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Village at Wolf Creek granted access

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) Supervisor Dan Dallas announced a new decision to provide “reasonable access” to a 288-acre private property parcel adjacent to Wolf Creek Ski Area owned by Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture (LMJV).

The developer plans to construct a year-round resort known as the Village at Wolf Creek.

The decision, according to a press release from the Rio Grande

■ See Village A8

State Champion



Photo courtesy Allison Wylie

Pagosa Springs sophomore Cameron Lucero, center, poses with coach Dan Janowsky, left, and David Lucero, right, following the wrestler’s state championship match Saturday night. Lucero defeated a reigning state champion to earn the 145-pound title.

Town council opts for certificates of participation for town shop project

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

With a 4-1 vote on Feb. 21, the Pagosa Springs Town Council elected to pursue a certificate of participation (COP) to fund a portion of the town’s proposed new maintenance facility.

The five council members present (Mat deGraaf and Nicole DeMarco were absent) made the decision following about 20 minutes of discussion on the topic, and the decision allows town representatives to be more prepared for an upcoming grant presentation to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DoLA) in mid-March.

“In order to have a favorable recommendation from DoLA regional staff and to increase the chance of

receiving this grant, the Town needs to share how it plans to pay for the remainder of the project. Readiness to go, including near-term security of the remaining project funds, is an important part of this demonstration,” an agenda brief prepared by Town Manager Andrea Phillips states.

Discussion on how to fund the remainder of the project’s first phase if the town is successful in receiving the DoLA grant first occurred on Feb. 5, with the council split on if COPs are acceptable for the project.

With the split, further discussion was tabled until Feb. 21, with Phillips stating she would provide additional information.

In opening discussion on the

■ Certificates A8

Local snowpack over 100 percent for first time this season

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The continued increase of snow over the past couple of weeks has been good for local snowpack levels, according to data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River basins are currently at 124 percent of median, up from last week’s total of 119 percent of median.

The Upper San Juan site has seen a jump of 7 percent from last week, with current totals sitting at 102 percent of median when last week that site was only 95 percent of median.

“We’re sitting in pretty good shape

■ See Snowpack A8

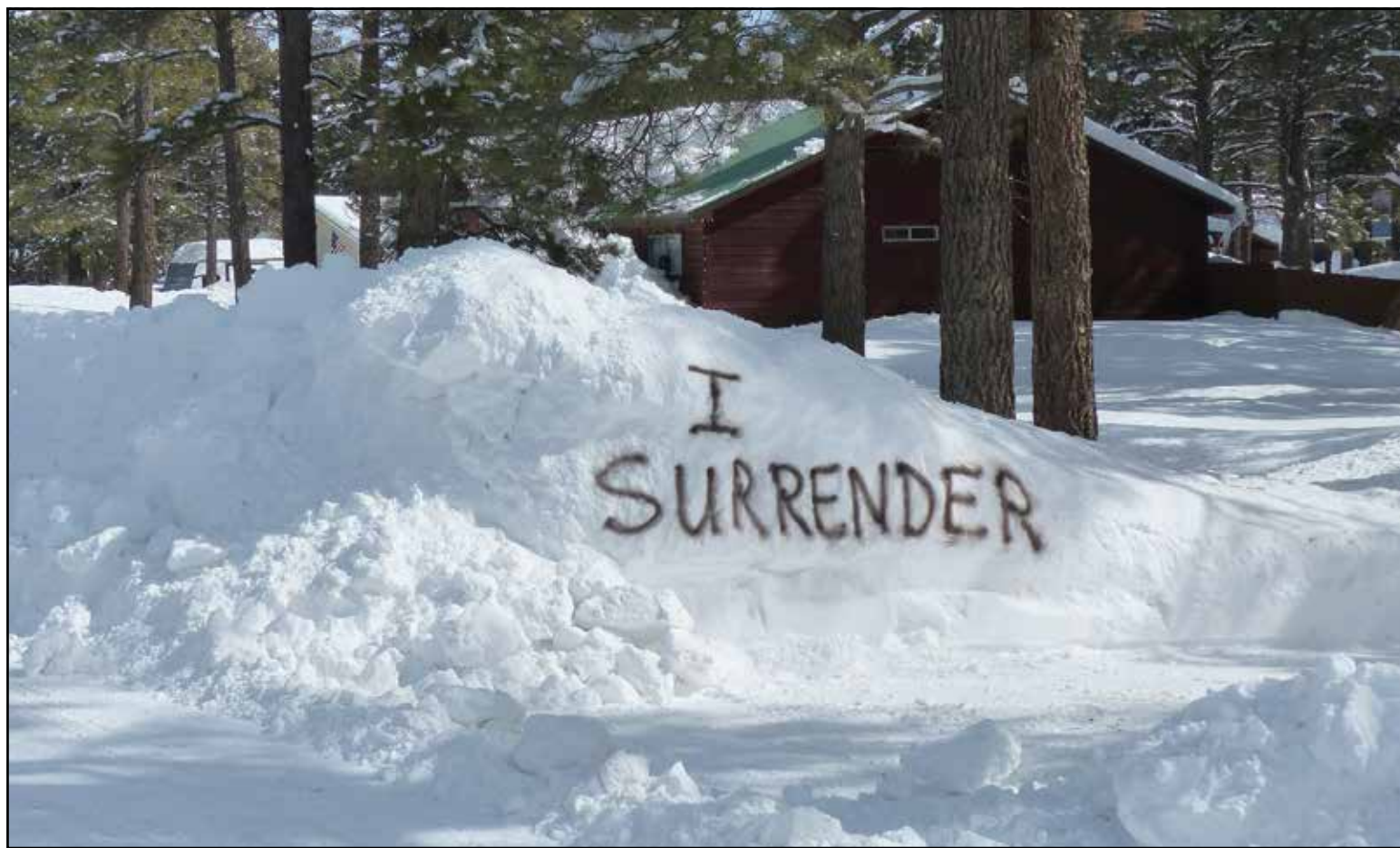


Photo courtesy Jeff Monafó

This resident surrendered to Mother Nature and his local plow driver during recent winter storms. He had been plowed in twice in 30 minutes and decided to resort to graffiti to express his frustration. He did report that area plow drivers were doing their best and a friend helped him dig out his berm.

Sales tax collections down for December, but up for 2018

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The December 2018 sales tax report for Archuleta County showed a decrease in revenue compared to December 2017, but an increase in year-to-date revenue compared to 2017.

The gross amount of the December 2018 sales tax was \$944,967.42, with the Town of Pagosa Springs’ share being \$471,982.71 and the county’s share being \$472,984.71.

December 2018 was 1.2 percent (\$11,077) lower than December 2017’s sales tax revenue.

On a year-to-date basis, (January to December), revenue was about 3.5 percent (\$348,012) higher than the 2017 year-to-date total.

Relative to year-to-date totals from 2017, 2018 saw an increase in sales tax revenue from the following sectors:

Retail is up 8.5 percent compared to 2017, showing an increase

■ See Sales A8

Snow water equivalency and precipitation above average for first time this winter

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At long last, after several large storms, snow water equivalency (SWE) and precipitation data are reported as being above average for this first time this winter.

According to a press release crafted by Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey, the SWE was 26.1 inches as of Feb. 25, while the median was only 25.5 inches.

With those recent totals, SWE is now 102.4 percent of median, up from last week’s total of 88.9 percent of median.

“It’s good, we’re all above average now,” Ramsey said in an interview.

With limited snow in the forecast,

Ramsey noted that the SWE levels will probably stay about the same with minimal melting occurring at the Upper San Juan site.

“But, we’re probably going to drop below 100 percent again because the average always goes up a little bit,” Ramsey said.

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

Last week, the SWE was measured at 20.6 inches while the median was listed at 23.2 inches.

Precipitation currently is 29.5 inches while the precipitation average is 26.9 inches, making the precipitation totals 109.7 percent of median.

■ See Water A8



Photo courtesy George Hunyadi

This bobcat was spotted on the prowl in Chromo last week. Bobcats and lynx look at a lot alike, except a lynx has larger feet and longer legs than a bobcat. Also, a bobcat’s tail is banded with black stripes. It’s also black at the top of the tip and white at the bottom. A lynx’s tail doesn’t have banding and is completely black at the tip.

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EDITORIAL

Show support for hometown teams

Pagosa Springs High School sophomore Cameron Lucero's state championship win last weekend made Pagosa Pirate fans proud.

Lucero was one of 12 Pirate wrestlers who advanced to the state tournament at the state tournament included Caleb Janowsky, Ian Reinhardt, James Thomas, Erik Wyman, Ethan Evans, Paul Farrah, Brae Bergdolt, Dylan Tressler, Skyler Hill, Connor Aragon and Trevor Torrez.

Earlier this month, Emma Heidelmeier was the first Lady Pirate swimmer to ever compete in the state tournament.

This weekend, the Pirate boys' and girls' basketball teams will both compete for a spot in the Great 8 round of the state tournament.

The boys will hit the road for The Academy near Denver to compete against DSST: Stapleton, while the girls' team will compete at home, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, March 1, when they take on Trinidad in regional competition.

If you are not hitting the road to support the boys' team, we encourage you to come out Friday to support the girls' team in the Pagosa Springs High School gymnasium. The champions from Friday's games will compete on Saturday, March 2, at 1 p.m. at the same location.

Plenty is to be learned from sports. Leadership skills are developed, including patience, tolerance and how to handle pressure. Sports teach the importance of hard work. Young athletes learn how to persevere and how to grow from both success and failure.

Parents play a huge role in supporting our student athletes. They provide transportation to games and practice, they run the concession stands during home games and raise funds for the local booster club. They see firsthand the benefits in improved physical and mental health along with increased self-esteem in their children.

Amy Wilson posted a photo on Facebook of daughter Devin Wilson heading out to practice on an official school snow day, writing, "Dedication...today and yesterday have been 'snow days' for us (which means a lot cause we rarely see snow days) but that doesn't mean the basketball team stays home. Both days they have had voluntary practice and they all show up! These girls show so much heart and determination for the sport they love. And that's why they have that 'winning' spirit year after year. And this goes for all the Pirate [Athletics] out there that are fortunate to play in the post season."

"You know a lot of people over the years have made comments to me like

'oh they'll make it to state they always do!' But let me remind you getting to state is not an easy task, AT ALL! These girls put in the time, most of them all year long. They know how hard it is to get to the 'Great 8', and they don't take it for granted. They know from the first day of practice in November its go time. But the little things like this are what sets them apart from other teams. That one extra practice can make all the difference.

"These are the life lessons I am proud to be teaching my kids. IF YOU WANT SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO WORK FOR IT."

"Whatever happens this post season I know they worked for it and I'm super proud of all these Lady Pirates!!"

We echo Amy Wilson's sentiments: Pagosa Pirates don't take it for granted. They have learned teamwork; developed character; displayed class, poise and pride; and showed impressive teamwork and unselfishness.

The responsibility also falls on our dedicated coaches to safely and responsibly help our athletes develop physical strength and coordination along with instilling a sense of loyalty and a sense of fair and ethical play and the importance of grasping opportunities.

Catch the Pagosa Pirate spirit and support the home teams this weekend.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 1, 1929

Several reliable citizens of this community insist that about three o'clock this morning they distinctly felt an earthquake tremor that not only shook their beds but their houses as well.

Supt. V.H. Rowland and the Pagosa high school basketball team left yesterday morning for Cortez, where the boys are taking part in the San Juan Basin tournament. The boys who accompanied Mr. Rowland are as follows: Jesse Zabriske, Gilbert Loring, Charles Cotton, Glenn Kimball, Edgar Loucks, Myron Catchpole, Lynn George and Don Rowland.

E.M. (Doc) Taylor is the new Archuleta county agent for all new Ford cars and trucks.

The partnership heretofore existing between H.D. Ford and H.R. Sharp in the Pagosa Springs Motor Company has been dissolved and the concern will in the future be conducted solely by Mr. Sharp.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 3, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Webb of Upper Piedra went to Pagosa Springs Thursday of last week and were caught in the snow storm. They started for home that evening accompanied by Mrs. John Lynn and daughter Mary Edith. They got as far as Martinez Creek and got stuck in the snow. They remained in the car all night and Mr. Webb walked back to town, the eight miles, for help to get them out. They went back to Pagosa Springs and had to stay there until Sunday before they were able to get back home.

A determined Pagosa team journeyed to Durango last Thursday to engage in the much talked about tournament. Pagosa High's basketball team lost their initial game in competition with a much more experienced five from Durango. The Demons defeated the Buccaneers by a lop-sided margin of 69-14. Durango, which is unrivaled in the San Juan Basin won the tournament. Silverton was runner up. The boys who played in the tournament were: Carl Dutton, Leo Espinosa, Douglas Lynch, Gilbert Martinez, Joe Montano, Amos Padilla, Benny Quintana, Clarence Reynolds, Louis Ruybalid, and Leo Wiley.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
February 27, 1969

Total snowfall on Wolf Creek Pass for this season continues to inch up. Storms last week left 42 inches of new snow there. The snow caused no slides and traffic was not delayed by roads. Weather, though, did make traveling slow at times. The 42-inch snowfall brings the total in February of this year to 114 inches. This is still short of the record fall in February, 151 inches in February of 1952. The 42-inch total brings the season total to date to 438 inches. The total snowfall through last weekend is greater than the snowfall for the entire season in all but three of the past ten years. The record snowfall during that time was 605 inches during the winter of 1964-65.

A trip to the district playoffs in A league basketball is at stake in Cortez this weekend. The San Juan Basin A league tournament is scheduled for today, tomorrow, and Saturday. Bayfield is leading the league and is the logical favorite for the tournament title.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of
March 3, 1994

Town trustees and several local property owners this week found themselves navigating around an obstacle in the upcoming restoration of the San Juan River. The process began Tuesday when Jim Angelo, a principal in Pagosa Springs Inc., balked at signing an easement on the corporation's property. The easement would allow work to proceed on a section of the restoration project, but Angelo told the town trustees he and his associates want the town to provide a "token" of its desire to solve a long-standing battle over use of water from the geothermal aquifer. Pagosa Springs Inc. owns the Pagosa Hot Spring and surrounding property on Hot Springs Boulevard. All property owners along the 1.5 mile section of the San Juan slated for restoration were asked to grant easements up to the high-water mark on their properties so work can begin in late March. The project will restructure the river starting at the east end of town to improve its appearance and enhance fish habitat and recreational opportunities.

WHADDYA THINK?

Are you loving the snowfall this season?

Poll results (287 votes)

Yes, we need the moisture. — 63 percent
Yes, it is beautiful. — 14 percent
No, I am tired of it. — 6 percent
Enough already. — 17 percent

This week online:
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LOOKING BACK



From the March 13, 1980,
Pagosa Springs SUN.

LETTERMEN — Ski team members were presented letters at a banquet Saturday evening at the high school cafeteria. Making the presentation was coach Snyder, right. Members of the team receiving letters were, left to right: Mary Callan, Brenda Alexander, Brad Marquez, Mary White, Kitzel Laverty. John Wilger, not present also received a letter.



Letters



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Dysfunction and corruption

Dear Editor:
Corruption? How Deep in little Pagosa?

The February 14th edition of the Pagosa Sun was so concerning so unbelievable so upsetting that I asked myself is it possible that our county government, our elected officials, our department heads and staff could so inept so unable to function as a team, that in more than two years they are unable to find, clear up, where assets valued at 2.6 million dollars could be and unreported. Could it be so poorly administered that when asked direct question the answer is I don't know it just wasn't reported. Or could this be a case of total dysfunction? A case of ever thing is fine there isn't an elephant in the room we don't have a problem. Or could our official be so good at hiding their corruptive behavior that they believe they are above the law? Can we the community, be so naïve, so complacent that we will allow them to continue and trusting them to do the right thing? Do I have confidence that the CBI can be non bias to report their finding of their investigation? Can I trust the district attorney to follow through with their on investigation? Will the brotherhood of the law enforcement agencies be forth coming or will it protect their back side?

We need to demand accountability.

If you missed the article this will be the cliff notes as I perceive the content.

In February 14th edition of the Pagosa Sun the head line article was written regarding CBI investigating unreported county property valued at 2.6 million. The article is quit lengthy filled with a tremendous amount of information and quotes, confusing reports and facts.

1. The Sheriff claims the property, received from the Dept. of Defense (DoD), is accounted for and reported to the Finance Department

2. The Finance Director was alerted, in July of 2017, of unreported capital assets received by the ACSO from the 1033 Program (DoD).

3. The Finance dept. requested a current list of capital assets from the Sheriff's office but did not get a forthcoming answer.

4. The newly hired County Attorney reported that the value of assets received by the ACSO, 2.8 million, was received from the Chief compliance officer of the Colorado department of safety. He also stated that the majority of the property was received between 2013 and 2016 and that the Sheriff just didn't report it.

5. The fleet Department did report \$173,450 of assets from the DoD and the description of those assets.

6. The finance director stated he spent a considerable length of time and had difficulty tracking down the paper work related to the 1033 program. In April of 2018 he decided his concerns needed to be taken to an investigatory level.

7. The 1033 Program requires several protocols to be followed. It appears these rules were ignored, or an asset list would be readily available and reported.

Let us find our voice of discussed and let it be heard loud and clear

Rob Keating

Mary Baker Eddy

Dear Editor:

Re: A correction regarding the church Mary Baker Eddy founded

I saw the notice in the Pagosa Springs Sun for a talk given a week ago Sunday on the topic of Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of the Church of Christ, Scientist. Eddy's character, life, and work are certainly of great interest and value today. In the 19th Century, when women were generally excluded from significant roles in public and religious life, she founded a Christian church and teaching, wrote and preached extensively on topics of theology, and sought to alleviate human suffering by reintroducing the practice of Christian healing through prayer, in accordance, as she saw it, with the teachings of Christ Jesus.

Although the names may seem similar, Eddy and her Christian Science movement were not connected to the Science of Mind religion, which came into existence in the decades following her death. Eddy was an earnest student of the Bible from childhood, and a member of her family's Congregational church. Often in ill health during the first half of her life, she tried different avenues for healing, including homeopathy, water-cure, and the power of the human mind—and all failed to provide lasting relief. It was a healing from a near fatal accident when reading from the Bible, which was the turning point in her life.

After a number of years studying the Scriptures, and healing and teaching others, she founded her church in 1879 in Boston, Massachusetts, and wrote that it was "designed to be built on the Rock, Christ." Christian Scientists strive to follow Christ Jesus, as the Messiah, in every aspect of their lives. Today the Church of Christ, Scientist, remains an active Christian denomination in more than 70 countries, with 26 Christian Science congregations here in Colorado, including branch churches in Durango and Alamosa.

Some of Eddy's other accomplishments included her seminal work, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, and the founding of three religious periodicals

and an international newspaper, The Christian Science Monitor, all of which remain in print and are available online today. But arguably Eddy's most significant contribution to humanity was her conviction that the God of the Bible, revealed in the life of Christ Jesus, was always at hand to heal and save. For Eddy, such a conviction didn't rest on faith alone, but on a demonstrable—even scientific—understanding of what it means to a life that God is truly ever-present Love. And she saw this was universally available for all willing to dive into the Scriptures.

While today the search to understand oneself seems to have many twists and turns, Eddy was convinced that the only sure way to understand oneself is to understand God. The first tenet of the Christian Science church gives the approach its members take to worshiping and understanding God: "As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life."

David Price
Christian Science Committee on Publication for Colorado

Editor's note: The article referenced above was submitted by Pagosa Community of New Thought representatives and detailed an upcoming discussion topic for the organization. The article ran in the Feb. 7 issue of The PREVIEW.

Dependable, affordable power

Dear Editor:

Recently, we have all heard a consistent narrative: First, Tri-State is a big, greedy, and dirty power company only concerned with profits. Next, the LPEA could and should exit from their long term contract in order to purchase cleaner, cheaper electricity. And finally, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) and their deal with Guzman Energy, provides a blueprint as to how the LPEA can achieve these goals.

Guzman (founded by investment bankers and employing former Enron executives) is an energy broker, they purchase power on the open market, which makes their rates subject to market instability. Although they promised a fixed rate, KCEC members have had to

endure multiple rate increases in the last two years. What's more, KCEC members are charged a fuel surcharge, which fluctuates with the market — making their rates anything but fixed.

Kit Carson's buyout from Tri-State was \$37 million, ours will likely be \$400-\$600 million. The interest alone on such an expenditure could force the LPEA into default, just like KCEC is now.

Also, Guzman recently agreed to buy energy from the Comanche coal-fired generating station. They say this is to help Holy Cross Energy (servicing Vail and Aspen) increase their renewable mix. In reality, Guzman needs more reliable baseload generation for their own mix.

Meanwhile, Tri-State provides more kilowatts of solar to its members than any other cooperative in the nation. And with the announcement of a new 100mw solar array at Spanish Peaks, Tri-State will more than double the solar portion of their renewable mix. Even more recently, Tri-State announced the new 104mw Crossing Trails Wind Farm (their fifth utility scale wind farm in Colorado)

So while Guzman is buying more coal, Tri-State is building more renewables. Currently, Tri-State's energy mix includes 33% renewables from solar, wind, and hydro. Each year this increases, and with the planned decommission of several coal-fired power plants, it seems Tri-State is working in the right direction.

Along with all of that, Tri-State recently voted to amend their by-laws to permit different classes of cooperative membership. This would most likely allow for more local generation of renewables and render a buyout from our Tri-State contract unnecessary.

That's all fine and good, but what about cost?

When you hear quotes for insanely low renewable energy, it is important to compare apples to apples. Recently, Xcel received bids for new wind (1.8¢/kWh) and solar energy (2¢/kWh) that undercut Tri-State pricing (7.4¢/kWh). But, this was dynamic pricing for new, extremely large, utility scale projects — 700mw or greater. LPEA's peak is around 150mw in the winter. Scale does matter.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Barnes Forrest

On Sunday, Feb. 3, Heaven gained a saint that earth lost. Dorothy Barnes Forrest (known to everyone as Gramma Dottie) left her family, friends and church here on earth to meet her Savior face to face. She was preceded in death by her husband, Nelson, who passed away in 1994, and a score of other loved ones.



Gramma Dottie has left a huge empty spot in the hearts of her family (oldest son, Truett, and wife Sherri; second-born son Bay and wife Peg; third son Jon and wife Kim; and daughter Dorothy, preceded in death, son-in-law, David, all of Pagosa Springs), 21 grand-treasures (including spouses); 30 great-grands; and two brothers (John and wife Pat; and Paul and wife Barbara Barnes, in Arizona).

This 87-year-godly woman left detailed, handwritten instructions not to grieve her loss, but celebrate her gain. Christmas 2018, she delighted in giving away the last of her earthly treasures in preparation for her departure! May 2018, she started memorizing Ps. 103 and was within the last two verses when she died, being faithful to the end! For her, to live was Christ and to die was gain!

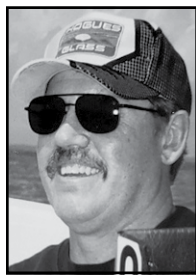
The family has not decided on details for a memorial service, but will make the date and time known when that is set.

Paul F. Hogue

Longtime Pagosa Springs resident Paul F. Hogue, 71, died Feb. 17 at his home.

Paul was born Jan. 4, 1948, in Monte Vista, Colo., to Rex and Virginia Divine Hogue. He was raised in Alamosa, Colo., and served eight years in the Army National Guard. His first marriage to Linda Petten-gill produced two wonderful daughters. During this time, Paul worked for the Coors brewery as a welder. When it was time to come back to southern Colorado, Paul went to work for Hogue's Glass in Alamosa. In

the early '80s, Paul moved to Pagosa Springs and started his own Hogue's Glass. In 1987, he married his wife, Shellie Christensen Hogue, who joined him as a partner in the Hogue's Glass shop. Most of Paul's working career was self-employment.



Paul loved music and dancing and met his wife in the old "Goldmine Bar" while out dancing. After the bar burned down, Paul and Shellie bought the property and built the building that would house Hogue's Glass. Paul never missed an opportunity to be near water. Fishing was his passion, diving and snorkeling was joy. He loved hunting and horses and spent much of his free time with them in the San Juan Mountains. Paul lived life on his own terms and passed on his own terms, just as he wanted. He will forever be remembered with a warm smile (or ornery grin) and a laugh to share.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Rex and Virginia Hogue, and many other loved ones who dance through Heaven with him now.

Paul is survived by his loving wife, Shellie Hogue; two daughters Krista (Jason) Cowan and Kendra Hogue; grandchildren Trevor, Micah, Tylor, Kali (Brody) Bloom, Staisha, Tegan, Christopher and Jadin; great-grandson Lane; brother Roger (Mary Jo Merkle) Hogue; sister-in-law Susan Sieben; his best friend of 25 years, Kermit Littleton; also, many loved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Paul wished to be cremated and did not want any services held. He wanted his passing to be simple and no fuss, just as he lived his life. A celebration of his life will be scheduled at a later date.

Donations in his name can be made to the affordable housing group Pagosa Housing Partners, P.O. Box 371, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or Archuleta County 4-H, P.O. Box 370, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

Paul will forever be in our hearts, "The song has ended but the melody lingers on."

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, Feb. 28

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

Friday, March 1

San Juan Water Conservancy District work session. 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Unit 5.

Monday, March 4

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors work session. 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, March 5

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

Lewis St.

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

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

Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners regular meeting. 6 p.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Wednesday, March 6

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

Monday, March 11

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting. 5

p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, March 12

Archuleta School District Board of Education middle school visit. 8 a.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis St.

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

Archuleta County Republican Women's meeting. Noon, Boss Hogg's Restaurant, 157 Navajo Trail Drive.

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting,

Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

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

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

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors regular meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, March 13

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

Tuesday, March 19

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

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

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

Letters

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Also, the 7.4¢ from Tri-State is a blended cost. When you calculate transmission, ancillary services, and the wheeling expenses associated with using the lines Tri-State owns in this area, the costs of these hypothetical renewables is closer to 6¢ but in order to take advantage of these prices, you still need utility scale infrastructure.

Bottom line, the technology is still not caught up to make renewables a viable full-time replacement for dependable, affordable power.

Heath Rowe
Durango

Toxic radiation

Dear Editor:

Although I'm sure cell towers are here to stay, I can't be anywhere near them due to extreme electro-hyper-sensitivity (EHS). Health concerns are a major factor to be considered before tower placement. The health detriment of locating towers anywhere near a hospital, business or home far outweighs any benefits from doing so.

I experience the toxic effects of radiation from cell towers, wi-fi, computers, cell phones (even if turned off), power lines and other sources of electro-magnetic fields

(EMF's) every day. I am an extreme example of what exposure to EMF's can do to the body and mind. I can no longer work or come to town except twice a month for groceries and necessary errands. I cannot be in places that use wi-fi or allow cell phones. Driving affects me. I cannot go to a play, sing in the choir, soak in the Springs, go to a friend's home or other activities. I have lost friends. I live twenty-five miles from town with the refrigerator in the garage, and use very little electricity and only when necessary.

A growing number of people are becoming hyper-sensitive to EMF's and are becoming sick and experiencing a wide variety of symptoms which may lead to chronic illnesses. The emissions from EMF's are affecting everyone in varying degrees. Whether or not you feel the radiation, it is just as potentially damaging to your body and mind as it is to mine. It has been proven that wi-fi and cell phones cause brain cancer. How many people die from cancer each year who never knew that they had it until it was too late?

The effects of radiation are extremely damaging. Don't take my word for it. I strongly encourage you to do the research for yourself. Don't go to the people

who manufacture the equipment or who have something to gain by hiding the truth. Go to the scientists, physicists and others who are doing the research and producing the statistics.

People like me are like the canaries that used to be released in mines to detect noxious gases that people couldn't detect on their own. Listen to us. The toxic radiation is present everywhere in ever growing quantities, and the effect on the body is cumulative. Our bodies are becoming less and less able to eliminate toxicity thereby contributing to debilitating illnesses.

I am not naive enough to believe that a lot of people are willing to make changes in their lifestyle. But for those who are willing to make even small changes in their environment, send a SASE to me at P.O. Box 187, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, and I will mail you lists of Sources of EMS's, Symptoms/Illnesses that can develop from EMF exposure, and simple things you can do to reduce the radiation in your home and life. Every little bit helps.

Do the research. Make even a few changes. It can greatly improve your health. Perhaps save your life. Please.

Sally Yates

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Business

BLM and Forest Service grazing fees lowered in 2019

By Cathy Garber
Special to The SUN

The federal grazing fee for 2019 will drop to \$1.35 per animal unit month (AUM) for public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and \$1.35 per head month (HM) for lands managed by the USDA Forest Service. This represents a decrease from the 2018 federal grazing fee of \$1.41 per AUM.

An AUM or HM — treated as equivalent measures for fee purposes — is the use of public lands by one cow and her calf, one horse, or five sheep or goats for a month. The newly calculated grazing fee was determined by a congressional

formula and takes effect March 1. The fee will apply to nearly 18,000 grazing permits and leases administered by the BLM and nearly 6,500 permits administered by the Forest Service.

The formula used for calculating the grazing fee was established by Congress in the 1978 Public Rangelands Improvement Act and has remained in use under a 1986 presidential Executive Order. Under that order, the grazing fee cannot fall below \$1.35 per AUM/HM, and any increase or decrease cannot exceed 25 percent of the previous year's level.

The annually determined grazing fee is established using a 1966

base value of \$1.23 per AUM/HM for livestock grazing on public lands in Western states. The figure is then calculated according to three factors — current private grazing land lease rates, beef cattle prices and the cost of livestock production. In effect, the fee rises, falls or stays the same based on market conditions.

“The BLM and Forest Service are committed to strong relationships with the ranching community and work closely with permittees to ensure public rangelands remain healthy, productive working landscapes,” said Brian Steed, BLM deputy director for programs and policy. “Fifty percent of the collected grazing fees deposited into

the U.S. Treasury are returned to the Range Betterment Fund for on-the-ground range improvement projects. Portions of collected fees are also returned to the states for use in the counties where the fees were generated.”

The grazing fee applies in 16 Western states on public lands administered by the BLM and the Forest Service. The states are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Permit holders and lessees may contact their local BLM or Forest Service office for additional information.

CHAMBER NEWS

A note of gratitude to those who keep Pagosa open

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

It's been a while since Pagosa has had a really “vibrant” winter. Wolf Creek Ski Area is living up to its name of the most snow in Colorado, and from the last storm, a casual comment of “maybe there can be too much powder” was evoked.

Many of our winter-seasonal businesses — retail, outdoor rental, plowing, etc. — are having a great financial upturn. We rely on Mother Nature here in our community for our livelihood. I am impressed that even when it is a winter storm out there, so many businesses are open for business — retail, restaurants, service industries.

One of the reasons that businesses are open is that many people working to keep the roads clear and doing their job allow the many others of us to get to work to do our job. It's not perfect — we get mad because the snow is too much and when the plow comes by, it berms our driveway in. Visibility is poor and it has been too long since the plow was by and so we get sucked into a ditch.

With over 1,300 square miles of area to cover in Archuleta County, road crews cannot be everywhere at once, especially during a hard storm. I know, it is not perfect. However, I think we need to thank these individuals who work countless hours for government and private businesses that keep our community moving. This includes the town and county street crews and Colorado Department of Transportation. You are out there at the crack of dawn and in all kinds of weather working to keep the roads passable and even the sidewalks open. Buried in scarves, hats and coats, you brave the winter conditions shoveling sidewalks and public spaces to keep our town and county open for business.

We take this work for granted. You work hard, we know it's your job, but thank you. To the towing and repair companies who come out at all hours of the night to pull us out of ditches, thank you. Thank you for losing sleep to help those stranded; thank you for your expertise; thank you for doing the heavy lifting, especially when an 18-wheeler has turned over.

To those who make their living this winter plowing driveways and business locations, thank you for helping people like me get to work. I have a “hairy” driveway, so I am very grateful for the person hired to do my drive — and he does a great job.

The majority of us need to get to work early and, of course, we all want to be first on the list of getting plowed out. With the reward of beautiful views, remote and secluded homes comes the price of long and steep driveways, remote county roads and difficult access. Remember where you live and the lifestyle you chose.

And thank you to the community. If someone is stuck, there is usually a passerby that has stopped to help. That help may not be pulling that person out of a ditch, but it may be making a phone call, waiting until service has arrived or giving comfort. We choose to live in a four-season community. Just because we haven't had “a winter”

for a while, it is seasons like this one that bring us back to reality.

With this snowfall comes a little sigh of relief. Water tables are climbing, our summer seasonal businesses are thinking there may be a rafting season and the availability of water helps calm the nervousness of the fire season.

However, we will also experience many downed trees affecting our hiking trails and backcountry experiences once the snow thaws.

Think about volunteering this summer with an organization dedicated to working on our trails like the San Juan Outdoor Club or the Pagosa Area Trails Council. Remember, we choose to live in this beautiful rural area of Pagosa Springs. With that choice comes work and enjoyment. We thank Mother Nature for the blessings she bestows on our community; right now it is job security for many willing to do the hard work. And on that

note, I need to go shovel my roof.

Membership news

We have three renewals to thank this week. We welcome back Pagosa Baking Company, Armor City Locks and LaWana DeWees with Team Murphy Realty.

Stay tuned for some great educational classes that will be coming up this year. Take time to work on your business, not just in your business.

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Photos courtesy J.D. Kurz

As of Feb. 23, 53 inches of snow was on the ground at J.D. Kurz' home near Lake Hatcher. Kurz, along with help from his Pagosa Springs High School global science students, pictured on the right near a pile of snow at the school, researched data to plot snow depths over the years.

Taking a look at snow depths over the years

By J.D. Kurz
Special to The SUN

Have we broken any snow depth records this year? To answer that question, I plotted March 1 snow depths over the last 20 winters.

Unfortunately, low-elevation snow depth numbers are scarce, so I used data from the Wolf Creek Summit SNOTEL site. The amount of snow in the mountains can approximate the type of winter we experience in town, except sometimes it rains in town when it snows in the mountains (like it did this year). And, low-elevation snowpack often melts in between storms, whereas temperatures on Wolf Creek Pass are likely to preserve the snowpack until April. Nonetheless, this graph can be used to infer the general snow conditions in town over the past 20 years.

The graph shows March 1 values rather than the season max. The maximum amount ever recorded at the site was 137 inches on March 26, 2005. The second highest value was 136 inches on Feb. 5, 2008. So, 2019 will most likely rank as the third-deepest snowpack in the last 20 years. Unfortunately, snow-depth measurements were not reported at this site until 1998.

As of Feb. 23, I have 53 inches of snow on the ground at my house, which sits at 7,800 feet near Lake Hatcher.

At the same time, Wolf Creek Ski Area is reporting 148 inches of snow at the summit and 137 inches midway. So far, they've received 348 inches this season.

1979 was probably the best year

in recent history. Friends of mine claim that the ski area received over 800 inches of snow that winter. Unfortunately, I do not have access to that data and snow depth was not recorded at the Wolf Creek summit

SNOTEL station. However, the max snow water equivalent for 1979 is the highest for the period of record, which dates back to 1936. Other noteworthy years are 1941, 1944, 1952, 1965 and 1985.

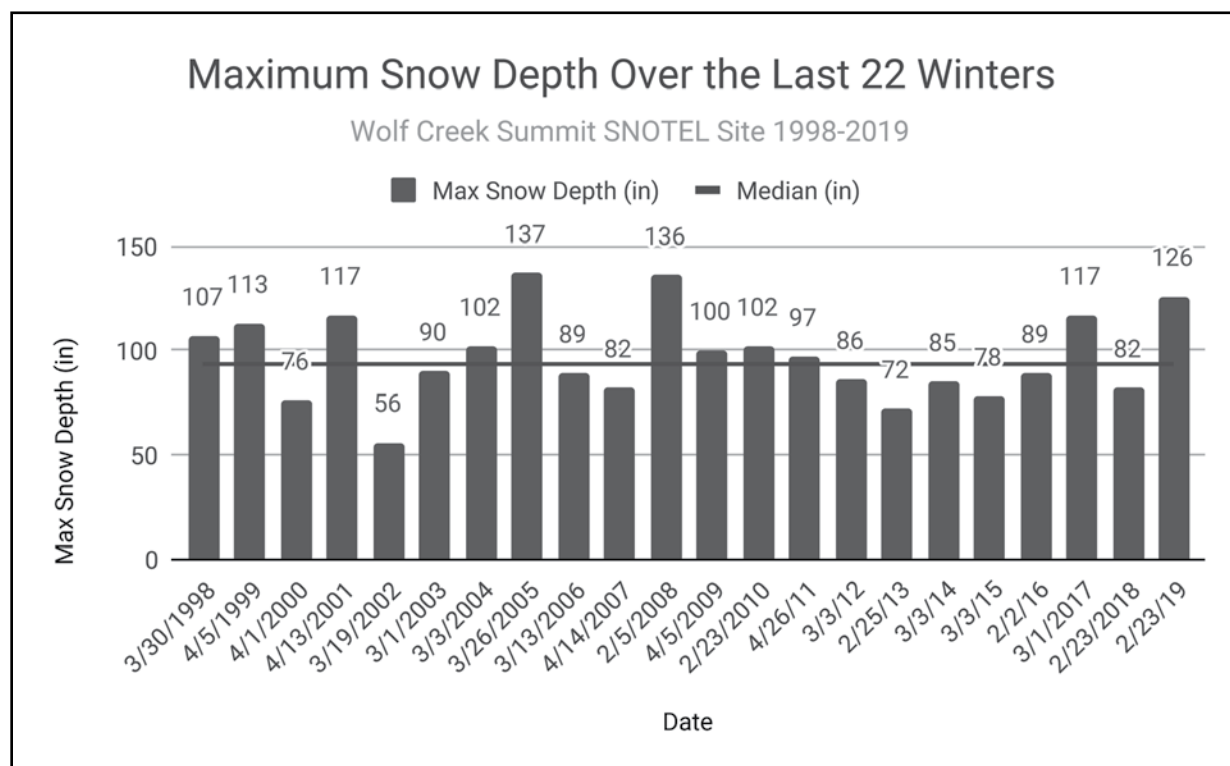


Illustration courtesy Pagosa Springs High School global science students

J.D. Kurz' global science students helped create this graph depicting maximum snow depth at the Wolf Creek summit SNOTEL site over the last 22 winters. Each student was assigned a year within the time period and they scrolled through the data (over 7,000 rows) and found the actual date the max snow occurred.

Local officials offer tips for staying safe as winter continues

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

With several large snowstorms in the books, many in Pagosa County are taking this week's sunnier weather as an opportunity to clear snow and prepare for future adverse weather, which could hit as soon as this weekend.

Area officials expressed concern late last week over the snow load present on roofs throughout Southwest Colorado, and the roof of one commercial building in Archuleta County collapsed, with no one injured.

While this week's warmer temperatures have helped alleviate some of that concern, other issues persist, with residents and property owners encouraged to ensure their homes, and themselves, are safe.

Archuleta County Building Official John Ruyle explained he spent time driving around the county earlier this week, and noted that residents in several areas were proactive in clearing snow from their roofs.

He further explained that the commercial building that had a collapsed roof was a flat-topped building built in 1991.

"If it is a public place, which is your typical flat-roof building, those probably ought to be looked at with an eye toward clearing them," he said.

Ruyle noted that snow will be sliding off of metal roofs this week with the higher temperatures, but that the proper safety precautions

should be taken if roofs need additional clearing.

A statement released Tuesday by the Archuleta County Department of Emergency Management also concerns roofs, but focuses on preventing ice dams from forming.

"Another reason roof snow removal is so important is that it's a good idea to keep all that excess weight off your roof. As a rule of thumb, one square-foot of snow that's one-inch in depth weighs about a pound. If your roof has 12 inches of snow on it, that could easily amount to thousands of pounds of stress on your roof. That's not even counting the weight of any ice dams that may form as a result of leaving the snow on your roof; just one cubic foot of ice weighs 57 pounds, and a typical ice dam can weigh thousands of pounds. Minimizing the stress placed on your roof is a great way to minimize the risk of leaking and cave-ins. A good rule of thumb is to get your roof cleared after every 6 inches of snowfall," the statement explains.

But the roofs themselves are not the only thing to be cognizant of, according to Ruyle and other local officials.

Ruyle pointed out that snow sliding off of roofs can pile up and block egresses that may be needed in the event of an emergency and fireplace venting, with Lt. Megan Macht of the Pagosa Fire Protection District noting that two means of egress should be cleared.

Macht also offered guidelines on

clearing around hydrants that may be on or adjacent to your property, stating that hydrants need 36 inches of space clear of snow around them, as well as a path of at least 60 inches from the hydrant to the roadway.

She added that residents should also ensure their address signs are visible from the street and that utility boxes, propane tanks and venting systems should be uncovered to allow access and prevent carbon monoxide buildup.

Jerry Wills, Pagosa Springs district manager for La Plata Electric Association, warned to stay clear of all LPEA equipment with heavy equipment, and do not bury LPEA equipment in snow.

If you have a meter on the side of your house, remove snow from the meter, and remove ice above the meter that could fall and damage it.

Black Hills Energy offered similar advice in a recent press release, stating, "Snow and ice buildup on your natural gas meter can create a safety hazard and even cut off the flow of natural gas to your heater and appliances. To avoid trouble, gently remove snow and ice from on and around the meter with your hands or a broom."

The press release notes that while gas meters and regulators are durable and are designed with the weather in mind, a coating of ice or snow could cause a loss of service and become a "critical safety issue."

Black Hills offered the following tips:

- Gently clear snow away by hand

or with a broom. You will put yourself and everyone nearby at serious risk if you strike and damage any part of the meter with a shovel, ice pick or other tool, and you could be liable for expensive damage.

- Keep snow blowers and shovels away from gas meters and other above-ground equipment.

- Carefully clear snow away from the outdoor vent on high-efficiency furnaces. The furnace cannot run safely and efficiently if the vent is blocked.

- Safely remove icicles hanging from overhead eaves that could fall and damage gas meters below.

- Point out the meter and any other above-ground utility structures to anyone you hire for snow

■ See Safe A7

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PAWSD and town council discuss incentives for affordable housing development

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

As part of a joint work session between the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors and Pagosa Springs Town Council on Feb. 21, ideas were discussed on how to create affordable housing incentives.

Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that there is currently a shortage of workforce housing in the community.

"The town did adopt a set of waivers for planned review fees, impact fees, building permit fees and is also a part of, as part of the rules and regs that I mentioned within the sanitation district, considering some relief on those tap fees or capital investment fees," Phillips explained.

Specifically, the town adopted Ordinance No. 878, which waives fees as an incentive, on April 2, 2018.

The town identified what the area median income is, which according to Phillips is about \$50,000 per household.

"And essentially, what we did was establish a range," Phillips said, adding that 100 percent of the building permit, planning and impact fees would be waived for any units that are serving people at 100 percent average median income or below.

With those waivers adopted, the town is looking to do something similar to help incentivize projects on the sanitation side of things, Phillips added later.

When talking to developers who are interested in building workforce housing, one thing that the developers are trying to do is reduce the gap, Phillips noted.

"Since they're not going to be able to build market rate," Phillips said, "they're looking for ways to reduce their building costs."

Some of those developers are wondering about the costs of all the utilities, not just sanitation and water, Phillips noted.

The town, with the help of the Pagosa Housing Partners (PHP) group, has studied the housing problem in the community, Phillips explained.

One of the goals is to help incentivize the private sector to build more affordable housing, she noted.

"It almost has to have a deed restriction on it," PAWSD board member Blake Brueckner stated.

Deed restrictions are a responsibility that goes with the land, Phillips explained in a follow-up interview.

"So, you would file it with the property itself, so any future owners would be subject to that requirement," Phillips explained.

If the incentives were for low income or very low income, then the deed restrictions would be for a minimum of seven years, Phillips stated during the meeting.

"The more incentives that we're providing, then the longer we want it to be deed restricted," she said.

A third party to do the deed restriction is being looked into by the town, Phillips added.

"And that way, you have that assurance that it is truly a workforce housing project and that people who meet the income levels are living there," Phillips said.

Developers have come to the town before with the promise of building affordable housing, but also asking for incentives as well, council member David Schanzenbaker explained, adding that there needs to be a policy in place for the incentives.

PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh, who noted he was speaking for himself, explained that he would like to focus more on larger-scale projects.

Schanzenbaker responded by saying that the town doesn't have very many large parcels, so both sizes of project should be incentivized.

Later, a question was raised by PAWSD board member Paul Hansen on whether or not town council has looked into trailers or tiny homes.

Phillips noted that PHP has looked into those models as a solution, but the idea has not been presented to town council yet.

"If we were going to permit that in town we would have to adopt the tiny home appendices of the 2018 building code," Phillips said.

However, Phillips noted that the majority of the interest has been more in line with multifamily housing.

"Our discussions in the past, at PAWSD, have been more if there's apartment complexes then we can do. And there's one big meter for

everything, and somebody takes care of it from there. That would be one thing," Hansen said. "All individual little houses, it's kind of hard for us to say to all the other ratepayers, you know, 'These people are going to get it for free, the exact same thing for free, where you guys have to pay to cover them.' That just doesn't ever seem fair."

As part of that, Phillips explained that ways to cover the difference as part of the fee decreases will have to be explored.

To get workforce housing built, single-family homes should be incentivized, Brueckner commented.

"The builders in this town, there's a ton of them, but a lot of them build houses. And if they're incentivized to build smaller houses they'll do it. And if they're not, then they won't," Brueckner said. "Not many people have the money to come put up a 40-unit apartment complex."

PAWSD board member Gordon McIver explained that he was in favor of increasing affordable housing.

"Everyone needs to help," McIver said. "It needs to be standardized to make it fair."

Brueckner later noted that he was not sure if the income of the family mattered, but rather the restriction of the property.

"I think it should be based more on how long the property is restricted," Brueckner said.

Despite several of those present being in favor of permanent deed restrictions or permanent affordable housing, Schanzenbaker noted that there is a ratio that exists based on the incentive that is being given.

"If we're going to put \$15,000 worth of fee waivers on the table, you can't expect a 20-year deed restriction on that because that's a lot," Schanzenbaker said. "You have to weigh the economics of it."

Mayor Don Volger explained that both PAWSD and the town wanted to provide incentives for affordable housing.

"And we want to make that consistent across the community," Volger said.

Volger noted that the town will be providing PAWSD with more information on the direction the town is going, what has already

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Free tourism conference to help educate local businesses

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A free event that helps local businesses on ways to engage with the local and state tourism office will be held in Pagosa Springs at the Ross Aragon Community Center on April 17.

According to Pagosa Springs Tourism Director Jennie Green, the Pagosa Springs tourism conference will help educate area businesses and has a tentative start time of 8 a.m.

For example, sessions on social media will be held to help inform businesses on new digital ways to engage consumers and tourism offices, Green noted.

"Just things for businesses that they may not be aware of — just new tricks of the trade," Green said.

Another session will be held on events and organizing events, as well as how Pagosa Springs is promoted to tourists, Green described.

"Most of what we would offer are

going to be very inexpensive, if not free, for business, so social media, it's going to take time more than money to engage in things," Green said.

According to Green, Pagosa Springs hosted the event two years in a row in 2011 and 2012.

"We were the last destination to actually host that conference and that was in 2015," Green explained. "We got more of a local attendance when we hosted the Southwest Tourism Conference."

With the event not having been done in a few years, Green noted that she thought it was time for it to return.

"I would be fine with making this an annual event. That's going

to be based on engagement from the business community," she said.

A key part of the conference is showing local businesses how to adapt and augment its existing marketing with the changing world, Green noted.

"Part of it is also making sure that businesses know that they can have a brochure at the Visitors Center at no charge, as long as they're a tourism-related business," Green said. "Really, this is educational to just make sure everyone understands there's a lot of different moving pieces and parts to promoting a destination, and we want the businesses to engage with us as much as possible."

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Safe

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removal.

"It is easy to overlook the gas meter when you are removing snow around your home," said Susan Bailey, vice president for Colorado Gas operations. "Taking an extra few minutes to check the meter and outdoor vent are well worth your time."

Mike Le Roux, Archuleta County's director of emergency management, suggested that making sure driveways are cleared as well as the tips offered above are important especially if you have potential health concerns.

He indicated that while the county's emergency services does have snowmobiles and mechanisms to help emergency services on standby, transporting and using those can slow down response times.

He explained that such a situation occurred in early January, where emergency services were called to a home that had 18 inches of snow on the driveway that hadn't been plowed.

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Continued from front matter on Feb. 21, Phillips recapped the project and outlined council's three options for funding.

The project, which is anticipated to occur in two phases, comes with an estimated price tag of \$5,979,435.

The brief explains, "Phase I will include the bulk of construction costs, including the main building (Building 1), a large portion of site work (for the eastern side) and a portion of uncovered space (Building 2b). All engineering and design will be done in Phase I. Phase II will include the remainder of the site work, demolition of the main existing building, construction of remaining off-site improvements and storage buildings. The bulk of the \$5.9 million estimated total project cost (including off site improvements) will now occur in Phase I, which is estimated at \$4.5 million."

The first funding option, which was recommended by staff, was to use COPs to finance the project.

COPs, Phillips explained in the agenda brief, "are a lease-financing mechanism where the government enters into an agreement to make regular lease payments for the use of an asset over some period, after which the title for the asset transfers to the government. Since the government can decide, at any time, to discontinue the lease, COPs do not constitute a multi-year fiscal obliga-

tion and so can be issued without voter approval."

The brief also notes that COPs are allowed in the town's charter and have been used on a number of projects and purchases in the past.

Phillips recommended the town work to issue a COP this spring, ideally for \$3 million or less.

She noted that the term and if it would be a public or private placement would have to be decided and the item put out to bid.

"The Town's adopted 2019 Capital Budget and 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Plan contemplates receiving DoLA assistance for the project, a Town cash match, and spreading the project financing over at least ten years (preferably 15 years) in order to balance the costs of this project with other capital projects to serve the community," the brief explains.

The second option outlined by Phillips was for the town to hold an election, which she noted would likely put the town's receiving DoLA funding at risk.

She added that the town would maybe need to withdraw its application and try again next year if the election route were chosen, though she added later Archuleta County has discussed going for DoLA funding in the future.

But, she added, the process could yield a slightly better interest rate for the town.

The third option Phillips recapped to council was a pay-as-you-go approach, which she indicated would mean a decrease in levels of service and other projects planned by the town.

She added that she was not sure how long it would take to do.

Council then began discussing the matter, with Matt DeGuise commenting on the fact that it is unknown what interest rates will be in the future.

Madeline Bergon explained that, after talking to people since the last council discussion on the matter, she is more comfortable with COPs.

She added that she doesn't like feeling like the town is making rush decisions and suggested that council slow down and make sure things are being done right.

"My big concern is timing," Tracy Bunning said, adding that it would be naive to think an election would only delay the project by one year.

He noted he does not have a problem with COPs if the town has the cash flow to meet the obligation without putting the organization in jeopardy.

David Schanzenbaker then chimed in that he felt the amount was too large to do a lease purchase on — something he noted he had not changed his mind on from the previous discussion.

He noted that the council has talked about the need for commu-

nity feedback and that going to the voters for bonding authority would be a win for the town.

Schanzenbaker further stated that the town has needed the new facility for a while, stating, "expediency is not an argument that sways me."

He suggested the town hold tours and inform the community, and indicated that going to the voters for approval for bonding authority could be a win down the road if the town were to need to ask voters for any sort of tax increase.

Bergon responded that the town can still engage the community moving forward and that engagement would still be very important, "regardless of the decision tonight."

Phillips then explained the town will definitely want feedback as the project is a substantial improvement in a visible part of town.

She explained there will be focus groups with those affected, tours to show people what the area looks like now and that the school district has already become a "really good partner."

Mayor Don Volger stated that, like Schanzenbaker, he had not changed his mind and he agreed with Bun-

ning that the time delay would be more than a year for an election.

He suggested the town would be "risking an unknown" by taking it to a vote and added that the town needs DoLA involvement.

Bergon asked if the town would still pursue COPs if the DoLA grant is not received, and Phillips explained that would be something the council would need to talk about.

Volger added that the project needs to come in within budget and on time — things he suggested would make a big difference to the public.

After Phillips explained that town staff is looking at a project manager/construction manager with a guaranteed maximum amount to help ensure the project stays on budget, Volger accepted a motion.

Bunning made the motion for the town to pursue COPs to fund a portion of the project, with DeGuise seconding the motion. It was approved 4-1, with Schanzenbaker voicing the "nay" vote.

Phillips ended the discussion by telling council she appreciated the thought council put into the matter. The agenda brief prepared by

Phillips also details aspects of the town's financial health related to debt.

According to that document, "The Town's budget does have the ability to absorb additional long term debt. The Town's favorable credit rating of A- will ensure investment grade rates, which saves the Town money in financing costs."

Currently, the document notes, the total annual debt service payment for 2019 is \$282,601 between the General Fund and Capital Fund, with that total including the lease-purchases of two pieces of equipment and the 8th Street reconstruction project.

"This outstanding debt service is 9.5% of Capital Fund Revenues for 2019 (not including grants) and 4.3% of the 2019 budgeted revenues for General Fund and Capital combined," the document states.

Phillips estimated that if COP financing were to be issued this year, the town would likely take on an estimated \$255,000 in additional annual debt, though that number is dependent upon a competitive bid process and terms.

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Village

Continued from front National Forest, "approves a road and utility right of way across National Forest System land from U.S. 160 to the private property. The right of way is about 1,610 feet in length and would be within a 100-foot corridor with a total area of about 3.7 acres."

"The property owned by Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture is surrounded by National Forest System land," said Dallas. "My decision provides the access that is legally required for private inholdings."

The decision is based on Alternative 3, the so called Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, or ANILCA, alternative, as analyzed in the final environmental impact statement completed for the Village at Wolf Creek Access Project in 2014.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided a new biological opinion to inform the decision. This biological opinion analyzed the effects to the Canada lynx from the proposed authorization of access across the Rio Grande National Forest, the press release states.

ANILCA, a national authority, grants private land owners surrounded by National Forest System lands a right of reasonable access, the press release explains.

"LMJV is excited to see the

Final Record of Decision (FROD) from the RGNF for the legally mandated ANILCA access," LMJV Local Project Manager Dusty Hicks wrote in a statement to The SUN. "After nearly 22 months since the original land exchange ROD was remanded back to the USFS in the U.S. District Court, the USFS has selecting this new preferred alternative to provide access to private property by means of an easement across federal lands to the private in-holding. This continuation of the original EIS, that studied both the land exchange and the ANILCA options to provide legal access to LMJV, assures the private landowner access as required by law and by the courts."

Hicks indicated the developers still prefer a land swap. That land swap, which was previously approved by the RGNF, was nullified as part of a lawsuit lodged by a number of area conservation organizations.

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That land exchange would have allowed the conveyance of approximately 177 acres of privately held land to the RGNF in exchange for approximately 205 acres of National Forest System land managed by the RGNF. The land exchange would create a private land parcel of approximately 325 acres extending to

U.S. 160 and would accommodate year-round vehicular access to the site.

"LMJV previously attempted to obtain access by means of a land exchange in a sincere effort to move the development away from the skiable terrain and wetland complex for the benefit of the ski area, the environment, and the public," Hicks wrote. "While it is unfortunate that this decision takes away the land exchange, the most environmentally friendly development option, LMJV can and will develop a destination resort compatible with the Wolf Creek experience on its original land boundaries."

In a December press release, those conservation organizations pledged "continued scrutiny of the Forest Service's compliance with its legal obligations and will encourage efforts by the agency to rebuild public trust in its review process."

"This has been a long, complex project and I encourage folks to learn more about its status and review the new decision for themselves," added Dallas.

The record of decision and final environmental impact statement are available for public review at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=35945>.

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Sales

Continued from front of \$440,343.

Accommodation/food service is up 2.8 percent, showing an increase of \$44,304, totaling \$1,773,755.

Construction is up 7.6 percent, or \$13,490, bringing the January to December 2018 total to \$191,888.

2018 saw a decrease in sales tax revenue from the following sectors: Real estate/rental is down 4.6

percent, or \$14,731, bringing the year-to-date total to \$305,639.

Manufacturing is down 15.8 percent, or \$70,279, bringing its year-to-date total to \$374,966.

Miscellaneous sales tax income is down 5.1 percent, or \$80,817 compared to 2017, and brought in \$1,502,818 from January to December 2018.

Information is down 3.8 percent,

or \$12,307, compared to 2017 and from January to December 2018 brought in \$307,833.

Other services are down 3.6 percent, or \$5,530, compared to January to December 2017 and brought in \$146,755 from January to December 2018.

The sales tax collection for all of 2018 totals \$10,234,708.

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Water

Continued from front

Last week, precipitation totals were only 24.5 inches while the median was 25.4 inches, making the total 96.5 percent of median.

For lake levels, Lake Hatcher is currently 19 inches from full; last week it was 22 inches from full.

Stevens Lake remains unchanged from last week at 133 inches from full.

Lake Pagosa saw a minimal increase, going from 19 inches from full to 18 inches from full this week.

Village Lake saw a similar increase, sitting at 4 inches from full when last week it was 6 inches from full.

Lake Forest is nearly full, sitting at 1 inch from full. Last week it was 2 inches from full.

Last week, Ramsey mentioned that water from Hatcher would be diverted in to Stevens Lake; however, he noted in an interview that due to too much snow, that project has been delayed to this week.

Another very slight increase was recorded in the amount of total cumulative available lake water for treatment and delivery.

This week, that total is 77.7 percent when last week it was 77 percent.

Diversion flows remain at a total of 5 cubic feet per second (cfs) with

the West Fork diversion contributing 2 cfs and Four Mile adding 3 cfs.

Again, Four Mile diversion flows are inconsistent due to fluctuating river flows and ice dams.

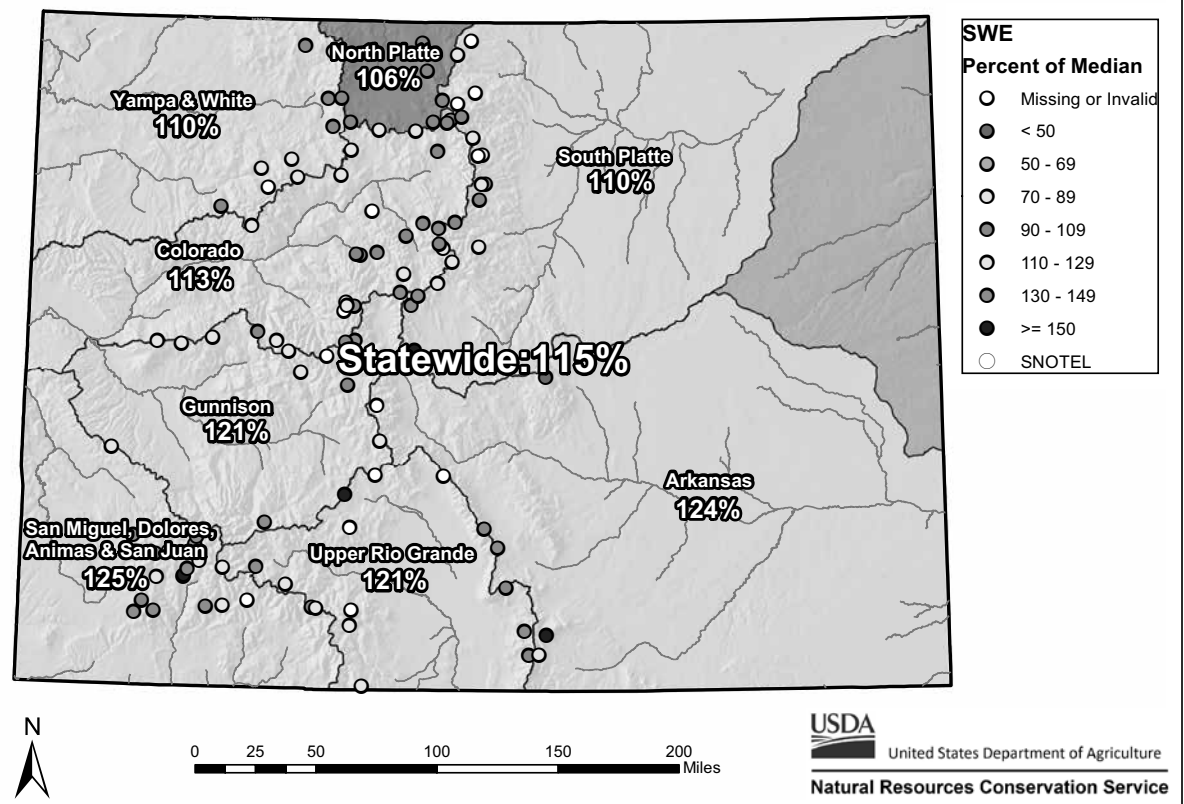
From Feb. 15 through Feb. 21 this year, water production was recorded at 10.29 million gallons. Last year, that total was only listed at 10.14 million gallons.

The Snowball water treatment plant produced 3.17 million gallons in that time frame, while the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 7.17 million gallons.

Last week, from Feb. 8 through Feb. 14, water production totaled 9.16 million gallons.

Colorado SNOTEL Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) Update Map with Site Data

Current as of Feb 26, 2019



Snowpack

Continued from front right now," NRCS District Conservationist Jerry Archuleta said.

For context, at this time last year, the Upper San Juan site was at only 52 percent of median.

"It wouldn't take much to be above last year," Archuleta said.

For the Upper Rio Grande Basin, snowpack levels increased by 7 percent as well, with totals being recorded at 120 percent of median, up from 113 percent of median.

A slight decrease was recorded for the Yampa and White River basins, with totals of 109 percent of median this week, when last week they were 112 percent of median.

The Arkansas River Basin also saw a slight drop in its snowpack levels, going from 124 percent of median to 122 percent of median this week.

Another decrease in snowpack totals was recorded for the Laramie

and North Platte basins, with totals sitting at 106 percent of median when last week they were 109 percent of median.

The South Platte River Basin dropped 1 percent, falling from 110 percent of median to 109 percent of median this week.

The Gunnison River Basin's snowpack totals remain unchanged from last week, staying at 120 percent of median.

Rounding out the snowpack totals for this week, the Upper Colorado River Basin is 112 percent of median, down from last week's total of 115 percent of median.

The Wolf Creek summit's snowpack totals continue to rise as the weeks progress, with a recorded increase of 8 percent this week.

The summit went from being 119 percent of the Feb. 20 peak to now being 127 percent of the Feb. 27 peak.

This week, the summit is 86 percent of the median peak; last week, the summit was 78 percent of the median peak.

Local forecasts call for a chance of snow through Sunday, according to the National Weather Service (NWS).

According to Archuleta, with the chance of more snowfall on the horizon, these levels are at least sustainable.

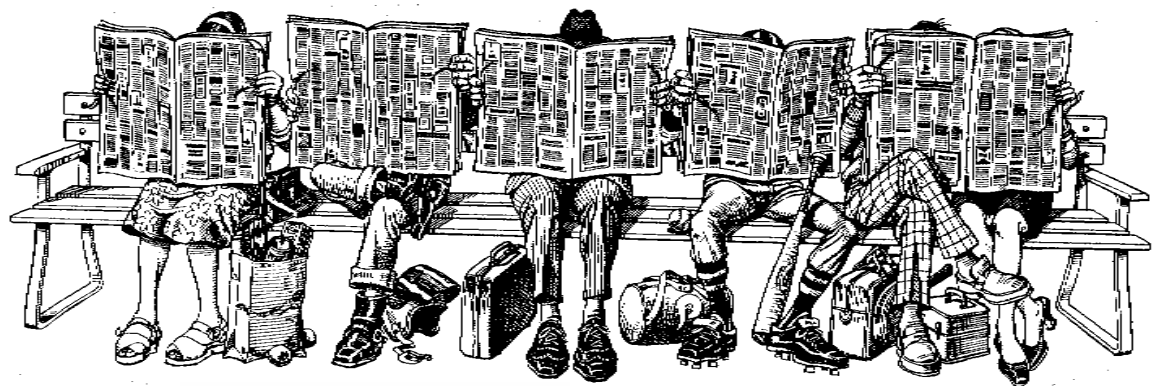
"Depending on what this storm does, it could definitely keep us up above 100 percent," he said, adding, "Wolf Creek will definitely be above 100."

For Wolf Creek Pass, the NWS notes a 20-50 percent chance through tonight, going to a 40 percent chance on Friday.

Saturday and Sunday both hold a 60 percent chance of snow, the NWS indicates.

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BoCC looks to gain revenue from county-held liens

By John Finebrock
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At its work session on Feb. 26, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) explored options for how to gain revenue from two county-held liens.

A property becomes a county-held lien if it has back taxes and nobody buys it at the county's annual tax auction.

The two properties discussed Tuesday are located at 34 Woodsman Drive and 170 Woodsman Drive in Lakewood Village.

An investor has approached the county to buy the properties, which each have more than \$20,000 in back taxes.

Archuleta County Deputy Treasurer Samantha Armitstead outlined the BoCC's options in a follow-up interview.

"At this point, we have tax liens that haven't really moved anywhere, and the decision comes down to do we want to do nothing and let it keep sitting there, do we want to as a county go to deed and then see if we can, once we have the deed to the property, turn around and auction the property off, or three, do we want to negotiate with some of our investors who have said, 'Hey, I'm not willing to pay the full amount, but I would pay \$2,000, \$5,000,'" said Armitstead.

She added, "Then, at that point, we're recouping some of that money at least and they're able to go to deed and maybe improve the property."

Armitstead noted that once the county has decided to "go to deed" on a property, the Treasurer's Office would start the deed process, which takes about six months.

According to Archuleta County Treasurer Elsa White, the county has held the liens since 2007 and 2008, and she confirmed that selling these properties is part of an increased push to raise money to fund the new jail, among other things.

"If we can sell them and make some money, we need to start making some money," said White.

The county has a tax auction every November in which properties with unpaid taxes are published in the newspaper and individuals who do not own the property can pay the taxes and become the lien holder.

After three years of paying the property's taxes, and if the primary property owner never pays the back taxes and the interest, an individual can request a deed on the property and may become the outright owner.

The two properties on Woods-

man drive have already been listed on the county's tax lien sale previously and no one was interested.

"These liens have been out there for investors to purchase, but because of the high amount [of back taxes] due, there's not a lot of interest," said Armitstead.

"What we always try to do is take any resource that we're not using and convert it into cash," said Commissioner Steve Wadley in a follow-up interview, adding, "If something is sitting and we're not collecting on it, it doesn't do anybody any good."

The Archuleta County Assessor's Office will now map out all the county-held liens and submit it to the BoCC for review.

The BoCC is anticipated to vote for which liens it wants to go to deed on sometime in April.

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Town council poses question of merging sewer district with PAWSD

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A potential merger of districts was just one of many ideas discussed at a joint work session between the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors and Pagosa Springs Town Council on Feb. 21.

"We don't like being in the sewer business," Mayor Don Volger said, adding, "but that's just where it is."

All of the town's sewer customers, through the Pagosa Springs Sanitation and General Improvement District (PSSGID), are also mostly all PAWSD customers, Volger added.

Town council also serves as the PSSGID Board of Directors, according to the town's charter.

"It seems to make sense to me that if there's some way we could do it, that would be wonderful," Volger said.

However, Volger noted that this all depends on how much this would cost as well as any liability due to the town's infrastructure not being the same as PAWSD's.

"But it would be of great advantage to more customers, or ratepayers, because we have a small number and those fees are only divided up around this small number of people," Volger said, explaining that the town's fees are more expensive.

If those fees could be distributed out amongst a larger number of people, it would be consistent and would be better for the town's PSS-

GID customers, Volger explained.

Volger admitted he did not know how much a potential merger would raise costs for PAWSD customers, but he did note that he did not think it would be as much.

"Cooperation means more efficiency for operation," Volger said. Also, Volger noted that he did not know what the advantages or disadvantages would be for the town and PAWSD.

According to PAWSD District Manger Justin Ramsey, in 1992, PAWSD took over the town's water but not the sewer services and he raised the question during the meeting as to why.

"As I recall, Archuleta Water Company customers, their rates were pretty high, because they were buying bulk water from the town water department," PSSGID Sanitation Supervisor Gene Taugtes said. "I think it was just probably an economy-of-scale thing."

Council member Tracy Bunning stated that, per his recollection, at that point in time, PAWSD was not interested in taking over the town's sewer service.

"We've got one pipeline now," Volger said. "We don't have our own treatment plant, so we are, I guess you would say, we are one giant customer."

If you look at the rates, according to PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh, in 2028 PAWSD will be charging its customers what the town is charging its customers in December.

In an email sent to The SUN, Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained that the PSSGID board adopted the recommendation from Stantec for baseline increases for 2019, but has not adopted any increases beyond that.

"We rounded \$40.31 recommendation for one EU (equivalent unit) for 2019 down to \$40 even to avoid dealing with change," Phillips wrote.

This is an increase from the previous rate of \$37.50 per EU, Phillips noted during the meeting, adding that the tap fee was also increased by \$150.

Within that Stantec study, it was also assumed that 15 more EUs would be added per year, which

would help spread out those costs, Phillips added during the meeting.

In a follow-up interview, Phillips explained that in Stantec's presentation there were increases of about 6 percent each year for the next 10 years.

"When council adopted this, they only made changes for 2019. So they didn't lock in, 'OK this is what we're going to charge for January of 2020 and beyond,'" Phillips said in a follow-up phone call, adding that the rate study was still up to town council/PSSGID board action.

In another follow-up interview, Ramsey added that in 2028, PAWSD's projected rate is \$35.32 for wastewater.

"In 2019 ours will still be \$32. We're not planning on any rate increase until 2024 on sewer," Ramsey said.

"And you're looking at ramping up to \$65. So, I was feeling pretty good about us," Walsh said during the meeting. "but then if you look at the taxes, you guys are at 0.9, and that's pretty low, if you were to include PAWSD, taxes would go up. So, I still don't think it pencils out."

The town is in fact charging more because it has fewer customers — approximately 858 customers and 1,400 EUs, Phillips responded.

"Plus, we have debt from the pipeline project and we have capital improvements that we're planning to do," she said.

Walsh later noted that there are probably creative ways to merge districts.

"That's the thing that encourages me, there probably are creative ways to do it," Volger said. "Is it time to consider those?"

According to Phillips, the budget for the PSSGID in 2019 is \$760,000 with some infill development coming in to bring in more customers.

"But, I think it's probably going to be a matter of kind of looking at the different financials and looking at what makes sense," Phillips said.

Merging districts would be a huge undertaking when you factor in debt, the effect it would have on both districts' customers as well as the quality of the infrastructure, Ramsey noted.

"I think we'd have to get a third

party," Ramsey said of looking into any possible merger.

Volger later added that the ball is now in PAWSD's court on the matter.

"If you are interested, then we can start looking at the steps to proceed," Volger said.

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The Blotter

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office
Calls for service for week: 107.

Feb. 11 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.

Feb. 12 — First-degree criminal trespass-other intent, Dyke Boulevard.

Feb. 14 — Violation of bail bond condition, County Road 600.

Feb. 18 — Found property, Pinion Causeway.

Feb. 18 — Child abuse-negligence, Simi Court.

Feb. 19 — Harassment by phone or computer, Columbia Court.

Feb. 19 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, domestic violence, harassment strikes shoves kicks, Down And Out Road.

Feb. 20 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

Feb. 20 — Identity theft-possesses, Bross Place.

Feb. 21 — County warrant, county warrant, County Road 600.

Feb. 21 — Third-degree criminal trespass, Powder Horn Drive.

Feb. 22 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, violation of restraining order, possession of drug paraphernalia-penalty, U.S. 84.

Feb. 22 — Information only, Sandstone Court.

Feb. 23 — Agency assist, San Juan Street.

Feb. 24 — Warrant arrest, Steamboat Drive.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department
Calls for service for week: 79.

Feb. 21 — Trespass warning, Aspen Village Drive.

Feb. 21 — Underage alcohol possession, South 5th Street.

Feb. 23 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.

Feb. 23 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

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Goals & Accomplishments

Archuleta County Combined Dispatch

SUN staff asked representatives of publicly funded agencies in Archuleta County to individually answer a trio of questions relating to the goals and accomplishments of themselves and their agencies at the turn of the year. Answers are printed as received and are not edited.

Andrea Phillips, Interim Board Chair, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch



What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2018?

Despite changes in staff and board members last year and turnover in dispatchers, we continue to provide excellent emergency communications services to the community with the limited resources that we have. The dispatchers are an extension of our amazing first responder community and they serve a critical role in public safety. Our Executive Management Board of Directors is comprised of representatives of the four major agencies (Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department, Pagosa Fire Protection District, and the Upper San Juan Health District Emergency Management Services (EMS)). The Board is very engaged and thoughtful about the needs of the Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Center. We began meeting more often in 2018 to address challenges in staffing and to discuss needs and funding options for upgrading aged equipment, finding an appropriate and secure facility, and reviewing dispatching protocols. An assessment was conducted by a peer Emergency Communications Manager in another commu-

nity. Her evaluation of everything in our Center from the staffing levels, scheduling, technology, equipment and funding streams, will help guide us as we make critical decisions in 2019 and beyond.

What are your three top goals for 2019?

Like most other agencies, the Dispatch Center is facing funding issues. This underscores our ability to provide excellent service for the public. Telecommunications equipment should be upgraded, we may need to increase staffing, and the Center would greatly benefit from being housed in a different facility. The operations of the Center are funded by the four contributing agencies based on a "calls for service" formula. The remainder is provided by E-911 charges on land lines, which is \$1.25 per line per month. The revenue from this amount is flat or even decreasing as fewer people have local numbers and land lines. The Board is formulating a plan to bring to elected officials and the public with ideas on new or augmented funding streams to support ongoing operations and capital needs. With the recent resignation of our Dispatch Manager, Shannon Jones, due to

personal family medical issues, we will also need to hire a new Manager. We hope that the new Manager can continue the work of the Board to date and help to implement plans for the benefit of the community.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

Earlier this month, the Board held a strategic planning retreat. Our facilitator helped guide us to identifiable action steps around diversification of funding streams, planning for a relocated facility for the Center, and sharing our message with the public. As residents and visitors, we tend to take 911 for granted, assuming that it will always be there for us when we have an emergency and we need it. But, we need to invest in its success by ensuring that staffing is appropriate and well trained, and that they have the emergency communications equipment both within the Center and throughout the County to send and receive information among first responders. As we finalize our action plan in the coming months, the public will be hearing more. Stay tuned!

Shannon Jones, former Dispatch Manager, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch



What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2018?

1. Hiring of a new Dispatch Manager.
2. Handling of 14,742 calls for service by dispatchers to area agencies.

What are your three top goals for 2019?

1. Approval from advisory board to begin looking for a more suitable location for the dispatch center that can be better secured and provide room for growth.
2. To have all dispatchers EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) trained and certified to better serve the citizens of Archuleta County for medical emergency medical dispatch needs.

3. To partner with all local agencies and plan and practice for Active Shooter situations in the area schools.

4. To have equipment and software evaluated and assessed for the next steps in NexGen911 implementation. This is to move the dispatch center into the future of where dispatching trends are going for better safety for the responders and quicker and more accurate locationing of 911 callers.

5. To have text to 911 implemented in the geographical area of Pagosa Springs and the surrounding county area.

6. To hire and train more staff to reach the required staffing levels that the dispatch center needs to provide adequate and safer capabilities for the responders and the community.

7. To seek out and gather other funding sources

for the dispatch center that will allow for growth and also pay scales more inline to other centers across the state of Colorado.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

The implementation of these goals will be accomplished through a collaborative outreach from the dispatch board and the elected leaders within both the county and the town of Pagosa. To provide information to the citizens of the county of Archuleta and the importance of who, what and why a state of the art 911 center must be made available for the citizens and the visitors of Pagosa Springs.

SENIOR NEWS

Senior Center offers caregiver support group, memberships

By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN 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: Home health care after rehab

By Kay Kaylor

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

Many community members find themselves staying in Pine Ridge or elsewhere for rehabilitation

under Medicare after a three-night hospital stay that is not considered observation status. Or, they may have friends or relatives in rehab in a skilled nursing facility. Yet, according to the Center for Medicare Advocacy, Medicare beneficiaries are not getting the home health coverage that is allowed under law after they leave rehab.

Medicare law authorizes up to 28 to 35 hours a week of home health aide (personal hands-on care) and nursing services combined. Personal hands-on care includes bathing, dressing, grooming, feeding, toileting and other key services to help an individual remain healthy and safe at home.

However, such services are difficult to obtain, partly due to misinformation from home health agencies, and have declined over

recent years. The Center states that the percentage of total home health aide visits from 1997 to 2016 has dropped from 48 percent of total services to 10 percent. Kaiser Health News published an article Feb. 14 (available online) that describes the impacts of such unmet needs.

The physician must order home health services in an individual's plan of care. Homebound beneficiaries may appeal to Medicare and contact Congress if they feel they have received inadequate care after returning home.

For further information, you may call me at 403-2164 or send an email toombudsman2@sjbaaa.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 second planned date are Feb. 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.

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

Friday, March 1 — Hot turkey salad, broccoli with red peppers, green beans with honey and garlic, milk, salad bar and pumpkin pie.

Monday, March 4 — Beef stroganoff, roasted cauliflower snowflakes, glazed carrots, milk, salad bar and chocolate cake with mocha frosting.

Tuesday, March 5 — Chicken and pork sausage gumbo with white rice, eggplant medley, milk,

salad bar and bread pudding with pecans.

Wednesday, March 6 — Crunchy baked catfish with tartar sauce, roasted Brussels sprouts with sweet chili sauce, roasted sweet potatoes, milk, salad bar and lemon cream pie.

Thursday, March 7 — Turkey potpie with puff pastry, bacon green beans, milk, salad bar and carrot cake.

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

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Goals & Accomplishments

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District

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Jim Smith, Board Chairman and President, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District



What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2018?

PAWSD approved a 2019 budget that met debt service requirements; projects were approved with moderate growth reflecting the increased service prescribed by the Stantec Rate study previously approved by the PAWSD Board.

PAWSD hired the company, Stantec, to conduct a rate study because PAWSD has not raised rates in four years. Not raising rates caused PAWSD to dip into its reserves. Also, on the horizon, a total of almost 18 million dollars will need to be spent on water utility capital improvement projects from 2018 to 2028. The largest project will be the rebuilding of the Snowball plant at an estimated cost of 6 million dollars. The two phase rate increase starts this year with water rates and ending in 2023, and the second phase is sewer rates to be increased in 2024 and ending in 2028.

PAWSD's Business Manager for 20 years, Shellie Peterson, retired. Aaron Burns was hired as the new Business Manager and Comptroller. Aaron was the finance and operations director for a group of boutique jewelry stores spanning the Amarillo, Austin, and San Antonio areas. He and his family moved to Pagosa 8 years ago to serve as the CFO of a global company. Director Michael Church resigned from the Board and Glenn Walsh, who served previously on the Board, was selected to replace Church.

What are your three top goals for 2019?

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

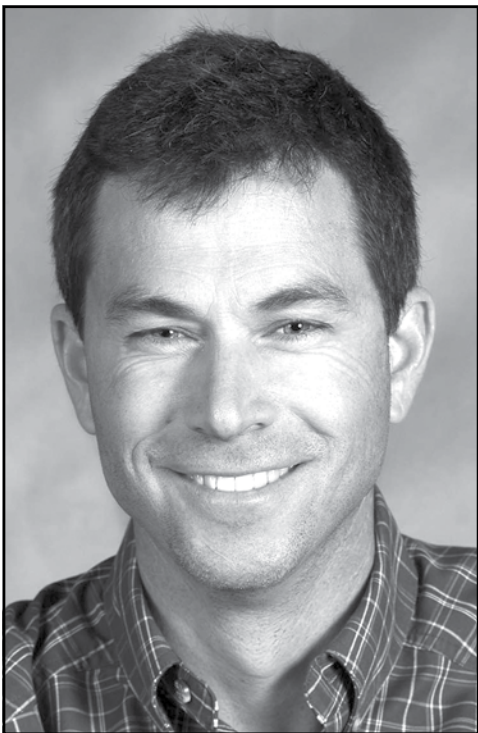
Completion of the UV project at the San Juan Water Treatment Plant which will allow the SJWTP to treat water directly from the San Juan River. This

will save thousands of dollars in treatment cost as compared to the current MIEX process of treating the water. The cost for the UV project is \$706,000, which will be funded out of cash reserves.

PAWSD will continue to locate and repair water lines with an increase in the budget of \$350,000 for line replacement.

The Board will continue to compensate employees who receive certifications from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. To maintain these certifications requires employees to be held to a professional code of conduct and be involved in continuing educational classes. PAWSD's 27 employees are committed to providing the highest quality of service at the lowest cost possible.

Justin Ramsey, District Manager, Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District



What are your three biggest accomplishments of 2018?

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District's (PAWSD) three biggest accomplishments for 2018 were 1) Surviving the drought of 2018. Everyone realizes it was a very dry year last year, our region received 25.7 inches of precipitation compared to an average of 53.0 inches (per the USDA Upper San Juan SNOTEL Site). By coordinating the operations of the three District water treatment plants, along with the aid of the community which reduced its water use from 2017 by 10%, the District was able to meet water demands with minimal impacts to our communal reservoirs. 2) Rate Study. The District has not raised water or sewer rates since 2014. To assure The District would have adequate funds to meet our growing community's water and sewer needs into the future the District completed a comprehensive rate study based on projected population growth and capital improvements/repairs/replacement necessary to meet the needs of that growing population. To minimize the impact of the rate increase a two phased increase was approved by the board requiring a water rate increase running through 2023 followed by a sewer increase running from 2024 through 2028. 3) Decrease in the San Juan Water Treatment Plants operational costs. In 2017 the San Juan Water Treatment Plant went operational with the new MIEX pretreatment facility allowing the treatment plant to treat water directly

out of Lake Forest. Operational costs for that first year of operation was nearly \$7,000/million gallons of produced water, a significantly higher rate than the operational costs of the other two treatment plants. Our operators committed to significantly reducing these operational costs for 2018 and succeeded. The 2018 San Juan operational costs were approximately \$3,300/million gallons a reduction of 53%.

What are your three top goals for 2019?

The three top goals for 2019 are 1) Increase the San Juan Water Treatment Plants treatment capacity thus reducing the reliance of the Hatcher Water Treatment Plant and Lake Hatcher water. With the current San Juan Water Treatment Plant configuration and regulatory limitations the San Juan can produce just over one million gallons of drinking water per day (MGD). The District goal is to increase San Juan production to nearly three MGD. 2) Reduce sewer inflow and infiltration (I&I). I&I is storm water runoff getting into the sewer system either through illegal drains or sump pump connections (inflow) or groundwater intrusion into the sewer system (infiltration). I&I increases sewage pumping costs, decreases sewer capacity and increases treatment plant operational costs. 3) Replace a minimum of one mile of aging water line infrastructure. Old waterlines are more susceptible

to breakage and leakage replacing older infrastructure provides many benefits.

What is your action plan to meet your goals?

PAWSD's action plans to meet the goals listed above include: 1) Installing a UV disinfection system at the San Juan Water Treatment Plant. The UV system will meet regulatory requirements allowing water to be treated directly from the San Juan River thus bypassing the MIEX pretreatment facility. This should produce a higher quality water and by replacing and/or repairing the pump systems from the San Juan diversion the District can increase productivity of the San Juan Plant. 2) The District has budgeted funds to seal lift station wells and sewer manholes located in areas with high groundwater. Sealing these units will help keep groundwater in the ground and out of our sewer systems. The District will educate the public on the harm illegal connections cause the district with the hopes people will report or remove these illegal connections. 3) Much of the Districts water line infrastructure is approaching the end of its life expectancy. Developing a replacement program and identifying lines that are showing signs of decay and replacing those lines will minimize water loss, overtime expenditures and assure uninterrupted safe drinking water delivery throughout the community.



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LIBRARY NEWS

Should you bribe your children to read?

By Carole Howard
SUN Columnist, and the library staff

A New York Times article by KJ Dell'Antonia looks at the pros and cons of bribing your children to read, and the research and experts' responses may surprise you.

Everyone agrees that it's essential that all children be encouraged to read. When reading is difficult for them, so is almost everything else. As kids get to be better readers, every subject from math to history becomes more accessible — and practice is the only way to get there.

So, how to make that happen? Many parents fall back on bribery, paying per book, minute or page in currencies ranging from toys to screen time to cash. But many studies show that paying kids to do things they once enjoyed for free can backfire; many kids stop reading when the rewards dry up, while those who aren't rewarded carry on reading just for fun.

Some experts actually agree that rewards can be useful, especially for younger learners who may benefit from a jump start or a short-term intervention. But they don't have to be money or things.

Dr. Rahil Briggs, director of pediatric behavioral health at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, said, "It could be that it's a special treat to go to the library with Dad and that alone time is part of what's rewarding about it."

Dr. Edward L. Deci, professor of psychology at the University of Rochester, agreed, saying non-material rewards may be the most effective. An excursion with a parent, or a special time reading together and discussing books, convey the importance of reading because your valuable time has become the currency. Family trips to the library can become precious events to children.

"Money may be motivating," concluded Dell'Antonia, "but so is living in a home where books and reading are part of family life."

As Dr. Briggs noted, reading together, choosing books, talking about words and stories, even going to the library, is a lot harder than taking a dollar out of our wallets. And probably more valuable in the long run.

Library foundation fundraiser concert

On March 8, the new library foundation will host Moors and McCumber for one night in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

Local festival-goers will remember Moors and McCumber from

their popular past visits to Reservoir Hill. They craft beautiful story songs that walk the line between rootsy folk and melodic pop. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the concert starts at 6:30 p.m. with an opening show by the Pagosa Springs High School Americana Project students.

Moors and McCumber will play at 7:30 p.m. Entry to the concert is by donation, with a suggested contribution of \$10 per person or \$25 per family. All proceeds from the event go to the library foundation.

Text alerts

Just a reminder that your library has a program called ShoutBomb that, when signed up, allows you to receive text messages on your cell-phone when items you requested are ready for pickup or when items are overdue. You can also use this service to text the library to renew items. It is available in both English and Spanish.

Signing up for ShoutBomb is free, though standard text rates do apply. This service will only work with phones that can receive SMS text messages and most smartphones should qualify. To sign up for ShoutBomb, log in to your account on your computer and click the button on the left that says, "Sign Up for Text Message Notifications." A document will open up on your computer that explains how to sign up for ShoutBomb. It takes only a few minutes to sign up, but you will want to have your library card handy. Of course, you can always speak with one of our friendly library staff and we would be happy to help you sign up for ShoutBomb.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, March 1, 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.

Paws to Read Saturday

This Saturday, March 2, from 11 a.m. to noon, youngsters from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to share their favorite books with Hondo, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories, at a free Paws to Read session. This is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence.

Tween gaming

Free gaming for fourth- through eighth-graders is Monday, March 4, from 4 to 5 p.m. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens on

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

New Knitting-plus Club for teens

Next Wednesday, March 6, this new free club meets for the second time from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for second-through 12th-graders. It's called the Knitting-plus Club because it includes not only knitting, but also crochet projects, needlepoint and more. But note that teaching will be available only for knitting.

This club is being formed at the request of several teens and the plan is to have the group meet monthly. The next couple of months will be a test period. Bring your knitting, crochet or needlepoint projects and hang out with other crafters. If you don't know how to knit, come anyway and we'll get you started on some of the basics.

Women's Wellness

Next Thursday, March 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. is the second session of a new free women's wellness program for women ages 21-64 facilitated by San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH). Note the earlier starting time.

Also please note that there will not be any actual physical examinations at the library. Rather, the sessions will provide education on about where and how to access cancer screenings, assess barriers to screening for breast and cervical cancer, and help with information about women's sexual health. You'll also hear about free or low-cost services offered by SJBPH such as women's, children's and infants' services, Connect for Health CO, Nurse-Family Partnership and SafeCare. Light refreshments will be served. No registration is required.

Avalanche awareness

Join Mark Mueller next Thursday, March 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for a free presentation about avalanche safety. Mueller is an avalanche forecaster for the Colorado Avalanche Information Center, which says that avalanches are the deadliest hazard in Colorado. This talk could save your life.

Teen advisory board

Next Thursday, March 7, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book.

Computer classes

Join us for free sessions from 1

to 2 p.m. on alternating Thursdays to learn a useful technology skill or application. March 14 covers how to create professional looking resumes on Microsoft Word. March 28 details how to navigate commonly used features on your Windows, Android or Apple smartphone nor tablet. No registration is required.

Adult education

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) takes place on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., plus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help from Mark with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more. Note that PALS will not take place the week of spring break (March 25-29). PALS generally follows the school schedule, so when they are off, Mark is off.

CDs

"The House Next Door" by James Patterson contains three thrillers. "The Burglar" by Thomas Perry features a sophisticated young female burglar who becomes endangered after stumbling upon a triple homicide. "Verses for the Dead" by Preston and Child is a mystery featuring FBI Special Agent Pendergast.

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For books and materials this week, we thank Alan Saltzstein and our anonymous donors.

Quotable quote

"There's an old saying that I very much ascribe to. When somebody says, 'You can't do that,' my response is, 'Well, I wouldn't feel right if I didn't try.' The truth is that you never know what you can accomplish until you give it your best shot." — From "Let's All Make the Day Count" by Charlie Daniels, instrumentalist, lyricist and singer, known for his contributions to southern rock, country and bluegrass music.

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By Charlotte Williams
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The 10th anniversary celebration of Empty Bowls at The Springs Resort and Spa was deemed a success Saturday. Participants enjoyed delicious homemade soups, chilis, stews and chowders, along with cakes and biscuits. The Pagosa Peaks Volleyball teams helped serve and Bob Hemenger provided entertainment.

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New Rotary ice melt contest a fun fundraiser with big prizes

By Jim Garrett
Special to The SUN

The Rotary Club of Pagosa Springs has announced a new winter-weather contest open to all community members and visitors for fun and profit, and to provide support for Rotary's annual high school seniors scholarships.

The fun contest is the Hatcher Lake Ice Melt Contest. It is being conducted in cooperation with the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA).

The contest is modeled on a highly popular contest conducted for over 30 years in Summit County on Lake Dillon by the local Rotary Club in that community.

Pagosa Springs Rotary President Shellie Peterson described the Ice Melt Contest, saying, "Here's how it works: We will haul a giant drum

out to the middle of Hatcher Lake," which is currently frozen solid.

"Attached to the drum are clocks," Peterson continued. "When the ice gives way as the weather warms, the drum will fall through, the clocks will plunge into the water and stop working, and the date and time will be registered.

"Locals, visitors and other astute guessers (such as yourself) can use skill and luck to predict the exact time of the icy plunge."

Winning guesses submitted to Rotary will earn significant prizes. First place will earn \$1,000, second place \$500 and third place \$250.

Plus, noted Allen Roth, PLPOA executive director and Rotary member, major "bragging rights" will be garnered by winners. Everybody has an opinion on weather, but how often do you have the chance to be certified correct and

get cash to boot?

Past Rotary president and board member Kim Moore emphasized the new contest is expected to provide major support to the Rotary Scholarship fund, which annually provides valuable support to graduating Pagosa Springs High School students to help further their educations.

In 2018, Rotary provided \$28,000 in scholarship funding to graduating high schoolers.

A ticket to submit a guess on the date and time of the drum's plunge through the ice costs \$5 and discounts are available for five guesses at \$20 and 30 guesses at \$100. Entries will not be accepted after midnight, March 20, the first day of spring, so enter soon, enter often and keep your weather eye open.

Entries can be submitted through the March 20 deadline

by completing a simple form on the Rotary website, www.pagosaprotary.org/. After logging onto the website, click on "Hatcher Ice Melt Contest" at the top center of the page.

A link on the PLPOA website will also route users to the Rotary entry page. Entries submitted through the entry page will require a credit card.

Entrants who prefer to pay for their guesses by cash or check may submit a hard copy entry at The Choke Cherry Tree, the Chamber of Commerce in the Pagosa Springs Visitor Center downtown and at the PLPOA Recreation Center or its administrative office.

Judges' decisions on winning entries will be final.

Thanks

Empty Bowls

Empty Bowls would like to extend sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and every person and business who helped to make the 10th anniversary event a success on Saturday. This long list includes our clay bowl makers, clay bowl donors, art studio donors, silent auction donors, soup and dessert contributors, servers and volunteers, Pagosa Peaks Volleyball Club, and The Springs Resort and Spa.

We are indebted to you for your kind generosity.

Tess Garcia and Kirsten Le Roux

Colorado tax incentive offered for wildfire mitigation

By Bill Trimarco
Special to The SUN

Wildfire is the greatest natural threat across most of Colorado. The state is well aware of this and has a generous incentive for those who do mitigation work on their property. If you did work in 2018 to make your property safer, you can subtract 100 percent of your costs from your taxable Colorado income, up to a

maximum of \$2,500.

The Colorado State Forest Service and the Department of Fire Prevention and Control both have standards for wildfire mitigation. If you have done any work that meets or exceeds those standards, you may be eligible for the subtraction. You cannot count your own time and labor, but payments to a contractor, the purchase of a chain saw or rental of an all-terrain vehicle, truck, tractor

or trailer are eligible. The chain saw or equipment rental must be primarily for mitigation work that meets the standards for creating defensible space around structures, creating fuel breaks, thinning vegetation for wildfire and various methods for dealing with woody slash.

FYI Income 65 explains all the details, requirements and the form you will need. You will need to provide copies of receipts to back up your claim. The Colorado Department of Revenue publication can be found at www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Income65.pdf.

The income subtraction will also be in effect for 2019 if you are planning for this year.

If you have any questions about this or other wildfire protection issues, you can contact Bill Trimarco, Wildfire Adapted Partnership, at btrimarco@wildfireadapted or 398-0305.

Free avalanche awareness presentation offered

By Mark Mueller
Special to The SUN

The Colorado Avalanche Information Center will present "Know Before You Go," a free avalanche awareness

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Sports

WRESTLING

Lucero nabs state wrestling title, six Pirates medal

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Sophomore wrestler Cameron Lucero is state champion in the 145-pound weight class, going undefeated in the state tournament to earn the No. 1 rank in the 3A division.

Lucero caps off a dominant, brutally aggressive season in which he notched a 46-1 record, including a 4-0 record at the state tournament.

"He wrestled real tough and real disciplined," said coach Dan Janowsky, adding, "He puts an unbelievable amount of pressure on his opponents from start to finish. He just has a real high pace, and it's in the best way possible, I think, because it's born out of just pure enthusiasm."

Lucero pinned his first three opponents at the state tournament in 2 minutes, 27 seconds, 1:23 and 3:51, respectively, and it wasn't until the championship match that Lucero had to battle all three periods.

The championship match in the 145-pound weight class was between Lucero and Berthoud's Austyn Binkly, a senior who entered the tournament with a 40-3 record. Binkly was the defending state champion, and Janowsky stated he was confident in Lucero's ability to win.

"We felt like Cameron's motor would wear that guy down," said Janowsky, adding, "[Binkly] actually hit us with some good stuff and we had to work like crazy to avoid being scored on."

Binkly outscored Lucero 2-1 in the first period, but Lucero fought back to score seven unanswered points in the second and third periods.

Lucero prevailed, winning by

decision, 8-2 and securing himself a state title.

He is the first sophomore to ever win a state championship in the history of the Pagosa Springs High School wrestling program, Janowsky pointed out.

The last state champion to come from Pagosa Springs High School was Creede Wiley, who won the state title for the 285-pound class in 2014.

The Pirates had six wrestlers who medaled at last week's tournament, putting the team in the top six.

Sophomore Dylan Tressler (126), placed fourth, and Janowsky noted that last year Tressler took sixth at state in the 113-pound weight class.

He pointed out that to jump two weight classes and place even higher is a remarkable achievement.

Tressler's growth spurt is reason for his ascension in weight classes, the coach noted.

"Dylan had a great tournament, he really did," said Janowsky, adding, "To jump two weights is a very different reality ... When you get to 126 and above you're starting to hit older guys. For him to even improve on last year's finish is a lot of credit to him."

Senior Caleb Janowsky (195), who is nursing a knee injury, ral-

led through to earn fifth in the tournament.

"He showed a lot of heart, showed a lot of pride. He loves wrestling and he wasn't going to miss out on his last chance," said Dan Janowsky.

After going 3-2 at the tournament, the coach suggested that Caleb Janowsky sit out his last round to rest his knee, as he had already medaled by placing in the top six. The wrestler wouldn't hear of it.

On a bum knee, in his last match as a Pagosa Pirate, Caleb Janowsky pinned his opponent in 34 seconds, securing fifth place at the state tournament.

Senior Ian Reinhardt (170), fought a string of tough and close matches

to place sixth. Senior James Thomas (132) and sophomore Trevor Torrez (106) also placed sixth in the tournament.

Grapplers who made state but did not place in the top six include Erik Wyman (113), Brae Bergdolt (138), Ethan Evans (152), Paul Farrah (160), Connor Aragon (182) and Skyler Hill (220).

The Pirates were ranked No. 5 heading into the tournament, and earned fifth place with 96 team points.

Pagosa was neck and neck

for third place throughout the event, with Eagle Valley and Jefferson ultimately tying for third, a mere 1.5 points ahead of Pagosa Springs.

Alamosa won by a wide margin, earning first place with 141.5 points, and Eaton nabbed second with 105 points.

"One champion, six medals, and fifth place a point and a half from third is nothing to hang your head about," said Dan Janowsky, adding, "Six medals is a really good performance."

Reflecting on the status of the wrestling program, which has six departing seniors, Dan Janowsky expressed confidence in where the program will go in the years ahead.

"Last year's seniors, this year's seniors, all of the kids on this year's team, they are the ones that wrestled us back into contention and I think we're going to stay in contention now for awhile. It's a credit to the athletes and their families," explained Dan Janowsky. The coach also thanked the high school administration, who he said helped in any "reasonable way" they could.

He also cited the importance of the Pagosa Springs community in helping the program thrive.

"There's a lot of people in town that aren't really wrestling fans but they love to see our kids do well and they support us in all kinds of ways. All of that together, has put us back on the map, and we'll fight again next year," said Janowsky.

Dan Janowsky concluded his final interview of the season by making a bold prediction: "I guarantee it, we'll be one of the top five teams again next year, barring some unforeseen events."

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COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Adult soccer, T-ball and open gym at the Community Center

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The Recreation Department is accepting registrations for adult soccer teams through April 12. League will be played during the month of May.

The team registration fee is \$150 and an early-bird registration through April 8 is \$100.

Adult soccer games will be held during the month of May every Tuesday and Thursday evening. You may register your team for play at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Please feel free to contact the recreation office with any questions, 264-4151, ext. 232.

T-ball registration ages 5-6

The Recreation Department will begin accepting T-ball registrations Friday, March 1. Registration will end April 12.

Cost is \$35 and includes a hat

and jersey. T-ball season will be held during May every Monday and Wednesday evening.

To register for programs online, visit the Parks and Recreation Department page at www.townof-pagosasprings.com. You may also register at the Community Center. Please feel free to contact the recreation office with any questions, 264-4151, ext. 232.

Community Center open on Saturday

The Community Center will be open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for open gym. This will continue through April 20.

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 SUN.

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Good luck, Pirates!

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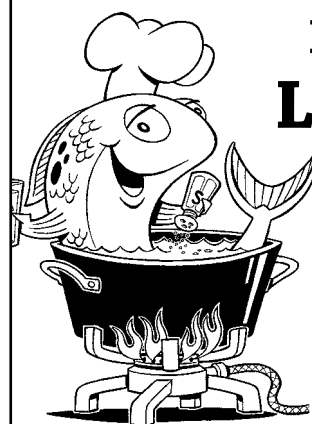
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BASKETBALL



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The Lady Pirate basketball team poses after claiming the Intermountain League title Monday evening in Cortez. The team is entering the state tournament as the No. 3 team in 3A girls' basketball.

Lady Pirates claim league title, will host state tourney action this week

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate basketball team logged another Intermountain League (IML) title Monday, defeating Alamosa 28-21 in the district champi-

onship game.

Now, the Lady Pirates will host a trio of teams for first- and second-round state tournament action as the No. 3 seed: the No. 30 Trinidad Miners, No. 14 Grand Valley Cardinals and No. 19 The Vanguard School Coursers.

"We look forward to the opportunity to continue on the tradition of hard-nosed basketball," assistant coach Charles Rand said.

The Lady Pirates finished the season atop the Ratings Percentage Index, but fell in as the No. 3 seed in the state tournament bracket behind No. 1 St. Mary's (who finished fourth in the RPI standings) and No. 3 Colorado Springs Christian (who finished third in the RPI standings) — the two teams to defeat the 19-2 Lady Pirates this season.

As the No. 3 seed, the Pirates will take on the No. 30 Miners at home Friday evening, with tip-off set for 6 p.m.

Trinidad is 12-10 on the season, which includes a 3-5 record on the road. The team has scored 840 points on the season while allowing 845 points.

At 19-2, the Lady Pirates are 8-1 at home on the season. Pagosa has scored 1,022 points on the season while allowing 649.

The teams have faced four common opponents on the season, with both Trinidad and Pagosa falling to St. Mary's and Colorado Springs Christian. Pagosa defeated Manitou Springs and Salida, with Trinidad losing to those teams.

Rand noted that the team takes things one game at a time, with the coaching staff beginning film study on Trinidad Wednesday to formulate a game plan.

"It's a short turnaround for both teams," he said.

At 8 p.m. Friday, Grand Valley, owner of a 16-6 record, will take on The Vanguard School, who enters the tournament with a 14-8 record.

The winners of Friday's games will advance to the Sweet 16 Saturday, with that game beginning at 1 p.m.

All of the games will be played at Pagosa Springs High School, and the teams will be vying for a chance to advance to the Great 8 and beyond March 7-9 at the University

of Denver.

Admission to this weekend's games will be, per Colorado High School Activities Associations (CHSAA) guidelines, \$8 for adults, and \$6 for K-12 students and those who are 60 and older.

Only CHSAA and Colorado High School Coaches Association passes will be accepted.

"We just hope people come out and support the girls," Rand said, noting that the girls have worked hard for their town and their school.

Two other IML teams earned top-10 seeds for the state tournament: No. 9 Alamosa, who will play No. 24 Colorado Academy on the court of host No. 8 Platte Valley this weekend, and No. 10 Centauri, who will take on No. 23 Roaring Fork, with No. 7 The Academy hosting that quadrant of the bracket.

Pagosa earned the IML title after defeating a pair of league foes in this district tournament.

"When you get into the IML tournament, [you've] played teams twice already and this is your third time around," Rand said, explaining that teams have done film study on each other and have a familiarity with each other, making the games closer.

After tournament play was pushed back two days due to inclement weather, Pagosa took on the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers in Cortez Saturday, Feb. 23.

"We talked to the kids about,

■ See State A16



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Lady Pirate Elsa Lindner puts up a shot in Pagosa's 28-21 win over the Alamosa Mean Moose Monday. With the win, the Lady Pirates claimed the Intermountain League title and will host state tournament action this weekend.

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BASKETBALL

Pirates No. 25 seed in state tournament, travel to Denver for first round

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

In the first round of the Intermountain League (IML) tournament, the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys basketball team seemingly could get nothing going offensively, dropping their tournament opener on Feb. 20 to the No. 4-seeded Alamosa Mean Moose (12-10 overall, 5-5 in league play) 48-26.

The No. 5-seeded Pirates struggled from the jump, falling behind 13-4 at the end of the first, and the deficit grew to 22-10 by the end of the first half.

In the second half, things did not get any easier for Pagosa as they scored 16 points in the final two quarters combined, compared to Alamosa's 26, to fall in the early stages of the IML tournament.

Mason Snarr led Pagosa in scoring, finishing with nine points to go along with two rebounds and a team-high three blocks.

Jesus Pacheco added four points and three rebounds.

Three other Pirates ended the night with three points, those Pirates being Javier Mariñelarena, Wyatt Schuchart and Ryan Lewis.

Lewis also contributed two rebounds and a block to his stat line while Schuchart added a steal.

Mitch Lewis led the team in rebounds with six.

Pagosa finished with 11 turnovers against Alamosa and only shot 54 percent from the line, making seven of 13 attempts.

As the IML tournament progressed through last weekend, Alamosa went on to square off in the league championship game against the No. 3-seeded Montezuma-Cortez Panthers.

At the end of a close IML battle, Montezuma-Cortez walked away with a league title, beating Alamosa narrowly 50-48.

"We have not played very well down the stretch. We have really been struggling to score the basketball," coach Randy Sorenson explained in an email.

Despite getting good looks at the basket, Pagosa has not been able to convert those chances, Sorenson explained.

In addition to not making shots, the Pirates have not done a good job rebounding, Sorenson noted, adding that boxing out on shot attempts and going after the basketball need to be emphasized more.

The championship road

As league tournaments across the state concluded, the Colorado High School Activities Association

released its brackets for the state tournament for each classification.

Pagosa is currently slotted as the No. 25 seed in the 3A state tournament bracket and will travel to the Denver area to take on the No. 8 DSST: Stapleton Knights.

However, due to DSST: Stapleton not having a gym, Pagosa will play their round one matchup in The AcademyWildcats' gym, which is located at 11800 Lowell Blvd. in Westminster.

Varsity tipoff against DSST: Stapleton is set for 4 p.m. on Friday.

DSST: Stapleton posted a 17-4 overall record that included a perfect 10-0 record in Frontier League games.

The Knights marched through their league tournament to claim a league title on Feb. 23 over The Academy.

Coming into the state tournament, DSST: Stapleton is riding a 13-game win streak, with the Knights' last loss coming on Dec. 19 against the Faith Christian Eagles by a score of 51-50.

The last time Pagosa and DSST: Stapleton squared off was in the 2012-2013 season as part of the Buena Vista tournament.

The Pirates went on to defeat the Knights 78-57.

If Pagosa defeats DSST: Stapleton on Friday, the Pirates will play on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. against the winner of the No. 9 Kent Denver Sun Devils and the No. 24 DSST: Byers Falcons.

If Pagosa and Kent Denver meet in the Sweet 16 of the state tournament, it will be the first time those teams will meet since the 2012-2013 season, where the Pirates defeated the Sun Devils in the state championship game 53-49 to capture their first state title in 53 years.

"We are excited to get into the playoffs. We are much healthier than we have been in awhile and having all kids able to practice and play has been a big help in the last week," Sorenson wrote.

In terms of their first-round opponent, Sorenson explained that he thinks the Pirates got the best draw possible.

"DSST Stapleton is a very quick and athletic team. They like to push the ball down the court and they do a good job of attacking the basket," he explained.

Overall, Pagosa's team defense will have to be solid, as well as the team's ability to handle pressure and limit turnovers, he added, also noting that if Pagosa plays well they will have a chance.

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Photo courtesy Justin Cowan

Pirates Cade Cowan, Kyler Hammer and Mason Snarr navigate a herd of Alamosa Mean Moose in search of a rebound as part of round one of the Intermountain League tournament on Feb. 20. Alamosa was just too much for Pagosa defensively and came away with a 48-26 victory. Despite the loss, Pagosa made the 3A state tournament as the No. 25 seed. The Pirates will kick off state tournament action on Friday against the No. 8 DSST: Stapleton Knights at 4 p.m.

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we can't do anything about Mother Nature. We have to be ready to play when we can play," Rand said.

That readiness showed early, with Pagosa taking an early lead — 9-3 by the end of the first quarter.

The Lady Pirates increased that lead by outscoring their hosts in each of the remaining three quarters: 11-8, 11-9 and 16-2.

Pagosa limited the Panther's leading scorer in the game to five points, but allowed their hosts to land four 3-pointers in the game.

Eight Lady Pirates contributed points in the game, with Rand explaining, "We don't care who scores, as long as we see it from Pagosa Springs."

Hailey Griego led the team in scoring with 14 points, as well as in rebounding with 12. She also notched four assists and a steal.

"We expect good things from Hailey, and she's delivered," Rand said.

Teagan Stretton followed with 10 points, three rebounds, six assists

and two steals.

Devin Wilson put up nine of the team's points, as well as pulling down five rebounds and logging an assist and five steals.

Adelyn Dozier put up a pair of 3-pointers in the game and had a block and a steal.

Elsa Lindner had four points, four rebounds and a block.

Molly Graham added two points, a rebound and an assist.

Kori Lucero and Taylor Lewis each added a point, with Lucero logging two rebounds and Lewis pulling down one.

The team hit five of 13 attempted free throws in the game for a 38 percent success rate and turned the ball over 19 times.

Then, on Monday, Pagosa took on the Alamosa Mean Moose for the title.

The Lady Pirates fell behind early in that game, sitting on the wrong end of a 5-3 score at the end of the first quarter.

"We couldn't score in that first quarter, but neither could they," Rand said, noting there was no panic.

Pagosa tied the game early in the second quarter and went on to take the lead by going on a 9-0 run over the course of the quarter to lead 12-5 at halftime.

"We made them put up a good egg. ... You've got to give ... those kids credits on that part on how hard they played that second quarter," Rand said, adding that all of

the points scored in the quarter were highly contested.

Alamosa surged back in the third, outscoring Pagosa 8-6 in the quarter, and continued to fight in the fourth, scoring eight to Pagosa's 10.

But, in the end, Pagosa held a 28-21 advantage and another league championship.

"They were well-coached, well-prepared, and the kids played hard," Rand said of the Mean Moose, adding that the Mean Moose knew what the Pirates were going to do before they did it, with the opposite also being true. "So, you've got to give Alamosa a lot of credit of how un-smooth the game went."

The assistant coach noted that the Mean Moose knew going in they would have to defeat the Pirates to be able to host playoff action.

"We knew going in it was going to be a dog fight," he said, adding the Lady Pirates did not expect to beat Alamosa by 15 points again.

He noted that the Lady Pirates' defense was the difference in the

game, and pointed toward the team's nine blocks.

"I think that we played really, really solid defense," Rand said, adding, "You've got to be able to win in multiple ways."

Griego put up nine points in the game, five rebounds, two assists, two blocks and two steals.

Lewis contributed a 6-for-6 effort from the charity stripe, as well as logging two rebounds, an assist and two steals.

Stretton scored five points in the game, as well as five rebounds and an assist.

Graham put up four in the contest, had a rebound and logged one block.

Wilson and Lindner each added two points. Wilson complemented that with two rebounds, two assists and five blocks. Lindner contributed six rebounds and a block.

Dozier added a rebound.
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Public Notices

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Village Pointe Property
Owner's Association, Inc.,
Plaintiff
LARRY J TERRY, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2018CV30034
COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF
TIMESHARE INTEREST
AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM
This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered September 18, 2018, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including

without limitation the real property described as follows:
See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof
Owner(s):
LARRY J TERRY
DEBORAH A TERRY
ARTURO CISNEROS
WILLIAM R O HAIR, JR
ADZEL JEAN O HAIR
BETTY J DEGRAFF
CLIFFORD D DEGRAFF
BOBBY B TAYLOR
SUE E ROPER
BOBBY S ROPER
GREGORIO OLAGUE
HEATHER R PARROTT
HAROLD HEDGES, TRUSTEE
GLORIA HEDGES, TRUSTEE
WILLIE E MINOR
JANN MINOR
PATRICK GERARD GEIS
NATALIE MCKOWN GEIS
KENNETH R SLATEN
ROSEMARY E SLATEN
BARRY SALSBUURY
LIBERTY INNOVATIONS LLC
ROBERTA RAO LAMONT
TCS REALTY LLC
ANGEL ONWARD O LLC
CAROL A ENGLAND
GEORGE L ENGLAND
RYAN MILLER
Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums, recorded on January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 160495, Book 239, Page 2, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado.
Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc.
Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs.
Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
Association Assessments Due to: Village Pointe Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST
THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, Sale Number: 2018-10 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: [February 7, 2019]
Last Publication: [March 7, 2019]
Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

NOTICE OF RIGHTS
YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.
The name, address, and business telephone number of the attorney representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows:
Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 16PPA0144, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901
INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed December 13, 2018.
Rich Valdez, Sheriff,
Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Rich Valdez

Exhibit A
VILLAGE POINTE – PHASE I
Matter Amount
Property Owner: LARRY J TERRY & DEBORAH A TERRY
Unit Number: 7517
Building Number: 005D
Unit Week Number: 46
Unpaid Assessments: \$3,165.83
Costs: \$384.00
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$4,550.07
Property Owner: ARTURO CISNEROS
Unit Number: 7501
Building Number: 001D
Unit Week Number: 11
Unpaid Assessments: \$ 2,158.01
Costs: \$384.00
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,542.25
Property Owner: WILLIAM R O HAIR, JR & ADZEL JEAN O HAIR
Unit Number: 7502
Building Number: 001D
Unit Week Number: 36
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,191.71
Costs: \$384.00
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$7,575.95
Property Owner: BETTY J DEGRAFF & CLIFFORD D DEGRAFF
Unit Number: 7506
Building Number: 002D
Unit Week Number: 19
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,191.84
Costs: \$384.00
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$7,576.08
Property Owner: BOBBY B TAYLOR
Unit Number: 7503
Building Number: 001D
Unit Week Number: 30
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,158.01
Costs: \$384.00
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,542.25
Property Owner: SUE E ROPER & BOBBY S ROPER
Unit Number: 7504
Building Number: 001D
Unit Week Number: 39
Unpaid Assessments: \$ 2,158.01
Costs: \$384.00
Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,542.25
in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, that property on which is located two (2) two-story buildings containing four units per building, which are designated, respectively, as Building 1, Units 7501, 7502, 7503 and 7504; and Building 2, Units 7505, 7506, 7507, and 7508 as per Plat File No. 331 A-E, Reception No. 0168713, and which are subject to that certain Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership dated December 30, 1988, recorded January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 0160495, Book 239, Page 2 and Second Amendment to Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums recorded January 16, 1990, at Reception No. 0168714, Book 280, Page 213, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, at such time as the final as-built plat has been recorded.
Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Point

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

VILLAGE POINTE – PHASE II

Matter Amount
Property Owners: GREGORIO OLAGUE
 Unit Number: 7511
 Building Number: 003D
 Unit Week Number: 12
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,158.01
 Costs: \$384.00
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,542.25
Property Owner: HEATHER R PARROTT
 Unit Number: 7513
 Building Number: 004D
 Unit Week Number: 14
 Unpaid Assessments: \$6,163.67
 Costs: \$384.00
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$7,547.91

Property Owner: HAROLD HEDGES, TRUSTEE & GYRA HEDGES, TRUSTEE Unit Number: 7514
 Building Number: 004D
 Unit Week Number: 39
 Unpaid Assessments: \$6,173.20
 Costs: \$384.00
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$7,557.44
Property Owner: WILLIE E MINOR & JANN MINOR
 Unit Number: 7512
 Building Number: 003D
 Unit Week Number: 51
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,231.58
 Costs: \$384.00
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,615.82

Property Owner: PATRICK GERARD GEIS & NATALIE MCKOWN GEIS
 Unit Number: 7516
 Building Number: 004D
 Unit Week Number: 14
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,158.01
 Costs: \$384.00
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,542.25
Property Owner: KENNETH R SLATEN & ROSEMARY E SLATEN
 Unit Number: 7511
 Building Number: 003D
 Unit Week Number: 21
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,127.15
 Costs: \$384.00
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,513.39

in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase II recorded in Plat File No. 332-332A-E, under Reception No. 171189 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to the First Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase II recorded May 3, 1990, Reception No. 171190, Book 292, Page 242, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. The property has located upon it two buildings described as Building 3, containing four units designated, respectively, as Units 7509, 7510, 7511 and 7512; and Building 4 contains four units designated, respectively, as Units 7513, 7514, 7515, 7516.

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

VILLAGE POINTE – PHASE III

Matter Amount
Property Owners: BARRY SALSUBURY
 Unit Number: 7521
 Building Number: 005D
 Unit Week Number: 19
 Unpaid Assessments: \$4,735.09
 Costs: \$384.00
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$6,119.33
Property Owner: LIBERTY INNOVATIONS LLC
 Unit Number: 7521
 Building Number: 005D
 Unit Week Number: 48
 Unpaid Assessments: \$5,311.20
 Costs: \$384.00
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$6,695.44

Property Owner: ROBERTA RAO LAMONT
 Unit Number: 7525
 Building Number: 006D
 Unit Week Number: 37
 Unpaid Assessments: \$6,163.67
 Costs: \$384.00
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$7,547.91
Property Owner: TCS REALTY LLC
 Unit Number: 7524
 Building Number: 005D
 Unit Week Number: 20
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,158.01
 Costs: \$384.00
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,542.25

Property Owner: ANGEL ONWARD O LLC
 Unit Number: 7526
 Building Number: 006D
 Unit Week Number: 21
 Unpaid Assessments: \$6,191.84
 Costs: \$384.00
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$7,576.08
Property Owner: CAROL A ENGLAND & GEORGE L ENGLAND
 Unit Number: 7528
 Building Number: 006D
 Unit Week Number: 13
 Unpaid Assessments: \$2,158.01
 Costs: \$384.00
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,542.25

in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase III as recorded in Plat File No. 238A-F under Reception No. 179324 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration and Third Amendment to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase III recorded November 21, 1990, Reception No. 176223, Book 315, Page 350.

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

Published February 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
 Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
 Tel: 970.264.2400
Teal Landing Property Owner's Association, Inc.,
 Plaintiff

Case No. 2018CV030042

COMBINED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE AND RIGHTS TO CURE AND REDEEM

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium, recorded on August 10, 2000, Reception Number 20007580, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered October 9, 2018, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s): Charles E Rousenbert, Jr Wendy Josefina Gil Santos Kenneth B Tate Jr Anne T Tate Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium, recorded on August 10, 2000, Reception Number 20007580, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Teal Landing Property Owners Association, Inc. Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it

secures the payment of the Debt and obligations therein described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorney's fees and costs. Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Association Assessments Due to: Teal Landing Property Owners Association, Inc. Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, in the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION. The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

THEFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, Sale Number: 2018-11 in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication: [February 7, 2019] Last Publication: [October 14, 2019] Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF SAID FORECLOSURE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED. A COPY OF THE STATUTES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS IS ATTACHED HERETO. IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT A LENDER OR SERVICER HAS VIOLATED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT IN §38-38-103.1 OR THE PROHIBITION ON DUAL TRACKING IN §38-38-103.2, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL (1-800-222-4444), THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (1-855-411-2372), OR BOTH, BUT THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT WILL NOT STOP THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

The name, address, and business telephone number of the attorney representing the holder of the evidence of debt are as follows: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed December 13, 2018. Rich Valdez, Sheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado By: /s/ Rich Valdez Exhibit A

Teal Landing Condominium Phase Five-Building 15
Matter Amount
Property Owner: Charles E Rousenbert, Jr
 Building Number: 15
 Lot (Unit) Number: 1511-1516, 1521-1523, 1525-1526
 UDI Points: 185.000

of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Five- as built Building 15, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20204764, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147, Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20204765 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Unpaid Assessments: \$1,256.72
 Costs: \$1,201.60
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,458.32
Teal Landing Condominium Phase Six-Building 16
Matter Amount
Property Owner: WENDY JOSEFINA GIL SANTOS
 Building Number: 16
 Lot (Unit) Number: 1611-1616, 1621-1626
 UDI Points: \$4,000

of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Six- as built Building 16, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20304272, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147, Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20204765, Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20206614, First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded December 12, 2002 as Reception Number 20211905 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Unpaid Assessments: \$805.28
 Costs: \$1,201.60
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,006.88
Teal Landing Condominium Phase Seven-Building 17
Matter Amount
Property Owner: Kenneth B Tate Jr & Anne T Tate
 Building Number: 17
 Lot (Unit) Number: 1711-1716, 1721-1726
 UDI Points: 132.000

of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Seven - as built Building 17, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20209496, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651, and Second Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20106880, First Amendment to Second Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20110747, Third Supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20203147, Fourth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20204765, Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20206614, First Amendment to Fifth Supplemental Declaration recorded as Reception Number 20211905 and any future supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

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 Costs: \$1,201.60
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,006.88
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Matter Amount
Property Owner: Kenneth B Tate Jr & Anne T Tate
 Building Number: 17
 Lot (Unit) Number: 1711-1716, 1721-1726
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Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Teal Landing Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate. Unpaid Assessments: \$900.68
 Costs: \$1,201.60
 Attorney's Fees: \$1,000.00
 Total: \$3,102.28
 Published February 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the Hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to: KAREN R. WOOD 37 SPRUCE CIRCLE PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November 2015, the then County Treasurer of Archuleta County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to the following described property situate in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, to-wit: **LOT 12 OF BLOCK B IN AMENDED ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO.1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD MARCH 22, 1971 AS RECEPTION NO. 74229.** Account Number: R002539 Schedule Number: 569301407010 Tax Sale Certificate Number: 2015-032728 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase thereto to

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014. That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of KAREN R. WOOD for said year 2014. That on the 13th day of September 2018, said assigned said certificate of purchase to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC. That said BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC on the 19th day of October 2018, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property. That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to BLUE SPRUCE SERVICING COMPANY, LLC On the 27th day of March 2019, unless the same has been redeemed.

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand this 31st day of October 2018 /s/ Beth A Diller Betty A. Diller, Treasurer of Archuleta County, Colorado Published February 14, 21 and 28, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of CAROYLIN S. WALKUP-FITZHUGH, Deceased Case No. 19PR33 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before AUGUST 30, 2019, or the claims may be forever barred. NIA F. BOIVIN 10 NUMBERS SIX ROAD PHILLIPS, MO 64966 Published February 14, 21 and 28, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

Archuleta County Combined Courts
 46 Eaton Drive, Suite 1
 PO Box 148
 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
 Case No. 19C13

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Public notice is given on 2/8/19, that a Petition for a Change of Name of an Adult has been filed with the Archuleta County Combined Courts. The Petition requests that the name of Kirk Brice Canada be changed to Keleka Kekoa-Mai Alualu. /s/ Cheryl C. Mulbery Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk Published February 21, 28 and March 7, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of TWILA FAYE BROWN, Deceased. Case No. 2019 PF 30005 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before June 21, 2019, or the claims may be forever barred. Daniel L. Fiedler, Attorney at Law 190 Talisman Drive, Suite D-6 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 Published February 21, 28 and March 7, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Ruby Maxine Loran aka/ Maxine L. Loran, Deceased Case No. 19PR30003 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Archuleta County, Colorado on or before June 28, 2019, or the claims may be forever barred. JERRY F. VENN PO BOX 246 PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147 Published February 21, 28 and March 7, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

DISTRICT COURT, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO
 PO Box 148
 Pagosa Springs CO 81147
 (970) 264-8160
Plaintiff(s):
 OCK LLC, a Colorado limited liability company
Defendant(s):
 RICHARD H. KLINGENHOFER; and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action
 Attorney for Plaintiff:
 Noah Klug, Atty No. 39163
 THE KLUG LAW FIRM, LLC
 PO Box 6683
 Breckenridge CO 80424-6683
 Telephone: 970-468-4953
 Noah@TheKlugLawFirm.com
 Case Number: 2019CV30005

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Clerk of this Court an Answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the complaint in writing within the 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice. This is an action involving real property located in the County of Archuleta, State of Colorado, described as follows: LOT 26 IN PAGOSA MEADOWS UNIT FOUR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 4, 1973 AS RECEPTION NO. 77867

Also known as: Schedule No. 569933103001 - 64 Antero Dr., Pagosa Springs CO 81147, together with all its appurtenances. Date: January 23, 2019 Published in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*. First Publication: February 28, 2019 Last Publication: March 28, 2019 Original signature on file THE KLUG LAW FIRM, LLC /s/ Noah Klug Noah Klug Attorney for Plaintiff This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4(g), Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure. This form should not be used where personal service is desired. TO THE CLERK: If the summons is issued by the clerk of the court, the signature block for the clerk or deputy should be provided by stamp, or typewriter, in the space to the left of the attorney's name. *Rule 12(a), C.R.C.P., allows 35 days for answer or response where service of process is by publication. However, under various statutes, a different response time is set forth: e.g., §38-6-104, C.R.S. (eminent domain); §38-36-121, C.R.S. (Torrens registration) Published February 28, March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ON MARCH 15, 2019

Ronald Beckman and Philip Culver have applied to rezone approx. 11.5 acres northeast of County Rd 146 (Turkey Springs Rd), Pagosa Springs, which was created by Resolution 2000-55 and a small remainder in S3 T34N R3W, NMPM, from Agricultural/Ranching (AR) to Agricultural Estates (AE) to match adjacent property in Aspen Springs Subdivision No. 2. Also known as: Schedule No. 569933103001 - 64 Antero Dr., Pagosa Springs CO 81147, together with all its appurtenances. Date: January 23, 2019 Published in *The Pagosa Springs Sun*. First Publication: February 28, 2019 Last Publication: March 28, 2019 Original signature on file THE KLUG LAW FIRM, LLC /s/ Noah Klug Noah Klug Attorney for Plaintiff This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4(g), Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure. This form should not be used where personal service is desired. TO THE CLERK: If the summons is issued by the clerk of the court, the signature block for the clerk or deputy should be provided by stamp, or typewriter, in the space to the left of the attorney's name. *Rule 12(a), C.R.C.P., allows 35 days for answer or response where service of process is by publication. However, under various statutes, a different response time is set forth: e.g., §38-6-104, C.R.S. (eminent domain); §38-36-121, C.R.S. (Torrens registration) Published February 28, March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

2 Amendment 2019-01 re-plat, located in the SW¼ of S2 & SE¼ of S3 T34N R3W, NMPM. This includes Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 25X of Amended Aspen Springs Subdivision No. 2, the tract created by Resolution 2000-55 and the remainder tract subject to Decree Quieting Title (Rec. No. 21702690). The Amended Plat is intended to correct boundary issues and would result in no increase in permitted residential density. Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to the Archuleta County Development Services-Planning Department, P.O. Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147-1507, telephone: (970) 264-1390 or to Planning@archuletacounty.org prior to the public hearing by the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners on March 19, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Administration Office Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs. Public comment will be taken at the meeting. Published February 28 and March 7, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

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 5:30 pm. 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@pagosaplings.gov or mailed to Planning Department, PO Box 1859, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. Public comments will also be accepted at all public hearings. Published February 28, 2019 in *The Pagosa Springs SUN*.

ARCHULETA COUNTY 2018 Annual Salary Report

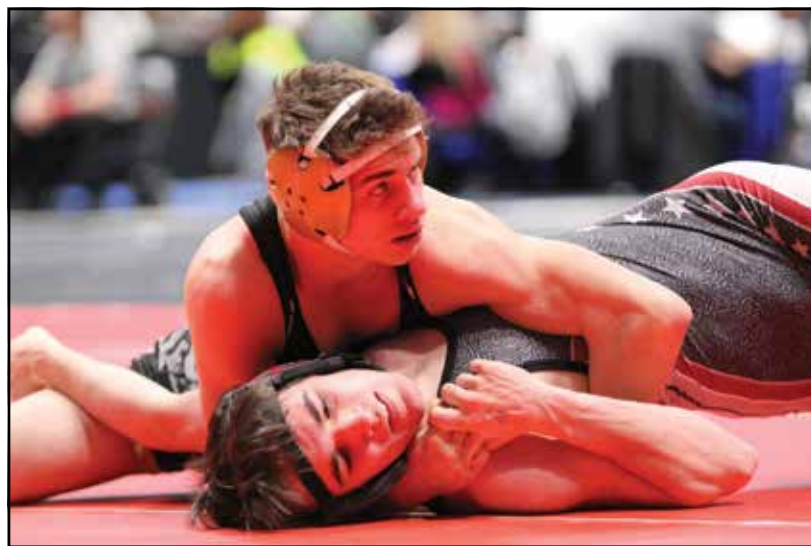
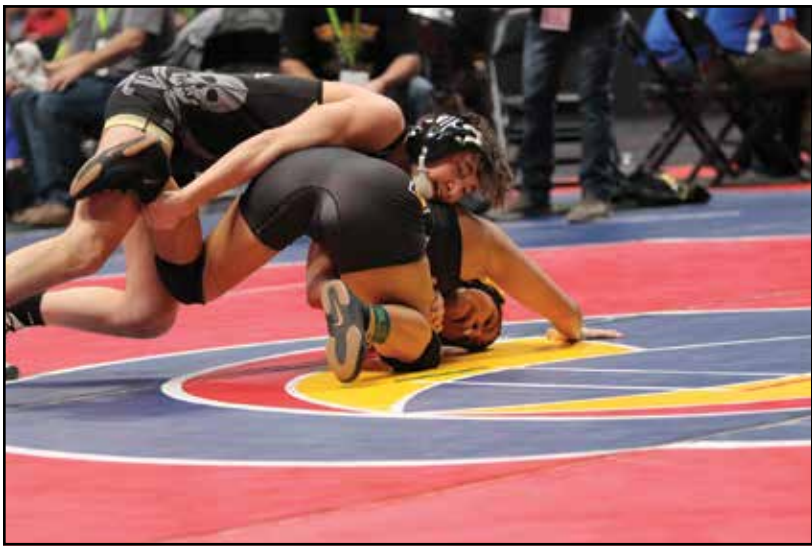
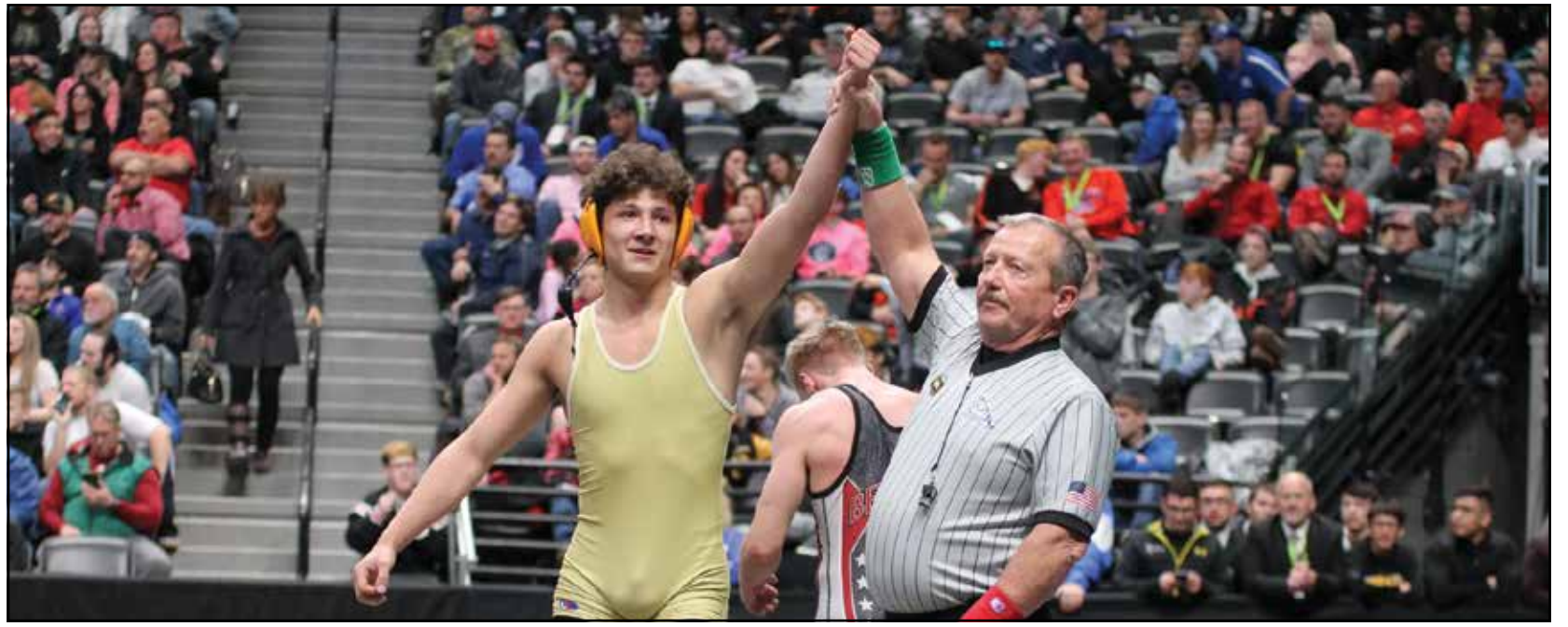
Countywide average percentage of salary that is paid in addition to regular wages as fringe benefits, including, but not limited to, insurance medical care, unemployment, workers comp and retirement plans was 33% in 2018.

Position	Amount
4-H Coordinator	38,134.34
Accountant	51,453.24
Accountant	31,719.59
Accountant III	35,888.03
Accounting Clerk III	42,991.14
Administrative Assistant	33,887.07
Administrative Assistant	34,034.62
Administrative Assistant II	42,654.34
Administrative Assistant I	41,193.42
Administrative Assistant	39,250.18
Adult/Child Prot Casework II	36,622.43
Adult/Child Prot Casework I	43,718.29
Adult/Child Prot Casework II	7,767.68
Airport Maintenance Tech	24,906.00
Airport Manager	55,963.33
Airport Manager	19,475.02
Alt. Senten. & Pre Trial Coord	57,063.93
Animal Control Officer	41,740.80
Appraiser I	33,094.49
Appraiser I	31,212.19
Appraiser I	31,832.40
Appraiser II	1,882.80
Arboles Transfer Station Fill in	334.26
Arboles Transfer Station Atten	10,992.98
Assessor	58,500.00
Bus Driver	18,618.56
Bus Driver	14,482.14
Case Svcs Aids/Fraud & Claim Te	40,462.04
Caseworker I	39,121.01
Caseworker I	33,569.12
Caseworker I	22,910.24
Caseworker I	41,393.35
Caseworker Supervisor	14,363.80
Chief Building Official	54,337.11
Chief Deputy	55,864.15
Chief Deputy	56,112.79
Child Support Legal Tech	42,884.60
Child Support Legal Tech	44,720.79
Code Enforcement Officer	38,879.20
Commissioner	19,551.84
Commissioner	58,500.00
Commissioner	70,200.00
Commissioner	70,200.00
Commissioner	69,078.20
Computer Support Spec.	27,5

STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Photos courtesy Stacia Aragon

Twelve Pagosa Springs High School Pirate wrestlers battled at last weekend's state championships. Six Pirates medaled, earning at least a top six finish, and Cameron Lucero (top) earned the state title in the 145-pound weight class. The Pirates earned the fifth highest team score at the event.



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ARTS & LIFE

Mad Hatter Murder Mystery Dinner

Pagosa Play Place Fundraiser • March 9 • Vista Club House



Photo courtesy Pagosa Play Place

March 9 Pagosa Play Place murder mystery dinner will be a Mad Hatter affair

By Krisha Doocy
Special to The PREVIEW

The neighborhood socialites have touted the Hatter's Ball as the bash of the year in the isolated town of Bloodworth Falls. Mayor Riley White has organized the event in the old Ravenwood Castle as a diversion from the scandals that have plagued the town in recent months.

Of course, it's no coincidence the ball is scheduled right before the upcoming mayoral election. The mayor posted the invite list online, and your adversaries have already sent in their RSVPs. You're intrigued and have decided you cannot miss an opportune moment to seek revenge on those who have crossed you in the past. Now, you are on a hunt for the perfect hat.

Your story begins here. Come and join the Pagosa Play Place on March 9 at the Vista Clubhouse for our second annual murder mystery dinner. The scene is set and the characters invited. Come out for a great night of wacky fun and mystery.

Rising Stars of Pagosa is a local nonprofit operating as Pagosa Play Place. We strive to offer an active lifestyle to kids year-round. Our



Photo courtesy
Krisha Doocy

Mayor Riley White is all set to welcome his guests to the Mad Hatter Ball on March 9. The murder mystery dinner is a fundraiser for the Pagosa Play Place.

indoor playground and special events offer many ways to get the kids of Pagosa Springs up and moving, as well as providing an indoor space for birthday parties and children's classes to take place. This fundraiser is to help Pagosa Play Place keep our doors open through

the summer.

Tickets for this awesome event are \$50 each or \$45 for a group of eight or more. Tickets include dinner, mystery and desert. Formal attire is requested and costumes are encouraged.

Please come out for a night of merriment and mystery. Tickets may be purchased at Pagosa Play Place or by calling (626) 241-6462. Don't forget an amazing hat.

Live Performers

Thursday

Riff Raff downtown: Ben Gibson Duo, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff on the Rio: Dustin Burley, 6 p.m.

Friday

Pagosa Brewing Company: Jack Ellis Duo, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff on the Rio: Bob Hemenger, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Coyote Moon: Karaoke with Lisa Saunders, 9 p.m.
Pagosa Brewing Company: Jacques Grant & Friends, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Pagosa Brewing Company: Open Mic hosted by Emily Tholberg, 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Riff Raff downtown: Jack Ellis, 6 p.m.

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Rehearsals for Sisters in Song to begin Tuesday

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

“Consider yourself at home.” The Sisters in Song are gearing for their fourth and best season ever.

Every Tuesday night, beginning March 5, the women of Pagosa Springs will lift their voices in song at rehearsals that will culminate in a performance alongside the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir on May 9.

Rehearsals will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church and will continue each Tuesday at the same time, in the same place, until their performance.

Sisters in Song, a community women’s chorus, is again being sponsored by the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir to give the young girls of the Girls Choir the opportunity to work and perform with lifelong musicians in Pagosa.

“We have many talented singers in Pagosa, and I’m hoping they will be willing to share their love of music with the girls,” said PSGC Director Linda Parker.

The women will sing several musical selections, as well as one selection with the girls on the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir’s annual spring concert on May 9.

“No prior experience is necessary,” said Parker. “All you need is a love of singing.”

Exercise your brain at Tuesday hand-drumming sessions

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, March 5, at noon.

Music is a form of self-expression, a means of communication, a freeing of the mind and spirit, a flowering of the imagination.

Even people whose innate talents have been hiding under a rock, have not had formal training, have been encumbered by negative responses from others, or who are

■ See Exercise on next page

Music touches all of us, at many levels and in many ways. We need only to hear a song from the past to know exactly where we were and what we were doing. If you haven’t registered, there’s no problem. Just come and sing.

Come and experience the “music connection” next Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church. If you have any questions, please call Parker at 264-1434 or email her at singpagosa@gmail.com. We

are asking for a \$15 fee to cover the cost of the music.

Plato once said, “Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.”

This will certainly ring true in Pagosa this spring. The Girls Choir will cross generations and connect with other musicians as they invite ladies in Pagosa to sing with them on their spring concert. We hope to see you on March 5.



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Photo courtesy Jeff Laydon
The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will host its sixth annual “Over the Rainbow” fundraiser tomorrow night at the Ross Aragon Community Center.

Tomorrow’s ‘Over the Rainbow’ benefit will support Pagosa Springs Girls Choir

By **Linda Parker**
 Special to The PREVIEW

The wine has arrived, the table decorations are ready and the baskets have been wrapped in preparation for the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir’s annual fundraiser, “Over the Rainbow,” which will be held

tomorrow night beginning at 5 p.m. After weeks of snow, all of us need a festive night out with great food, a shared love of music and an opportunity to dance to the music of some of the best musicians around. Two-step over and join in the fun at the Ross Aragon Community Center. The event will

benefit the choir’s educational programs.

“We are looking forward to having the community and even visitors from out of town join us for our annual gala fundraiser that promises something for everyone,” Linda Parker, director of the Pagosa
■ See Choir on next page

Exercise

■ **continued from previous page** intensely drawn to music but have not had enough judgement-free opportunities to express themselves can still harness this creative skill.

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Moors and McCumber to perform March 8 at Pagosa Springs High School

By Cindi Galabota
Special to The PREVIEW

Come to Pagosa Springs High School on March 8 to support the newly formed Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation while enjoying the incredible talents of singing duo Moors and McCumber.

According to their website, James Moors and Kort McCumber grew up in different places and listening to different kinds of music — classical, rock, bluegrass, you name it. But when they met 10 years ago, they knew they'd found something golden. Since then, they've been cultivating their wide-ranging musical influences in

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Photo courtesy James Moors

Moors and McCumber will take to the stage of the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium on March 9 in a benefit concert for the newly formed Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library Foundation.

Choir

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Spirings Girls Choir, said.

The evening will include a treasure-filled silent auction, a catered dinner, a performance by the Girls Choir and a dance with live music provided by the San Juan Mountain Boys.

Parker added, "Tickets are \$40 per person, and are available at Made in Colorado Shoppe and Goodman's Department Store. Table reservations are available by calling Parker at 264-1434. In addition, for the convenience of eventgoers and those waiting to check out the weather, we will be selling tickets at the door and accepting most major credit cards.

"Be sure to bring your shopping lists for the silent auction and think about gifts for a housewarming, a new baby, summer guests and special friends as well as anniversaries and birthdays. Community businesses in both Pagosa and Durango have outdone themselves this year in their donations to our auction. Lodging, dining, entertainment, relaxing, jewelry, family outing activities and much, much more will be available."

Parker noted eventgoers should plan to get there when the doors for "Over the Rainbow" open at the Community Center at 5 p.m. The silent auction runs from 5 to 7 p.m. A cash beer and wine bar will be available. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6 p.m. with tri tip roast, Caesar salad, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetable medley and dinner rolls. Delectable chocolates will calm any sweet tooth. Then, under the direction of Parker and accompanied by Lauren Highsmith, the choir will present a short choral performance. Music and dancing will follow from 6:30 until 9 p.m. For more information, please call 264-1434.

Parker sees "Over the Rainbow" as a wonderful opportunity for supporters of the choir, as well as new friends eager to help the choir and its members, to enjoy a delightful evening together.

Parker invites one and all to come "Over the Rainbow" and share in the joy of music and the opportunities it affords.

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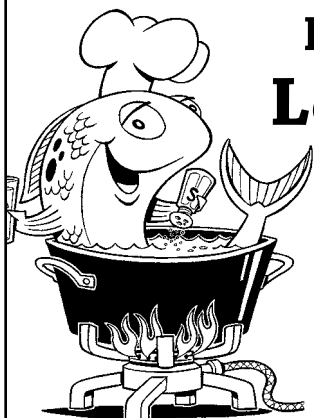
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St. Patrick's Irish Festival and World's Shortest Parade is scheduled for March 16 at 11 a.m. in the church parking lot, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The festival is free and open to the public.

St. Patrick's Irish Festival touts shortest parade

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

It's time to brush the snow off of your bagpipes, dig out your most outrageous green Irish gear and get ready for Pagosa Springs' annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Festival at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church on March 16 beginning at 11 a.m.

The festival features The World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade that begins at 11:30 a.m. at the north end of the church parking lot and concludes at the south end. Children are invited to ride on the float with St. Patrick himself.

Besides the St. Patrick's float,

last year's parade included a fire truck, a trash truck, antique cars, bagpipers and a swarm of happy leprechauns. If you are interested in participating in the parade, just come and line up at 10:45 a.m. and join the fun.

There will be booths for vendors situated along the parking lot as well. The booths are rent-free, but vendors must contact the church office at 731-5801 to reserve a spot. Vendors should provide their own tables, chairs and tents. Last year's booths included nonprofit groups along with vendors of handmade jewelry, pottery, spices, clothing items and more. Food and beverage

will be provided by the Men of St. Patrick's. Beer will be available for sale as well.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Parking will be available at the hospital next door to the church. The festivities will be located on the parking lot located behind the church. Pets are welcome, but must be on a leash and owners are responsible for waste cleanup.

"We had a large crowd last year," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's, who also plays the role of St. Patrick. "We all had a great time in spite of the cold March weather. We always hope for the sun to shine on us, but we will celebrate regardless of weather. We invite everyone to come and join in the fun!"

Perform

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songs that delve into love and life through haunting lyrics, soaring harmonies and dazzling instrumental proficiency.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the concert starts at 6:30 p.m. with an opening show by the Pagosa Springs High School Americana Project students. The Americana Project is taught by Bob Hemenger and is in its 10th year. It is an elective class that uses musical performance and creativity to foster self-confidence and self-expression. Students will be performing both original and cover songs. Moors and McCumber will start at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Entry to the concert is by donation, with a suggested donation of \$10 per person or \$25 per family. All net proceeds from the event go towards the Library Foundation.

The mission of the Library Foundation is to support and enhance the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library by raising funds for information resources, programs, services and facilities. The foundation is led by a volunteer board of directors and supported by individual donors and community partners.

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Cure cabin fever with 'Acoustic Duets' Monday

By Cynda Green
Special to The PREVIEW

Attention, music and theater lovers: "Acoustic Duets," a benefit for Thingamajig Theatre Company, is just around the corner — Monday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

"Acoustic Duets" showcases five duos comprised of 10 local musicians. Each duo will perform four songs in an intimate concert setting, with each musician singing and playing acoustic instruments. Vocals and instruments will be plugged in to the theater's professional sound system. This venue is a wonderful opportunity for music enthusiasts to hear and see our local musicians.

Who are the "Acoustic Duets" duos? Last week, we featured the talented Americana Project duo of Allora Leonard and Ella Hemenger. This week meet the other four duos: Brooks-i and Jarret Heber, Robin Davis and Jimi Giles, Debbie Tucker and Carl Mori, and Greg Milioto and Bill Hudson.

Sprinkled with Spanglish and humor, Brooks-i had this to say about his duo: "Brooks-i and Jarret Heber's relationship began as teacher and student at Pagosa Springs High School circa 2006 when Jarret received his comeuppance for his curriish behavior in Spanish class. Fast forward to 2012 when the Profe began to teach his estudiante a new lesson — that of playing original rock-n-roll music.

"After years of practice with a focus on superlative vocal harmonies, Brooks-i grabbed his trusty Taylor, Jarret grabbed a bass fiddle and the Brooks-i Duo was born. With a continued focus on the original songwriting of Brooks-i, the Brooks-i Duo bring their jovial jams to the tap rooms and cantinas of Pagosa. Felicities and euphonious sounds abound when the Brooks-i Duo is in the house."

The Robin Davis Duo features impeccable dropped D, flat-picking guitar from Pagosa Springs na-



Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

The Brooks-i Duo, Brooks Lindner and Jarret Heber, will be playing for "Acoustic Duets" Monday, March 4, at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.



Photo courtesy Whitney Hagen

The Robin Davis Duo, Jimi Giles and Robin Davis, will perform at "Acoustic Duets" Monday at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

tive Davis. Paired with Giles on the upright bass, the duo melds original tunes, interesting harmonies and a dynamic energy that only years of playing with one another can mirror.

The duo tours throughout the American West, mainly playing in

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Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

Greg Milioto and Bill Hudson will be one of the five duos playing in "Acoustic Duets" on March 4. The benefit show will take place at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

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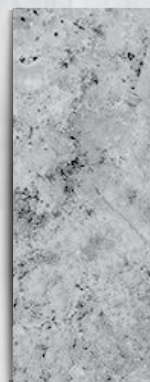


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the Southwestern and Front Range sections of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. In the fall of 2015, they released their first self-titled album. According to their website, “Davis melds throat chanting with trancy fiddle tunes and his poetic style of storytelling will drag you on a space car adventure that will dance in your brain for hours.”

Davis’ past projects include Broke Mountain, where he played mandolin alongside Anders Beck (dobro, Greensky Bluegrass), Travis Book (bass, The Infamous String-dusters), Jon Stickle (guitar, Jon Stickle Trio) and Andy Thorn (banjo, Leftover Salmon). Davis also played fiddle and mandolin in his Durango project Waiting on Trial alongside Ryan Doty (guitar) and Chris Lane (banjo).

Milioto and Hudson began playing music together in 2008, when the fledging Pagosa garage band Rock-ola lost its lead guitar player and was lucky enough to adopt Milioto to fill that position. At that point, Hudson was playing electric bass and singing mainly back-up vocals, and the two musicians became close friends through a series of musical projects that included Honeybone (with lead singer Lisa Saunders) and more recently The Retro Cats (a trio with bass player Bruce Wayne). The two buddies also played around town as a duo known as The BBQ Boys.

Along the way, Hudson has taught himself to play piano and keyboards and Milioto has traded his way through a dozen different guitars and amplifiers in the search for musical nirvana. Milioto has



Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

Carl Mori and Debbie Tucker will perform at “Acoustic Duets” on Monday, with the show serving as a benefit for the nonprofit Thingamajig Theatre Company.

also played lead guitar locally with blues keyboardist Jeff Dysinger, songwriter Shane Lane and with Pagosa band Country Thunder.

The duo appeared in the original “Acoustic Duets” benefit concert in 2011. They are currently working on a new acoustic-oriented musical project with vocalist Laurie Brinkmann called The Bohemians.

Tucker and Mori have played dozens of gigs together over the years.

Tucker has been singing since she was a tiny child and began playing guitar at age 12. She wrote her first song at 14 and found that to be a positive experience that made her feel good about life. Through her teens, she took her guitar to school every day and played guitar instead of games at

recess.

At age 23, Tucker visited Pagosa and never looked back. A highlight of her career was meeting the late John Graves and working up a duo with him where he played piano dressed in his tux and she was his “torch singer.” They went on to play

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Why is it that some writers write and some don't? I often come across individuals that seem to have great ability. They certainly have a "want-to" attitude or at the very least, a lot to say. Yet, for the writer who won't, I am left to wonder if putting pencil to paper or fingers on a keyboard has caused them paralysis.

This topic came up in our writers' group one Monday morning. Every week, a group of writers gets together for a scheduled teaching, then a critiquing of any submitted work. We also search for different contests that people can enter, or research various avenues that allow one to get published.

Just like the hazards of any work, writers sometimes experience writer's block. This happens when a writer has trouble focusing on or materializing a story. Equally, there are those who develop writer's fatigue, the point when telling a story becomes more burdensome than finishing it.

But there is another issue that I believe to be a far greater show-stopper — confidence. Writing is artistry, a creative skill. When I write or create, I find that my work parallels with where my heart is.

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



It can be intimidating, even scary. Putting my thoughts on paper to be potentially judged by others? It stands to reason why confidence retreats.

"What if I don't know what to say? What if my writing is trivial?"

Those questions are numbing at a minimum. Maybe we are asking the wrong question. Perhaps we should be asking, "Is my ax dull?"

Have you ever tried to chop firewood with a dull ax? The amount of energy expended and the amount of time exhausted is inefficient, even ineffective. Writing, as with any other form of art or skill, is no different. It is only when we sharpen our talents, like an ax, that we find we can accomplish our task with less effort and greater reward.

Personally, I have found that my inability to write at times is rooted

in my lack of ability to focus. Now try to use that same dull ax, to chop that same firewood, with unclear vision. A person could hurt themselves before too long.

I write because I am compelled. I love to write. My mind never stops thinking about a next article or next chapter for a book. Something funny will come up at a family dinner or I'll dream about different characters and story lines. Life is full of content waiting to be portrayed, but we have to first pick up the pencil.

Every writer I know has asked themselves at one point in time, "Does my story lack significance? How will my story read, what does it say about me?"

Sometimes the journey toward building confidence in writing is just a matter of racking up miles, repetition, sharpening oneself. Ecclesiastes 10:10 says, "If the ax is dull, and one does not sharpen the edge, then he must use more strength; but wisdom brings success."

It is easy to fall prey to discouragement or script a naysayer's response before we have written even a single word. In fact, we do

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Duets

■ continued from previous page other gigs with his band in some ritzy venues.

Mori learned other instruments before guitar, then started playing guitar "because I had one." By high school, he played guitar well enough make money playing occasional gigs. Mori has played in many bands, such as The I's Havit Trio in Vail for 10 years. Mori played in a rock band on the base when he was in the Air Force (who knew?) and has played with major southwest touring duos. Tucker

described Mori's harmonies and lead guitar as the perfect compliment to her music.

"Acoustic Duets" — so much musical talent packed into one evening. What better way to chase away the winter blues?

Mark Brown will entertain the audience as master of ceremonies; Mori will provide sound. Both are returnees from the sold-out 2011 "Acoustic Duets" that also benefited the nonprofit Thingamajig Theatre Company.

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PCNT to discuss the power of giving and receiving

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

“I will not hinder Good from coming to me. I will accept all that I need to make life happy. I am a child of spirit, and every attribute of good is my inheritance.” — Dr. Ernest Holmes.

All are welcome to join the Rev. Janet Wyrick and Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT) on Sunday, March 3, at 10:30 a.m. to explore the topic: “Money is God in Action.”

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Lane

■ continued from previous page that in many areas of life. Who gets a pass from the occasional self-defeat or self-doubt? It is only when we fully exercise our abilities that we become emboldened with what we can produce.

We know from history that many people of great stature had to embrace adversity, overcome fears or practice (sharpen) in order

to achieve what they wanted. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, “I run thus: not with uncertainty. I fight, not as one who beats the air.”

Beating the air? Now imagine swinging your ax when you haven’t even approached the tree.

Final brushstroke: We are sometimes driven by desires to express ourselves, but cower by our own hand. Sometimes we need to get

out of our own way and just put ourselves out there. Sure, we will swing and miss a few times. Everyone does. But eventually, we hit our target or find our groove. It is then that we produce that which is already ours to share.

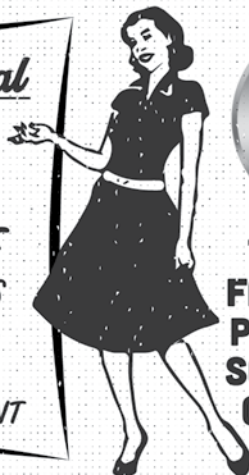
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UUs to explore transcendence

By Merlin Wheeler
Special to The PREVIEW

Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote a set of seven principles which inform our faith. Two of these speak directly to spirituality: “Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation” and “A free and responsible search for truth and meaning”.

In addition, the living tradition we share draws on many sources. The first of these is, “Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life.”

In everyday language, transcendence has the sense of “going beyond.” Transcendence may refer simply to achieving a goal previously thought, at least by some, to be unattainable. In a spiritual sense, transcendence can take many forms. Suddenly noticing a particularly beautiful wildflower

alongside the trail, hearing a bird song, hearing a child’s laughter — anything that pulls you away from your internal thoughts into a greater appreciation of your world.

At the end of the spectrum, transcendence can mean achieving an awareness of a heightened reality in which the sense of a separate self is abandoned. This sense of wonder at life’s beauties and mysteries is aptly captured in the words of William Blake, “To see a World in a Grain of Sand, and Heaven in a Wildflower. To Hold Infinity in the Palm of your Hand, and Eternity in an Hour.”

Merlin Wheeler will explore transcendence through the thoughts and words of many authors and poets, encouraging attendees to formulate their own interpretation of transcendence and, perhaps, discover how it can add purpose and meaning to life.

Wheeler has been a member of the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship since moving here in 2006 from New Mexico, where he’d lived for 33 years. He has been

an occasional service leader and/or speaker at our fellowship. He currently serves on the Worship Committee. His other interests include whitewater canoeing, hiking and mountain biking. He spends a good deal of time each year in his woodworking shop.

Our fellowship is about belonging and, through this sense of belonging, we each grow spiritually. As a welcoming congregation, we invite everyone to share in our faith community. Leadership is by Pastor Dean Cerny on the third and fourth Sunday or by a lay leader on other Sundays.

The Religious Exploration program for 2- to 9-year-olds continues in March on March 17 and 24. For more information, contact Anna Ramirez at afrancis_@hotmail.com.

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

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Unroofing the roof

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

Over the years, Ethan learned to accept his fate. Through no fault of his own, life dealt him a bitter blow with paralysis. His bed became his prison. The light from the small window was the only connection with the outside world. Left alone for long periods, his heart hardened with resentment and bitterness. He blamed God.

Ethan’s four friends entered his room. “Man, come with us this Sabbath. The crowds that follow Jesus continue to grow.” They crossed their legs and sat on the floor.

How could Jesus help him? His family lost hope a long time ago.

“People are healed. The blind receive their sight, the lame walk and lepers are cleansed.”

Ethan heard the excitement in their voices and his curiosity grew. What did he have to lose? At least he would be out of the house. If the guys wanted to carry him to Jesus, why not?

“If I go, do you promise to leave me alone?”

“Absolutely!” They pounded Ethan’s shoulders. “Jesus is at the home of one of his followers. We’ll be here early on the Sabbath in hopes to get ahead of the crowd.”

Ethan smiled at the eagerness in his friends’ voices. He wished he shared their enthusiasm. If he didn’t expect much, then he wouldn’t be disappointed.

Ethan’s comrades arrived early on the Sabbath with a homemade gurney. Unable to contain their enthusiasm, they lowered Ethan

A Matter of Faith

and his mat onto the chaise. Ethan became caught up in the moment.

They talked and laughed as they walked through the streets of Capernaum. Oblivious of the stares of others, they focused on the task at hand. The closer they drew to their destination, the greater the crowd. What a crazy idea. We’ll never see Jesus. Doubt crept into Ethan’s heart.

“Excuse us, sorry, pardon.” One step at a time they made their way to the home.

People squeezed into the dwelling, stood shoulder to shoulder on the steps, and overflowed into the courtyard. Unable to enter through the front door, his friends didn’t give up. Instead, they raised Ethan onto the roof.

“Now what? We’re up here and Jesus is in the house.” Ethan leaned over the side of his bed and waved to the people below. At least I’m safe up here. I’d be crushed in the mob.

Without a word, his pals started to remove the roof made of branches and a layer of mud plaster.

Before Ethan had a chance to react, they began to lower him into the center of the home. His bed came to rest at the feet of Jesus.

Jesus paused in his message and directed his attention to Ethan.

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Breast health awareness: Education, screenings and more at 9Health Fair April 27

By Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

Breast cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in women and the second most common cancer overall. There were over 2 million new cases in 2018 (World Cancer Research Fund).

It's the second-leading cause of death among women. One in eight women are diagnosed in her lifetime. Each year, about 253,000 women in America are diagnosed and over 40,500 die. Every two minutes, a woman is diagnosed, and

one dies every 13 minutes. There are over 3.3 million survivors in the U.S. today.

In the U.S. in 2018, approximately 266,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer were diagnosed in women and 2,550 cases were diagnosed in men.

During the 1970s, about nine out of 100 women got breast cancer (9 percent). Today, that percentage has increased by 45 percent. There's concern that cases will rise by 70 percent during coming years (World Health Foundation).

The 9Health Fair on April 27 at Pagosa Springs High School will offer a blood test panel for \$35, free screenings, educational programs and the chance to meet health professionals.

Have special health and wellness skills? Could you offer education and information?

Want to volunteer? Have a working brain and a good attitude? Have any questions? Contact Sharee Grazda at 731-0317, email: sgrazda@gmail.com or visit 9HealthFair.org. Reach Constance at 7LawsofHealth@gmail.com.

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Without hesitation, he spoke, "Your sins are forgiven. Take up your bed and walk."

Ethan stood, picked up his bed and raised it over his head for all to see. He led a small procession out of the home and down the streets of Capernaum.

Ethan hadn't expected to be healed, nor realized he needed forgiveness. Through God's grace, his sins were forgiven. And, because of His mercy, Ethan was healed.

Where anger and blame dwelt, Christ's peace now resided and joy filled Ethan's heart.

I need more friends like Ethan's. Unable to walk on his own, their faith lifted him up and carried him. They knew Jesus possessed the answers to Ethan's brokenness.

I endeavor to surround myself with people who inspire and lift me up when I'm down. Individuals who go the extra mile, do the unexpected and build my faith. Then I strive to be such a friend.

A good deed does not come without obstacles. But, the reward is greater than the effort as the results overflow into the hearts and lives of family and friends.

"A man that has friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother." — Proverbs 18:24 (KJV).

Because of Jesus, salvation and healing are provided to all who believe.

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

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.

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

Computer Class: YouTube Basics. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn about channels, subscriptions, play lists and uploading your own videos to YouTube. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Tech Time. 2-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library

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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the Woodhouse's scrub-jay.

Formerly lumped in with a Pacific coastal race as the western scrub-jay, this week's bird has now been differentiated as its own interior species. A member of the corvidae family, this bird is an intelligent and opportunistic mainstay of lowland Gambel's oak and ponderosa woodlands and pinyon-juniper forests.

These birds can be differentiated from two other local jay cousins by paying attention to specific field markings, behaviors and habitat types. Woodhouse's scrub-jays have a long bluish tail, blue wings, a blue head, but their scapulars (shoulders), breast and flank feathers are gray-white. Also, they have a sooty smudge below their eye and on occasion, one can make out a faint white eyebrow (supercilium). White streaking/spotting on the neck is often framed by a blue necklace. Their flights are undulating, as they work in and out of tree stands. They have a longer bill, capable of extracting pine nuts when ripe, but spend spring/summer months subsisting on insects and early-ripening fruits (i.e., serviceberry). Their relatively sparse calls are comprised of a short series of raspy three notes.

They can be differentiated from the ponderosa pine master of harassment and mimic, the Steller's jay, as they lack the definitive black crest and vertical tree canopy movements. Also, their flights lack the straight, rapid wing-beat of the slender pinyon jay, which sticks preferentially to pinyon-juniper forests. Woodhouse's scrub-jays are fond of nuts and seeds in the fall/winter months.

Feederwatch.org is a great resource for ideas if you're curious and wish to explore these birds up close.

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



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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.

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.

Friday, March 1

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

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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.

World Day of Prayer Service. 11:30 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 224 S. Pagosa Blvd. 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. For more information, call 731-5801.

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

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

Caregiver Support Group. 3-4:30

p.m., Senior Center. 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.
Pagosa Springs Girls Choir Presents 'Over the Rainbow.' 5-9 p.m., Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. There will be a silent auction, a catered dinner, then the girls will take the stage. A dance will kick off at 6:30 p.m. with the San Juan Mountain Boys. Tickets are \$40 per person. For more information or tickets, call Linda Parker at 264-1434 or send an email to singpagosa@gmail.com.

Saturday, March 2

Hunter Education Class Internet Conclusion Class. 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Any event conflicts which would not allow a Satur-

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

Archuleta County Genealogical Society. 11 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. April Holthaus will provide insights on "Writing Your Family Story." For more information, call Carolyn Paschal at 946-3255.

Paws to Read. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For those in K-5th grade. You are invited to share your favorite books with Hondo, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Sunday, March 3

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, March 4

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

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

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:30 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.

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

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Tween Gaming. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks. For those in the 4th-8th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Incredible Years Parenting Class. 5:30-8 p.m., Seeds of Learning. An opportunity offered to anyone who wants to build positive relationships with their children, needs more effective discipline or would like new ideas to help their children learn and grow. This class is created for families with children between the ages of 3 and 8 years. A free dinner and child care will be provided.

Hunter Education Youth Class. 6-9 p.m., Community Center. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents Acoustic Duets. 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. A benefit for the theater showcasing 10 of Pagosa's local musicians performing in a concert setting. There are five duos and each will perform four songs and play acoustic instruments. A duo from Pagosa Springs High School's Americana Project will also be featured. For tickets and information, go to www.pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Tuesday, March 5

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.

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.

Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church library. Focusing

on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Vets for Vets at (970) 507-3005 for more information.

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

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary. 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

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 Springs Girls Choir Sisters in Song First Rehearsal. 6:30-8 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Rehearsals will continue each Tuesday until the May 9 performance. For more information, call Linda Parker at 264-1434 or email her at sing-pagosa@gmail.com.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn West Coast swing. West Coast is a form of swing dancing in a slot to moderate tempo blues, R&B and contemporary music. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, March 6

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

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

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Jelly Beans After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. Free

for all ages. For information, call 903-8104 or (702) 556-5649.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Teen Knitting Plus Club. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Bring your knitting, crochet or needlepoint projects and hang out with other crafters. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Hunter Education Youth Class. 6-9 p.m., Community Center. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

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, March 7

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

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ANSWER:

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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.

Women's Wellness. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sisson Library. A program for women ages 21-64 facilitated by San Juan Basin Public Health. There will be no physical examinations. The sessions will provide education on about where and how to access cancer screenings, assess barriers to screening for breast and cervical cancer, and help with information about women's sexual health. You will also hear about free or low-cost services. Light refreshments will be served. Call 264-2209 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.

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

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.

Avalanche Awareness. 5:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Join Mark Mueller for a presentation about avalanche safety. Mark is an avalanche forecaster for the Colorado Avalanche Information Center, which says that avalanches are the deadliest hazard in Colorado. Call 264-2209 for more information.

San Juan Outdoor Club. 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Keith Bruno, Southwest Colorado community naturalist with Audubon Rockies will speak on the Four Mile Ranch Youth Program. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome. Visit www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org for more information.

Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Nut tree
- 6 Hit hard
- 10 Battery contents
- 14 Poetic ending
- 15 Luxurious
- 16 Be an omen of
- 17 In regard to
- 18 Bring up the rear
- 19 Denver's co-star on a 60's sitcom
- 20 Litter's littlest
- 21 Surrender
- 22 Bellhop, often
- 23 Put out of commission
- 25 Sudden gush
- 27 Suspicious happenings
- 29 Ararat lander
- 32 Film genre
- 35 24 hours, for Earth

- 37 Edible tuber
- 38 Cricket call
- 40 "So what ___ is new?"
- 41 Non-union workplace
- 43 Rent payer
- 45 Soup veggie
- 46 TV showing
- 48 Bedtime request
- 50 Discover
- 54 Impolite dinner sound
- 56 Witch's blemish
- 58 ___ mortals
- 59 Fabled racer
- 60 Flippant
- 61 Popular pie nut
- 62 Doomsayer's sign
- 63 Film unit
- 64 Bit of mischief
- 65 Beaver's dad
- 66 Rubber-stamp
- 67 Mink, for one

DOWN

- 1 Uncle Sam feature
- 2 Boredom
- 3 Makes level
- 4 2011 Matt Damon film
- 5 Best seller
- 6 Ire
- 7 Fuel for the fire
- 8 Taxing job?
- 9 Bite-bullet link
- 10 Loathe
- 11 Something to ride (on)
- 12 Motionless
- 13 Antelope's playmate
- 21 Deciding factor
- 22 Sandwich fish
- 24 Recluse in a Harper Lee novel
- 26 Grow house sight
- 28 Bellyache
- 30 Gift for a sweetheart
- 31 "Trick" joint
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- 34 Money manager

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- 44 Compass direction
- 47 In a brusque manner
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- 51 Verso's opposite
- 52 Woodsy route
- 53 For this reason
- 54 Vegas attraction
- 55 Priest of the East
- 57 Field of expertise
- 60 Prefix for claim or cure
- 61 Ballet step

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Rise Above Violence: Giving voice to community silence

By **Darcy Downing**
Special to The PREVIEW

Domestic violence in rural America comes with its own complexities. Statistics show that in rural areas, the first report of a domestic violence incident often does not occur until after the third offense. By then, the violence has escalated to such a degree that physical harm, emotional trauma and even loss of life can be the outcome.

The reluctance to report carries with it a long list of certifiable reasons stemming from a lack of access to services, transportation barriers, social stigmas associated with abuse, poverty barriers and many other demographic challenges.

When looking at rural areas like Pagosa Springs, community silence emerges as one of the primary risk factors for victims of domestic violence. This risk factor can be easily remedied by increasing community involvement while simultaneously providing education and awareness.

Rise Above Violence works to break through the barrier of community silence by incorporating the community's members into the foundation of our organization. This is your chance to get involved, be proactive and make our com-

munity a safer and more informed place. How? By partnering with Rise Above Violence and becoming a volunteer advocate.

Advocacy is two steps toward a changed community:

1. Volunteer: When you are a volunteer advocate for Rise Above Violence, you gain insight into the complexities of domestic and sexual violence and how that directly impacts your community. All of our crisis advocates are members of the community who volunteer to respond and answer domestic violence calls and sexual assault crisis calls through our 24-hour hotline.

2. Training: The training we provide is thorough and constantly evolving as we gather more tools and statistics, staying apprised of the latest research and pertinent information. Rise Above Violence Advocacy Training provides you with a self-paced training schedule that will equip you with the skills you will need to become a successful advocate.

We work with two online facilitators to train our advocates: Violence Free Colorado (formerly The Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence) and The Office of Victim Crime Training and Technical Assistance.

The completion of this self-paced portion of the training

earns our volunteers a certificate of completion from each course. A minimum total of 18.5 webinar hours and 13 on-site training hours are required so that you will leave the training feeling secure and confident in your ability to respond.

Each month, we meet for one hour as a team for refresher courses and to develop and maintain cohesiveness within our team of volunteers.

Volunteering as a crisis advocate challenges the rural tendencies of community silence because it includes community members as a solution to a community problem. The more people who are talking about the solutions to the problem of domestic violence and sexual assault, the greater the opportunity there is for change.

If you are interested in making a difference in your community by volunteering as an advocate, contact Rise Above Violence at 264-1129, ext. 6 or email the volunteer coordinator at darcy@riseaboveviolence.org.

Rise Above Violence is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. We service victims and survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and other violent crimes in Archuleta County. Se habla Español. For 24/7 crisis support, please call 264-9075 to talk with an advocate.

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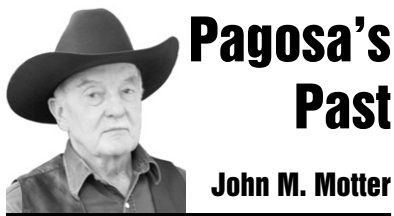
Traipsin', tradin' and explorin': Who was first?

Many historians viewed guides as the most important members of their entourage. In this article I'm using guide and scout as synonyms. Some opine that if Custer had paid more attention to his scout's warnings, he might have enjoyed another home-cooked meal with his wife and family after returning home from his Montana vacation. Lewis and Clark might still be chompin' high-grade Pacific salmon along coastal Oregon if Sacagawea, a Lemhi Shoshone tribal member, hadn't saved their bacon.

The padres leading the Dominguez/Escalante expedition were wiser. They chose three Timpanagos Utes as guides.

First was the main guide, Silvestre, named after Silvestre Escalante. Largely because he was recognized and trusted as a brother, the party was not challenged by the fierce Ute warriors who stood on the sideline and waived as the party traipsed across New Mexico, Western Colorado, Utah and Arizona.

A 12-year-old boy named Joaquin joined Silvestre as a guide. After leaving Silvestre's village near today's Provo, Utah, despite his lack of age, Joaquin helped guide



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John M. Motter

the entire expedition on the return trip to Santa Fe, N.M., where he remained and was baptized into the Catholic Church.

The third guide, Jose Maria, joined the expedition in Silvestre's village. He, too, was a boy of but 12 years. He did not complete the journey to Santa Fe. After watching the terrible treatment inflicted on one of the servants by his Hispano masters, he evidenced more wisdom than his 12-year-old intelligence should have contained and turned tail for home.

Now that we know the names of the players, let the games begin. On the first night of the Dominguez/Escalante journey, the travelers camped at the Santa Clara Indian Pueblo north of Santa Fe near today's Escalante.

Coronado, the first Hispano explorer of New Mexico, appropriated food and shelter from this

same Pueblo in 1541 on his epic journey to Kansas and back.

In those days, there was no town of Escalante, just a collection of small Indian villages. It was a popular gathering place for regional Native Americans.

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An embarrassing event

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

One of my scouts asked me about my most embarrassing moment. I could think of many, but because I had just been to a wrestling match, I thought of one that had to do with that sport.

The year before the particular embarrassing event, I had ended up having to run for my life from a pack of coyotes while trying to save a newborn calf and its mother. It was winter, with temperatures at about 30 degrees below zero. The cold and stress on my lungs helped bring on pneumonia to such an extent that I was in fairly critical condition for about two weeks.

After that, any time I stressed my lungs a lot, I would have trouble breathing. I struggled mildly through track that spring and football in the fall. But when it came to wrestling, I was really having trouble. Finally, my parents and my coach insisted that I see a doctor.

After many tests, the doctor told me I had some severe lung damage. He said the main problem was that the lung tissues were damaged to the point that they were having a hard time staying moist like they needed. Whether the damage was caused by the overexertion while exposed to the freezing cold air or from the pneumonia, he wasn't sure. But he said the key was to be able to moisten them up before a physically demanding event.

He prescribed the use of an inhaler. He taught me how to put the nozzle in my mouth and pump a few shots of it while breathing the

moisture into my lungs. The doctor told me it would not be against any kind of athletic rules because it had no steroids in it. He also told me to use it just before wrestling practice each day and before each match.

At the next practice, I explained to my coach what the doctor had said. My coach was concerned enough that every afternoon before practice, he would ask me if I had used the inhaler. But at the first match, neither he nor I thought about what taking some breaths from the inhaler might look like. Just before I stepped onto the mat, I took a couple of deep breaths from it as prescribed. The other coach saw what I did and immediately told the ref that I was taking drugs. The ref said he was going to disqualify me from the match.

My coach then told the ref that what I took was doctor-prescribed, and if the ref disqualified me for it, he could lose his job. "You know very well that the rules allow an athlete to take doctor-prescribed medicine."

For about 15 minutes, the whole gym was in an uproar with the opposing team wanting me disqualified and acting like they would lynch me. Fortunately, it was a home meet, and they and their fans were far outnumbered by ours. Finally, the ref decided that the best thing to do was to call the doctor who prescribed the medicine. It took about 10 more minutes to get hold of him, and when the doctor explained that the medicine was nothing more than something to put moisture into my lungs, the ref told the opposing team what

he had learned.

The opposing coach still demanded I be disqualified. So the ref showed him the rules about doctor-prescribed medication and told him if he made one more remark about it, he would be removed from the gym.

By the time the match finally resumed, I was so embarrassed I just wanted to get it over with and be out of there. I pinned my opponent in under a minute, and that didn't help the other team feel any less that I had strength-enhancing drugs. But I had done the same thing every previous time we had met and had never had the medicine before.

When the wrestling meet was over, and we had won handily, the other team stormed away, still saying we cheated, even though we would have won even if they had won my match.

Our team met in the locker room afterward and the coach sighed. "I'm glad that's over. But next time, Howard, bring your inhaler to the weigh-in to show the

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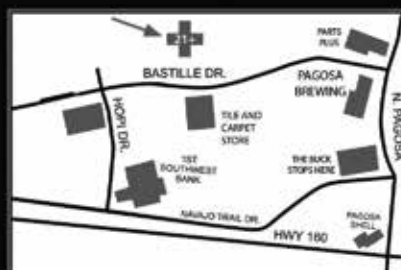
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Stephen Marley will bring reggae and alternative hip-hop to the stage of the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College on Tuesday.

Stephen Marley Acoustic Tour coming to the Community Concert Hall Tuesday

By **Indiana Reed**
 Special to The PREVIEW

Reggae and alternative hip-hop music comes to Durango as the Stephen Marley Acoustic Tour takes the stage at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College on Tuesday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. The dance floor will be open.

Stephen Robert Nesta “Ragga-muffin” Marley is a Jamaican-American musician who is the son of Bob Marley and his wife Rita Marley. He is an eight-time Grammy Award winner (including Grammys for Best Reggae Album and the Best Alternative Hip-Hop performance, a first for a Jamaican artist). Marley is said to display artistic creativity associated with American legends such as Stevie Wonder and Prince, composing and producing his albums, as well as playing a variety of the musical instruments himself.

Stephen Marley began his career at 6 years old, singing, dancing and playing percussion with his siblings in the group The Melody Makers. Into his teens, he assisted in the production of The Melody Makers’ albums, including three Best Reggae Album Grammy winners, “Conscious Party,” “One Bright Day” and “Fallen Is Babylon.”

In 1993, Stephen and Ziggy Marley founded Ghetto Youths International as a means to control their own music and assist upcoming

artists. The first project that brought Stephen Marley’s production capabilities widespread attention was “Chant Down Babylon,” where he manipulated his father’s and The Wailers’ original vocal outtakes from the 1970s Island Records’ sessions, splicing them into duets with hip-hop and rhythm and blues artists, while updating The Wailers’ richly textured one-drop rhythms with an assortment of samples, loops and overdubs. “Chant Down Babylon” achieved the objective to bring Bob Marley’s music to a new generation, earned a Grammy nomination and was certified Gold by the Recording Industry Association of America.

Today, what is now known as the Ghetto Youths Foundation provides aid and assistance, support and critical resources to people in need across the globe.

Over the years, Stephen Marley has explored varying genres and projects solo and with his brothers, as well as with noted contemporary artists. For the past three years, Marley and his team also developed, produced and promoted the annual Kaya Fest, a music and awareness festival designed to educate the public about the benefits of cannabis. In 2019, the festival will expand with showcases in both Florida and southern California.

Tickets for the Stephen Marley Acoustic Tour (\$35/\$40/\$50) are available online at www.durangoconcerts.com, by phone at 247-7657 or in person at the ticket office inside the Durango Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue in downtown Durango. Posted ticket prices include applicable service charges. All sales are final.

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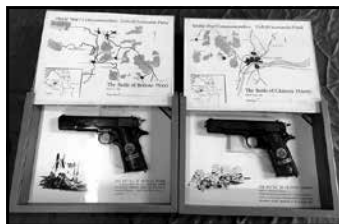
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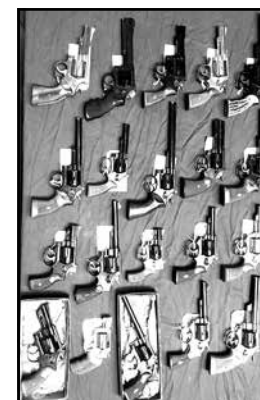
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