talking about this problem with young people you know and being a good example of a healthy, respectful relationship. We can change how youth accept teen dating violence.

Love is respect. You do not physically hurt someone you respect, you do not psychologically hurt someone you respect, you do not coerce someone you respect and you do not bully someone you respect.

Rise Above Violence would like to join you and the community in being part of this change for Pagosa. Rise Above Violence youth prevention program focuses on respect, healthy relationships and understanding consent. These are important conversations to have with the young people in our community so that we can change the conversation. Rise would love to focus less on crisis response and more on prevention and promotion of healthy relationship values. Raise your voice in our community around these issues. Silence is what perpetuates the problem.

Rise Above Violence is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. They service victims and survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and other violent crimes in Archuleta County. For 24/7 crisis support, please call 264-9075 to talk with an advocate, or the 24-hour teen text support line is 747-0221.

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UUs to look at history of social action for social change

By Dean Cerny
Special to The PREVIEW

Religion is a means of making the world a better place. Religious ideologies set the menu for change and improvement. But, the meal must be prepared by people willing to do the hard work of converting the menu of change into an actual feast of nourishment.

In order to accomplish this process of conversion, contemplation must proceed action. If that flow is inverted, the effort for change becomes shallow and short-lived. Liberal actions toward change often fail to meet their goal because they have sacrificed contemplation in their rush to take action.

On Sunday, Feb. 24, at 10:30 a.m., Pagosa Unitarian Universalists (UUs) will take a peek into their history of social action for social change in order to see if they have maintained a healthy balance of contemplation and action. Unitarian Universalism has always played a unique role on the stage of social justice. Historically, UUs have been on the forefront of many social justice issues. It is an asset that we must continually work to



Photo courtesy Karen LeCour

Over 60 folks enjoyed music and laughter at the fifth annual John Graves Coffee House at the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Performers pictured left to right are Bob Hemenger, Bill Hudson, Dave Pettus, Steve Hayes, June Marquez and Phil Swearngin. Performers not pictured are Yen Fiedler, John Buehler, Leah Ballard and Karen LeCour.

improve upon. Join us this Sunday as we attempt to do just that. This service will be led by Pastor Dean Cerny.

The Religious Exploration program for 2- to 9-year-olds continues this month. 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.

The layer Grandma and I share

My grandmother's faith in God is strong even though her mind and strength fade.

Watching her physical shortcomings tears my heart. But to admit I hurt feels like I've torn my protective layers. My sadness, anger, aloneness and regret are revealed like an open nerve.

Since eighth grade I've helped my mother with her parents. I love them. I pray for my grandparents every night and I know God hears my prayers. Yet my requests do not stop or reverse the side effects of time.

In December 2014 my grandfather passed away. He and my grandmother had been married for over 63 years. He was her rock. His absence was hard for her even as my family and I tried to be there for her and help with her needs. She hid her crying. But I could stand by the door to her room some nights and hear her hidden sobs as they turned into whispered prayers.

My grandmother moved in with my family a few weeks after my grandfather passed. I was surprised she wanted to go over Grandpa's stories and look at the albums she'd made of their years together. She can't remember all the names of everyone they knew. She can't recall every story or who is still alive and needs a birthday card sent to them. But that doesn't keep her from enjoying her memories.

My brother, mom or I pull out

A Matter of Faith

the albums she can no longer lift so she can go through the pictures. We get her tea since she can't hear the teapot whistle anymore. We've hung a hummingbird feeder by her bedroom window so she can see the hummingbirds she and Grandpa enjoyed so much.

I remember Grandpa commenting on moments she wasn't herself, but since I didn't see her everyday like he did, I didn't get it. Now I do. I've seen the progression of dementia and the results of four mini strokes. Her appetite and a couple of her small habits are no longer the same. Sometimes it seems like she is staring at a wall and not involved in the moment.

Watching some of her layers wilt away, part of her extraordinariness gone, twists my heart.

Through it all, she still regularly prays. On good days she reads a newspaper while she watches her favorite old movies. So, not everything has changed.

The important pieces, like faith and prayer, have stayed. From Grandma's example I've learned to pray no matter what. From prayer, my layer of trust and love of God and

Jesus Christ has strengthened. It is the layer that holds my real strength. It is the layer Grandma and I share.

"I love you, O Lord, my strength, "O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer." — Psalm 18: 2-3.

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World Day of Prayer set for March 1

By Penne Hamilton
Special to The PREVIEW

Women, men and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 1.

This year, the women of the WDP Committee of Slovenia call us to worship considering the words: "Come — Everyone Is Ready." With these words as backdrop, we are invited to learn about Slovenia's history and rich cultural diversity.

The women of Slovenia share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God's profound love and acceptance.

The focus is on "Welcoming God, in your love, you have prepared a table for all, and you inspire us to open our hearts and homes to offer a place to the ones who

are not yet at the table. Who isn't at your table yet? Who isn't at your World Day of Prayer service ... yet?"

The women of Slovenia challenge us all to widen our circles, to expand our communities.

This year's service will be held on Friday, March 1, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. For child care service, call 731-5801.

Invite your friends, family and communities of faith to join the women of Slovenia in prayer and song to support ecumenical efforts toward justice, peace, healing and wholeness. The annual offering supports the work of World Day of Prayer USA and helps meet the needs of families in Slovenia and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence and injustice.

World Day of Prayer is a world-

wide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March.

World Day of Prayer was founded on the idea that prayer and action are inseparable in the service of God's kingdom. Services begin at sunrise in the Pacific and follow the sun across the globe on the day of celebration. Each year a different country's committee serves as the writers of the World Day of Prayer worship service.

For more information, contact 731-5801 or the national office of World Day of Prayer USA (www.wdp-usa.org), (212) 870-2466; for orders: (888) 937-8720, info@wdp-usa.org, www.wdp-usa.org, www.wdpusa.com, www.facebook.com/worlddayofprayerusa, www.twitter.com/wdpusa.

PCNT topic: 'Are you a dream builder or dream squasher?'

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly." — Langston Hughes.

All are welcome to join the Rev.

Janet Wyrick and Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 10:30 a.m. as we explore the topic "Dream Builder or Dream Squasher?: Which are You?" We will discuss methods of bringing dreams into fruition and deflecting discouraging energies.

Please join in this inspiring message.

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Meditation circle

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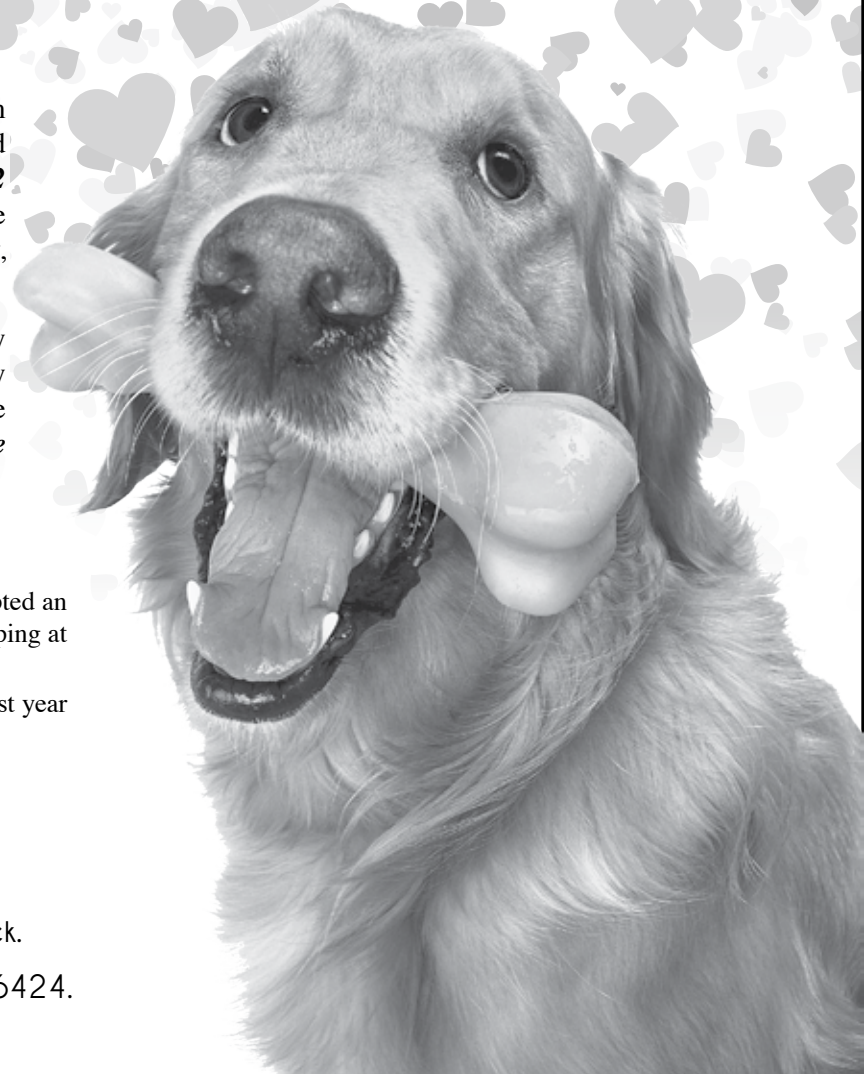


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One-year anniversary: Books, DVDs and magazines join Meals on Wheels delivery system

By Carole Howard

PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

One year ago this month, your library began a remarkable new partnership with Archuleta Seniors Inc., the nonprofit organization that runs the Pagosa Springs Senior Center and oversees the Meals on Wheels routes for delivery both in town and out of town.

As meals go out to homebound clients, they now can be accompanied by a special library bag containing books, audio books, DVDs and magazines especially selected to match each person's individual tastes. The personalized selection is based on a questionnaire they completed.

"We don't have a huge number of people who use it, but we know it is appreciated because we have received kind notes when the items come back," said Meg Wempe, library director. "We currently have four people in the Homebound category, and in the past year 36 items have gone out to them."

Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver and return the library materials to the Senior Center as they transport the food to their clients.

If you or someone you know



would like this service, please contact the Senior Center at 264-2167 to receive information, including the introductory information pamphlet and preference questionnaire.

How to freeze your holds

Many patrons love the hold service available at your library which allows you to reserve books and other materials when they are checked out to others. But you may not know that you can freeze, or suspend, your holds at any time — an especially helpful tool when you are traveling.

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To freeze your holds online, first log into your account. On the left side of the page, click on "Titles on Hold." A list of all items you have on hold will appear. If they are not

currently in transit, you can freeze the hold until you return from your travels or are ready to receive your hold again. To freeze your hold, click on the button that says "Freeze Hold." Choose the date to thaw and resume the hold again and then click "Freeze Hold." The freeze will begin immediately.

Tween paper airplanes today

Tweens are invited to a paper airplanes event today, Thursday, Feb. 21, from 4 to 5:15 p.m. for fourth-through eighth-graders. Come and fold paper airplanes and test them to see which ones go the farthest. We'll have templates available, but you are encouraged to get creative on your own.

LEGO contest and LEGO club

LEGO fans need to turn in your original submissions for the all-ages LEGO contest by tomorrow, Feb. 22. Prizes will be awarded for each of five age categories: preschool, ages 5-7, ages 8-11, ages 12-17, and adult 18 and up. One prize will be awarded for the Judges' Choice. Winners will

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Healing Circle each Wednesday at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Instruction is provided for beginners.

Thursday lecture series

On Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. (weather permitting), we will view and discuss the film, "What the Bleep Do We Know!?" Feb. 28, at 6 p.m., we will feature Anella Handley, LMT, speaking on "Law of Attraction Manifestation Techniques." Donations appreciated. Please contact PCNT for more information.

Science of mind classes

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You will also receive medical and financial powers of attorney, a Living Will/Advance Directive, and instructions for you to fill out a form for your burial needs -- all with complete instructions and prepared by a practicing attorney, not someone in a cubicle somewhere that may or may not have the experience to create a will that is suited to you.

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Library

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 be announced on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 12:15 p.m. after LEGO Club, which takes place from 11 a.m. to noon. More rules and details are available on the activities calendars.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 22, 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 book club tomorrow

Friday, Feb. 22, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the free teen book club, seventh-through 12th-graders will discuss “When My Heart Joins the Thousand” by A.J. Steiger and enjoy free snacks. Stop by the library to pick up a copy.

Literary Ladies tomorrow

This free book-lovers’ group meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 22, they will discuss “Our Souls at Night” by Kent Haruf. Stop by your library to pick up a copy. For more information, contact Marilyn Stroud at Bakestroud@aol.com.

Otaku Club

The Otaku (Anime/Manga) Club meets Monday, Feb. 25, from 4 to 5 p.m. Join us to watch anime, talk about manga and Asian cultures, and enjoy snacks. This free club is for those in the fifth through 12th grades.

Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Spanish conversation

Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 3 to 4 p.m., practice your Spanish with others at this free informal session. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. 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.

CDs

“A Delicate Touch” by Stuart Woods is Stone Barrington mystery. “Daughter of War” by Brad Taylor is a Pike Logan adventure. “Preacher’s Rage” by William W. and J.A. Johnstone is a First Mountain Man adventure. “The New Iberia Blues” by James Lee Burke is a Dave Robicheaux murder mystery. “Rage for Vengeance” by Dusty Richards

is a Byrnes Family Ranch western. “Texas Hills” by David Robbins is a Ralph Compton western.

DVDs

“Wives and Daughters” is a classic BBC costume drama. “Indivisible” is based on the true story of an Army chaplain and his wife facing problems in their marriage. “The 40-Year-Old Virgin” is a comedy. “Framed” is a PBS Contemporary Masterpiece production. “Miss Fisher’s Murder Mysteries” is series one and two on two different discs. “The Mermaid and Mrs. Hancock” features a merchant, a mermaid and a madam. “Love is a Many-Splendored Thing” is the classic starring William Holden and Jennifer Jones that won three Academy Awards in 1955. “Stranger Things” is the Netflix original series.

Mysteries, suspense and thrillers

“Out of the Dark” by Gregg Hurwitz is an Orphan X thriller featuring the government’s off-the-books assassin operation. “The Black Ascot” by Charles Todd is the latest in the mystery series featuring Scotland Yard’s Ian Rutledge. “Suspicious Minds” by Gwenda Bond is the first book in the Stranger Things series about a government experiment in a small town, the prequel to the TV hit show. “Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore” by Matthew Sullivan is a mystery that begins with a suicide. “The Plotters” by Un-Su-Kim is a crime novel set in an alternate Seoul. “Bluebird, Bluebird” by Attica Locke is a mystery set in East Texas.

Other novels

“Bowlaway” by Elizabeth McCracken follows the enigmatic life of a woman who was discovered unconscious in a New England cemetery. “Black Leopard Red Wolf” by Marlon James combines myth, fantasy and history following a mercenary’s search for a missing child.

Programmed Nooks

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Quotable quote

“My Dad always talked about self-esteem, how the psyche is so fragile and how it gets attacked by the game [of golf]. Everything with my Dad was positive. He always found something good. The most powerful thing a son will ever hear is affirmation from his father.” — Johnny Miller, former professional golfer, TV golf commentator and golf course architect. He was one of the

top players in the world during the mid-1970s.

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Caregiver support group offers info, respite

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

Learn practical self-care information, talk through challenges and ways of coping, and learn about community resources and support at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center's caregiver support and respite group.

The group size is limited to 12; call to make a reservation.

Group meetings are every other Friday at 3 p.m. at the Senior Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. To make your reservation, call 264-1986 in order to reserve a space.

The group is facilitated by Ana Sancho Sama, Ph.D., licensed psychologist.

If you are a caregiver of a friend or a family member, please join us. Adults 18 and older are eligible to participate.

A support group can have significant positive effects on caregivers' overall wellbeing. It is a chance to speak with other caregivers who have common experiences with caregiving, learn about resources available in the community and nationally, learn how to keep yourself healthy so you can better deliver the care, and a chance for respite.

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: New Alzheimer's Association magazine

By Kay Kaylor
I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge, a 24-hour extended care



home, and BeeHive, an assisted living residence, as the part-time long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life.

The Alzheimer's Association is a wonderful resource for all types of dementias. In a Feb. 13 email, it announced the launching of a new free magazine, ALZ.

The online link states, "As a trusted source of support and information about Alzheimer's and dementia since 1982, the Alzheimer's Association is an expert on the brain — the engine driving our ability to think, feel, remember, work and play. We're launching ALZ magazine so we can share more about the body's control center — and provide you with tips on how to make your brain a central focus of a healthy lifestyle."

The cover story features Women's National Basketball Association star Candace Parker speaking about her mentor, the late coach Pat Summitt, who died from complications of Alzheimer's. She was diagnosed of younger-onset Alzheimer's at age 59.

"Coach Summitt was extremely special to me," said Parker. "Dur-

■ See Senior on next page

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Diner dish
- 5 Altar area
- 9 Nevada's Great ___ National Park
- 14 Enough, for some
- 15 Soft French cheese
- 16 Dwelling place
- 17 Storybook monster
- 18 Captain, e.g.
- 19 Layered rock
- 20 Wrestling hold
- 22 Preserved, in a way
- 23 Austrian peak
- 24 Horse's tidbit
- 25 Letter opener
- 26 Send the wrong way
- 29 Fourposter, e.g.
- 32 Glasses, briefly
- 34 Classic Atari game of the 1980's
- 36 Graph or mobile starter
- 37 Give it ___
- 38 Marine growth
- 39 Four-run homer
- 42 Drunk as a skunk
- 43 Moray, e.g.
- 44 Without reluctance
- 46 Minuscule
- 47 Score of zero
- 48 Apply gently
- 51 Packing a punch
- 54 Tear
- 56 Pitcher's place
- 57 Cast a ballot
- 58 "Nay" sayer
- 59 Cantilevered window
- 60 Revered one
- 61 Heroin, slangily
- 62 Netflix category
- 63 Eagle's roost (var.)

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64 Roll-call response

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- 1 Bit of an uproar
- 2 California slugger
- 3 Recycling material
- 4 Pay attention to
- 5 Overseas
- 6 Almost
- 7 Make, as a putt
- 8 Cartoonish squeal
- 9 Fragrant rice
- 10 Find despicable
- 11 Linger in the tub
- 12 Doing nothing
- 13 Call for
- 21 Red ink amount
- 22 Religious offshoot
- 25 Part of LCD, in math
- 27 Computer symbol
- 28 Buick model

29 Greek restaurant performance

- 30 Drop-off point
- 31 Out of juice
- 32 Herb in stuffing
- 33 Squeaky clean
- 35 Sandbox toy
- 40 Taper off
- 41 Croon a tune
- 42 Look up and down

45 "___ done!"

- 46 Printer need
- 49 Perfume base
- 50 Carpet color
- 51 E.P.A. concern
- 52 Hightailed it
- 53 Make a mess of
- 54 Prospector's find
- 55 Poison ivy woe
- 57 By way of

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Deadlines*

Display advertising: Noon, Monday

Classified line ads (regular categories): 10 a.m., Tuesday

Classified line ads (Too Late to Classify): 3 p.m., Tuesday

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Cards of thanks: Noon, Tuesday
(50 word maximum, email to editor@pagosasun.com)

Obituaries: Noon, Tuesday
(We accommodate obituaries after this if at all possible.)

Articles: Noon, Monday
(email to editor@pagosasun.com)

*Deadlines are earlier if there is a holiday.

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Senior

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 ing my time at Tennessee, we won national championships together. She was named Coach of the Year, was on the cover of Sports Illustrated, and was named one of the best 50 coaches ever, male or female.”

A digital or print version of ALZ is available free for a year, along with the opportunity to subscribe to Weekly eNews. Here is the link to ALZ: <https://alz.org/news/alz-magazine>.

For further information, you may call me at 403-2164 or send an email to ombudsman2@sjbaa.org.

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 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 provides legal services for seniors through the program attorney, Daniel Fiedler. Fiedler will be spending the day at the Senior Center on June 14.

Following are the legal services Fiedler can assist with:

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

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

Health and wellness

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

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplement

tal insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

The goal of the outreach clinic is to provide care to those who are not able to travel.

The next health and wellness date is March 20.

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, Feb. 21 — Beef with broccoli and rice, snap pea medley, milk, salad bar and snickerdoodle cookies.

Friday, Feb. 22 — Grilled turkey sandwich, potato/leek soup, corn on the cob, milk, salad bar and cranberry sauce.

Monday, Feb. 25 — Lemon chicken, loaded baked potato, snow pea medley, milk, salad bar and blueberry sour cream pie.

Tuesday, Feb. 26 — Beef Salisbury steak with gravy, spaghetti squash with Parmesan, roasted broccoli, whole-wheat dinner roll with butter, milk and salad bar.

Wednesday, Feb. 27 — Crab cakes with remoulade sauce, brown rice pilaf, roasted asparagus with walnuts, milk, salad bar and apple crisp.

Thursday, Feb. 28 — Pork baked ziti, roasted cauliflower soup, glazed carrots, focaccia bread with butter, milk and salad bar.

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.

For your convenience, you can make your reservations in advance or have a standing reservation on days you know you will always attend. Please cancel if you cannot attend on your standing reservation days.

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Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, Feb. 21

Hai Chee. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

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.

Tween Paper Airplanes. 4-5:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 4th-8th grade. Join us to make paper airplanes and test them out to see which flies best. Call 264-2209 for more information.

PALS Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Friday, Feb. 22

LEGO Contest. Sisson Library. All ages may participate. Deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. Feb. 22. Winners will be announced on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 12:15 p.m. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

Literary Ladies Book Club. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We will discuss "Our Souls at Night" by Karen Haruf. Stop by and pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Teen Book Club. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Join us for snacks and a lively discussion of this month's book, "When My Heart Joins the Thousand" by A.J. Steiger. Stop by and pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360

Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Caregiver Support Group. 3-4:30 p.m., Senior Center. Because being a caregiver is inherently stressful and, at times, overwhelming. A support group can have significant positive outcomes for the caregiver's overall health. Ana Sancho Sama, Ph.D., licensed psychologist, will be facilitating. If interested, call 264-2167.

Yoga. 5-6 p.m., Community Center.
Chimney Rock National Monument Open House. 6 p.m., EcoLuxe building at The Springs Resort, 165 Hot Springs Blvd. Learn about the exciting volunteer opportunities. See more information at www.chimney-rockco.org or call 731-7133.

Saturday, Feb. 23

VITA Tax Preparation. Senior Center. By appointment only. Call 264-2167 for more information or to make an appointment.

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Commu-

nity Center. Any event conflicts which would not allow a Saturday open gym will be posted in advance on the town's website, Facebook page and in the newspaper. Call 264-4152, ext. 521 for more information.

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.

Meditation and Recorded Dharma Talk. 10 a.m., Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 70 Greenbriar Drive, Suite B-15. All are welcome.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Ages 6-12. Join us to build wonderful creations with LEGO bricks. We've got the LEGO bricks, just bring your imagination. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Crafting Club. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.,
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Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and sharing ideas. This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with others who enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

LEGO Contest Winners Announced. 12:15 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Empty Bowls. 5-7 p.m., The Springs Resort and Spa EcoLuxe. There is a \$10 entry fee to choose your favorite handmade clay bowl and then if you would like, you can also fill it with one of the delicious soups or chilis donated by volunteers. There will be an open bar and we will have some fun specialty cocktails to celebrate. Bob Hemenger will be performing.

Curtains Up Pagosa Presents 'When I Grow Up.' 7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A concert of Broadway tunes for all ages, featuring kids. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, available at the door.

Sunday, Feb. 24

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, Feb. 25

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

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

LineDancing. 9:30-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:30 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call Beverly 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. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Caregiver Support Group. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association. For more information call 731-1033 or 259-0122.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Otaku. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 5th-12th grade. If you are into anime or manga, this is for you. Come and watch some anime with your friends and talk about your favorite manga.

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

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Tuesday, Feb. 26

Chi Energi. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. A variety of movement and stretch to create energy for the healing of our mind, body and soul.

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.

Women Helping in Pagosa Springs. 11:30 a.m., The Lost Cajun Restaurant. We welcome all ladies to join us. Please RSVP if attending by calling 946-1895.

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

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

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

PALS Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Area Trails Council Meeting. 6 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse conference room, 230 Port Ave. Main discussion on 2019 plans for clearing trails due to extreme number of spruce beetle-killed trees falling on our local trails. Volunteers are needed to apply for grants and assist with website. Email any questions or comments to pagosaareatrailscouncil@gmail.com or call Bob Milford at (281) 467-2379.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn night club two-step. Not to be confused with country two-step, this is a smooth, flowing dance to be danced to slow ballads and love songs, both pop and coun-

try. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

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

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

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

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

Open Volleyball. 1-4 p.m., Community Center. We have all levels of players from those who have played in high school and college to players just learning the sport. We keep score, but the points truly don't matter. What matters is learning about the game of volleyball, working as a team and, mostly, having some laughs. Call 264-4152 for more information.

Spanish Conversation. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. This informational meet-up allows you to increase fluency by speaking with other Spanish language learners and speakers. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Jelly Beans After School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. Free to all ages. For information, call

903-8104 or (702) 556-5649.

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

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

Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., 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, Feb. 28

Hai Chee. 8-9 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Movement focusing on balance within mind, body and soul. Slowly reduce tension as you feel better, one breath at a time.

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

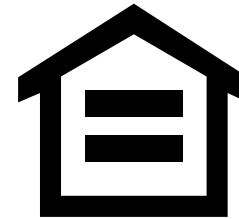
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San Juan Stargazers. 7-8:30 p.m., Visitor Center conference room. Hot drinks and maybe a treat

will be served starting around 6:30 p.m. We will study more about Edwin Hubble's discovery of galaxies. For more information, visit www.sanjuanstargazers.org, email sjstargazers@gmail.com or call 335-8286.
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PUBLIC NOTICE. The Town of Pagosa Springs has received an application for a Zoning Amendment from Public/ Quasi-public zoning to Mixed Use-Town Center zoning for property along Hot Springs Boulevard. The property is currently vacant and is located along Hot Springs Blvd., situated across from Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Boulevard. The applicant, Archuleta County Housing Authority, is requesting the zoning designation to accommodate a 34-unit workforce rental housing development plus an office and clubhouse for residents. The Planning Commission will consider a recommendation on the matter at a public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 5:30p.m. The Town Council will then consider the requested rezoning application at two public hearings on Thursday, March 21 and Tuesday, April 2 at 5pm. All public hearings will be conducted in Town Hall located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. Anyone with questions or wishing to provide comments should contact the Town Planning Department at (970)264-4151, x221 or provide written comment to either cschultz@pagosaprisings.co.gov or mailed to Planning Department, PO Box 1859, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Public comments will also be accepted at all public hearings.

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Community Garden Dome welcomes participating organizations

By Roberta Tolan
Special to The PREVIEW

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership is opening the newly constructed Community Garden Dome in March and welcomes organizations to participate.

It certainly has been winter outside, but inside the Community Garden Dome, it is warm and bustling with activity. Volunteers have been working tirelessly since the first of the year constructing raised garden beds, inserting geothermal heat and preparing for the growing season. Yes, it may only be February, but as the days get longer and the sun is higher in the sky, the time for planting indoors is upon us.

The goal of the Community

Garden Dome is to bring together individuals all representing a wide range of community organizations, working side by side in the greenhouse producing healthy food, engaging in conversation, developing partnerships and sharing goals and accomplishments. Community organizations each have their specific missions such as improving the diet and health of its members, increasing social and/or activity, physical/emotional healing or increased socialization, to name just a few. The Community Garden Dome provides organizations the opportunity to help achieve their goals through gardening.

Each organization will be asked to complete an application outlining how gardening will help satisfy

the organization mission and include three measurable variables. Twelve organizations will be chosen based on their applications. If more than 12 are selected, a lottery system will be used to select the participating organizations.

Once selected, each organization will be assigned a growing bed inside the dome for a six-month period where they will be responsible for planting, watering, weeding, maintaining and harvesting the

produce using approved organic gardening principles. Wheelchair-accessible beds are available upon request.

We are very grateful for the financial support of the Community Garden Dome from many individuals, organizations and businesses and the Community Garden Dome needs ongoing financial support for its continued maintenance and growth. We are also aware that organizations have varying financial

resources. For this reason, we are asking that organizations donate an amount that they feel is appropriate and affordable.

We hope that you are excited and inspired by this unique community-wide opportunity. If you have questions and/or would like an application form, please contact Roberta Tolan at (970) 988-1572 or rtolan3@gmail.com. Applications must be postmarked by March 15 to be considered.

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 Eurasian collared dove.

Human intervention has aided the dispersal of many non-native bird species and the Eurasian collared dove is one of them. Native to Europe and Asia, in the mid-1970s, a few escaped from a pet store in the Bahamas. By the 1980s, this dove had spread to Florida and within three decades it has come to call most of North America home. The availability of backyard bird feeders for food, and tree planting which provides roosting and nesting sites, has inadvertently led to an increase in numbers of these urban birds.

Although their nests may only contain one or two eggs, in warmer climates, these birds raise up to six broods per year.

This medium-sized dove is larger and chunkier than the similar mourning dove. Colored pale gray with a brownish wash on the back, the collared dove is named for the black band that rings its nape. Its tail is long, broad and squared off.

The Eurasian collared dove bobs its head and flicks its tail as it walks on the ground foraging for seed and the occasional insect. A relative newcomer on the North American scene, like house sparrows and starlings, it has adapted well and can be found in Pagosa year-round. To date, the spread of Eurasian collared doves has not been shown to have a negative impact on native bird species.

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