



Archuleta County DHS receives 'distinguished performance' award

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Archuleta County Department of Human Services (ACDHS) was honored as a "distinguished performer" among all other human services departments in Colorado and was noted as the top performer in the state for 2018 at the Colorado Counties Inc. conference on June 4.

ACDHS received the distinction from Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), which oversees county DHS offices throughout the state.

"Archuleta County was not only amongst our 17 distinguished performers but they were actually our top performer," said Randi Merry, performance management division director for CDHS.

CDHS uses 24 measures for internal performance review, called C-Stat, and agencies that exceed the benchmarks 75 percent of the time or more earn the "distinguished performer" recognition.

Out of 24 C-Stat measures for

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County commissioners Steve Wadley, Ron Maez and Alvin Schaaf pose with Archuleta County Department of Human Services (ACDHS) Director Matthew Dodson after ACDHS was recognized for its "distinguished performance" at the Colorado Counties Inc. conference on June 4.

Photo courtesy Tonya McCann

County approves maximum price for new jail

Groundbreaking set for next week

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners voted to approve a \$14,494,064 guaranteed maximum price, or GMP, for construction of the new jail at a special meeting on June 13.

The GMP was proposed by Nunn Construction, who is under contract to manage construction of the jail.

County Commissioners Ron Maez and Alvin Schaaf voted 2-0 in favor of the GMP, with commissioner Steve Wadley being absent for the vote.

Coupled with Reynolds, Ash and Associates' architect fee of \$953,200, the full cost of the jail is \$15,447,264, according to an email from Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

Walton's email stated that the jail costs are covered by the following:

- \$13,150,955 by certificate of participation (COP) financing.

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School district addresses facility concerns

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The future of Archuleta School District facilities, as well as potential improvements that could be made to them, were discussed by the district's Board of Education (BOE) at a regular meeting on June 11.

Previously, ASD had gone through a two-year facilities analysis process, that dated back to April of 2017, to determine which of its three buildings was in most need of replacement or repairs.

At a meeting on June 28, 2018, the BOE voted to move forward with a mill levy override (MLO) ballot issue for the November 2018 ballot that pertained to: recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers and staff; funding for full-time school resource officers for safety; and funding for full-day kindergarten.

Archuleta County voters approved Ballot Issue 5A with 3,948 votes for the issue, while 2,499 votes were cast against it.

In addition to those items, Ballot Issue 5A also provided required funding for Pagosa Peak Open School to increase staff salaries, supplement full-day kindergarten and improve school safety.

At that meeting on June 28, 2018, the board decided to hold off until potentially the November 2019 election to put forth a bond issue to the voters regarding ASD's facilities.

The reason behind postponing that decision was to, according to

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Photo courtesy Debby Donovan

In March, local knitter and weaver Annie May Stone, pictured in the orange sweater, presented an opportunity for the Pagosa Stitches to knit and crochet as many hats and scarves as possible by the Operation Gratitude's June deadline. The group proceeded to purl, drop stitch and magic loop a total of 70 hats and scarves to donate, which will be included in care packages to lift the spirits of deployed troops. The stitchers also participate in several worthwhile causes right here at home.

Pagosa Stitches make hats and scarves for Operation Gratitude

By Debby Donovan
Special to The SUN

Operation Gratitude is a program created to lift the spirits and meet the evolving needs of the U.S. military and first-responder communities by providing volunteer opportunities for Americans to express their appreciation to all who serve our nation.

In March, Annie May Stone, local knitter and weaver, presented an opportunity for the Pagosa Stitches to knit and crochet as many hats and scarves as possible by the program's June deadline.

Feeling this was the least they could do to show their appreciation for service and sacrifice, volunteers promptly proceeded to purl, drop stitch and magic loop a total of 70 hats and scarves to donate.

Currently, these offerings are on their way to be included in care packages for our deployed troops.

As Carolyn Blashek, Operation Gratitude founder, said, "Handmade hats and scarves are in our care packages because they convey the important mes-

sage that people at home care enough to lovingly create something warm and personal."

Although Operation Gratitude only specified finished sizes and types of yarn to be utilized, undoubtedly, there was a bit of love and admiration woven in amongst the fibers of each piece as well.

When not whipping up creations for themselves, family and friends, the Pagosa Stitches have also contributed locally by making eye masks for the oncology department and baby blankets for the emergency room at Pagosa Springs Medical Center. They have also joined efforts with other local stitchers to make Pagosa Pals, which puts teddy bears with the police, fire and social services departments to hand out when encountering children in crisis.

All stitchers of all abilities are welcome to join the Pagosa Stitches on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at 197 Navajo Trail. There's no fee, plus coffee, tea and camaraderie are plentiful. Many thanks go out to the Pagosa Springs Arts Council who have warmly welcomed the Pagosa Stitches to their new events center.

'They should know what's going on'

Private demand-management work groups prompt questions about future water planning

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The topic of demand management, drought contingency planning and other issues surrounding water in the state were touched on by the Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) at a regular board meeting on June 4.

"At this point in time, the focus is

really on demand management and everybody is focusing on it," SWCD legal counsel Beth Van Vurst explained. "It's certainly not an understatement to say that there are lots of different forums to discuss demand management, and it's important to stress nobody has decided to do a demand management program,

■ See Water A8

Town seeks master planning grant for lagoon property

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking a grant to help create a master plan for the property that formerly housed the town's sewer lagoons.

The 27-acre property, which has been dubbed Yamaguchi South for the time being, is located next to Yamaguchi Park and was deeded to the town by the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement

District (PSSGID) in 2017 following the decommissioning of the lagoons.

"The site is zoned Public and has been contemplated as primarily for passive and active recreational purposes," an agenda brief for the Pagosa Springs Town Council's June 4 meeting explains. "However, there may be interest in programming other portions of the site for future use by the GID and other uses."

To help with that programming, ■ See Grant A8

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Letters



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'Politics is politics'

Dear Editor:
It is not often that I take to writing some retort to an errant letter or respond to yet another.

One letter regurgitated the same old/tired charges that are traced back to "news" that continually makes numerous/tedious charges without any substantiation other than the obtuse secret "source".

You know: Trump's "misuse" of ice cream, drinking a diet soda, poor handshakes, worsening mental illness, heart disease, learning disabilities, draft dodger, "golden showers" in Russia; the "truths" just keep on coming ad nauseum.

I, for one, want just fully-researched news that is not butchered by the likes of Rachel Maddow, Don Lemon, Erin Burnett, Chris Cuomo, Mika Brzezinski and others who pretend to be reporters/journalist.

No one voted for a Pope to govern in the White House; both Clinton and Trump have their obvious warts. But, for all his faults, Trump appealed to an electorate that was tired of flimflam smooth talkers that continually lied to them.

Regarding presidents who golf too much, that has been the bane of many. From Eisenhower on up to today, presidents have hit the links to the chagrin of many. Just about all have been demonized for their love of the game. The amount of taxpayer money used has been subject to disagreements from many sources.

Being profane isn't one lone president's issue. Some of those guilty of using the "s-word" are: Nixon, Reagan, Obama, Clinton, Trump and others. Reagan and George Bush, on rare occasions, used the "f-word". Lyndon Johnson

even used the ultra-disgusting "n-word" yet fought for equality of the races. Flawed politicians can/do make good decisions.

Regarding the distaste of tourism, I beg to ask for civility when wanting to rant. Certainly, our town needs longstanding jobs; greatly so. But, I love seeing tourists having a marvelous time here. I even greet them with, "Welcome to Pagosa!" in stores and eateries. Their response is one of surprised joy and wide smiles.

My wife and I were once tourists [13-years back], saw the beauty of Pagosa, sold our home and moved [from California]; bought a small 5-acre horse ranch outside of town; just love it here.

Likewise, our daughter visited us and fell in love with Pagosa; eventually moved here and bought a home. Our son is visiting us next week; planning to buy a house, after his move up this way, in a few years.

Tourism is wonderful for those who visit here and return home delighted for having made the trip. Our local economy greatly benefits from their journeys. Others even decide to sell and move to our piece of heaven...how totally cool is that?

Having said that, politics is politics and tourism is tourism. Roses are beautiful but they have their thorns. Life is short; enjoy one another.

Stan F. Counsell

Reauthorize Violence Against Women Act

Dear Editor:
Rise Above Violence is urging our community and our elected officials to support the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) with vital enhancements and targeted fixes. VAWA, for which authorization lapsed in mid-February, saves lives and supports families. VAWA needs to be reauthorized. A strong, bipartisan VAWA reauthorization bill (H.R.1585) passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 263 — 158. The Senate is currently working on its own bill, and it must be substantially similar to the House bill.

Around the country, one in five women has been raped in her lifetime, one in three women will experience domestic violence, and more than three women are murdered by their partners every day. In our own community, 361 women, men and children were impacted by violence last year. Those are only the one's we know about. Sexual assault and domestic violence are serious crimes being committed every day in our community. Advocates answer, on average, 120 hotline calls each year, responding on-scene to an additional 80 or more calls annually.

It is crucial that we know where our elected officials stand when it comes to preventing violence and protecting survivors. Every current Member of the Congress should publicly declare their support for the reauthorization of VAWA with key enhancements and targeted fixes and with no rollbacks. Congress has authorized VAWA throughout the years. We hope they continue helping to make sure all survivors are safe and free from violence and fear. We call on Senators Cory Garner and Michael Bennet to support victims and survivors by supporting a bill substantially similar to H.R.1585 in the Senate. Call your senators today if you agree

and wish to keep vital programs like Rise Above Violence, a VAWA-funded agency, in your community.

Carmen Hubbs
Executive Director
Rise Above Violence

Electoral college

Dear Editor:
Unlike a democracy in which the will of the majority reigns, the U.S. is a democratic constitutional republic designed to protect the rights of everyone. And yes, It Matters. There are crucial differences between democracies and republics that are vital to the issues of human rights and equal justice. Allowing the majority to decide, be they city dwellers, liberals or conservatives, is very dangerous. It opens the door to dominate and oppress the minority and trample their rights. Revoking the Electoral College would place dispersed rural citizens under the thumb of those with potentially very different values who live in high population density areas. I don't want to be governed by California or New York.

Charlotte Maier

Medicare vs. Medicare for All

Dear Editor:
Consider Medicare for All like Medicare on steroids. There are differences, but legislation currently before Congress represents our best chance to cure our sick health care system.

Polls show 70 percent of people like Medicare, which parlays payroll taxes to fund most of the coverage for people 65 and older and those with disabilities. People often purchase additional private plans to fill in coverage holes. Private plans include premium payments and out-of-pocket costs.

Even though Medicare covers the least healthy people who need the most care, it's far more efficient than private health insurance plans. Medicare's overhead costs are about two percent compared to private insurance in the Affordable Care Act with overhead costs around 20 percent.

Expanding Medicare to cover everyone means it would be modeled after the existing Medicare "system", but with improved coverage. The

publicly funded plan would simplify health care for both the patients and providers. A simplified system would also serve to reduce costs.

Medicare for All would protect everyone from birth throughout life — not only those over 65. As the bills are written now, Medicare for All will include more comprehensive coverage, including dental, vision, hearing, long-term care and medications, without premiums, nor deductibles.

All providers are likely to participate because the new system will cover everyone. Improving access to doctors and hospitals. No more networks and denial of service. Our health care will be back in our doctor's hands, not the insurers.

Jan Phillips
Durango

Health care system is a sinking ship

Dear Editor:
Healthcare costs in the U.S. have continued to skyrocket, as we in Western Colorado know all too well. The U.S. pays \$3.5 trillion per year for healthcare, well over \$10K for every American man, woman, and child. Most get poor coverage, wait lines, a scanty list of preferred providers, and for many, a deductible far higher than their accessible savings, a trap-door to bankruptcy. The most common reason for American bankruptcy is medical costs — we allow over one million medical bankruptcies per year, says Kaiser Family Foundation.

A study published in the Lancet, the Healthcare Access and Quality Index, ranked the U.S. 29th, way behind almost all other first world (and even some third-world) nations. Every other industrialized country provides each and every citizen lifelong, comprehensive, effective care, for half the price we pay per person. Picture having all your loved ones automatically covered from birth to death, and covered very well. No worries, mate.

A million healthcare bankruptcies, sky-high rates with astronomical deductibles, and poor outcomes amount to an All-American Titanic disaster. The strange thing

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PSMC board hears recommendations on improving finances

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors, which oversees Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) heard a report on May 28 about opportunities to improve the district's cash position.

The report came from Turning Point Healthcare Advisors Inc., a consultant hired after the district failed to meet the cash-on-hand requirements of a 2006/2007 bond.

Turning Point's senior vice president, Dennis Wilson (who formerly served as PSMC's chief financial officer), discussed the report with the board.

"Turning Point Healthcare Advisors, Inc. (Turning Point) was engaged by the Board of Directors of the Upper San Juan Health Service District (District), dba Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), to make recommendations related to returning the District to a financial position that meets the bond-required liquidity covenant of a minimum of 60 days cash on hand. The District fell below the minimum requirement by 7.5 days as of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018," the report states.

The bonds require the board to hire a consultant to make written recommendations with respect to the district's operations to be able to meet a cash-on-hand test at the earliest possible date.

The Turning Point report presents the current situation, actions management has taken to improve cash and net income, actions that "will improve cash via revenue cycle improvements," actions to enhance revenues or reduce expenses, and more.

The situation and goal

"Operating cash at December 31, 2018, was \$4,685,085 per internal financial statements. This resulted in a cash shortfall of approximately \$670,000 relative to the bond covenant," the report explains.

The report further explains that gross accounts receivable on Dec. 31, 2018, was \$12,511,827.

"Days in gross accounts receivable were 79 days which substantially exceeds industry standards. A decrease in gross accounts receivable between 8 and 11 days (net accounts receivable would decrease by the same number of days)—depending on the method of computing net ac-

counts receivable—would generate sufficient cash to make up the cash shortfall of \$670,000 assuming all other conditions remain constant," it explains.

The report notes that, based on that information, PSMC management requested that Turning Point focus 75 percent of its effort on decreasing accounts receivable and improving collections, with the remaining 25 percent focused on improving operations.

The report notes that, while the goal is to achieve the necessary cash by Dec. 31, it is possible the goal will be met prior to that time.

But, the report notes, "The actual cash for December 31, 2019, will differ from the amount shown above. As expenses increase in 2019, cash required to meet the 60-day goal will also increase. Budgeted expenses for 2019, exclusive of depreciation and amortization, exceed 2018 actual expenses by 4.9%. If this relationship continues, then actual cash required to meet the 2019 goal will also need to increase by 4.9%."

Management actions and other recommendations

The report then outlines actions management has already taken to improve cash and operations, as well as the savings related to those actions, as follows:

- Reduce 7.1 full-time equivalents (FTEs) and contractors in various positions in accounting, the business office, nursing and the clinic: annual savings of \$448,000 less the impact of the reduced cost in the Medicare cost report.

- Change in numerous positions resulting in reduced pay: annual savings of \$128,000 less the impact of the reduced cost in the Medicare cost report.

- Contracted with third parties to handle billing for out-of-state Medicaid, motor vehicle and workers' compensation claims: "Collections related to these types of claims have improved."

- "Will terminate a significant lease related to outside space by bringing employees (business office and accounting) back into the hospital": annual savings of \$200,000 less the impact of the reduced cost in the Medicare cost report.

- "Began a 'Career Matrix Program' in the business office to reduce turnover": "This will result in increased expense, but it should help

reduce turnover."

- "Contracted with a third party for coding due to significant coding errors."

- "Reductions in service agreements and savings from contract changes": annual savings of \$27,000 less the impact of the reduced cost in the Medicare cost report.

The report then delves into recommendations for revenue cycle improvement to improve collections, decrease preauthorization and other denials and lower the gross days in accounts receivable.

Recommendations for net patient revenue increases include actions such as:

- "Evaluating the feasibility of providing physical therapy services for all outpatients."

The report indicates that the service is a revenue opportunity of \$2 million or more for PSMC "with a significant positive contribution margin."

- "Offer swing bed services for orthopedic patients pending successful hiring of weekend physical therapy services."

The report notes Medicare payment for swing beds is currently \$2,161 per day.

- "Develop a monthly cash forecast that allows management to track progress relative to the cash goal and measure days in cash."

The report further outlines actions for reducing operating expenses, with actions including decreasing the hospital's cost for health insurance for spouses and children, renegotiating leases and agreements, reducing the professional hours in the oncology program, and replacing some night-shift nurses with paramedics.

Finally, the report notes actions that merit additional evaluation.

"In addition to evaluating these opportunities to improve the hospital's cash position, it is vital that the entire management team continue to be vigilant in tracking revenues and expenses vis-à-vis the 2019 budget," it states.

Other opportunities suggested for management to consider are evaluating the feasibility of refinancing the 2006/07 bonds, "Compare the percentage of veterans using the RHC to veterans in the community. Develop a process to increase the veterans' use of the RHC," and evaluating "improving pain management services from primarily joint injection."

tions to include other services not currently performed."

The report also notes the need for flexibility due to the potential of changes in things such as provider fees and the impact of Medicare cost report settlements.

"The healthcare industry is often characterized as ever-changing and dynamic. We believe our recommendations are reasonable, but recognize that management should be allowed some flexibility in achieving the desired outcome as conditions change. Senior management must be flexible, always seeking opportunities to improve operations," it notes.

The report concludes by indicating that PSMC is on the right track and the management team is "moving forward with a clear focus."

"Should management find that any single action does not produce the forecasted results, another action must be developed that will. We are confident that the management team will be successful in meeting the goal," it ends.

"Overall, we were pleased with it," said board member Jason Cox, who also sits on the Finance Committee.

The report also contains an appendix with comparative data and a number of other regional hospitals.

Ongoing actions

Out of the report, PSMC's management team created an action plan tool that includes action items for reducing expenses and improving revenues collected, with updates anticipated to be given to the board on a monthly basis.

That document tracks the action items included in Turning Point's report, a deadline for the completion of each project, and percent completion.

Cox called the tool one of the most useful tools he'd seen since joining the board.

The May update on the action items shows 10 positions have been cut and four positions have been restructured.

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Strong April helps medical center's bottom line

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A financial report presented to the board of the Upper San Juan Health Service District Board of Directors on May 28 indicates that the best April in Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) history has helped the medical center bounce back from a shortfall of \$512,842 in April.

PSMC's total gross charges for April were \$5,160,451, making it the highest gross charges of any April in PSMC history, the report explains.

"April 2019 gross charges exceeded April 2018 gross charges by 26%," the report states, with year-to-day gross charges exceeding 2018 by 10 percent.

"We're surpassing last year and budget," said Controller Johna Lederhouse in presenting the in-

formation.

Contributing to that, the report indicates that gross charges were strong in almost all departments with the exception of imaging, which was 13 percent below budget.

Expenses, the report notes, were 6 percent over budget due to the higher volume.

With that, the medical center's ■ See April A5

Letters

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is, all folks onboard could survive, and very nicely, if resources were shared intelligently as in a National Improved Medicare for All (NIMA) system — as all other industrial nations have already demonstrated. Yet folks continue hugging their position on a lifeboat, afraid of giving up their crappy but privileged seat, while millions of the uninsured flounder around them in the frigid waters.

NIMA is a cheaper, more efficient solution that would cover everyone.

Karen Pontius

Excerpts from a soldier's final letter

Dear Editor:

Our local Memorial Day events were beautiful, inspiring and spiritual. Veteran Jim Huffman shared with us, excerpts from the final letter he received from his soldier son before he lost his life in Iraq. That young man's sincere comments to his Dad sixteen years ago, should challenge all of us today. So, here goes:

"Hey, Dad, I'm an American citizen, and it's the American Army and Marine Corps in Iraq getting shot at ... I want to make sure that my government does things right — morally right, legally right, and acts in ways that are not detrimental to the long-term good of the United States. Other than voting, I can talk to people and express my views and if we have a discussion, and I think you're right, I'm willing to change my mind. It's through the sum total of all those views,

mine and every other citizen's, that we go someplace collectively. And if through ignorance or apathy, we do something stupid, we all pay the price — because we agree to the system by accepting its benefits ... the things my government does or fails to do can get me killed and because I am the government, it will always be in part my fault. And yours. And everyone else's too.' Anyway, more later." Kylan. Except there was no more later.

Most have never experienced the life of a loved one in war. These heartfelt words from a young soldier are what our divided nation needs to hear today. Let's take his words into our hearts, be thankful, accept responsibility and seek the truth in all things.

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Patty Tillerson

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Business

CHAMBER NEWS

Starting Your Business Workshop offered

By **Mary Jo Coulehan**
SUN Columnist

Just a little more than half of start-up businesses make it to their fourth year.

Here are some of the top reasons: no market for the product or service, ran out of cash or poor financial leverage, not the right team of people, got out-competed for the product, poor marketing or having a product without a business model.

Are you in the process of starting a business or considering starting one?

The Chamber will be hosting a Starting Your Business Workshop on Thursday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Chamber conference room at 105 Hot Springs Blvd. The cost for the class including lunch is \$25. You can visit the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com and register.

The day will be filled with key start-up business information from a slate of business experts. The facilitators will include an accountant, a lawyer, governmental agencies, bankers, Region 9 and the SBDC.

Are you setting up your business as an LLC, a partnership or sole proprietorship? Do you have a relationship with a bank or appropriate financing? Do you need specific business assistance with marketing, QuickBooks or other pertinent business tools? Do you know the zoning laws or requirements for your business before you open your business? Just because you want to pursue your passion, do you have the right tools to make a dream into a reality?

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LPEA phone scam threatening disconnection for nonpayment

By **Indiana Reed**
Special to The SUN

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is once again cautioning its consumer-members to not be fooled by impersonators who claim to be from LPEA and threaten disconnection for lack of payment.

The current phone scam appears to be targeting retail and restaurant businesses in La Plata County, just as the traditional tourist season gets underway.

"There's always a new twist," said Ron Meier, LPEA manager of engineering and member services. "We now have gone beyond being surprised that the scammers have analyzed our region's tourism cycles and seize the opportunity to threaten our tourism-related entities with electricity disconnection when it's most vital for their operations."

Meier notes that LPEA does not make phone calls threatening to immediately disconnect anyone's electricity for lack of payment, nor demand that members get a prepaid credit card to provide funds over the phone. When an account is past due, LPEA customers receive a series of written notices and are given adequate time to settle their bills before any disconnect would take place.

■ See LPEA A6

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bottom line saw a gain of \$370,609 in April, with PSMC's budget projecting a loss of \$38,761 for the month.

Overall, the medical center's bottom line year to date through April shows a deficit of \$142,233 in terms of net income.

The budget projected that PSMC would be \$224,006 in the positive by the end of April.

"PSMC operations are seasonal and PSMC typically operates at a deficit until June," the report explains.

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Here are some of the upcoming events that you can purchase tickets for. The Chamber has tickets for the upcoming Curtains Up Pagosa summer musical production of "Tarzan." The show will be held July 5-7 and July 11-13 and tickets are \$20 for adults and seniors and \$10

for students and children under 5 are free. For the Sunday matinee on July 7, children 10 and younger in costume get in free.

You can get your tickets for Rotary's Casino Night. Tickets are \$45 and there are a limited amount available. Purchasing a ticket also gets you entered into a cash prize drawing and you will enjoy live music, a silent auction, appetizers, a cash bar and more.

Chimney Rock has tickets at the Chamber for their Solstice on the San Juan event on June 22 at 6 p.m. Native American flute, drum music and storytelling will take place at the GGP site in Centennial Park. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$5 for children up to age 15. There will also be door prizes.

Habitat for Humanity's event, "Hat's Off to Habitat" Ladies Luncheon will take place on Saturday, Aug. 17. There will be a guest speaker, luncheon, fashion show and silent auction. Tickets are available at the Chamber and online at www.habitatarchuleta.org.

Please note that ticket purchases for all events must be transacted by cash or check, no credit cards can be accepted as these are not Chamber events, but individual organizational events. If you are a

nonprofit organization, a Chamber member and would like us to sell your tickets, please contact us for more information on utilizing this benefit.

Don't forget that the Chamber also has the Fourth of July parade applications and waivers available. These documents are available in hard copy or downloadable on the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com. Applications can be downloaded and emailed to pago-saparade@gmail.com or returned to the Chamber offices by noon on July 1. Remember, for every person on your float, a separate waiver must be completed and signed and turned in with your application.

Membership news

Our renewing members this week include Pagosa Riverside Campground, the Pagosa Bar, Fort Lewis College and Tri-County Head Start.

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Aspen House is gaining ground, funding needed to purchase property

By **Patty Brown**
Special to The SUN

Aspen House, an organization committed to building a home in Pagosa for adults with developmental disabilities, has recently made great strides in many critical areas of the organization's goals.

Joining them are two talented, enthusiastic people: Becky Thompson, an instructional aide with the Special Talents class at the high school, and Jari Sage, a project manager with a construction company. This addition to the board makes a total of seven skilled directors, all of whom are passionately determined to see Aspen House become a reality.

In March, Kate Simmons joined the organization as the fundraising manager. Simmons is originally from Texas and has a degree in psychology from Western Colorado University in Gunnison. She came to Aspen House very inspired by the mission, as her younger brother has a developmental disability. Her previous experience with other nonprofits and fundraising is quite extensive and she brings fresh energy and vitality to Aspen House. Additionally, Simmons' knowledge in digital marketing and social media has launched Aspen House into modern-day methods of outreach.

Even with all the talented people



The Aspen House team is working hard to raise funds for a piece of property to build a home for adults with developmental disabilities. Pictured, left to right, are team members Cyndi Figaro, Carolyn Paschal, Patty Brown, Becky Thompson, Carol Riley, Cathy Reece and Kate Simmons. Not pictured is team member Jari Sage.

Photo courtesy Patty Brown

on the board and a perfectly-matched fundraising manager, Aspen House is stalled until they secure land. Only then will the grants and options to make Aspen House a reality become available. Also in March, the board took a leap of faith, made an offer and secured a contract on land with a closing date in mid-July. Now that the perfect piece of property has been located and put under

contract, the real work of outreach and fundraising has begun. All of the board members, friends, family and many supporters of the cause are actively working and gaining momentum on raising funds for the property closing.

Aspen House is looking forward to sharing their mission, engaging support and raising funds for the land at the following upcoming events: 19th Hole Concert at the

Pagosa Springs Golf Course on June 20, featuring The San Juan Mountain Boys; Town Park Fun-Raiser with a dunk tank and live music on June 29.

All of the Aspen House's events, updates and additional information about the organization's mission and goals can be found on the website: aspenhousepagosa.org, Facebook or by reaching out to Kate at the office, 398-1636, or by emailing at kate@aspenhousepagosa.org.

Starter Homes for Archuleta holds workdays for community-build home

By **Pastor Mark Disbrow**
Special to The SUN

Starter Homes for Archuleta held two workdays recently for the community-build home for Robin Gaul.

Prior to winter, the septic system, water cistern and foundation was put in.

One workday started with installing the plywood flooring, continuing with framing and sheeting all walls and setting the manufactured trusses. About 25 volunteers showed up and made quick work of the day. All materials for this day were purchased using money donated by individuals and local churches. The owner bought the land and preliminary materials.

The next workday was for sheeting the roof and calling for inspection.

This community-build house project is an old-fashioned solution to a current problem. House-raising also builds the community. People get to know each other. Neighbors get a chance to work



Volunteers for Starter Homes for Archuleta participate in workdays recently for a community-build home. Prior to winter, the septic system, water cistern and foundation was put in.

Photo courtesy Pastor Mark Disbrow

together and be part of something positive and productive.

Contact Pastor Mark Disbrow at (970) 444-2111 if you want to

participate in any of these community-build starter homes. Cash donations or material donations are also welcome.

Starter Homes for Archuleta is doing business as Amazing Grace Colorado, a religious charitable nonprofit 501(c)3 formed in 2010.

LPEA implements seasonal fire prevention measures

By **Indiana Reed**
Special to The SUN

With safety in mind, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) continues to ensure that electrical equipment damage or repair efforts don't contribute to fire danger.

"Safety is a number one priority for LPEA and our crews," said Justin Talbot, manager of opera-

tions. "June is typical for us to start enforcing pro-active fire safety measures. What this may mean is that, with our safety steps and checks, in the event of an outage, it will take us a little longer to restore power and we hope our members will understand."

At a location where line/equipment damage has prompted an outage, linemen will do extra

patrols of the affected section of line to make certain no other flammable objects are touching the electrical equipment. Only then, will the all-clear be given and the line re-energized. The linemen will then remain at the location to ensure no embers are smoldering.

"These steps will lengthen our response time just a little, for precautionary purposes, which could be very important if a fire has been sparked," said Talbot. "Also, all our vehicles are equipped with watering systems to douse any sparked fires."

LPEA has line personnel on standby throughout the night — one journeyman lineman each in Durango, Bayfield/Ignacio and Pagosa Springs. In the event of more serious conditions, additional line personnel will be called to an outage location.

"We coordinate closely with county emergency personnel so we can be ready and in place if

a fire approaches our electrical system, such as a distribution line, transmission line or substation," said Talbot.

"We're also asking our customers to be aware — be our eyes," said Toby Allred, line superintendent. "If you've got an outage, go outside and survey your property, as well as your neighbors', for downed power lines, smoke or a visible fire."

LPEA advises, if members notice any indication of fire, call 9-1-1 immediately — then call LPEA at 247-5786 and stay away from all downed powerlines.

"And customers living in wooded areas, look up," added Allred. "Look at the trees that are near the electrical lines. If you notice large branches that could potentially fall through the lines on a windy day, or a dead tree in the right-of-way, give us a call. We will come check it out and if it is a potential hazard, we can take care of it."

LPEA

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If receiving a questionable phone call demanding immediate payment, LPEA members are asked to get a callback number from the caller (potential scammer), then hang up and call LPEA directly to see if a true issue exists with their account. If a call is blatantly fraudulent, LPEA members are advised

to call local authorities.

LPEA's customer service representatives can be contacted during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, at 247-5786 for clarification of any billing issues. LPEA members can also review the status of their account at any time online at www.lpea.coop and click on the SmartHub icon.

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Water conservancy district comes to terms with legal counsel

By **Chris Mannara**
Staff Writer

An agreement that allowed for legal representation only at regular board meetings was approved by the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) board of directors at its regular meeting on June 17.

How much is too much?

Before the agreement was approved, SJWCD board member Al Pfister posed a question for SJWCD's legal counsel Jeffrey Kane of Southwest Water and Property Law, LLC. Kane had previously been a part of Newbold, Chapman & Geyer (NCG) PC, but left the firm to form Southwest Water and Property Law LLC.

The district had formerly been clients of NCG, but at an April 16 meeting of the district, they discussed legal counsel options following Kane's departure from NCG. SJWCD board member Doug Secrist explained that the district wanted to retain the services of Kane at his new firm.

In addition to those comments,

Secrist said during the April 16 meeting, "Technically, we are still clients of Newbold and Chapman, so we probably need to make sure that the date that we sign your agreement and you become our official representative is the same date that we're terminating the contract with Newbold."

During the June 17 meeting Pfister explained that Kane had proposed a flat rate of \$700 based on an average time of two-and-a-half hours, but Pfister questioned if the SJWCD board needed Kane present or on the phone for that entire time for regular board meetings.

"If we're going to establish that as a flat rate for a meeting, realizing some could be shorter, some could be longer, how do we take that into account?" Pfister asked.

The time of two-and-a-half hours was used by Kane because that is his current reference point for district meeting times, he explained during the meeting.

"Part of what you're trying to do in setting a flat rate is give certainty to the board, but share the risk that some meetings are going to go lon-

ger; some are going to go shorter," he explained.

However, a larger issue was pointed out by SJWCD board member Bill Hudson, the proposed legal agreement at the time did not fit the district's budget.

"I think what we budgeted was what we thought was necessary legal help for some specific items," he said. "This would put us maybe over that budget."

SJWCD board member Candice Kelly, who also serves as the district's treasurer, noted that the district could be out of budgeted funds for legal expenses by August or September if it continues at the rate it has been.

Specifically, through April, Kelly explained that the district had expended 43 percent of its general legal fund.

"We budgeted \$12,000, we've spent a little over \$5,000," Kelly commented.

If a flat rate is accepted, the district is going to have to look where it is financially in December, Kelly added.

With the potential for the district's legal funds running out if the current pace is continued, Hudson suggested maybe not having Kane attend every meeting.

If necessary, the district could take money out of other expense categories to deal with legal funds if the need arises, Kelly added later.

"I don't really see the need for an attorney at every meeting. I think I'd prefer to invite you to a meeting where we're going to discuss something that we really need legal advice on," Hudson said.

Kelly noted that she agreed with Hudson's comments, explaining that the district only needed an attorney at board meetings if legal matters were going to be discussed.

Having Kane at meetings for only legal matters is important, but having him to hear other district discussions also has value, Pfister explained.

"Somewhere in between is where I think is the best approach," Pfister said.

SJWCD President John Porco, participating in the meeting by phone, noted that the board has been meeting much more often than it usually does, thus legal ex-

penses have gone up.

In the board's history, it had only met every other month, totaling six meetings a year, but the district has been having a meeting a month, sometimes more often, Porco explained.

If the district has Kane attend only the board's regularly scheduled board meetings it could cut down on legal costs, SJWCD Vice-President Susan Nossaman suggested.

Secrist explained that while he does not think the district needs legal representation at every meeting once things get in motion, he also pointed out that Kane is relatively new to the district, so it might be beneficial to Kane and the district to have him attend every meeting until he gets a handle of district business.

"I think that would also improve the legal counsel and the advice that we're getting from Jeff. I see value in that," he explained.

Kane later explained that he appreciated the board's concerns with its budget and getting good legal advice at a good value.

"My fundamental concern is that I am involved enough, either in meetings or other forms of communication to understand what you all are dealing with," he said, adding that he is still in a transition period as the board's legal counsel.

Agreement

Per the finalized agreement itself, it notes that Kane will attend regular board meetings in person for a flat rate of \$700, including mileage, or for \$550 by phone.

Kane's hourly rate for work done by him will be done at an hourly rate of \$215 and the hourly rate for associates is \$185.

Additionally within the agreement, it notes that all documents, outside of original notes made by Southwest Water and Property LLC, are property of SJWCD.

If the need ever arises, the agreement states that the engagement can be terminated at any time.

However, an agreement to withdraw from the firm being the district's legal counsel must be done 15 days after either party sends a written notice or email.

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Kim Moore is the newest member of the Pagosa Fire Protection District's Board of Directors, taking John Daffron's seat. Daffron resigned in May. Moore was sworn in on Tuesday, June 18.

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Education

Charter school analyzes draft work plan

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A draft work plan for the 2019-20 school year that focuses on improving school culture, data, student achievement and operational goals was presented to the Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) board at a meeting on June 11.

PPOS School Director Angela Crossland explained that the goals outlined in the work plan are things to focus on for the next school year.

The work plan also outlines how these goals will be met through support and professional development, Crossland added later.

"There are things that we still need to work on that maybe aren't in this work plan but the idea is that we can focus on and try to accomplish certain things this year," she said.

This document will eventually be adopted by the PPOS board and be used as a reference point for the 2019-20 school year, Crossland explained further, adding that this draft work plan touches on some things already in place at PPOS.

"I see this as, kind of, that pillar document," Crossland said, describing the document as being "fluid."

Culture

Within the work plan, the first goal outlined is school culture. The draft work plan states that this goal is for students and staff to be given the opportunity to "grow and develop in a community that values positive character interactions and actions."

"We as a community believe that students really need to meet their social and emotional potential before they're going to meet their academic potential," Crossland explained.

Social and emotional potential for students means feeling safe in their educational environment, she added later.

Some methods to achieve this goal of school culture are things such as: restorative practices, establishing character traits through-



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

New Pagosa Peak Open School Director Angela Crossland addresses questions and concerns from parents as part of the school's Donuts with the Director community event on June 13. She also informed parents on the school's future plans and focus. Crossland will be taking over in place of former school director James Lewicki.

out the school, review of behavior plan and community meetings, according to the draft work plan.

Data and achievement

The next two sections of the draft work plan touches on PPOS's school data and student achievement.

Specifically, the work plan explains that school data should be used by staff, students and families to assess the current strengths and challenges that face the students of PPOS in multiple subject areas.

To achieve this goal, the draft work plan explains that PPOS can use standards-based project rubrics and other assessments to track student progress toward Colorado Academic Standards.

Updating of individualized learning plans, goal setting and progress monitoring were other things outlined to reach school data goals, the draft work plan notes.

Crossland added during the

meeting that she hopes to introduce more interim assessments that are created by PPOS teachers.

"The student achievement goal is really based on the fact that project-based learning and place-based education, with the model that we chose for this school, is rooted in standards and rigor and high expectations for staff and students, but they need some support in getting there," Crossland explained.

Student achievement goals can be accomplished, according to the draft work plan, by doing things such as: backward designing of projects that are standards-based, project tuning and student-centered coaching cycles.

Operational goals

The last section of the draft work plan touches on operational goals for PPOS, and Crossland described these goals as being focused on things like: recruiting students, policy and procedures and a master schedule for project-based

learning.

Within the draft work plan, it also adds that a revised student/parent handbook will be included as well as PPOS having a presence at community events.

Implementation

"This is where we create change," Crossland said of the draft work plan.

PPOS board member Ursula Hudson explained that this draft work plan is a more "robust" version of the school's operational plan that was developed last summer.

The draft work plan that was developed by Crossland was created by pulling various things from last year's operational plan, Crossland noted.

"I think really, the next step is, after I get feedback, is to start to identify 45-day goals," Crossland said, "because this work plan will take a year to accomplish."

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By Janae Ash
Special to The SUN

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By participating in the STEM camp, students' minds stay active and engaged during the summer break through activities that are both enlightening and enjoyable. Space is limited and filling up fast so call 264-4152, ext. 532, and reserve your spot today for the K.I.D.S Day Camp STEM week.

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Pagosa Springs Car Show



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Hot rods of all shapes and sizes were put on display at the athletic fields in Town Park as part of the 11th annual Car Show in Pagosa on June 14 and 15. Car enthusiasts enjoyed live music by the Retro Cats, enjoyed food and drink and admired some of the best automobiles in Pagosa.



SENIOR NEWS

History discussion continues at the Senior Center

By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN Columnist

Are you interested in reading and talking about history with others? If so, please join us the History (Book) Club and bring your ideas and experiences as we continue a history discussion group at the Pagosa Senior Center.

The discussions will cover many historical subjects based on the preferences of the group. Please come and bring your friends who might also be interested.

Facilitated by Jim Van Liere, the group meets the third Wednesday of every month.

The next meeting will be July 17 at 1 p.m. in the Community Café dining room at the Pagosa Springs Senior Center.

Questions? Call 731-6878.

Caregiver support group

The next scheduled Caregiver Support Group is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and will be facilitated by Elaine Stumpo.

If you are a caregiver of a friend or a family member, please join us for this support and respite group. Adults age 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 is a chance for respite.

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For more information, please call 264-2167.

Health and wellness

The Senior Center is continuing the pilot program which expands health and wellness services to Archuleta County seniors. The program includes wellness and blood pressure monitoring or allows individual area seniors to discuss two subjects of their choice.

There is no charge for Medicare enrollees. Participant IDs will include Medicare card, photo ID and, if necessary, any supplemental insurances. No Medicaid is accepted at this time. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their current medications.

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

The next health and wellness date will be in July.

Medical alert system

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

Memberships

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

Menu

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch. If you are a senior (60 years and older), for only a \$4 suggested donation, you are eligible for a hot meal, drink and a salad prepared by our kitchen staff.

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$8.50 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, June 20 — Chicken paprikash, yellow squash medley, green peas with bacon, milk, salad

bar and lemon dessert.

Friday, June 21 — New England fish chowder, spinach and mushroom sauté, southern succotash, cheddar biscuit with butter, milk and salad bar.

Monday, June 24 — Hot turkey salad, broccoli with red peppers, honey garlic green beans, milk, salad bar and pumpkin pie.

Tuesday, June 25 — Red beef chili, zucchini medley, escalloped corn, milk, salad bar and cherry cream cheese pie.

Wednesday, June 26 — Chicken and dumplings, cabbage steaks, stir-fried asparagus, milk, salad bar and baked apples.

Thursday, June 27 — Crunchy baked catfish with tartar sauce, new potatoes with green beans, yellow squash casserole, milk, salad bar and key lime pie.

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

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

Free gardening talk with Ron Chacey: Choosing vegetable varieties and other gardening tips

By Leslie Wustrack
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Community Gardeners are sponsoring a free educational series on gardening throughout the spring and summer months at a variety of Pagosa Springs venues. Renowned expert Ron Chacey covers all topics related to gardening in the Pagosa Springs area. All gardening talks are free and open to the public.

On Tuesday, June 25, at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. in Pagosa Springs, Chacey, the eminent regional vegetable grower and an original founder of the Pagosa Springs Community Garden, will discuss how to choose vegetable varieties that do best in this region. Chacey will share some of his tried and true favorites and some of his least favorites. He will also offer some general vegetable gardening tips from garden plan-

ning to diagnosing common plant disorders to weed management.

The evening's format begins with a Q&A session followed by the garden talk. On Tuesday, June 25, beginning at 4:30 p.m., Chacey is inviting attendees to bring their questions — on any gardening topic of interest — and Chacey will spend 30 minutes covering the inquiries. At 5 p.m., Chacey will discuss choosing vegetable varieties and offer general vegetable gardening tips. The talk will conclude with real-life stories and information about what Chacey is actually doing right now in his personal gardens.

An avid grower with seven decades plus of experience, Chacey is a believer in trial and error in all areas of gardening. Chacey believes that learning from mistakes is the foundation of successful gardening.

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden is located at the end

of 5th Street on the San Juan River in downtown Pagosa Springs. Decades old, the garden is on land owned by the Town of Pagosa Springs and plots are granted to the town's citizens free of charge. In 2017, the garden was rejuvenated by community volunteers with the assistance of local Pagosa Springs businesses.

Raised beds and deer-out fencing were constructed with donated lumber. Soil amendments, fertilizers, seeds, plant starts, tools, hoses and other necessary items are all provided through the generosity of Pagosa Springs businesses. The Town of Pagosa Springs provides free water for the Pagosa Springs Community Garden.

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden is free and open to all. To receive more information, email PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com. Residents and town visitors are invited to stop by and enjoy the lovely space. One of

the gardeners has donated colorful (blank) prayer flags that will soon be hung in the garden. If you'd like to write a positive message on one of the flags, simply ask any gardener in attendance and they'll be happy to assist.

The 4:30 to 6 p.m. free gardening talk will be held at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse on Tuesday night, June 25. Light refreshments will be served. Event attendees will receive a free copy of Chacey's 2019 Vegetable Growing Notes.

Visit www.Facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden or email PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com for further information.

Funding announced for opioid treatment in 17 county jails

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) has awarded funding to 17 county jails to continue or initiate medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for people with opioid use disorder.

The state is awarding nearly \$1.9 million in total to the 17 county sheriff's offices that applied for MAT funding through Sept. 29, 2020. MAT combines medication with behavioral therapy and is considered to be the most effective way to treat opioid use disorder.

La Plata County, where most Archuleta County inmates are housed, is slated to receive \$60,000 in funding.

Up to this point, OBH has funded medication-assisted treatment

services in five of the 17 county jails: Boulder, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson and Pueblo. Nearly 500 people received medication-assisted treatment before or upon release from jail through this funding since 2017.

"In Colorado, we continue to increase the availability of MAT services statewide for those who need it, including treatment for people who are incarcerated, in many cases as a result of their addiction," said Robert Werthwein, director of the Office of Behavioral Health. "We know that the risk of opioid overdose drastically increases after a period of abstinence such as incarceration and intervening at this juncture is key to our efforts to reduce overdoses."

A recent study in North Carolina found that in the first two weeks

after being released from prison, former inmates were 40 times more likely to die of an opioid overdose than others. When looking at heroin-specific overdoses in the same population, the study found that formerly incarcerated individuals' likelihood of overdose death increased to 74 times the norm within the first two weeks after release.

OBH is providing the funding through the State Opioid Response Grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and, thanks to recently passed legislation (SB 19-008), Colorado has ensured this funding can continue even after the grant is over.

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Fourth of July parade updates and changes

By JoAnn Laird
Special to The PREVIEW

Horses, airplanes, Belgium firefighters, oh my!

Yes, siree. The Pagosa Springs Fourth of July parade is gearing up for one amazing event.

Can't you just visualize all those groomed horses strutting their stuff, proudly ridden by rodeo and Indian nation royalty? Braided manes, silver-trimmed saddles. Colorful. Proud. A tradition. Loved by the crowd.

Then there are those daring young men in their flying machines, who will once again be doing their formation flying over the start of the parade at 6th Street and U.S. 160 at 10 a.m. sharp. Last year, the same five pilots who contributed their time and talent will return once again to wow and amaze the parade spectators. I dare any town 10 times the size of ours to beat this.

Craig Taylor flies this year's parade formation, in lead position, in a red and silver Van's RV8, which he built. A Navy pilot with over 100 missions in Vietnam, Taylor was also a Naval aviator instructor and had a 20-year career as a corporate pilot.

Michael Arbuthnot built his white GlassAir III, which he has enjoyed over 3,500 hours in, traveling from coast to coast many times. He has been a licensed pilot for over 50 years even though he doesn't look it. Arbuthnot would agree that flying keeps you young.

Tim Gallagher flies a Van's RV4

painted white with blue trim. Gallagher has been flying with the San Juan Squadron for eight years. He at first flew his Piper Comanche in formation, then opted to rebuild and restore a damaged RV4 for formation and acrobatic flying.

Skip Thomas will be flying a white and red Van's RV4. Thomas began formation training with the San Juan Squadron four years ago and has attended a formal training program in Texas. In addition to aircraft, Thomas is an accomplished helicopter pilot.

Travis Reese, from Grand Junction, will be flying a black and silver Van's RV4 aircraft. He began formation training at formal training programs in California. Reese is also an accomplished competitor in acrobatic flying.

Belgium firefighters

Belgium firefighters, you ask? We are thrilled to have a contingent of Belgium firefighters join our own Pagosa Fire Protection District, as they did in 2009 and 2014. Who doesn't love to see that big red truck coming down the street with some of Pagosa's and Belgium's finest?

Applications

Applications, waivers, maps and general information are now available at the Chamber of Commerce or may be downloaded directly from the Chamber of Commerce, www.pagosachamber.com, or The Pagosa Springs SUN website, www.pagosasun.com.

For those participating, every-

one in your entry must sign an individual waiver. A class reunion of 25 means 25 waivers. Additional waivers can be gotten from Town Hall. If you are a driver of a street legal vehicle, you need to include your driver's license number plus insurance company and policy number on the application. Once you have your application filled out with your driver's license number and insurance policy number, if needed, all you need is to get those waivers signed. The sooner, the better. A submitted, complete application will save you a lot of grief. Waiting until the morning of July Fourth will only delay your ability to get in the lineup.

Either deliver it to the Chamber of Commerce or download, scan and email to pagosaparade@gmail.com. After July 1, entries may still enter on the day of the parade at the registration booth, in the high school parking lot, but will be placed at the end of the parade.

Parade route changes, again

There has been a change to the change, on the parade route. For clarification, the parade will start at U.S. 160 and 6th Street, not 8th Street, as in years past. It will continue through town, making a right onto 2nd Street (where it used to end), a right on Hermosa Street and end at Hot Springs Boulevard, just past the park.

The town's main concern is your safety. A parade down the middle of a state highway is not the best scenario and they are trying to not only ensure safety, but provide a larger viewing and parking area. Additional parking is available on Hot Springs Boulevard.

You can be a part of one of the hottest events of the year in one of the coolest mountain towns you'll ever see. Whether you're a participant in the parade or a spectator, think freedom and liberty and what our country has paid to keep it. Wear your red, white and blue and know you made the right choice by being in Pagosa Springs on the Fourth of July.



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Thursday, June 20

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

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

Friday, June 21

Joint county commissions/planning commission work session. Noon, Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.

Tuesday, June 25

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, June 26

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

Groundbreaking Ceremony for Fred C. Harman III Law Enforcement Complex. 9 a.m., 125 Harman Park Drive.

Tuesday, July 2

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.

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

Monday, July 8

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting. 5 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, July 9

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, 157 Navajo Trail Drive.
Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting and Board of Trustees of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Fire-

men's Pension Fund regular meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, July 10

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

Tuesday, July 16

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.

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

Wednesday, July 17

Archuleta County Republican Central Committee meeting. Noon, Pagosa Brewing, 118 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Upper San Juan Library District board meeting. 1 p.m., Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St.

Thursday, July 18

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

Tuesday, July 23

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

Joint town/county work session. Noon, Town Hall, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Wednesday, July 24

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

Thursday, July 25

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

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19th Hole Concerts: A fun way to support a cause

By Tracy Pope

Special to The SUN

Entertainment often provides an opportunity to relax and enjoy unplugging from life's hectic schedules. It doesn't get any better than this, right? Wrong. When entertainment is philanthropic, it gets even better.

The 19th Hole Concerts at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club provide just that — a fun way to relax and enjoy great local, live music and beautiful scenic views on summer nights, all while supporting six local nonprofits. It's the epitome of win-win.

This is the fourth year that the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado has organized

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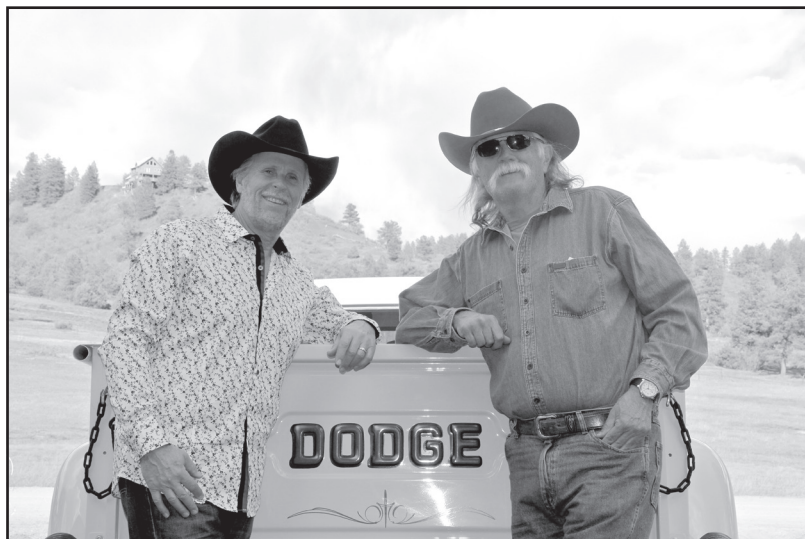


Photo courtesy Ron Lowe

Tonight's 19th Hole Concerts will feature the San Juan Mountain Boys from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club. A \$10 cover supports six local nonprofits.

Thursday

Riff Raff on the Rio: Jack Ellis Trio, 6 p.m.
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Tim Sullivan, 7 p.m.
Springs Resort: Steve Blechschmidt, 6 p.m.

Friday

Pagosa Brewing Company: The San Juan Mountain Boys, 5:30 p.m.
Riff Raff downtown: Dustin Burley, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff on the Rio: Benny Brosh, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Coyote Moon: Karaoke with Lisa Saunders, 9 p.m.
East Side Market: Open Mic with Steve Rolig, 9 a.m.
Riff Raff downtown: Jack Ellis, 6 p.m.
Springs Resort: Bob Hemenger, 6 p.m.

Sunday

East Side Market: Open Mic with Emily Tholberg, 10 a.m.
Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5 p.m.

Tuesday

Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Bob Hemenger, 6 p.m.
Pagosa Brewing Company: Open Mic hosted by Emily Tholberg, 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Riff Raff on the Rio: Gleewood, 6 p.m.
Shooters and Shenanigans: Karoke with Lisa, 7 p.m.

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Concerts

■ **continued from previous page** this grant opportunity for local nonprofits. The venue is provided by the Pagosa Springs Golf Club, the perfect backdrop to feature an amazing lineup of local musicians.

Six Archuleta County nonprofit organizations have been selected to benefit from the concerts. Corporate sponsors cover the costs of paying the bands and marketing the events, so that all the donations at the door can be pooled and distributed evenly to the benefiting nonprofits.

“The 19th Hole Concerts represent a unique model that encourages meaningful collaboration in the nonprofit sector,” says Briggen Wrinkle, executive director of the Community Foundation. “The six organizations work together to generate interest and attendance at every concert. We provide best practices in event planning, and the nonprofits execute as a team.”

The cost to attend is \$10 (cash only). Last year, the six concerts raised \$1,400 for each participating nonprofit. In addition to raising funds, the concerts provide an opportunity for the nonprofits to get their mission messaging out into the community, generating potential new supporters and volunteers.

The 19th Hole Concerts, as well as other community events, are coordinated by the Archuleta Committee of the Community Foundation. The committee helps to provide support to local nonprofits through professional development and grants. They also act as a matchmaker for donors, mobilizing philanthropy and resources to meet the needs in the community.

For example, they have recently established an Archuleta County Fund, which receives donations to provide meaningful impact to organizations.

“The vision of the Community Foundation is a generous, vibrant and inclusive southwest Colorado with opportunities for all to thrive,” says Diane Levison, Archuleta committee member. “Our committee has been gaining momentum over the past few years and we are

excited about the potential of the Archuleta County Fund.”

The Community Foundation's granting in Archuleta County over the past three years has totaled almost \$40,000 to more than 20 organizations. Support also comes through trainings, such as planned giving events and an intensive three-part board training series that will be offered in Pagosa Springs this fall.

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Malinda Burnett, Pagosa Springs Middle School music director, leads the Community Band at the 2018 July Fourth concert. The concert will also be held during this year's Independence Day celebration.

Another favorite July Fourth tradition continues

By Rick Artis
Special to The PREVIEW

Since its inception, the Pagosa Springs Community Band's July Fourth concert has been a community favorite. Once again, the concert will be hosted by and held on the grounds of the Springs Resort and Spa, on the lawn overlooking the San Juan River, and will begin at 2 p.m.

The hotel is located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd. in downtown Pagosa
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All this philanthropic generosity is created when the people of Pagosa decide to meet up with their friends and neighbors at the end of a long day and enjoy a beautiful evening surrounded by gorgeous vistas and fabulous music.

Join the crowd at the 19th Hole tonight from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to hear the eclectic sounds of local favorite The San Juan Mountain Boys, from country and folk to pop and old rock, there will be something for every music fan. Tonight's featured nonprofit is Aspen House, an organization that supports growth and independent living for adults with developmental disabilities. Aspen House is currently raising money to secure land on which to build a safe, permanent and afford-

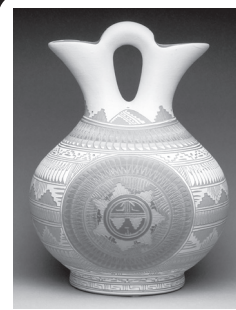
able home for their clients, which will be the first of its kind in the Pagosa Springs community.

The other benefiting nonprofits of the series are the Pagosa Springs Arts Council, Rise Above Violence, Pagosa Springs Girls Choir, Pagosa Springs Area Trails Council and LASSO.

"The 19th Hole Concerts are a unique opportunity for our organization to educate people about the crisis of dead trees falling on area trails due to severe spruce beetle die-off in the San Juan National Forest," said Bob Milford, Pagosa Area Trails Council. "We will use the funds raised to obtain grants and hire Southwest Conservation Corp trail crews to continue clearing the beetle-killed trees falling on our local trails."

Who knew that an affordable night on the town could make such an important difference in our community? The 19th Hole Concerts will continue Thursday evenings through July 25 (with no concert on July 4). Bring your own chair or blanket; food and drinks are available for purchase. Join the fun and be a part of something good.

To learn more about the work of the Community Foundation, visit www.swcommunityfoundation.org or talk to a committee member at one of the concerts.



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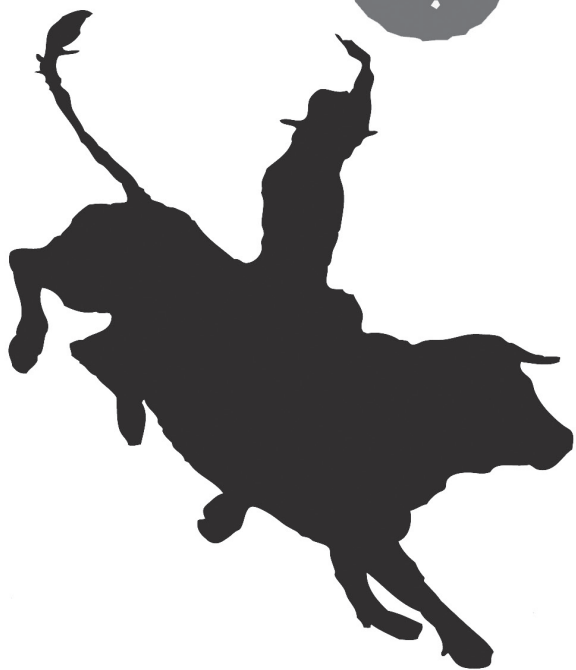
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Community singers to present patriotic concert July 3

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa musicians have again come together to present an awe-inspiring concert celebrating Independence Day for the community on Wednesday evening, July 3, at 7 p.m. The patriotic concert will be held at Community United Methodist Church.

Singers from throughout the area will wow their audience with a star-spangled concert of choral music and handbell arrangements. The choir is under the direction of Linda Parker, and the quodlibet handbells are directed by Susy Mekeal.

Director Linda Parker stated, "July Fourth is such a great family holiday. This concert is a must-see event. So many wonderful people will share their love of music, their love of country and love for our community. The concert is a family affair, appropriate for all ages."

Pagosa Springs really knows how to celebrate the Fourth of July

and we hope everyone will begin their celebration a day early. Wear your Uncle Sam hat, your red, white and blue, and join us for this delightful presentation.

A reception will immediately follow the concert in the fellowship hall. Admission is free, but your donations will be gratefully accepted.



Photo courtesy Roxanne Schick

The new IHM/JP II Food Pantry is open for business, following a celebration held last week. The food pantry is located at Pope John Paul II Catholic Church, 353 S. Pagosa Blvd., and is open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

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Springs and can also be reached by crossing the footbridge behind the courthouse.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free concert. As with most of the band's events, there is no charge, although donations are gratefully accepted. A significant portion of the money collected at all the concerts is returned to the community in the form of grants to the elementary, junior high and high schools, college scholarships given to local students, and the

purchase of new music equipment for the schools.

Look for additional opportunities to support the music departments in the local schools coming this fall.

Players in the Community Band range in age from junior high school to ... well, there's no need go there. If you've been itching to dust off your instrument and give it a go again, this is a great opportunity to have some fun. The band is happy to accept new members.

The first rehearsal will be this

Saturday, June 22, at 10 a.m. and will be held in the Pagosa Springs Middle School band room. The entrance is near the corner of Lewis and 4th streets.

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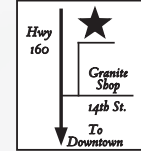
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The cast and musicians of “Tarzan the Musical” meet for a sitzprobe on Sunday in preparation for a July 5 opening date.

‘Tarzan the Musical’ set to open July 5

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

“Tarzan the Musical” opens in two weeks. Curtains Up Pagosa’s blockbuster summer show has 50 cast members, an orchestra of musicians in the pit, a crew of 12

and dozens of volunteers working in preparation for a July 5 opening.

This past Sunday, cast and musicians worked together for the first time as they met for a sitzprobe, a gathering together rehearsal.

“Tarzan” is directed, produced and choreographed by Dale Johnson, with musical direction by Dale Scrivener and with Billy (Leo)

Baughman conducting the pit.

Curtains Up Pagosa is Pagosa’s community theater. Tickets are available at the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce and at the door.

Veteran performer Gus Palma, a local favorite, portrays Tarzan. Include “Tarzan the Musical” in your holiday plans.

Hand-drumming class offers therapeutic benefits

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, June 25, at noon. The hand-drumming class is a family-friendly activity in which joy, fun and playfulness abound. No previous experience is necessary. Drums are provided for those who do not have one.

According to music educator Ed Mikenas: “The advantage of participating in a drumming group is that you develop an auditory feedback loop within yourself and among group members — a channel for self-expression and positive feedback — that is pre-verbal, emotion-based, and sound-mediated. Everyone is speaking, everyone is heard, and each per-

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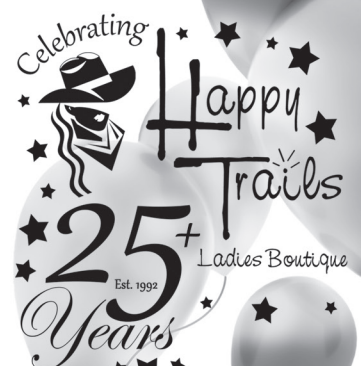
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“Mamma Mia!” Director Chris Willard enjoys a light moment during an open rehearsal event for Thingamajig Theatre summer season subscribers.

Theatre spotlight: Freelance director Christopher Willard back at Thingamajig

By Cynda Green
Special to The PREVIEW

There are no limits to Christopher Willard’s talent and passion for all things theater.

Willard joined Thingamajig Theatre Company this summer as director of “Ring of Fire” and “Mamma Mia.” He was last seen on Thingamajig’s stage in 2011 in their first production. NYC-based Glenn Walsh wrote about that 2011 performance: “[Artistic

director Tim Moore and executive director Laura Moore] had invited their friend, Christopher Willard, artistic director of Breckenridge Backstage Theater, to open Thingamajig. Willard drove to town with his personal clown car of 40 characters to present a two-week production of ‘Fully Committed,’ a one-man show centered on Sam, a 30-something aspiring — and despairing — actor earning his living as a reservations clerk in the sub-basement of a trendy New

York restaurant.

“... Willard’s sold out three-month production in Denver won an Ovation Award seven years ago. Willard was making his last appearance, in fact, as a professional and personal gift to the Moores.”

Willard worked nine years at Arvada Center prior to Breckenridge Backstage Theater where, while growing the theater, he produced 130 shows, directed 70 and acted in 30 shows. Willard received kudos for his successful Children’s Theater program at Backstage. “They are our future audience.”

Fast forward to 2018, when Willard ended his 13-year run as artistic director of Backstage.

He explained, “I wanted to be

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Drumming

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son’s sound is an essential part of the whole.”

Getting lost in rhythms, making up music as we go along, expanding our listening and playing skills, developing musical connections that emerge as an original collective voice, the hand-drumming class provides an opportunity to bond with others in a creative and supportive social experience.

The following quote is by an anonymous music therapist, from a nursing textbook, “Holistic Nurs-

ing: A Handbook For Practice:” “Moisture from the drops of music nurtures and supplies vital nutrients to our physical and emotional well-being.” I’m struck by how beautifully and poetically it encapsulates the current clinical research documenting the multitude of significant therapeutic benefits from drumming.

For more information about the hand-drumming class, please call Paul Roberts at 731-3117. The Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave.

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Spotlight

■ continued from previous page somewhere — Thingamajig for instance. What's exciting is that Tim and Laura give their performers and their production staff the power and support to create. And not to have that censored.

"Here there's an artistic freedom that is liberating — that allows the artist to make choices that still real-ize the story but with a unique vision attached to it. I was able to say to Tim, can we do an older Johnny and a younger Johnny ('Ring of Fire')."

"And 'Mamma Mia!' is a different version. When we looked at it, we realized we had all these supportive vocals even when they weren't on stage, and that's because they're ABBA songs and people want to hear them the way they heard them on the radio. But when transferred to stage, what do

you do with all these disembodied voices? How do you justify them? That was my main challenge. So when I looked at it and talked to Tim, I said I think this is very Shakespearean — the whole creation of the story of lovers who are lost in the woods. And the ensemble — the people in the vil-lage — should be our fairies, our Pucks, and they're the ones that should be manipulating fate and

moving the characters around and are ever-present. So you're going to see the ensemble on stage ma-nipulating the characters, chang-ing the set, pushing the story for-ward, making it all happen. That's how I justify having them on stage. A different approach, and Tim said go for it."

Willard is also an accomplished playwright. Two of his plays — "Hidden" and "Office Space" — have been produced at Thingamajig.

"I really en-joy writing, but writing is kind of lonely. Some-times I write in order to clean my apartment. I'll procrastinate and get a spotless apart-ment and then there's nothing left to do but write. Procras-tination is part of my process," he noted.

The life of a freelance di-rector has its uncertainties.

"What hap-pens next I don't know. I

like directing. It's not a power trip. It's about giving ownership to the actors and inspiring them. I like to be a teacher," he explained.

For information and to pur-chase tickets for Thingamajig's summer repertory season ("Ring of Fire," "Mamma Mia," "The Who's Tommy," "Jekyll and Hyde," "Alice in Wonderland JR"), please visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW (7469).

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Friday night is Las Vegas night in Pagosa

By JoAnn Laird
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Rotary Casino Night Las Vegas promises to be a fun-packed evening. On June 21 from 6:30 to 10 p.m., the event will be held at the PLPOA Clubhouse on Port Avenue.

Think dancing, play-money wagering and consuming tidbits and beverages. You will even get \$50,000 of play money to play black jack, roulette or Texas hold 'em at the end of the evening your chips will be converted into tickets. Those tickets will then be drawn for prizes, such as a four-night stay in

a private home in Sedona, Ariz., with golf for two and a wine tasting, tickets on the Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad and a stay at the Antler's Rio Grande Lodge with Creede Repertory tickets, just to name a few. Dance to the music of the Retro Cats, win at the silent auction, enjoy the cash bar, munchies and desserts. It will be the most fun you can find on a Friday night in Pagosa.

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cational needs for the students of Pagosa schools.

If you have other obligations and can't attend, buy a ticket or two and gift a friend or neighbor. They will have a great time, you will be a good friend and you will be rewarded, knowing you are helping a needed cause in our community. The number of tickets are limited due to the event's popularity and space. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce, The Choke Cherry Tree or from any Rotarian. Tickets are \$45 or \$50 at the door.

Casino Night, Pagosa style, is a better bet than Las Vegas could ever be.

Preview Calendar

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

Thursday, June 20

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.

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

Summer Reading Club: Blast Off into Outer Space! Astronauts, Rockets, Rovers and Satellites. 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Getting into space can be tricky, but we have plenty of books to show you how to prepare. Join us for rocket-themed crafts, activities and stories. First stop: the moon. Learn about our closest neighbor and participate in a moon craft or two. 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.

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

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

Computer Class: Transparent Language Learning. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Packed full of pronunciation, speech, grammar, writing and vocabulary-building lessons. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Horseshoe Pitching. 4 p.m., South Pagosa Park. Beginners welcome. Learn the game, have fun. Shoes available. Call Mark at 264-2838 for more information.

Grief Support Group. 4-5:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Grief share is a national nondenominational program.

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San Juan Stargazers. 5 p.m., Ruby Sisson Library. Guest speaker Eric Fisk, an aerospace technician, will share 37 years of experience with satellite programs. For more information, visit www.sanjuanstargazers.org, email sjstargazers@gmail.com or call 335-8286.

19th Hole Concert Series. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. San Juan Mountain Boys hosted by Aspen House. The cover charge is a \$10 donation. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Concert goers should bring a camp chair or blanket. Please, leave pets at home.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Ring of Fire.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Friday, June 21

Summer Solstice Sunrise Photo Tour. 4:20-6 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. Watch the sun rise over the San Juan Mountains this first and longest day of summer. For more information and tickets, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

Independent Living Skills Class. 9-10:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. For persons with developmental disabilities to develop skills to live the lives they deserve in their community. The series will focus on self-care and job longevity. For more information,

contact Salomon at Southwest Center for Independence at 903-8339 or email Mashi at mashi@swilc.org.

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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.

English as a Second Language. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Movie. 2:30-4 p.m., Sisson Library. All ages. When a lovable misfit from another planet lands on Earth and meets an earthling, the two unlikely friends embark on the greatest journey of all time, the journey home. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Yoga. 5-6 p.m., Community Center.

Casino Night Las Vegas. 6:30-10 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Think dancing, wagering, and consuming tidbits and beverages. You will even get \$50,000 of play money. Whatever you win at the end of the night, your chips will be converted into tickets and will then be drawn for prizes. Dance to the Retro Cats, win at the silent auction and more. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce, The Choke Cherry Tree or from any Rotarian. Tick-

ets are \$45 or \$50 at the door. **Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Mamma Mia.'** 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

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



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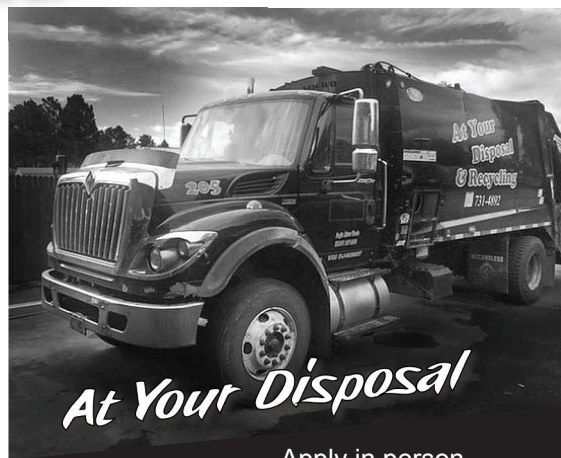
Members of the 4-H Wolf Creek Wonders Club host the meal at Loaves and Fishes as their annual community service project. This was the sixth year participating with the Loaves and Fishes volunteers at a June meal-time when school is out. Thirty-three 4-H members participated in the day from setup to cleanup and also experienced food preparation, grilling hamburgers and serving 173 meals.

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Saturday, June 22

21st Annual Archuleta County Golf Tournament. Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Benefitting United Way of Southwest Colorado. This long-time event includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and great prizes. The entry fee is \$80 per person. For registration or to sponsor, contact Jodi Jahrling at jodij@unitedway-swco.org or call 247-9444, ext 10. You can also register online and get detailed information at www.unitedway-swco.org/pagosagolf.

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. For more information, please contact paulineb@centurytel.net or visit the SOS website, www.sospagosa.org.

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

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

Pagosa Springs Community Band Rehearsals Begin. 10 a.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School band room. For more information, call Larry Baisdon at 317-9288 or Malinda Burnett at 903-7109.

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

Painting for the Pooches. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Humane Society of Pagosa Springs. Painting party and open house presented by the Pagosa Springs Arts Council and the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs. For more information, contact the Humane Society at 264-5549.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We have the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Lower Blanco Property Owner's Association Annual Meeting.

Noon, The Last Resort RV Park, 256 County Road 339. A potluck is planned, so bring a side dish or dessert to share. The association will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. The meeting will take place after the potluck and will include the election of association officers, updates on the community assessment we are conducting, and other concerns and ideas.

Allison Church Pig Roast. 5-7 p.m., Allison Community Church Yard. Fundraiser and a time to visit with friends and neighbors. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, under age 6 are free.

Solstice on the San Juan. 6 p.m., Centennial Park. Enjoy live Native American flute and drum music in addition to Native American storytelling. Tickets are \$25 for adults in advance, \$30 at the gate and are available at the Choke Cherry Tree, Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and www.chimneyrockco.org.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'The Who's Tommy.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Sunday, June 23

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Mamma Mia.' 2 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Bingo. 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., early-bird bingo at 5:45 p.m., bingo from 6-8 p.m. Concessions and cash prizes. No outside food or drink.

Monday, June 24

Pagosa Peak Open School: Shadow Days. Pagosa Peak Open School, 7 Parelli Way. Curious about our unique programming at Pagosa Peak Open School? Students are encouraged to come to shadow at PPOS this summer. Spots will be limited each day in order to give a quality experience. Contact Angela to reserve a spot at areali@ppos.com or call 317-2151.

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.

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if

you don't have one.
Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call Beverly at 264-2064.

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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.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

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.
DUST2Wheel Club Monthly Meeting. 6:30 p.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant. The agenda will include a presentation by professional trail builder Dave Dessle, a brainstorming session to find out what the membership would like to see as part of its local bike club and general club updates. All are welcome. Join us as we build a strong cycling community in Pagosa Springs. Contact Connie Hayes at 731-2002 for more information.

Tuesday, June 25

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Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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.

Pagosa Springs Women's Golf Association. 8:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Golf Club. Call Lynne McCrudden at 946-2517 for

more information.

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.

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m., Elkwood Manor Bed and Breakfast. Luncheon will be \$12. All ladies are welcome. RSVP needed, call 946-1895.

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

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 507-3005 for more information.

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Pagosa Earth Community. 1 p.m., Ruby Sisson Library. Learn travel tips from YES Magazine plus mental health topics. Coffee and teas will be served. Everyone welcome.

PALS Adult Education. 2-7 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.

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

Gardening Talk. 4:30-6 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Ron Chacey will talk about choosing vegetable varieties and general vegetable gardening tips. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden.

Pagosa Earth Community. 6 p.m., Ruby Sisson Library. Learn travel tips from YES Magazine plus mental health topics. Coffee and teas will be served. Everyone welcome.

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 swing is a form of swing dancing that is danced in a slow to moderate tempo to blues, R&B and, in recent times, contemporary music. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, June 26

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Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Hora De Cuentos: Spanish Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Mable Martinez Barber will share some of her favorite children's stories in Spanish. Join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Flow Yoga Class. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For

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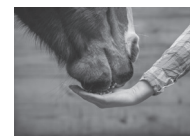


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 more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

English as a Second Language. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Guided Labyrinth Walk. 12:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Docents will provide information and suggestions for meditation. The labyrinth is outdoors, south of the parking lot.

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

Zentangle. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Spanish Conversation. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Our conversation hour will help you increase fluency by speaking with other Spanish language speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Role-Playing Game. 3:30-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Resilient Archuleta. 6 p.m., Extension Office. Mike Le Roux of emergency Management will be the guest speaker. Mike will explain the All Hazards Mitigation Plan and how we as a community be prepared and resilient in the face of disaster. This will not only be on how to prepare but talk about the social, environmental and economic effects and what actions we can take to bounce back. All community members are encouraged to attend to give input to this process. Call 264-5931 for more information.

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, June 27

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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.

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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

Summer Reading Club: Flying by the Planets. 10-11:30 a.m., Sisson Library. For those in the K-5th grade. Come read about the planets, view images of the planets taken by the Hubble telescope and create your own. 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.

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.

Horseshoe Pitching. 4 p.m., South Pagosa Park. Beginners welcome. Learn the game, have fun. Shoes available. Call Mark at 264-2838 for more information.

Grief Support Group. 4-5:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Grief share is a national nondenominational program. The purpose of the meetings is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member or of a special friend. A person may attend one or all of the meetings. Topics vary, so there is no progression of subjects. Interested persons can call the church office at 264-5508 for further information.

19th Hole Concert Series. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Golf

Club. Denise Chaney hosted by Rise Above Violence. The cover charge is a \$10 donation. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Concert goers should bring a camp chair or blanket. Please, leave pets at home.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'The Who's Tommy.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Friday, June 28

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

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Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Pickleball. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Literary Ladies Book Club. 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Sisson Library. We will discuss "The Wishing Tree" by Jon Shors. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

English as a Second Language. Noon-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Teen Book Club. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grade. Join us for snacks and lively discussion of this month's book. Stop by and pick up a copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Teen Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in the 7th-12th grade. Xbox 360 Kinect, and snacks. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

Yoga. 5-6 p.m., Community Center.
Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Jekyll and Hyde.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for

the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Night Sky: Stars and Galaxies. 7:30 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is timed for when the moon is absent from the sky. Visitors can enjoy the night sky in a truly dark-sky environment and see fainter objects that the moon's light would normally obscure. For more information, visit www.chimneyrockco.org.

Saturday, June 29

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, South Park, South 8th and Apache streets. Weather permitting. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Guided Hike at Treasure Falls. 9-10:30 a.m., Treasure Falls parking area. Plunge into mystery of the natural and cultural history that surrounds the falls in this short interpretive hike. Call the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268 for more information.

Pagosa Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., East Side Market. For more information, please contact paulineb@centurytel.net or visit the SOS website, www.sospagosa.org.

Family Storytime. 9:30-10 a.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts and plenty of reasons to get up and move.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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contraction
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scene
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heard?"
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clouds
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morsel
- 36 Before long
- 37 It may be bright
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- 2 Rush follower
- 3 Forerunner
- 4 Choppers
- 5 Surprise attack
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Sunday, June 30

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.

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Tuesday, July 2

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'The Who's Tommy.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

Wednesday, July 3

Patriotic Concert. 7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Singers from throughout the area will wow their audience with a star-spangled concert of chorale music and handbell arrangements.

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Thursday, July 4

Fourth of July Parade. 10 a.m., downtown Pagosa Springs. The parade will start on U.S 160 and 6th Street and will continue through town making a

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Pagosa Springs Community Band July Fourth Concert. 2 p.m., The Springs Resort. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Larry Baisdon

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Opening Pagosa Farmers Market great success

By Pauline Benetti
Special to The PREVIEW

The first Pagosa Farmers Market of the 12th season was a huge success with great weather, crowds of people, garden fresh veggies, a huge variety of potted starts to be taken home and put out when the weather is right, two new vendors and two more coming soon.

Now, for those who could not find tomatoes, just relax. They will be here in nature's own good time and not one moment before. This is our local growers' greatest challenge — the short growing season.

In 2018, The Pagosa Farmers Market was the recipient of a grant from the national organization Farmers Market Coalition in the form of an EBT terminal that will accept SNAP cards, allowing the market to continue the Double Up Bucks program supported by Live Well Colorado.

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The first Pagosa Farmers Market of the season featured great weather, crowds of people, garden fresh veggies, a huge variety of potted starts, and new vendors.

The calling is bigger

In 1986, I began holding yearly Christian Artist and Writers' Retreats. For 21 years, my Sweet Al and I opened our doors here on the Blanco. I was beginning to understand in my own life that my creativity was not sourced from me, but was a gift I had been given. And, as such, would be entrusted to me; it had to be a part of a calling from God. It seemed like everywhere I went I found other "frustrated artists" who were coming to the same understanding. But therein lied a bigger problem. There didn't seem to be a welcoming venue or even those who understood what to do with the gifts of a creative mind.

Back then, the best the organized church would offer was some "FYI" pin-up space on a bulletin board. That was about the only visibility to be had. Was a creative artist too unconventional to work or produce within the boundaries of a box with a steeple? I'm not even sure I knew I was supposed to stay "inside the box," let alone that I may be frowned upon for coloring outside its lines. Imagine the shock to the creative mind to find they are different simply because they dream in color.

The annual artist retreats began small, but grew over time. My Sweet Al used to call the retreat guests "your flakey friends." He cherished them all, but was not one to hold back in referencing how he viewed them. After all, his idea of artistry is bondo on a fender. I, of course, called our retreat guests fun, exciting, adventurous, even fearless. We had writers, singers, painters, woodcarvers and sculptors, just to name a few. Some years we averaged upward of 30 to 50 guests.

We had guest speakers who spoke, while attendees showed

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



off their wares, sang their songs or sought critique about ideas for their next masterpiece. It was an interesting thing to be around people who were like-kind. Even to the stranger who was new to our group, we understood each other at the front door. I suppose it didn't hurt that we would all occasionally brag about how wonderfully creative and awesome we were. I guess you could call it our own inspirational mirror chant.

Those years are long past. When I think back, I'm not sure I actually knew what I was doing — only that there were those who had a voice that wasn't being heard, needed to be heard or just needed to be understood. It may have even seemed to be a silly notion to anyone looking in from the outside. Then again, some callings are so much bigger than really any of us can comprehend.

I can attest, as would anyone who has taken on a group activity such as this, nothing comes easy. So many times I wondered if the work outweighed the benefit. Fortunately, there are many moments and people that I will cherish forever. And when I least expect it, the occasional message from a past years' attendee affirms that what was set on course completed its race.

I wrote in my blog recently that artists are deliciously out of balance. For most people, they map or process a task from start to finish. This is not always the case for the

artistic mind. We move from one great idea to the next. Sometimes we finish what we start, other times we table something because its legacy has to marinate in our soul before we understand the final picture. The beauty of today is that artists are finding that they can shine brighter than ever before, and even

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a dollar from the Double Up Bucks program to a maximum of \$20 per visit. Essentially, that means free fruits and veggies. That's what the Double Up Buck Program promises. How can anyone turn that down? The terminal also facilitates purchases of healthy food with a debit card, thus increasing the customer count for our growers.

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If you did not make it to the first Pagosa Farmers Market, let's see you this Saturday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Find us at the east end of town where you will also find music, shade, tables and very likely your neighbor.

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Veronica Medina (far right), president of Archuleta County Republican Women, is shown with speakers at the June 11 ACRW meeting: Torr Hessman, instructor of building skills classes for vocational division of high school; Lori Hendricksen, new executive director of Habitat for Humanity, Pagosa Springs; and Larry Ash of Build Pagosa.

Lane

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One of my dearest friends who was a frequent guest speaker at our retreats fit the stereotypical mold of an artist — platinum blonde poufy hair, glittery pink clothing adorned in sparkling jewelry and wild print leggings capped with funky, clunky shoes.

During one of her teachings, she went around the room and wrapped each guest in a colorful shawl. She spoke prophetic words into their lives. The shawl was a symbolic way of representing a mantle, an anointing.

God says in his word that each one of us is given a calling. This calling doesn't always match a person's ability, talent or even their faith. It is not meant to fit who we are, but position us directionally. The mantle, on the other hand, allows us to grow into who we are to become and in the direction we are being called.

"For consider your calling,

brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong" — 1 Corinthians 1:26-27.

Final brushstroke: It is not just the artist who is called to produce beyond their ability. Each of us has been positioned in a way that can glorify God once we learn to follow the leading of his path. For this, we can be encouraged. All that is asked of us is to bestow upon the world the gift that has been given us. And, yes, the mantle will be too big for us in the beginning. But if we stay true to the calling, one day we will have grown into who we were always meant to be based on God's anointing.

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ANSWER:

Traipsin', tradin' and explorin'

As we ended last week's column, most of the able-bodied men in the West had returned to the East and South to fight in the Civil War. Not surprisingly, the gold strike near today's Baker's Park located downstream from Silverton, named for the prospector who discovered the gold, was temporarily abandoned.

When the Civil War ended in April of 1865, what amounted to almost a stampede of gold seekers headed West. Some followed the Oregon Trail to the proven strike at Sutter's Mill in California. Others followed the Butterfield Stage Route across Texas through El Paso, Southern New Mexico and

New Thought Center: Have faith in your decisions

By Lisa Burnson
Special to The PREVIEW

"Know that you are directed by divine guidance and that you are compelled to think and act constructively. Therefore, everything you do or say carries with it a divine authority. Live with a sense of confidence, peace and joyful expectancy." — Dr. Ernest Holmes

All are welcome to join New Thought Center (NTC) for Inspirational Living (formerly Pagosa Community of New Thought) this Sunday, June 23, at 10 a.m., for our presentation: "Decisions, Decisions, Decisions." We will explore strategies for making decisions that we can feel confident about.

Meditation circle

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

"When one attends group meditation, motivation gets higher, it encourages consistence with the practice," said Kathryn Remati.

Upcoming events

On Thursday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m., NTC will host artist and author Shari Silvey speaking on "Personal Transformation."

On Thursday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m., NTC will host Sue and John Love speaking on "Matrix Re-Imprinting: Beyond Emotional Freedom Technique."

On Saturday, June 29, NTC will hold our annual rafting trip and picnic.

All are welcome. Please call NTC for more information.

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Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

Meanwhile, the Native Americans who had become accustomed to winning their battles with the whites were now alarmed at the number of reinforcing whites traipsin' across native lands in search for gold. They had every right to be upset.

Arizona into Southern California. Still others traveled westward into Colorado and on to Denver near Colorado's first gold strike. Finally, a considerable number of millionaire wannabes followed the Santa Fe Trail from Kansas City to Santa

Fe, then pointed their wagons northward along The Old Spanish Trail to Baker's Park in the Southern Colorado Rockies. Each of these trails provided hope for the battle-scarred veterans of the U.S.A.'s bloodiest and deadliest war.

Meanwhile, the Native Americans who had become accustomed to winning their battles with the whites were now alarmed at the number of reinforcing whites traipsin' across native lands in search for gold. They had every right to be upset. In 1848, all of Colorado and one-half of New Mexico was Ute land. In order to avoid a bloody war, treaty after treaty was signed between Ute and White as gold was discovered ever deeper into the mountains. Each treaty meant less land for the Utes, i.e., western half of Colorado, all land from Four Corners north along the Utah border 90 miles and eastward from that line to the San Juan River at Pagosa Springs and, finally, after a few more treaties, the present boundaries were established shortly after 1900. Books have been written about this subject justifying the Ute distrust of whites, ergo the cliché, "White man speaks with forked tongue." Again, there is too much information on this subject for this short column.

Returning to Pagosa Country history, we learn that Army Lt. Col. E.H. Bergman and a detachment of troops passed through Pagosa Country in 1867 while making a reconnaissance tour of the mining country. He advised against building an Army fort at Pagosa Springs because his troops suffered from the deep snow and cold winter.

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A mustard seed in a yellow dress

By Allyn Schuyler
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When I look back on the choices I made once I left college, I am not proud. I learned, I enjoyed and was good at the hospitality business and soon rose up the ranks, but my time in that industry only pushed me further away from my Christian roots. I was stepping off the path God had designed for me, but I was a strong Texas woman, and my will prevailed.

Once day I noticed two older women strolling across the hotel lobby. They were gray-haired and spoke English with a foreign lilt. It could've been Australian or maybe Swedish — I wasn't experienced with world travel enough to recognize which.

At any rate, these ladies intrigued me — they were obviously traveling together and were quite spry — they would come through the lobby chattering about their day's adventures like two school girls. They reminded me of Easter eggs in their unusual crocheted dresses — plain patterned, but lacy and layered over a cotton sheath in a variety of pastel colors. I'd never seen anything like them. I complimented them one day and they explained these garments were perfect for traveling — they never needed to be ironed and could be washed in a sink and dried on a shower curtain rod. I thought it was quite ingenious.

One afternoon, one of those women approached the front desk. Across the counter, she pushed a paper-wrapped package. Inside was a beautiful yellow crocheted dress and matching sheath. I was taken aback. These ladies were traveling in a foreign country and surely wouldn't have packed too many extra clothes. But as precious as the dress had to be for her, more special to me was the gift of what she said next.

"I am here to tell you God has something very special in store for you."

After my stunned and fumbled thank you, she left and I never saw either of them again. I wasn't quite sure what to make of the encounter, because I certainly was not

A Matter of Faith

following God at the time. I took the dress home and it sat on my kitchen table for quite a while as I contemplated this strange experience and what it meant for me.

I wish I had been convicted enough to turn my life around right then and there — but that's not what happened. In my pride, I continued to make decisions that took me further and further away from the Lord. The evil one had been lurking and he snatched and hid that seed of wisdom from me.

The yellow dress was never forgotten, but it was put away for many years. By this time, I was experiencing my rebellious life on some very rocky ground. Whenever I struggled with a job or relationship, I remembered the seed, "God has something very special in store for you."

And with each recollection I would be encouraged there might be something better ahead — but the feeling never lasted long. I wasn't ready to receive it, though I believed it to be true.

That the evil one didn't snatch the seed completely away, or my life didn't completely choke it out, I give credit to my Christian upbringing. All those times I enjoyed church as a kid, all the scripture that took root in my heart, all those prayers Godly people offered on my behalf — I didn't start out as good soil, but the tillers who loved me tended the soil and made it possible for my heart to become fertile ground. Their prayers prepared me to, one day, come to Christ on my own.

Fast forward 10 years. By then, my life was full of thorns. I had sown my wanderlust and realized worldly pursuits never satisfied or completed me. I made it to the top of what the world calls successful, and yet I had never been further from my true nature and God's plan for my life.

Still, I clung to the promise issued over me all those years before, and somewhere, deep inside, I knew was the lost lamb Jesus was so lovingly still trying to recover. So, I ditched it all and came home — to my home state, my Christian upbringing and my true self.

My life since that decision has not been much different from every other Christian's — a journey of ups and downs, joyful periods interspersed between great difficulties. But I can honestly say God did what the little traveler promised me so many years ago — He had something really special in mind for me and gave me a life I could never have realized without Him. I will be eternally grateful she tossed a mustard seed to a complete stranger. I wish I could tell her how things turned out. I wonder how many seeds she sowed in her travels and how many hearts she won for Christ.

That's what I call a very successful trip.

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means. When anyone hears the message about

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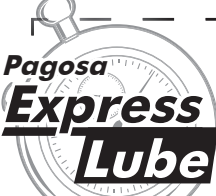
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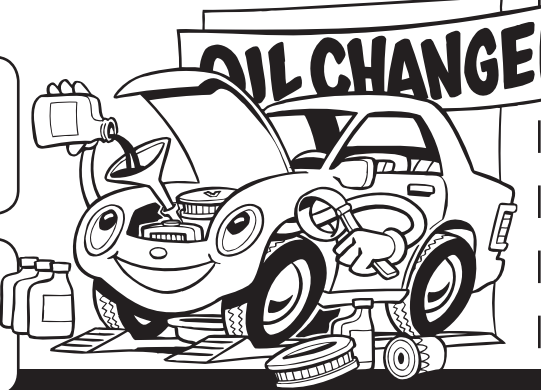


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By **Pauline Benetti**
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The UU flower communion service was created by Norbert Capek (1870-1942), who founded the Unitarian Church in Czechoslovakia. He introduced this special service to that church on June 4, 1923.

It was his intent that it be a symbolic ritual that would bind people more closely together. The format had to be one that would not alienate any who had forsaken other religious traditions. So he turned to the native beauty of their countryside for elements of a communion which would be genuine to them.

The flower communion was brought to the United States in 1940 and introduced to the members of the Cambridge, Mass., church by Capek's wife, Maja V. Capek. It has become a yearly summer ritual for all Unitarian Universalist churches.

This Sunday's service will be led by lay leader Juli Ferrara. She asks that everyone bring a flower, either from their own gardens or from the field or roadside. When they arrive at church, a large vase awaits and each places his or her own flower into the vase, thus the power of symbolism begins as with their own free will they join with the others. The vase that contains all the flowers is a symbol of the united church fellowship.

After the service, as people leave the church, they take with them a different flower. So, as no two flowers are alike, so no two people are alike, yet each has a contribution to make to the whole. Our common bouquet would not be the same without the unique addition of each individual flower and thus

it is with our church community; it would not be the same without each and every one of us. This service then is a statement of our community and of our willingness to cherish diversity.

By exchanging flowers, we also show our willingness to walk together in our search for truth, disregarding all that might divide us. This communion of sharing is essential to a free people of a free religion.

Ferrara was born and raised in the valley of Los Angeles, Calif. Her only desire was to travel and develop an open mind. There were many journeys and, along the way, she worked as a hair stylist, met her husband Stephen and together they worked in their European Auto Repair establishment.

For many years, their desire was to retire in Pagosa Springs with their two chihuahuas. Pagosa Springs has been very welcoming to her and becoming a member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship has been both heartwarming and inspiring to the spirit of an open and creative mind. She also walks the path of the teachings of the Course in Miracles.

Ours is a welcoming congregation; we invite everyone to share in our faith community. Usually, on third and fourth Sundays, leadership is by Pastor Dean Cerny. This Sunday, one of our lay leaders will preside.

The Religious Exploration (RE) program has reached its end for this school year, but will start up again in September. For more information, contact Anna Ramirez at afrancis_@hotmail.com.

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the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word,

they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." — Matthew 13:1-23.

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Doing a professional job

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

I was a young, married college student. My wife and I had one small daughter, and every day after school I went to the job board on campus to find work to earn money for my little family. People called in jobs they needed filled, and the secretary posted them on the job board. It was always minimum wage, \$3.35 an hour, and temporary, so money was tight.

Winter was an especially hard time to find work, but in the summer, I could often find landscaping jobs. It was backbreaking work laying sod, moving rocks and digging trenches. Few people wanted it, but I learned every aspect of it I could so I would be more valuable.

One spring afternoon, after checking the board for a few days without success, I visited with the secretary. I told her I desperately needed some work. She asked me what skills I had, and she wrote them down, along with my phone number. I told her I was willing to do anything.

At 4 o'clock the next morning, my phone rang. I groggily answered it.

"Hello," the man on the phone said. "The employment secretary, who is a friend of mine, gave me your number. I need someone to do the sprinklers for landscaping. Can you help me?"

"Sure," I replied. "When do you want me there?"

"Right now," the man replied.

Luckily it was Friday, and I had no classes. I was at the man's house by 4:30 a.m. He told me his name was Wally. The landscaping on his new home was being done by the high school horticulture class as training for the students.

"But the problem is," Wally said, "the sod and the students are com-

ing at 8 o'clock this morning, and the landscaping instructor had a medical emergency and hasn't been able to finish the water system. Can you do it?"

I knew that if I had to dig all of the trenches it would be impossible. But when he shown his flashlight on his yard, I could see most of the trenches were already dug.

Handing me a schematic of the water system, he said, "I have no clue what this means."

I looked at the drawings and

I was filthy, so I sat on the front step while he wrote me a check. In my head I multiplied the 39 hours for the two days times \$3.50, and considered how much we needed the money.

compared it to what was already done. "I think if I get busy, I can have enough done to keep ahead of the students laying sod," I said.

He handed me his flashlight, and I started laying pipe in the trenches. Using a level, I made sure there was some slant to the drain fittings so the pipes would drain for winter. I left openings at every spot where a sprinkler would go and worked quickly, but carefully.

By the time the sod and the students came, the front lawn was ready. I showed them how to lay the

sod and where to leave pieces out of the place where the sprinklers would go, then I went to the back yard. There were more trenches to dig there, and that slowed me down. I also had to keep checking on the students and directing them. Still, as the sod started moving around to the back yard, I was able to keep ahead of them, but just barely. By the time it was getting dark, I had one 30-foot trench still to dig, so I had the students lay the sod in stacks along it.

After the students left, I worked until past midnight and had all of the sod in place except where the sprinklers went. I told Wally I'd be back first thing in the morning. I was back by 5 o'clock and there was just enough daylight to work. I worked all day, and after a few tests and a few fixes, at just after midnight, I turned on the sprinkler system, and it worked flawlessly.

Wally smiled. "You've done well."

I was filthy, so I sat on the front step while he wrote me a check. In my head I multiplied the 39 hours for the two days times \$3.50, and considered how much we needed the money. But when he handed me the check, I gasped. He had paid me \$10 per hour. When I told him I thought he had overpaid me, he shook his head.

"You came at four in the morning and worked past midnight both days. You're as good as any professional landscaper I've seen, and you should receive a professional's wage."

I thanked him, and then he said, "And I have another week's worth of work you can do if you like. But it only pays \$5 per hour."

I smiled and said I'd be back first thing the next week.

And as I drove home, as sore and tired as I was, it felt good to know I had done a professional job.

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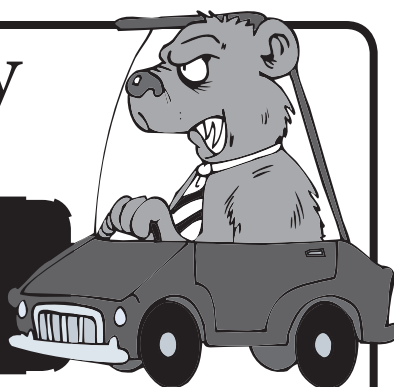
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What should your child read this summer?

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

Do you have a plan to make sure your child has lots of reading opportunities this summer? Several studies have documented a “summer slide” in reading skills once kids go on summer vacation. And the loss compounds each year.

Research offers a surprisingly simple and affordable solution: Bring your youngsters to the library and let them choose their own books.

In a three-year study, researchers at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville found that simply giving children access to books — and allowing them to choose books that interested them — had a significant effect on the summer reading gap.

Children who chose their own books and those who were given activity and puzzle books were tracked for three years. Those who could select their own books posted significantly higher test scores than the children who received books from others. The effect was equivalent to a child attending three years of summer school. And the difference in scores was twice as high among the poorest children in the study.

Another of the notable findings of the study was that children improved their reading scores even though they typically weren't selecting the curriculum books or classics that teachers normally assign for summer reading. That conclusion confirms other studies suggesting that children learn best when they are allowed to select their own books.

Bottom line: What should your children read this summer? Bring them to the library and let them decide for themselves, because any books will do.

Summer Reading Program

Your library's Summer Reading Program offers special events, fun surprises and reading incentives throughout June and July. Register from home on the website or sign up at the library and pick up your first bingo cards at the desk. You will receive a free book each time you turn in a completed bingo sheet and kids also will have the option of getting a small toy out of our treasure chest.

Each bingo sheet is filled with age-appropriate activities to help you learn, grow and stay engaged throughout the summer. Completing bingo sheets also enters you into the drawing for grand prizes that will be awarded for each age group at the closing Summer Reading party on Friday, July 26, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. when everyone will enjoy live music, food and crafts. (Note that you must be present at the party to win a prize.)

We'll be detailing the prizes in

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future columns. They will be divided into four age groups: babies to pre-K, children kindergarten-fifth grade, sixth-12th grades and ages 18-100.

Watch for details and dates in this column every week and pick up activities calendars so you don't miss anything.

Bike repair toolkit available

Did you know that your library has a bike repair toolkit available for free check out? This toolkit includes a handbook entitled “Essential Road Bike Maintenance Handbook” by Todd Downs and a toolbox filled with the essential tools needed for basic bicycle repairs. The handbook covers topics such as frame, pedals, brakes and more. The library also offers a variety of other bicycle resources for people of all ages including maps, guidebooks and historical information.

This “Did you know ...” section is part of a series prepared by Cindi Galabota, development officer, that will appear periodically in Library News columns. We hope you find the information interesting and helpful.

Activities calendars available

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your families at your library, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults. We look forward to seeing you at your library. Se habla espanol.

Summer Reading Club today

Youngsters kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to a free special Summer Reading Club on Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. that will explore exciting adventures in outer space. Today, June 20, features the moon when you will learn about our closest neighbor and participate in a moon craft or two. June 27 centers on the planets, when you'll view images of the planets taken by the Hubble telescope and create your own.

All-ages movie tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, June 21, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. for a PG movie suitable for all ages. Our contract does not allow us to identify the film titles in the media, but you can find them listed on the activities calendars. Note the movies now start at 2:30 p.m. rather than

2 p.m. because of ESL class.

LEGO Club on Saturday

Kids ages 6-12 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — on Saturday, June 22, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club.

Tween gaming

Free gaming for fourth through eighth grades is Monday, June 24, from 4 to 5 p.m. Enjoy X-box 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens on Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in grades seven through 12. Enjoy X-box 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Teen role playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Wednesday, June 26, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

ESL classes

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Su biblioteca está ofreciendo ahora clases de inglés como segundo idioma (ESL). Las clases se llevan a cabo los miércoles y viernes desde el mediodía hasta las 2 pm. Todas las clases son gratuitas y no es necesario registrarse. Por favor ayúdanos a correr la voz sobre el regreso de las clases de inglés como segundo idioma en nuestra comunidad de Pagosa.

Spanish conversation

Wednesday, June 26, from 3 to 4 p.m., practice your Spanish with others to help you increase your fluency at this free informal session. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Previous attendance not necessary. No registration required.

Computer classes

The is a free program from 1 to 2 p.m. on alternating Thursdays to learn a useful technology skill or application. Today, June 20, is Transparent Language Learning, packed full of pronunciation, speech, grammar, writing and vocabulary building lessons. No registration required.

Adult education summer hours

Our free PALS (Pagosa Adult Learning Services) has moved to summer hours. It now takes place on Tuesdays from 2 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help from Mark with high school equivalency, GED, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Free tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Family storytimes

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m., join us for free great stories, fun songs and plenty of reasons to get up and move. This is an excellent way for kids of all ages to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers.

Both storytimes are open to babies, toddlers and youngsters of all ages to make it easier for parents to attend with their children depending on their busy schedules rather than the age of their little ones. Note the special Spanish storytime with Mable Martinez Barber on Wednesday, June 26.

Short stories

“Orange World” by Karen Russell is a collection of eight comedic stories by this Pulitzer Prize finalist.

DVDs

“The Good Doctor” is season one. “Broadchurch” is season three. “The Outlander” is season four. “Transformer” is a documentary about a former U.S. Marine and world-record weightlifter outed as being transgender.

Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

“Darkness on the Edge of Town” by Adam Christopher follows a detective facing his past when his young adopted daughter starts asking questions. “Keep You Close” by Karen Cleveland tells of a detective working to clear her son’s name. “Unsolved” by James Patterson and David Ellis is a thriller where everyone in the FBI is a suspect.

Novels

“City of Girls” by Elizabeth Gilbert, author of “Eat, Pray, Love,” features an 81-year-old lady looking back at her unconventional life in Manhattan. “The Electric Hotel” by Dominic Smith is an historical fiction novel focusing on a French silent film pioneer. “The Victory Garden” by Rhys Bowen focuses on the life of a young war widow in World War I England. “How Not to Die Alone” by Richard Roper is a love story. “Queen Bee” by Dorothea Benton Frank is another of the author’s complicated family stories set in the Lowcountry. “Star-crossed” by Minnie Darke is a love story revolving around altered astrology columns.

Large print

“The Cattle Drive” by Ethan J. Wolfe and “The Jackals by William W. and J.A. Johnstone are westerns. “The Exiles” by Greg Hunt is book two in the Borderland trilogy.

CDs

“Blessing in Disguise” by Danielle Steel showcases a mother’s relationships with her three daughters. “How to Raise Successful People” by Esther Wojcicki shares a mother’s secrets for raising happy, healthy, successful children. “Outrageous Acts and everyday Rebellions” by Gloria Steinem is a collection of essays with new and updated material on the fight for women’s equality.

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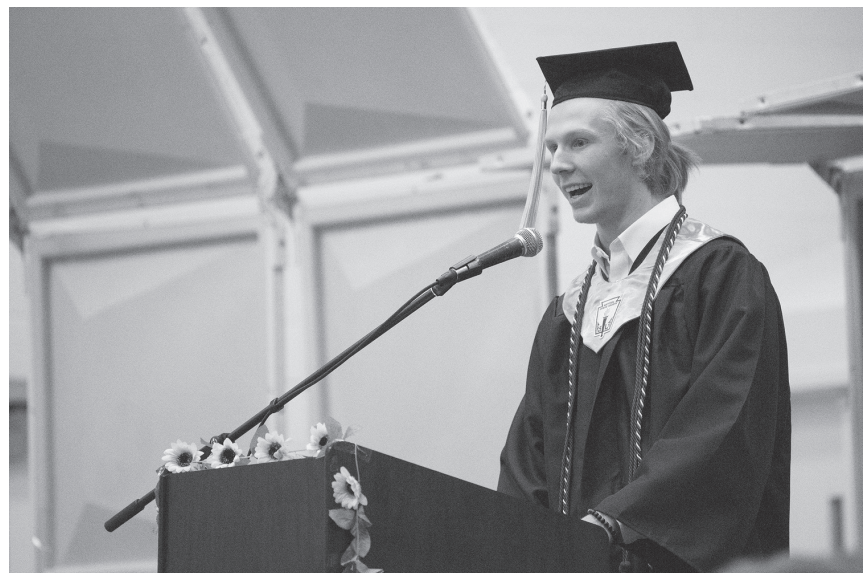
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CRIA presents a night of cultural entertainment Saturday, June 22

By Nadia Werby
Special to The PREVIEW

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) presents the first annual “Solstice on the San Juan” this Saturday, June 22, at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) amphitheater at Centennial Park located at 80 S. 5th St.

Starting at 6 p.m., guests will enjoy live Native American flute music and drum music in addition to Native American storytelling. Charles Martinez, a Pagosa native with Jicarilla and Navajo ancestry, will be playing his own handmade flutes. Andulia Davis, a CRIA volunteer and Jicarilla Nation member, will be telling stories about her native culture, and Marlon Magdalena, a member of the Jemez Pueblo in New Mexico, will also be playing his flutes and drums, while telling of his people’s history and culture.

This will be a night of cultural entertainment for the whole family. Decadent desserts will be provided and alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. There will be door prizes, too. Bring chairs, blankets and a picnic dinner if you’d like or sit at the amphitheater.

The cost is \$25 for adults in ad-

vance and \$30 at the gate. Children ages 5-15 are \$5 and children ages 5 and under are free. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce at the Visitor Center on Hot Springs Boulevard, at The Choke Cherry Tree located at 56 Talisman Dr., or visit www.ChimneyRockCo.org. All proceeds go to CRIA to help fund educational projects, volunteer recruitment/training and the interpretive programs that help keep Chimney Rock National Monument a local attraction.

Martinez is a true Pagosa Springs native, born at his grandparents’ house. He has had a connection with Chimney Rock since youth, when he worked with Y.C.C. reconstructing ruins. His connection with the Native American flute came as recovery from an illness. Martinez is a traditional flute maker and player. His spiritual melodies have a peaceful, healing effect. He has performed for Chimney Rock full moon programs since 1999. He hand carves all his flutes, using wood that is chosen specifically for each one. He also composes all of his own music.

Davis is a Native American tribal storyteller and a member of the Jicarilla Apache Nation in Dulce, N.M. Storytelling is an important

part of the Jicarilla traditions and is used to educate the younger

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generations about the history of the nation and how it came to be. Davis' father was a medicine man and her grandfather, Augustine Vigil, was one of five chiefs who went to Washington, D.C., in the 1880s to secure reservation lands for Jicarilla Apache Nation.

Magdalena is a Native American

artist, educator and performer from the Pueblo of Jemez in New Mexico. He performs with Native American style flutes of his own making and some made by other makers. He is also the instructional coordinator at the Jemez Historic Site where he educates the public about his Jemez culture.

This is a unique event, bring-

ing Chimney Rock's cultural and historical significance down from the pinnacles to Pagosa through Native American stories and music.

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



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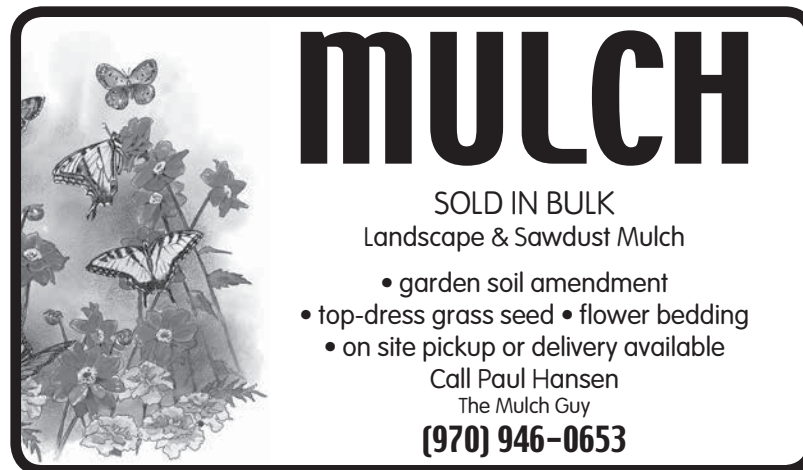
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Bird of the Week



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the red-naped sapsucker.

We are fairly accustomed to seeing hairy, downy and Lewis woodpeckers, and northern flickers in the ponderosa-oak habitat type at this time of year. However, you may be hard-pressed to find a red-naped sapsucker lingering in these zones. Instead, they tend to spend their time during the breeding season largely in aspen forests, developing and defending sap wells. They also frequent cottonwood galleries, mixed conifer and deciduous stands.

Indicators of activity include small holes drilled in parallel lines, where hammer drilling produces a replenishing flow of sap during the warm months, resulting in the varied insects that are drawn to it. Even hummingbirds have been documented following sapsuckers to their respective wells to take advantage of the offerings.

Sapsuckers have shorter tongues than the average woodpecker, equipped with hairs that help them to "sip" the sweet sap from the wells. Additionally, these birds feed regularly on insects, spiders, berries and fruits.

Sapsuckers drill their own holes for nesting each year. Cavities left behind from previous years provide valuable nesting habitat for nut-hatches, chickadees, other woodpeckers and even bluebirds.

For identification purposes, look for the distinctive red throat, forehead and nape (some females can have a white nape and chin spot) and a vertical white patch on the wings of this mid-sized bird. Though they can have some black and white checkering on their backs and buff on the belly, they can be definitively distinguished from the Williamson's sapsucker by the red on top of the head.

These birds travel a short distance to points south (Arizona/New Mexico/northern Mexico) for the winter months, but spend the majority of the year establishing territory and breeding in the mosaic forests of the Rocky Mountains.

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

Grief support meetings continue today

By Beverly Arrendell
Special to The PREVIEW

Grief support meetings are being held today and every Thursday afternoon through June 27 at the Community United Methodist Church. The time is 4 to 5:30 p.m. Held in the church library, these meetings are free and are open to the public.

The purpose of the meetings is to help people who have experienced the loss of any family member (spouse, parent, child, close relative) or a special friend. A person may attend one or all of the remaining sessions. Topics vary, so there is no progression of subjects.

Interested persons can call the church office at 264-5508 for further information. The church is located at 434 Lewis St. The Rev. Leighton Mekeal is pastor.

Discussion group: Learn travel tips and talk about mental health topics

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

Two different discussion groups will meet to discuss YES Magazine at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library on Tuesday, June 25, one at 1 p.m. and another especially to include folks with a "day job" at 6 p.m. Coffee and teas will be served.

The summer 2019 issue offers a unique look at traveling. Even if you are a seasoned traveler, you will learn a different perspective that may boggle your mind. I'm certain that our discussion will be lively.

Then, if there is time, we will review the fall 2018 issue called "The Mental Health Issue." Mental

health is an important topic for the Pagosa Springs community.

The Earth Community is always open to things that can be done to support people of all socio-economic levels. If you have ideas or suggestions, this will be the place to share them. Two articles up for discussion will be "The Economics of a Society Designed for Well-Being" and "7 Strategies to Turn Trauma Into Strength." Each discussion follows the interests and needs of those present.

We are looking for a good film for a group showing at the library. If you have a suggestion or want to help with this, let us know.

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