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1033 Program: Sheriff's office implementing new policies, completing inventory

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

Following a state investigation that wrapped up in May, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) is implementing new policies for how it tracks items obtained through a federal program that assists law enforcement agencies.

The investigation, completed by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), looked into claims that about \$2.2 million to \$2.8 million in assets obtained by the ACSO through the federal 1033 Program were allegedly unaccounted for.

The investigation found no wrongdoing on behalf of the ACSO.

The 1033 Program is a U.S. Department of Defense initiative to transfer, without charge, excess

■ See Sheriff A8

It's time for the Archuleta County Fair!



Photo courtesy Archuleta County

In annual tradition, the Archuleta County Fair royalty visited the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners on July 16 prior to the start of this year's fair, which runs Aug. 1-4. In back, left to right, are commissioners Ron Maez, Steve Wadley and Alvin Schaaf. In front are Junior Princess Cheyenne Bechhold, Princess Halle Munyon and Queen DeAnn Schaaf.

Rental scam targets locals

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A scammer allegedly targeted a local prospective renter via fake emails and other related fraudulent activities in late July.

The owner of the rental property was contacted by the individual who had paid the deposit on the home, leading to the homeowner looking into the issue, according to an incident report from the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO).

The homeowner had initially listed the home for sale on two online-based advertising services, but after receiving questions from what he believed to be a fake contact on the property, the homeowner removed the listing from one of the services to avoid any further issues, the incident report describes.

Later, the homeowner attempted

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Three school board seats available in upcoming election

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Three school director seats will be up for grabs as part of the regular biennial election for the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education on Nov. 5.

Seats as the directors of districts 2, 3 and 4 will be available for a term of office for four years at the upcoming election.

Currently, Board President Greg Schick is the director of District 3, Treasurer Bob Lynch is the Director of District 2 and board member Dawn Kolpin is the director of District 4.

Schick was appointed to the board in October of 2009 and elected in 2011 and 2015.

Lynch was appointed to the

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Town seeking members for trio of boards

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking interested individuals to serve on a trio of town boards with vacancies.

Those boards include the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Board and the Board of Appeals, which is jointly appointed by the town and Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD).

Town Manager Andrea Phillips explained via email that "participating on boards and commissions helps members to gain a better understanding of what is happening in

the community. The experience can be very rewarding and provides an opportunity to help shape the future of Pagosa Springs."

Mayor Don Volger also discussed the importance of the boards.

"Obviously, well maybe not obviously to some, they are important to us because they can take time we don't have to go ahead and focus in on specific issues and deal with things ... in more detail," he said. "So, that helps us because we can't just wade into everything during our town council meetings. We just don't have the time. And so we need

■ See Town A8

Funding options for dispatch discussed

By John Finefrock
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Exploratory Subcommittee met on Monday and discussed some of the items it has been tasked with: revising the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) that formed the dispatch organization and how to secure additional funding for a dispatch center.

Subcommittee Chair Greg Schulte, who led the meeting, explained that the subcommittee was meeting to "provide advice and guidance" on additional revenue sources and how to tweak dispatch's current IGA, which was written in 2009.

The subcommittee jostled with some of the minutiae of operating the dispatch center, with Dispatch Manager Kati Harr requesting that the information technology (IT) contact for the dispatch equipment be her instead of the county's IT department.

"If you want that call at 3 a.m. 'cause the computer systems down," Schulte said.

"I sure do," Harr replied.

The latter part of the meeting was spent discussing possible funding options that could allow the dispatch center to obtain a new facility and possibly new equipment.

Members of the dispatch board have previously expressed that the current dispatch center

is inadequate, in a bad location and has aging equipment.

The current equipment has not yet been assessed to see what the price tag could be if it requires upgrades or needs to be replaced entirely.

Brainstorming additional revenue sources to fund dispatch, Schulte explained getting a sales tax passed by Archuleta County voters is "tough," and hasn't been successful in about a decade.

John Thompson, chair of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors, explained he thought a sales tax had a higher likelihood of getting passed than a mill levy increase.

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SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Despite being part of a race for the average Jo(e), this CRUISE-A-THONg participant had a more than a leisurely float down the San Juan River Saturday. The race, which boasts a goal of having the most average time, raises funds for the Friends of the Upper San Juan River.

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EDITORIAL

4-H shines at Archuleta County Fair

This is the week for Archuleta County 4-H members to shine.

The Archuleta County Fair is the much-anticipated culmination of a year of dedication to completing their many 4-H projects. For these 4-H'ers, the highlight of the fair is completing projects, seeing how they placed in judging and discovering what ribbons they have been awarded.

The hard work and creativity put into projects they have been focusing on since last October will be showcased at the fairgrounds now through Aug. 4. Projects ranging from cake decorating to rocketry and sportfishing to raising lambs will be on display in the exhibit hall, Stith Room, 4-H building and the livestock tent.

Before Saturday night's livestock auction, you can partake in the 4-H Chuckwagon Dinner starting at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3. This one-of-a-kind community event benefits the Archuleta County 4-H program as a whole. More than 140 volunteers sell tickets, do the setup, decorating, serving and cleanup for this 4-H fundraiser. 4-H Coordinator Becky Jacobson estimated that 900-plus people will be fed and entertained over two hours at the dinner.

On the menu are traditional favorites: brisket, sausage, cowboy beans, potato salad, green salad, roll and the best peach cobbler you will ever eat. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for kids and can be purchased from your favorite 4-H'er or at the front gate.

The much-anticipated annual livestock auction gets underway at 6:30 p.m. Saturday night. This event will be the payoff for 4-H livestock projects.

Jacobson shared that one of her favorite moments of the Archuleta County Fair is watching high school senior 4-H participants assisting the first-year 4-H members, who are as young as 8 years old, during the master showman contest.

"It is the culmination of all the years they have put into 4-H and they are giving back," she explained while attempting to hold back her tears. "They are being patient, careful and watching out for the safety of the younger participants."

The learned experience of the older members is shared with those who are following in their footsteps. Considering that some of those youngsters are handling steers that average some 1,300 pounds, safety is of utmost importance.

There are approximately 140 youth, ages 5 to 18, who participate in Archuleta County's 4-H program. 4-H has been one of the leading youth organizations in the nation for more than 100 years. The program helps youth enhance their communities and their lives.

The sign-up for the program is in October and clubs meet monthly or sometimes weekly. There are also 4-H leadership camps and opportunities for youth to take on leadership roles such as local club or state offices.

These 4-H kids even participate in com-

munity service projects such as walking dogs at the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, cleaning up trash along area roads and serving up lunches for Loaves and Fishes. During Domestic Violence Awareness month, they assist the Rise Above Violence organization with projects.

You don't have to have a livestock project to participate in 4-H. Sewing, photography, fishing, home design, cat and dog projects, horses, alpacas, rocketry, woodworking, cake decorating, cooking, beekeeping, wildlife, veterinary science and scrapbooking are all ways our youth can become involved in 4-H.

Local 4-H volunteer leaders teach these youngsters and inspire them to succeed and leave an impact in our community.

If you'd like to get involved, why not become one of the many parents, volunteers and community leaders sharing their time and talent with our 4-H youth?

The 4-H program through Colorado State University Extension allows our community's youth many learning and leadership opportunities that will carry them throughout their lives.

It's easy to get involved in 4-H. For children ages 5-18 interested in joining or adults interested in volunteering to help, email coopext_archuleta4h@mail.colostate.edu.

Come on out to the fair and support the hard work and dedication of these fine young men and women.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 2, 1929

The City Garage announces the following Chevrolet sales for the past week: Mrs. Myrtle Halfhill, coach; Ray Duncan, 1-1/2-ton truck.

Albert and Barney Alley of Denver spent several days the past week visiting with their brother, George Alley of the Variety store. They were accompanied by Nels Nelson, also of Denver.

The regular Archuleta County examination for teachers will be held at the new county court house in Pagosa Springs on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 8, 9 and 10, 1929, commencing at 9.00 o'clock A.M. daily. At this time applicants will be examined for third, second and first grade certificates in the order named. "All applicants for certificates must have attended an institution of higher learning, completing credit in twenty-five college quarter hours, five of which shall be in professional work."

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 4, 1944

Dave Martinez has been busy for the past few days cleaning out weeds, etc., along the walks and in the gutters of the city streets. He even got his big adz nice and sharp before attacking the big ones. You won't know the streets when Mr. Martinez gets finished with them.

George F. Dodge, director of the public relations, and Carlton T. Sills, advertising manager of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad, accompanied by R.B. (Bud) Hooper, producer and photographer for the railroad, are visiting the San Juan Basin this week. Purpose of their trip is to take sound films, in color, of the whole San Juan Basin, to be used for publicity. The completed film will be presented by the railroad to the Empire Builders, a recently formed organization, comprised of representatives of each county in the San Juan Basin, with Dean E.H. Bader, of Fort Lewis College, as chairman. Object of the Empire Builders is to unite the San Juan Basin as a single unit working toward the development and advancement of southwestern Colorado and the San Juan Basin.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of July 31, 1969

It was announced this week that the Interstate Commerce Commission had authorized the complete abandonment of the narrow gauge railway line from Alamosa to Durango. The line runs through Archuleta County. Officials of the company have made no announcement of plans, saying that the ruling is now being studied. Actually the line is not in use and has not been used regularly for some years. The loss of the railway is a big blow to southwestern Colorado, civic leaders say. The service on the line has been almost non-existent since 1951 when passenger service was abandoned. Nevertheless, the railway has supplied substitute service through its motor truck line, Rio Grande Motorways. That means that freight into and out of the San Juan Basin is carried at rail rates, which are less than truck rates.

High temperatures and a few light showers were the main features of the weather this week. A high of 88 degrees was recorded two days and one day the maximum was 87 degrees. All maximums for the week were in the 80's except one.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of August 4, 1994

Gene Crabtree is determined to make recycling work in Archuleta County, and he has invited all residents interested in recycling and those with skills and services to be donated to the cause to attend a meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the county commissioners meeting room.

Crabtree got involved with the recycling movement early in its development. A school administrator in New Mexico, Crabtree was hired in 1976 by the state of New Mexico to motivate people and communities to start recycling programs.

The new recycling effort spearheaded by (Clifford) Lucero and his company began last spring — with collection bins for paper, glass, and aluminum cans located at the L&M offices on Trujillo road.

Crabtree and Lucero are ready to boost the program.

The hope is that tonight's meeting will produce people willing to accelerate the recycling process in Archuleta County.

WHADDYA THINK?

What is your favorite part of the Archuleta County Fair?

Poll results (81 votes)

Animals — 44 percent	6%
Rodeos — 22 percent	28%
Exhibits — 28 percent	44%
Dances — 6 percent	22%

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LOOKING BACK



From the March 27, 1980, Pagosa Springs SUN.

SINGING GROUP — Four members of the high school music department that will entertain those attending the variety show, "Spring Fever," at the high school gymnasium Tuesday, April 1 at 7 p.m. The general public is welcome at the show and proceeds will be for the benefit of uniforms for the band.



Letters

Letters to the Editor are printed as received and are not edited for grammar or punctuation, but may have been edited for content or style.

Worst reception

Dear Editor:
It was reported that "local officials brainstormed how to improve cellphone service" at meetings. This town has to be one of the worst reception areas of any carriers that I have experienced. The broadband services are also lacking. One of the reasons for this is our terrain. It is hard to send a signal through our mountainous terrain. As a retiree of at&t I have been disappointed with the service from at&t but have not found much better results from friends experiences. One cell tower can support several phone carriers (ie, Verizon, at&t, Tmobile etc.) besides radio antennae for our 102.5 which has been shown to need a better signal, and perhaps FAA signals for the airports. The carriers "play nice" and will help each other out if one has a failure. (what is good for the goose is good for the gander). There are a lot of people living here full or part time that own lovely homes and ranches and need the internet and cell service and they want it fast. Well if you want it you need to pay the price. Find a way or a place in your neighborhood for a cell tower, (they make them look like Ponderosa

Pines some times) and expedite the permitting. It was mentioned to put the cell towers within unincorporated Archuleta county. This is great, I know a lot of people would welcome a good signal out here and we are glad to be included, but to get optimal service, I believe a cell tower might have to be put where the people are and will use them. In other words, "put up or shut up"
Dawn Farrar

Two bears euthanized

Dear Editor:
I hope I'm not the only one severely dismayed by the report of "two bears euthanized in search" last week.

While it would be pointless to debate here the merits in general of the State's regulations of black bears/human encounters and CPW's policies, I am specifically appalled regarding the fact that two bears were euthanized. I guess it's "guilty until proven innocent" for bears, but then, no matter since it's too late.

Why were both, or even one for that matter, instantly euthanized? DNA tests are performed on live animals and humans every day.

As for the rabies explanation, it doesn't sound like either bear was exhibiting any suspect disease symptoms. And per a quote from a black bear biologist online, "Rabies in wild black bears has been documented only four times in the lower 48 states since 1999", while it is estimated that, today alone, 600,000 black bears reside in North America.

This was just a very severe reaction to too many unknowns. Our Colorado bears deserve better than this.

Chalyn Fitzgerald

Museum

Dear Editor:
Many of you who either live or visit Pagosa Springs have been to our Historical Museum on Main St (160) and have enjoyed the fantastic displays. I have always had a deep respect for this beautiful treasure of Pagosa's past and knew they needed financial help to keep it viable. I give what I can but the need is more than any one individual can provide.

Well what to my surprise, I attended the BBQ at the Parelli Training facility this week and heard Pat Parelli explain what a great Museum we have in Pagosa. Pat has been working with the Museum helping to make the displays easier to see and understand. In order to raise some money to help fund this Museum Pat held a raffle at the BBQ and the winner won a horse-riding training session. He probably raised over \$300 for the Museum. I found this to be great tribute to this wonderful Museum by someone who has deep roots in our community. He is giving back

to Pagosa and keeping alive the history and culture of our community. I want to commend Pat Parelli for his leadership and example he is setting for others to follow.

If you are reading this and have not been to the Museum lately or have not become a member, I would encourage you to do so and get involved. Our Museum is short on space and funding and with your help we can take it to the next level and truly make this a "must see" destination for our residents and visitors.

Other communities nearby have similar Museums but do not come close to the breadth of exhibits which truly sets Our Museum apart from others. Some do have groups called "Friends of the Museum" who actively promote and help to maintain and fund their Museum. On your next visit to our Museum ask how you can get involved and become a part of moving our Museum forward.

Bill Hammond
Richardson, Texas

Reprehensible racist rant

Dear Editor:

With his reprehensible racist rant against Baltimore and its Congressman, Trump has once again proven he does not consider himself the President of all Americans, just older white ones. If you are black, brown, yellow, or red; if you are young; if you are a woman; if you are LGBTQ; if you are educated; if you live in a large city or a blue state; if you are (god forbid) a Democrat or a progressive independent, you are his enemy. If you dare speak out against the king and his xenophobic kingdom, you are subject to vile verbal insult or outright threats. Presidents are supposed to unite the American people. Trump has done nothing but divide us.

As to Baltimore, I lived in the Baltimore suburbs for 24 years, working in downtown 6 of those years. If we wanted a good meal or a night on the town, we went into casual and inexpensive Baltimore, rather than its stuffy neighbor to the south, D.C. Baltimore has arguably the best hospital in the world, Johns Hopkins, as well as the

great university of the same name and a dozen other colleges. Baltimore has world-class museums, entertainment, and restaurants, including one of the world's best aquariums. Historic Fort McHenry still watches over the city, although now as a museum. Baltimore is a city of real neighborhoods, including ethnic neighborhoods, Polish, Italian, Greek, Ukrainian, Caribbean, Latino, and others. These neighborhoods are populated by working class people of all ethnicities, just the kind of people Trump claims to care about, but really doesn't. The economy is on a roll with new businesses moving in. Trump claims that "no human being would want to live there." Tell that to the developers of new and restored properties all over the city, particularly around the great harbor. Heck, a few years ago a Whole Foods opened in a neighborhood just east of downtown, so you know that people are moving in. In short, Baltimore is a great American city, not worthy of the ridicule of Trump.

Does it have a crime and rodent problem? Sure, like all large cities. Crime is fueled by drugs and poverty, neither of which the GOP has ever cared about. As to rodents. In fact, the rodent problem in Trump's hometown of New York has been the butt of jokes for generations. I just read that Trump's own properties in New York have been cited by health authorities for rodent infestation. So, here is what I propose. Rather than running again for President in 2020, Trump should go back to where he came from and solve the rodent problem there, starting with his own properties. Then, he can come back and tell other cities how to do it. Then, he would actually be doing a service to the American people.

John W. Porco

Deposits on glass

Dear Editor:

I continue to see various types of beverage bottles on the sides of our roads. These items used to be picked up by local clubs and then sold per weight for income to these operations. Unfortunately, the price per weight went down so far it was no longer economical and they stopped collecting it. I have

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Obituaries

Dolores Jean Baker

Dolores Jean Baker, age 86, resident of Dewey, Ariz., formerly a resident of Pagosa Springs, Colo., died in Prescott, Ariz., on July 19.



A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10, at Mountain View Baptist Church in Dewey, Ariz., at 1 p.m. Officiating will be Pastors Bill Patterson and Ed Imbierowicz. A lunch reception will be held following the ceremony. Interment will take place at Hilltop Cemetery in Pagosa on a later date.

Dolores was born in a log cabin on May 25, 1933, in Brevort Lake, Mich., to Earl and Margaret (Tait) Christensen. Her grandmother, Bertha, who was a midwife, resort owner and merchant at the Christensen Bay Resort, delivered her into this world. Dolores had an older brother, Earl Jr., and a younger sister, Marlene. In the 1930s, the family moved from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to Detroit for work opportunities.

At 17, Dolores fell in love with George Buchanan Jr. and was married to him for six years in Detroit before he died from cancer at a young age. With George, she gave birth to Daniel and Debra.

In 1958, she married Stanley Prokop, with whom she gave birth to Diane, David, Dennis and Donald. The family lived in Fair Oaks, Calif., and Cape Kennedy, Fla. They relocated to New Mexico in 1966 to assist Dolores' grandmother, Mary Tait, who was a missionary on the Navajo reservation. The Prokops

owned a general store on the reservation and raised their six children until 1979 when they retired to Pagosa Springs, Colo. Stanley died in 1982.

From 1986 to 1999, Dolores was married to Raymond Littlefield, a Pagosa architect, and she owned a beauty shop in Pagosa Lakes. In 2003, she moved to Prescott Valley. She was married to Robert Black from 2001 to 2008. She was widowed four times. In 2011, she married David Baker. With Robert and David, she was able to do the travel she always wanted to do. She visited Scotland, Europe, Mexico and Alaska. She loved oil painting, reading, attending church, listening to music and playing games/cards. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Dolores is survived by her husband, David, Dewey, Ariz., and six children: Daniel Buchanan, of Citrus Heights, Calif.; Debra Vitelli, of Petaluma, Calif.; Diane Gurule (Todd) Wohlert, of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; David (Rita) Prokop, of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; Dennis (Kathy) Prokop, of Globe, Ariz.; and Donald Prokop, of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; and two step-children: Robert (Patty) Couse-Baker, of Sacramento, Calif.; and Mark (Gracie) Baker, of Round Rock, Texas. She is further survived by 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents, Earl Christensen Sr. in 1951 and Margaret (Tait) Keller in 1995; siblings, Renee Palmer in 2001; Marlene Bradshaw in 2009; and Earl Christensen Jr. in 2013.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mountain View Baptist Church, Dewey, Ariz.

Christopher Keehn

Christopher Keehn was born in Fort Riley, Kansas, on July 3, 1952, while his dad was off in the Korean War. Christopher was 67.



Christopher graduated from George C. Marshall High School in Ankara, Turkey, and went on to study at the University of Nevada on an athletic scholarship, where he graduated.

Chris loved music, reading and animals. He was a sensitive soul who will be dearly missed by his family.

Chris enjoyed his five years in Pagosa Springs, where he really enjoyed the outdoors on his motorcycle. God bless you, Christopher.

Cora Mary Woolsey

Cora Mary Woolsey left to be with her Heavenly Father on Saturday, July 27, at the age of 87.



Cora was born in Arboles, Colo., on Oct. 28, 1931, to Alfredo and Isabel Rivas. She spent the better part of her childhood in Arboles, growing up with her older brother, Ernesto, and her two younger brothers, Lester and Lloyd Rivas.

Cora was a homemaker most of her life and was known to greet everyone she met with a warm smile and "How are you Sweetheart?" She was a very social, outgoing person and always thoughtful of her neighbors, enjoying a cup of coffee, laughter and kindness.

In her later years, she was diagnosed with dementia, but that didn't stop her from greeting everyone with "Sweetheart."

She is preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Wade Woolsey, and also her beloved daughter, Darlene Wanda Woolsey, who passed

away at the age of 19. Also preceding her was her brother, Ernesto Rivas, and Christopher Lloyd Rivas.

Cora is survived by her younger brother, Lester Rivas, and his wife Lala; daughter Margie (George) Gurule; grandson Jeremy (Jami) Gurule; granddaughter Julie Gurule; and great-granddaughters Jessi and Joslyn Gurule. Also, great-grandson Orion Barnes. And also by many, many nephews and nieces and great-nephews and nieces.

A Rosary will be recited at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Pagosa Springs on Thursday, Aug. 1, at 6 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 2, also at Immaculate Heart of Mary, with burial following at Hilltop cemetery.

She will be greatly missed and remembered by all those who knew her.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Monday, Aug. 5

County Board of Equalization protest hearings. 8:30 a.m., Archuleta County administration building, commissioners' meeting room, 398 Lewis St.
Archuleta County Combined Dispatch Executive Board regular meeting. 9:30 a.m., Pagosa Springs Medical Center, board room, 95 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Tuesday, Aug. 6

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.
Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.
Pagosa Springs Town Council meeting. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

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

Monday, Aug. 12

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting. 6 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, Aug. 13

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.
Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and Design Review Board. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.
Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors regular meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.
Public meeting information should be sent to editor@pagosasan.com with "Public Meeting" in the subject line. The deadline is noon Monday each week prior to publication for that week's issue.

Letters

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a suggestion on how to turn this around, and one that many states require: Deposits on all beverage containers — glass or metal. I was informed that Colorado used to have this, but discontinued it a bit ago. Why, it gives the clubs, or just citizens the motivation to pick it up as they go and then turn them in for the deposit money. My family in Michigan do a lot of hunting and we collect all these items up to get a little pocket money while we hunted. So why don't we return to this practice? Is it because it transfers the cost to the beverage industry away from the County having to spend funds doing it instead, or, as I said, citizens and visitors having to see all this on the sides of our roads, or, for that matter, in our backwoods areas.

Doug Roberts

Grant recipients

Dear Editor:

I was pleased to see the article in last week's paper announcing the La Plata Electric Association's (LPEA) Round-Up Grant recipients for the month of July. The Archuleta County Education Center (ACEC) was one of the lucky recipients and received \$4,791 for start-up costs associated with opening Wings Early Childhood Center this year. Specifically, Wings can now purchase coat lockers, resting mats and sheets for 50 children, plus a large table and stacking chairs for one of the classrooms.

Funding for the Round-Up grants is made possible when LPEA members opt to "round-up" their electric bills to the next highest dollar amount (average of 50 cents/month, \$6.00/year). LPEA

members can also select Round-Up Plus, which not only "rounds up," but adds additional dollars each month. The ACEC highly encourages LPEA members to participate in the Round-Up programs — it's easy to participate and makes an impactful contribution to local nonprofits like ACEC. Go to the LPEA website at www.lpea.coop or call customer service at (970) 247-5786.

With the support of organizations like LPEA, Wings is targeted to open in the fall of 2019 for 40+ young children, ages 1-5 years. For the latest information about Wings, visit www.wingsearlychildhood.org. If you would like to add your name to the pre-enrollment "interest list," please email Jan Santopietro at janet.santo78@gmail.com.

Jan Santopietro

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Town receives clean audit, hears about 2019 finances

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

At its meeting on July 18, the Pagosa Springs Town Council heard a presentation concerning the town's 2018 audit, which came back clean.

"We've reported we have an unmodified opinion," Audit Manager Crimson Singleton of Hinton-Burdick CPAs and Advisors told the council.

Singleton told the council that, while the town had one significant deficiency the year prior, there were none in the current year.

During her presentation, Singleton noted that the town had an overall decrease of about \$1 million in governmental funds balances from 2017 to 2018, though her presentation stated, "All governmental funds operated within approved budgets."

"That's good there," Singleton commented.

Of the town's proprietary, business-type funds, Singleton highlighted a little bit of a decrease, but also noted that the expenses fell within the approved budget.

Concerning the town's unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund, Singleton noted that the Government Officer's Finance Association recommends having a minimum of two months' worth of expenses, with the town having about \$1.6 million at the end of 2018 — about six months' worth.

Singleton also noted that the Capital Improvement Fund is in stable position and the Tourism Fund is trending upward.

"Thank you for giving us a good report," Mayor Don Volger said, with Volger and council member David Schanzenbaker both thanking the staff for making the clean audit possible.

Financial highlights and net positions

The audit document also includes several financial highlights for 2018:

- "Total assets plus deferred outflows of resources exceeded total liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources (net position) by \$36.1 million at the close of the fiscal year."

- Total governmental and business-type net position increased by a combined total of \$954,000.

- The total cost of all town programs for 2018 was \$7,726,585.

- The General Fund unassigned fund balance at the end of 2018 was \$1,591,031, which is 48 percent of total General Fund expenditures.

The audit document later explains, "Net position, the difference between assets plus deferred outflows and liabilities plus deferred inflows, are one way to measure the Town's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position is an indicator of whether the financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, it is important to consider other non-financial factors such as changes in the condition of the Town's roads to accurately assess the overall health of the Town."

Further, the document notes that, of the \$36.1 million, \$4,603,882 was unrestricted and available to meet the town's ongoing financial obligations.

"By far the largest portion of net position is the net investment in capital assets of \$30,057,800 (83.34% of total net position)," the document continues. "This amount reflects the investment in all capital assets (e.g. infrastructure, land, buildings, and equipment) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources since capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate

these liabilities."

The document also notes that the cost of all governmental activities for 2018 was \$6,772,970, with \$732,085 of that cost paid for "by those who directly benefited from the programs" and \$734,223 subsidized by grants or contributions from other governmental organizations.

Of the revenues for governmental programs, the document states, "Overall governmental program revenues, including intergovernmental aid and fees for services were \$1,466,308. General taxes, investment earnings, gain on sale of assets and other revenues totaled \$6,324,930."

The document lists the town's programs as "General Government, Public Safety, Public Works/Streets, Parks & Recreation, and Community Support."

In terms of business-type activities, the document states, "Net position of the Business Type activities at December 31, 2018, as reflected in the Statement of Net Position was \$7.9 million. The cost of providing all Proprietary (Business Type) activities this year was \$953,615. As shown in the statement of Changes in Net Position, the amounts paid by users of the system were \$751,864 and there was \$93,500 subsidized by capital grants and contributions. Investment earnings and tax revenues were \$43,713. The Net Position decreased by \$64,538."

The business-type activities for the town are the sanitation and geothermal services.

2019 financial report

At the same meeting, Town Clerk April Hessman reported to the board that the town's revenues and expenditures are largely running in line with the budget.

"Things are looking pretty good," Hessman told the council.

"There are changes to the estimated end of year budget that increase and decrease the fund balances, yet most end of year fund

balance estimates are very close to what was originally budgeted," Hessman's agenda brief states.

Hessman's report further notes that, in terms of revenues:

- The Harman Hill Phase of the Town to Lakes Trail and Crestview paving projects are expected to get started in 2020 and the budgeted revenue and expenditures will not be realized in 2019

- Ordinance 911 that repealed the impact fees will reduce the amount of revenues and expenditures to School and Fire Districts projected to 2019

- A new School Resource Officer will begin this fall school year. The revenue will be less than budgeted due to the late start."

Under expenses, Hessman reported:

- The delay in receiving the street sweeper puts the expenditure as well as the CMAQ reimbursement in 2019

- Recruitment and hiring of the open positions in the police department have been difficult. Expenses should be lower due to open positions and a new detective that started in the second quarter

- The sale of the Hometown Market to Natural Grocers reduces the amount of economic incentives that do not transfer to the new owners

- The estimates include a possible planner position for the last four months of 2019."

Hessman also informed the council that the 2019 sales tax is "coming in strong," but that she would not be bringing forward a budget amendment yet.

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

Calls for service over week: 163.

July 21 — Information only, Bonanza Avenue.

July 23 — Animals running at large, Fritz and Mable's Place.

July 23 — Drove vehicle without insurance, improper registration, drove vehicle without valid driver's license, drove vehicle when license suspended, North Pagosa Boulevard.

July 23 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.

July 23 — Littering of public or private property, County Road 600.

July 23 — Found property, County Road 600.

July 23 — All other thefts, identity theft-uses financial device, U.S. 160.

July 23 — All other thefts, first-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, Pinon Causeway.

July 24 — Information only, Great West Avenue.

July 24 — Warrant arrest, warrant arrest, South 9th Street.

July 24 — Unlawful distribution, manufacture, dispense, sale, possession schedule I or II controlled substance, County Road 600.

July 25 — Warrant arrest, Navajo Circle.

July 25 — Identity theft-uses identity, all other thefts, fraud by check-other method, crimes against at-risk adults/juvenile-theft no force, Steamboat Drive.

July 25 — Second-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, second-degree criminal trespass, Simmons Drive.

July 25 — Information only, U.S. 160.

July 27 — Agency assist, U.S. 160.

July 27 — County warrant, U.S. 160.

July 27 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600/Wildwood Drive.

July 27 — Drove vehicle when license suspended, failure to use turn signal, Wildwood Drive/County Road 600.

July 27 — Warrant arrest, San Juan Street.

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July 27 — Harassment-strikes/shoves/kicks, third-degree assault-simple assault, domestic violence, reckless endangerment, George's Court.

July 28 — Identity theft, Blue Creek Road.

July 28 — Failed to notify police of accident, tampering with physical evidence, drove vehicle without valid driver's license, failed to give information and/or aid in accident-hit and run, careless driving resulting in injury, Ute Drive/Bill's Place.

July 29 — Second-degree burglary, criminal mischief, first-degree criminal trespass other intent, Pines Club Place.

Pagosa Springs Police Department

Calls for service over week: 127.

July 22 — Information only, Talisman Drive.

July 22 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

July 22 — Harassment/alcohol under 21/disorderly conduct, South Pagosa Boulevard.

July 22 — Menacing, Bienvenido Circle.

July 23 — Trespass warning, Talisman Drive.

July 25 — Animal/dog bite, Eagle Drive.

July 26 — Theft, Hot Springs Boulevard.

July 26 — Abandoned vehicle, Aspen Village Drive.

July 26 — Agency assist, Country Center Drive.

July 27 — Death/no crime, South Pagosa Boulevard.

July 27 — Drove vehicle when li-

cense suspended, Aspen Village Drive.

July 28 — Burglary/third-degree assault, South 9th Street.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

July 24 — Steven Martinez, speeding 5-9 over limit, total fines and costs — \$164.50.

July 24 — Dean W. Little, seat belt not used — \$163.50.

July 24 — Seth A. Chavez, license plates-expired — \$185.50.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Clayton Buchner

No report.



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Business

PSMC announces new clinic, informatics directors

By Angela Wirth
Special to The SUN

Dr. Rhonda Webb, CEO of Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), announced that PSMC has named Jason Webb as director of its outpatient clinic.

Dr. Rhonda Webb stated, "Jason has been a key part of the PSMC team since 2011 and also serves as PSMC's chief of EMS/Ambulance." Under Jason Webb's leadership, PSMC's EMS was named the Ambulance Service of the Year by the Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado.

In the outpatient clinic, Jason Webb stated his initial focus will be enhancing system processes to improve patient experience with same-day walk-in appointments as well as scheduling for outpatient appointments. He is excited to join the clinic nurse-manager, Vicki



Jason Webb

Goeckner, and the primary care and specialist physicians in treating the residents and visitors of Pagosa Springs.

In addition, Dr. Rhonda Webb announced that Jen Cole has been named director of PSMC's Informatics and Ancillary Services, which includes oversight of



Jen Cole

radiology, laboratory and physical therapy.

Employed at PSMC beginning in 2009, Cole has worked in a variety of departments, including registration, billing, medical coding and primary care. Cole's wealth of knowledge of the different aspects of health care led her to manage the informatics department, training providers and staff on the electronic health record system, Cerner.

Dr. Rhonda Webb stated, "We are so proud that we are developing and promoting excellent leaders from within our system at PSMC."



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

Public officials from across the state hear water-related issues as a part of one of the Club 20 summer policy committee meetings on July 25 in Pagosa Springs. The meetings occurred on July 25 and 26 and touched upon issues ranging from public lands and natural resources to water and energy.

Club 20 hears about drought contingency planning, risks to the Colorado River basin

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

With drought management and future water storage being a topic of discussion across the state, an update on drought contingency planning and an update on the Colorado River risk study were presented as part of a Club 20 policy committee meeting held on July 25 in Pagosa Springs.

The Colorado River Basin is divided into two parts, the upper and lower basins, Colorado River District Communications Director Zane Kessler explained.

Kessler noted that the presentation was to create discussion on future water planning.

At 25.9 million acre feet (AF), Lake Mead serves as a use reservoir for the lower basin while Lake Powell, at 24.3 million AF, is a protection reservoir for the upper basin.

Kessler described Lake Powell as being the state's savings account while Mead is the state's checking account.

According to Kessler, it is important to keep Lake Powell above the "lower elevation balancing tier" or 3,525 feet, or 6 million AF.

However, if Lake Powell were to ever drop below certain levels, resulting in the upper basin being unable to deliver full requirements, compact curtailment would be instituted, he explained.

"We would have to start using less," Kessler said. "The upper basin's water deliveries would have to

be created by curtailing."

What this means is that water rights that were created after 1922 would be "turned off" or curtailed, Kessler explained.

"One thing to note is that our system of prior appropriation designates how curtailments and administration would work. We have not seen this on an interstate basis, so we don't know exactly how it would work as the state has not promulgated rules," he said. "The bottom line is that Colorado's economy on both the west slope and the east slope could suffer tremendously if we see a call on the river."

Not planning for such an event would only create more uncertainty, Kessler added later.

Part of drought contingency planning for the upper basin in-

volves reservoir re-operations for areas such as the Flaming Gorge Reservoir, Navajo Reservoir and Blue Mesa Reservoir, he explained.

This would be to protect Powell's production, with Kessler adding that this method is not intended to be a demand-management solution or a solution to compliance with the Colorado River Compact.

The Colorado River Compact was an agreement that was entered into in 1922 by seven U.S. states in the basin of the Colorado River. Those seven states include Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

The purpose of the compact is to provide "equitable division and apportionment of the use of the waters of the Colorado River system," according to the agreement.

Additional goals of the compact include: promotion of interstate re-

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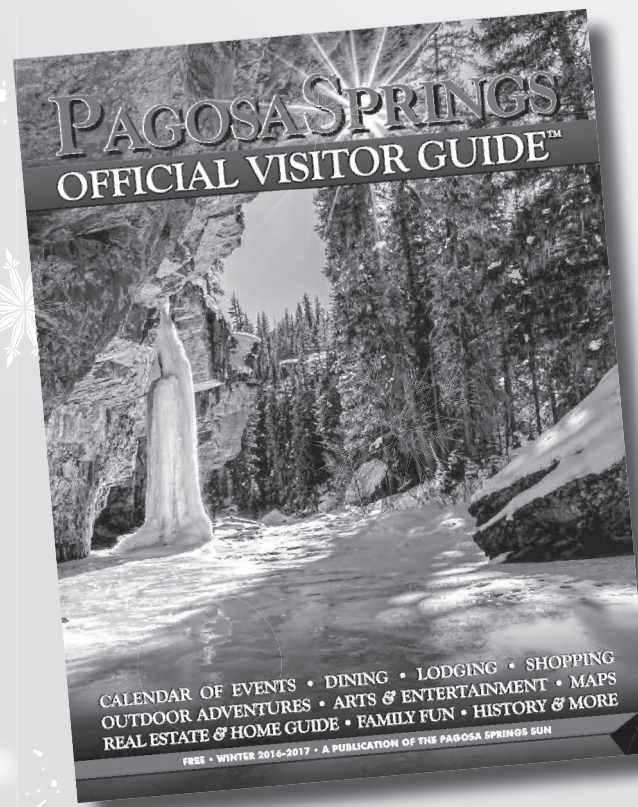
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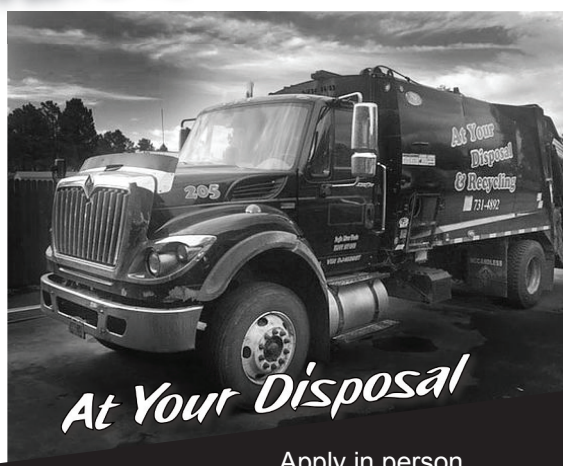
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Local business taking advantage of economic stimulus program

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) has touted Opportunity Zones as a way to increase investment in the area, and, so far, one local business is qualified to take advantage of the program.

Local businessman JR Ford's company, Pagosa Forest Products LLC, stands alone as the only company in Pagosa Springs that is a Qualified Opportunity Zone Fund.

"Opportunity Zones will give somebody that's gonna have capital gains the opportunity to reinvest it into small businesses or real estate in Archuleta County that they may not have done so without an Opportunity Zone funding," Ford said, adding, "It really helps the local person, especially the second homer that wants to put some money in the local community, to be able to go seek out a small business to invest in and give them a little more incentive to do it."

Currently, qualified investors can make an investment in Pagosa Forest Products, and according to information about Opportunity Zones released by the CDC, the incentives to investing in Pagosa's Opportunity Zone are as follows:

- For an investment held for 10

years within the zone relating to operating businesses, equipment and real property, there are no long-term capital gains taxes.

- Investments made within the Opportunity Zone give 36 percent higher returns compared to an alternative investment with an 8 percent annualized return.

- Investors may receive up to \$10,000 per net new job created and maintained for one year.

- Investors can receive an eight-year exemption from both business and employee state income taxes.

- For companies that are relocating or expanding in Colorado, investors may receive \$1,200.

In 2012, Ford was awarded a long-term stewardship contract to thin thousands of acres of forest in the San Juan National Forest.

Initially, Ford planned to thin forest and use the wood to generate power for Archuleta County. He had an agreement with La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) to generate power locally and sell it back to LPEA, but it was blocked by LPEA's parent company, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association.

"They will tell you they didn't block it, but the reality of it is we had the agreement, we're sitting in Denver and they just chose not to let the local co-op even make the pre-

sentation to their board and so they used their policies and procedures to block it going forward," Ford reported last Friday to Club 20, which is "a coalition of individuals, businesses, tribes and local governments in Colorado's 22 western counties," according to the group's website.

Ford fought Tri-State in court, and when Tri-State attempted to push the case to federal court, Ford stopped fighting, citing the thousands of dollars it would have taken to continue.

Ford cited at a CDC meeting last month that LPEA owns two lines going from Pagosa Springs to Durango, saying, "One line can run 100 percent of our power. The other one can run 7 percent of our power," adding, "If the main line goes down, we're out of luck," citing the need for local power generation in Archuleta County.

Ford explained his initial plan would have thinned the forest, providing forest mitigation and watershed protection in addition to providing power to a community that depends on two power lines running to Durango.

Ford explained that after Tri-State shut down his power plans, he altered his business plan away from electricity generation.

Under his current stewardship plan, the U.S. Forest Service pays

his company to remove trees that are 8 inches or smaller in diameter, and he pays them for trees 8 inches or bigger to be used at his sawmill to create lumber.

Trees 8 inches or smaller are converted to wood chips, which then are converted to briquettes and a unique product called biochar.

Biochar is a charcoal that improves soil health and fertility, reduces methane soil emissions and has carbon-negative energy, among many other uses.

Ford explained it is also fed to livestock and cattle, which can pull heavy metals from animals and make them healthier.

Ford stated biochar is an exciting product for the local community because it gives his company a way to use smaller wood products coming out of the forest in a practical way and that there are "dozens of uses that all help protect the environment."

In an interview last month, Ford commented on Opportunity Zones in the Pagosa area and how it might affect the local economy.

Characterizing Opportunity Zones, Ford said, "I really do think it's going to be positive, but not to the extent that a lot of people think it is. It won't make a bad project good, it just adds a little cream to the top of it."

County to consider Model Traffic Code in coming months

By John Finerock
Staff Writer

Undersheriff Derek Woodman is working to implement the Model Traffic Code for Colorado in Archuleta County.

According to Woodman, the Model Traffic Code works in tandem with Title 42, which is the state traffic code, and by implementing the Model Traffic Code, it gives local entities more local control and more funding.

Woodman explained in an inter-

view Monday that once the Model Traffic Code is adopted locally, fines from tickets issued by local law enforcement will stay in the community as opposed to being sent to the state, which is what happens currently.

"Right now, if we write a speeding ticket and it's a \$100 fine, the violator pays the fine to the courts and then the money goes to the state. Under Model Traffic Code, the same speeding violation, we can set the fines how we see fit ... and then if we write a \$100

speeding ticket, then that fine is paid back to the sheriff's office instead of being paid to the state," Woodman said. "So, right now, where we get zero, we will get 100 percent."

Woodman explained that state traffic code doesn't really take into account the needs of rural Colorado and the nuances of living in a rural community like Archuleta County, citing that there isn't a state law that prohibits parking on county roads, but by tweaking the Model Traffic Code, there

can be.

"Model Traffic Code talks a lot about railroad crossings, HOV (high-occupancy vehicle) lanes. We have no railroad crossings, so we're able to omit that," said Woodman. Woodman explained the Model Traffic Code would have to be adopted by the county as an ordinance.

The Model Traffic Code is anticipated to be reviewed by the county commissioners in the coming months.

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CHAMBER NEWS

Pagosa Adventure Raffle tickets available online

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

The second annual Pagosa Springs Adventure Raffle is in full swing. Ticket holders have the opportunity to walk away with a winner-take-all package. This package consists of a 2019 900 RZR and transport trailer, a Trek Townie e-bike, an Aire Solo inflatable kayak, a \$1,000 shopping spree at a renowned local sporting goods store, tickets for raft trips and tours, and more. This valuable package highlights the seasons and the outdoor activities available in and around Pagosa Springs.

Tickets are only one for \$5, three for \$10 and seven for \$20 and may be purchased at the Chamber or Visitor Center or online at www.pagosachamber.com. Volunteers selling tickets will also be at various locations around town and at the Archuleta County Fair the first weekend of August.

The drawing for the Adventure Package will be held at the ColorFest Bands and Brews event on Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. You do not need to be pres-

ent to win. You can't win if you don't purchase a ticket. Get yours in the comfort of your home or office by purchasing them easily online. You will receive ticket confirmation after your online purchase.

If you have questions concerning the raffle, contact the Chamber at 264-2360.

ColorFest

The Chamber is pleased to announce the partnership of another nonprofit agency in our ColorFest activities, Sept. 20-22. This event will kick off the festivities a day early, occurring on Thursday, Sept. 19. The event is the Pagosa Springs Arts Council's (PSAC) Mural Project Extravaganza.

Creative people around Pagosa (professional, amateur, students and just those interested) are designing 4-inch-by-4-inch tile squares. The artistic range is quite broad with painting, quilting, beading, woodworking, collage and other mediums making up the content of the mosaic board.

The event will be held at the PSAC building at 197 Navajo Trail

Drive on the evening of Sept. 19. A ticket purchase secures you a mosaic tile with your ticket number corresponding with the randomly numbered tiles. There will also be delicious hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The evening will be filled with colorful artistic tile displays creating a mural.

Similar to the Color Run that weekend, you can't get much more colorful than a grouping of a lot of art work all in one location and in one project. Now you can start your ColorFest weekend a day early. If you are visiting town, this is one more event to enhance your stay.

The Chamber will be selling tickets for the event soon. Artists have a slight respite in turning their tiles into the PSAC with the new due date being Aug. 23. You can also turn your tile into the Chamber with the appropriate paperwork describing your creation.

We now have three nonprofit collaborative events over the ColorFest weekend: the Mural Extravaganza, Breakfast with Balloons and the ColorRun/Walk. Enjoy these activities in addition to the Passport to Pagosa

Wine and Food Festival on Sept. 20; the Bands and Brews Festival on Sept. 21, which includes the Adventure Raffle drawing; and the hot air balloon launches on Sept. 21 and 22. Don't miss out on getting your tickets for any of these events. Visit www.pagosachamber.com for more ColorFest information.

Chamber news

The August Maximize Your Membership class will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 8 a.m. Membership coordinator Rick Artis will take you through your benefits and how your Chamber membership can be more effectively utilized. The class is free and a light breakfast is served. To register for the class, contact Rick at 264-2360. New and seasoned members are encouraged to attend.

We have two new members that have joined the Chamber this week: Bauer Electric and Mountain Light Music Festival.

Our renewing members this week include The Bank of Colorado, Jann C. Pitcher Real Estate and Ruffkut Media.

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Dispatch

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“Based on my experience with the mill levy increase for the fire department, people take mill levy increases—hell, I’m preaching to the choir—they take it personally. I think that the sales tax would be a much easier source of revenue than a mill levy increase,” said Thompson.

“Generally speaking, you’re correct; you sell the idea that everybody that buys a loaf of bread or a jug of milk while they’re staying out at Wyndham is contributing to that, but the reality is the county just determined here two years in a row is that it’s not a slam dunk. It’s low-hanging fruit perhaps, but it really would require a lot of selling, it would require a campaign of one type or another to get the message

out and get the facts out,” said subcommittee member and Pagosa Springs Town Council member Tracy Bunning, referencing two sales tax initiatives voted down in 2017 and 2018 that would have helped fund the county’s new jail.

Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger pointed to the fire department’s successful mill levy increase, passed by voters last year, as demonstrating that Archuleta County residents support emergency services.

Volger suggested the public would most likely be more enthusiastic about something on the ballot relating to funding the dispatch center, compared to the two sales tax initiatives that were shot down by voters aimed to help fund the county’s new jail.

Volger also proposed the hospital district, the sheriff’s department, the Pagosa Springs Police Department and the fire department should have a unified show of support to the public.

“If those entities and the leadership of those entities got together, and say, ‘No, we need this in order to fund the type of dispatch center that we need, not want; we’re not asking for extra stuff, it’s a good solid plan,’” said Volger.

Bunning pulled back from the idea of a sales tax to raise funds for dispatch, explaining its importance to the town’s budget.

“The town lives and dies on sales tax. Eighty percent of our annual budget, or actually it’s a little more than that I guess, comes from sales

tax,” Bunning said. “I think that there may be some reluctance on the part of the town at any rate to get on board with even a small sales tax increase and the reason for that is since that is what we live on, if we have some kind of an emergency, the economy turns down again, we may be faced with a situation where we have to go to the voters for an increase in sales tax just to keep the ship upright and if we start doing a quarter percent or a half a percent for this, it’s going to make it that much harder for us to sell a do-or-die sales tax.”

Thompson stated that the public probably doesn’t realize how much dispatch center equipment costs, nor do they realize the importance of the dispatch center until it is gone, suggesting a possible newspaper ad which could read, “How would you feel if you dialed 911 and got a

recording that this number had been temporarily disconnected?”

Another idea that has been regularly floated to raise funds for dispatch is to raise the E-911 surcharge, a monthly fee for local phone lines—an idea that Schulte outlined in a handout he created for the meeting.

Schulte’s handout notes that, currently, each cellphone and landline in Archuleta County is assessed a \$1.25 per month fee for 911 purposes.

Schulte calculated that raising the 911 fee by 25 cents per month would yield an additional \$43,863 per year and an increase of 50 cents would yield an additional \$87,726 per year that could be relayed to the dispatch center.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners would have to submit an application to the Colo-

rado Public Utilities Commission to raise the E-911 surcharge, according to Schulte.

Schulte’s handout also floats the idea of imposing a “public safety tax” to new short-term vacation rental applications as an option.

In a follow-up phone call with Schulte Wednesday, he explained that the subcommittee hopes to provide recommendations to the Combined Dispatch Executive Management Board around October.

The next meeting of the subcommittee will be on Aug. 19 at 3 p.m. in the conference room at Town Hall.

The next meeting of the Combined Dispatch Executive Management Board is Monday, Aug. 5, at 9 a.m. in the Board Room at Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

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Election

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board in January of 2019, taking the seat of former board member Jason Peterson, while Kolpin was appointed to the board in February of 2018, taking the seat of former board member Lisl Keuning.

For interested parties to be qualified for a board seat, they must meet a few requirements.

Candidates must be a registered elector of the school district for at least 12 consecutive months before the election while also being a resi-

dent of the director district that will be represented.

Interested candidates must file a written notice of intention to be a candidate as well as a nomination petition that needs to be signed by at least 50 eligible electors.

Aug. 7 is the first day that nomination petitions can be circulated. Petitions may be obtained at the district’s administration office located at 309 Lewis St. between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Aug. 30 is the last day for school

director candidates to file a nomination petition.

Aug. 30 is also the last day for a school director write-in candidate to file affidavit of intent to be a candidate.

Those not certain as to what director district they are a part of can find legal descriptions of the director districts at www.mypagosaschools.com under the “School Board” tab, or potential candidates can visit the district’s administration office.

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Sheriff

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military supplies and equipment to local law enforcement agencies and first responders.

In December 2018, 6th Judicial District Attorney Christian Champagne was approached by former Archuleta County attorney Todd Starr, who said he had information that Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez “had been misappropriating county funds and using them for personal expenditures.”

“As a result of the investigation completed by the CBI, the Archuleta County Sheriff’s Office, Sheriff Richard Valdez, and his staff have been completely cleared of any wrongdoing and the allegation has been deemed to be entirely unfounded. No further action is anticipated and this matter is considered closed,” a press release from Champagne that was issued in May states.

This week, ACSO Undersheriff Derek Woodman explained to The SUN that when the 1033 items were reported as missing, the county was utilizing some of the equipment in question.

“While some county employees said that they did not know that some of this stuff existed, well, clearly they did because the county was insuring it, maintaining it, licensing it, you know, on and on and on. So there was no hiding of it and it was for the benefit of the county,” Woodman said.

The CBI report also revealed that a former ACSO deputy had sold items received through the 1033 Program while working at the sheriff’s department.

Per the 1033 contract that the ACSO had with the Colorado Department of Public Safety, which administers the program, the ACSO is required to keep disposable items, such as boots or a tent, for one year and then the ACSO could dispose of them however the department saw fit within local and state laws.

On Monday, Woodman explained the sheriff’s office is currently implementing the following policies:

- Not allowing items obtained through the 1033 Program to be released for personal use.
- Completing a detailed inventory with all current 1033 assets and their location, and providing it to the county in the upcoming weeks.
- Keeping detailed documentation of 1033 items that are issued to deputies, with the exception of disposable items.
- Only acquiring new 1033 items that demonstrate an immediate need and benefit to the ACSO and the county.

Woodman explained how new policies will prevent 1033 items from ever being released for personal use.

“I think that there should have, and will be, better guidelines internally at the sheriff’s office about items obtained through the 1033 Program going to personal use,” said Woodman, who started his position in January, adding, “I think that there should not have been a transfer [of 1033 items] to personal use. Not that the program didn’t

allow it, it just wasn’t right.”

Woodman said that going forward, “items will not be transferred to personal use. If the sheriff’s office ends up with items out of the 1033 Program that we can no longer use, then they will be disposed of appropriately,” stating the disposal will most likely be through an auction, and the funds generated will be used to buy more equipment for the ACSO.

Woodman noted the ACSO is almost finished with the process of inventorying all the 1033 items in its possession and their locations, and should have that complete list to county officials in the upcoming weeks, noting that the items are stored in various locations around the county.

Woodman said about 90 percent of 1033 items given to ACSO have “been directly accounted for or identified that it’s been disposed of” and that the items that have not been accounted for are disposable items like boots, gloves and smaller items like miscellaneous medical supplies.

All capital assets obtained through the 1033 Program, meaning any item valued over \$5,000, have been accounted for, according to Woodman.

“We went through and counted piece by piece and then compared [our assets to the initial 1033 inventory list]. We’re very close, we know obviously there’s stuff that was disposable, consumable items I guess, that’s gone, there’s no doubt it’s been consumed. There’s other items that we know have been disposed of. We know [there were] medical supplies and it was given to EMS, and then what they’ve done with it, we’re not really sure,” Woodman said.

Woodman also explained that items like sleeping bags obtained through the 1033 Program were given to search and rescue and have been used.

“They come across someone who’s injured [and] throw ‘em a sleeping bag, we don’t recover the sleeping bag,” said Woodman.

Woodman explained that there is a reason that the military is getting rid of the equipment they push to the 1033 Program, noting that some tool boxes he would receive would be empty, or on a pallet of four generators only two would work.

Woodman also explained that the value of the 1033 items were often overinflated, noting that something listed as a “helicopter repair kit” was just a bunch of common tools, and were often an incomplete set, yet they were still valued at the price the set would have been brand new.

On May 8, about a week after CBI’s report was released, the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) released a press release with five action items, the first of which stated that the BoCC would pull the ACSO out of the 1033 Program.

The press release states: “1. The BoCC will notify the Colorado State Patrol Department of Public Safety that Archuleta County will no longer participate in the 1033 Program

until further notice.”

Maez characterized the press release on Tuesday as a list of things the commissioners could possibly do if they had to.

The ACSO is still participating in the 1033 Program.

“First and foremost, we can’t back out of [the 1033 Program], because we still have stuff that is on that 12-month cycle, and those are storage containers that were obtained at the specific request of the fire department,” Woodman said after being asked if the ACSO would continue in the 1033 Program.

Woodman explained that even after the fire department’s storage containers fall off the 12-month cycle of being required to keep the items, the ACSO will still participate in the program, though they will only get items that have a demonstrated need to the ACSO and the county.

“But, even then, we’ll still be part of it. A great example, I think that the sheriff’s office and search and rescue can certainly use a snowcat. It would be a fantastic tool to serve the visitors and our citizens during rescue situations,” Woodman said.

“Currently, right now, the way it stands is we’re only going to make acquisition for stuff that we absolutely need,” said Commissioner Ron Maez, noting that Valdez “runs his own department.”

“It’s my intention for us to monitor the 1033 Program and it’s my desire that the sheriff’s department would only get items that the BoCC approved in advance because we’re still the fiscal agent for the county and, ultimately, the taxpayers of this community should benefit from that program,” said Commissioner Steve Wadley in a phone call Tuesday.

Maez noted there has been better communication between the commissioners and the ACSO over recent months, and Woodman stated the relationship between the two entities has vastly improved since he started in January.

In addition to an updated 1033 inventory that will soon be sent to county officials, Woodman said 1033 items issued to deputies (excluding disposable items) will be tracked and documented.

“There’s going to be an itemized list that will be attached to individuals,” he said, adding, “When we issue out a pistol, a shotgun and a rifle to a patrol deputy, that’s all documented and will include [1033 items].”

Woodman explained that the 1033 Program has been a huge benefit to the county, with the ACSO obtaining items for free and giving equipment to other county departments that the county would have otherwise had to purchase.

Woodman explained the landfill is currently using a bulldozer obtained through the 1033 Program, and that “it’s the only bulldozer that the landfill has. So, if we didn’t have that, then the county’s gonna have to buy one, so it’s a huge savings.”

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Scam

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to list the house through a local real estate agent and was asked by the agent why he removed the listing from the remaining online service, which according to the incident report, the homeowner was unaware that he did.

Upon investigating the listing, the homeowner located his home on the advertising site, but found it listed for rent instead of up for sale, the incident report explains.

In addition to being listed for rent, the incident report explains that the listing stated a \$1,000 security deposit along with the first and last month’s rent was due.

The homeowner explained that the email that was listed with the rental posting was not his email, the incident report explains.

According to the incident report, the individual who contacted the homeowner about the deposit he had made has dementia.

An ACSO deputy was able to get into contact with the individual who made the deposit and he explained to the deputy that he had found the listing online and contacted who he

thought was the homeowner, according to the report.

The incident report further explains that the man who placed the deposit informed the ACSO deputy that two separate emails were used for the contact person.

Further in the incident report, it explains that the man sent the supposed homeowner two electronic payments of \$500 on July 23 and 24.

The supposed homeowner then told the prospective renter through conversations via text and email that the keys for the home would be sent to him via Fed-Ex, but on July 25 the prospective renter was again contacted for more money from the presumed homeowner, the incident report describes.

At this point, the man had spoken to a couple of people about the situation, one of them being the actual homeowner, and eventually told the scammer he would not be sending any more funds and knew that this was a fraud, the incident report explains.

The incident report notes that the man who had initially sent funds to the scammer had filed fraud claims

with his bank and notified Social Security about the access to his number.

The man explained to the ACSO deputy that his bank might not be able to do much with his claim because of how fast the transactions processed, the incident report states.

Receipts of the transactions were sent to the ACSO and the case is currently active with a pending investigation, the incident report notes.

According to the incident report, potential charges in the case include: identity theft—uses identity, all other thefts, fraud by check—other method and crimes against at-risk adult/ juvenile—theft no force.

For both renters and landlords, ACSO Undersheriff Derek Woodman recommends that these types of transactions happen in person.

“I would highly recommend that rentals, specifically of vacation property, nothing takes place other than face-to-face,” he said.

In addition to that, both renters and homeowners should do some research into who they are potentially doing business with.

“Don’t just send money,” he said.

Town

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folks who will volunteer their time and do that, and the folks we have had over the years really have been exceptional.”

The mayor added that the Pagosa Springs Town Council trusts the boards, calling them “very valuable.”

Planning commission

The town is seeking two regular and two alternate members to serve on the planning commission.

The planning commission comprises five regular members and two alternates, each serving a four-year volunteer term.

Regular meetings are held twice per month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays, at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

According to a press release posted to the town’s website, “In general, the Planning Commission is responsible for the following typical activities and general tasks: review development applications for conformance with the Land Use and Development Code (or LU/DC), act as the Design Review Board to hear commercial proposals and Board of Adjustment to consider variance requests, also to make recommendations on policies, procedures and plans affecting growth, development and redevelopment of the Town. The Planning Commission also

participates in research and study of policies, procedures and practices to address local growth, development and redevelopment.”

The press release also notes, “This is a great opportunity for those who are interested in serving the community.”

The LU/DC, as well as more about the planning commission, can be viewed on the town’s website, www.pagosasprings.co.gov, by clicking on “Municipal Code and Home Rule Charter.”

It can also be viewed at Town Hall, located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Those interested are urged to contact the Town of Pagosa Springs Planning Department for eligibility requirements, and interested individuals should submit a letter of interest to the Planning Department, P.O. Box 1859, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 or to cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov.

Town staff will contact candidates prior to recommendation for appointment.

Historic Preservation Board

The town is also seeking one person to serve on the Historic Preservation Board, which “advises and promotes projects that pertain to Historic Preservation,” the town’s website explains.

The board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. in Town Hall, though additional meetings and work sessions may be called as necessary.

Like with the planning commission vacancies, interested individuals should submit a letter of interest to the Planning Department at either of the addresses listed above.

Any questions can be directed to Cindy Schultz at 264-4151, ext. 221 or cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov.

Board of Appeals

The town and PFPD are also seeking members for the Board of Appeals, which meets on an as-needed basis to hear appeals related to building code decisions.

Specifically, Phillips explained, someone is needed “who is a fire protection professional or fire experienced contractor engineer (or either alternate or regular member).”

For the Board of Appeals, both regular and alternate members must be county residents for a minimum of two years prior to appointment.

Anyone fitting the bill who is interested can submit a letter of interest to the town at the Town Hall, and the town will then share the letters with the PFPD.

More about the Board of Appeals can be found in Article 6.13 of the LU/DC.



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Pagosa Springs Medical Center: Back in the black

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) made it into the black for the first time in 2019 in June, with a year-to-date net income of \$34,994 at the end of the month.

That comes despite a slower-than-normal June.

"For June, we didn't have a stellar month," Chief Financial Officer Chelle Keplinger told the board of the Upper San Juan Health Service District, which operates as PSMC. She added, "June is usually a great month for us, but it just didn't happen."

Keplinger noted that, in talking with the finance committee, it seemed like the people just weren't in town yet in June.

The medical center posted gross revenues of \$4,852,917 for the month, which came in about \$426,145 below budget and \$309,878 below gross revenues for June 2018.

"Now, June year to date we're in pretty good shape," Keplinger noted. Year to date, PSMC had gross revenues of \$28,717,173 as of the end of June — \$24,314 below budget.

In response to a question from board member Kate Alfred, Keplinger noted that volumes were down in June, later noting that PSMC's gross revenue should peak in July "if all

things are normal."

A written report on June's finances states, "Surgery is the only department that hit budgeted gross revenue in June."

Net revenue for June totaled \$2,703,510, which fell more than 9 percent below budget and nearly 16 percent below June of 2018, though Keplinger noted that most of that is attributed to a change in formula for net revenue.

Later in the meeting, board member Jason Cox asked the relevance of the gross revenue if net revenue is what matters, and if it is to track that charges and reimbursements stay at the same levels.

Keplinger responded affirmatively, explaining that of everything that comes in in gross revenue, PSMC will get about half of that.

"We do not make \$5 million a month," CEO Dr. Rhonda Webb said.

Keplinger explained that there are a number of things on the front end that can affect reimbursement on the back end, such as denials.

"What keeps us from raising the gross number, ... what we charge?" board member Matt Mees asked later in the conversation, with Keplinger suggesting that PSMC is held to a maximum increase in its contracts with its payers.

She added that, starting with sur-

gery, PSMC is going look at its true costs of providing services to help ensure it is getting back what it costs to perform the service.

Webb added that PSMC has to charge appropriately for the area and the market, with Keplinger noting the goal is to be competitive.

Further discussion included that PSMC is pushing financial assistance and has a discount policy because everybody has to be charged the same rate, regardless of the fact that different payers pay different amounts.

Expenses for June came in under budget, Keplinger's presentation shows, with June's expenses totaling \$2,916,962 and the budget anticipating \$3,051,751, making for a difference of \$134,789.

"This is the one place we can totally control — as much as we can," Keplinger told the board, receiving chuckles.

The expenses for June of 2019 were \$61,739 over June of 2018, with Keplinger noting that the Consumer Price Index for medical is generally more than a 4 percent increase over time, but that PSMC has been able to hold to an increase of about 2.34 percent this year.

"We are definitely making a difference, although it may seem small, but we're moving in the right direc-

tion," she said.

Year to date, PSMC is \$287,086 under budget, with expenses totaling \$17,617,994. That figure is \$403,223 over the same time span in 2018, with Keplinger noting that additional service lines have been added over time.

That left PSMC a net income for June of \$110,021.

Despite that being an increase of \$79,591 over the same month in 2018, June of 2019 fell under the budgeted amount of \$387,668.

Year to date, PSMC's net income is \$34,994, with the budget anticipating a net income of \$979,803 by the end of June.

"We finally have broke to the positive for the year," Keplinger told the board.

Keplinger also noted PSMC is ahead of last year in net income, with the medical center having a net income of \$17,407 through the first half of 2018.

The medical center's days cash on hand dipped in June to 39.3, with Keplinger noting the dip was anticipated due to PSMC making a \$1.1 million bond payment for both principal and interest.

Webb indicated to the board that PSMC has reached out to its bond counsel and will be bringing the bonds back to the finance committee and board for discussion.

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relationships, removing causes of any present or future controversies, and securing agricultural and industrial development of the Colorado River Basin.

Other parts of upper basin drought contingency planning involve continuing cloud seeding to augment snowfall, as well as demand management.

"Demand management, of course, is a fancy way of telling people to use less water and that's been, as we all know, the most contentious and controversial component of the drought contingency plan," Kessler said.

Kessler noted that demand management will require careful study and negotiation, but that it must also be voluntary, temporary and compensated for.

West slope agriculture cannot be the "sole sacrifice" and conserved water must remain in the upper basin's control, he added later.

From phases one and two of a risk study done on the Colorado River, a takeaway is that the risk that Lake Powell would be drained below critical levels is about 10 to 20 percent, Kessler explained.

Additionally, a 10 percent increase in upper basin depletions doubles the frequency that demand management is needed to insure compact compliance, Kessler ex-

plained.

"As much as 1 to 2 million acre feet of additional water would be needed or required at times," he said.

Risk drivers for Lake Powell involve things such as hydrology, consumptive use for both the upper and lower basins, and low reservoir storage conditions, Kessler noted.

"Of course, if you start a race with half a tank as opposed to a full tank, your risk goes up in failure," Kessler said of low reservoir storage conditions.

Phase three of the risk study notes that the likelihood of Lake Powell dropping below 3,525 AF at some point in the next 25 years is about 39 percent.

"That's a significant risk for us," he said.

Compact depletion impact

On average, of the five basins listed in Kessler's presentation, which includes in-basin flows and transmountain diversion (TMD) flows, Colorado uses about 2,532,564 AF of Colorado River water.

"Half of our annual depletions in Colorado come from the main stem," Kessler said. "Almost half of those depletions come from transmountain diversions to the front range."

Kessler was referring to the fact

that, on average, the Colorado River Basin has an annual depletion of 1,220,386 AF with in-basin depletions making up 669,397 AF and TMDs making up 550,989 AF of that total.

"Roughly 60 percent of our use is pre-compact in Colorado," Kessler said.

According to his presentation, the White River Basin has an average annual depletion, pre-compact, of 81 percent, while the Gunnison River Basin sits at 90 percent pre-compact.

Curtailment of post-compact rights would mainly impact TMDs and the Colorado River Basin as a whole, Kessler explained.

Kessler's presentation notes that 67.2 percent of the Colorado River Basin's average annual depletions would be impacted, with 10.1 percent coming from in-basin and the other 57.1 percent coming from TMDs.

If curtailment of all post-compact rights is not the only option, Kessler explained that other water rights could be impacted.

"If we cut 100,000 acre feet using curtailment, the priority date would be July of 1957," he said.

If the target volume was 300,000 AF, Colorado River rights after September 1940 could be affected, while a 600,000 AF target volume could impact water rights post-

August 1935.

A "full" compact call of 932,000 AF would impact water rights post-November 1922, Kessler noted.

Within his presentation, Kessler notes that a single statewide partial call on each sub-basin for each target volume would primarily have the biggest impact on the Colorado basin each time.

If 100,000 or 300,000 AF target volume was needed, the Colorado River Basin would be hit with a 59 percent impact for both scenarios, Kessler explained.

In these impact scenarios, TMD's impact gets larger the higher the target volume gets, going from 37 percent at a 100,000 AF target all the way to 56 percent impact if a full 932,000 AF target was needed, Kessler explained.



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County to test new road technology this fall

By John Finebrock
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Public Works Department is considering implementing a road technology called lithification that could bring down the cost of reconstructing a mile of road from \$1 million to \$250,000.

"The reason we're so excited about this is we want to repair these roads that are in need of repair and we can do more [with lithification]," said Matt Archuleta, operations manager for the Public Works Department. "Versus a million dollars a mile, we can do a mile of road for \$250,000 and these roads are gonna last 20 years, so that's giving the taxpayers the best bang for their buck."

According to a flyer from Lithified Technologies that details the technology, lithification is a natural process that "gradually turns soil to rock over many years," but chemicals used in the company's accelerated lithification process cause that to happen in just 24 hours.

The flyer also explains that "roads

wear from the top down, but they fail from the bottom up" and that using lithification in the base layer of roads creates a foundation that will last for decades and that "you get a lower overall cost while producing a better, longer lasting road."

Archuleta explained that the base layer of current failing paved roads in Archuleta County is "just the old asphalt that's crumbling and it doesn't do any good to seal it or patch it," but that lithification creates a solid rock base that lasts for 20 years.

Additionally, roads can be reconstructed by grinding up materials that are already in the road, and using the lithification technology the chemicals can turn a ground up asphalt road into a solid rock base that will last decades.

"Once we do a road, we're not going to have to go back and fill a lot of potholes or fill cracks because they're not going to be there because water is not going to be allowed to go into the foundation and we're going to maintain the top portion at much lower costs," said Archuleta.

Archuleta also explained the cost for materials goes up every year and that by reusing existing material in the roads, it saves money.

"Asphalt, cement, the building materials for these roads, they're just constantly going up. We can't even get an asphalt company to come in here unless it's a really large project 'cause it's just not worth it to them, cause the price of the asphalt has gone up so much," Archuleta said.

He added, "There's your other savings, you're not having to have all this gravel or asphalt brought in from wherever. You might have to bring in some, but the cost is going to be that much less, and plus you're not paying to ship it off somewhere and stick it in the landfill because you're basically recycling it."

Archuleta noted that counties around the Four Corners have used lithification for their roads and that the roads are still holding strong.

"Places in higher elevation where they get a good amount of snow like we get, it's been used there and

[the roads are] holding up," said Archuleta, adding, "They've visited these places where they first put it down, they went back out and these roads are holding up."

Bob Perry, public works director, said that, in September, Pines Drive, Matthews Circle and West Golf Place will be reconstructed using lithification and that the results will dictate if the technology will continue to be used by the county in the future.

Commissioner Ron Maez expressed in a phone call Tuesday that the cost savings plus the strength of the new technology make it an easy decision should September's initial test prove effective.

"You'd be a fool not to do it," Maez said.

Maez also explained that the capital road improvement budget will probably get cut next year to help fund the county's new jail, a move Archuleta anticipates, but is prepared for.

"You know, you gotta do more with less; that's where you get innovative," said Archuleta.

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Club 20 hears presentation on impact of reintroducing gray wolves in Colorado

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A proposed initiative that could possibly allow for gray wolves to be reintroduced onto designated lands within the state was a topic of discussion at a Club 20 policy committee meeting held in Pagosa Springs on July 25.

Initiative 107's language suggests a change be made to Colorado Revised Statutes that allows for the restoration of gray wolves.

Additionally, Initiative 107 states that it would require Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to implement a plan to restore and manage the wolves.

CPW is prohibited from imposing any land, water or resource use restrictions on private landowners in furthering the plan. Additionally, if landowners experience losses of livestock because of the gray wolf restoration, Initiative 107's language states that CPW will compensate the landowners.

As of June 21, Initiative 107 had been approved for circulation and proponents of the initiative will need 124,632 signatures by Dec. 13 for the issue to be placed on the 2020 ballot, according to the Colorado Secretary of State's Office.

According to the U.S. Environmental Conservation Online System, gray wolves were listed as being endangered in the U.S. in March of 1978.

During the July 25 Club 20 meeting, Colorado Wool Growers Association Executive Director Bonnie Brown gave a presentation on the impacts Initiative 107 could have on landowners and wildlife.

According to Brown, Initiative 107 is being pushed for by the Rocky Mountain Wolf Project.

"They're making a big play to the public saying that they're going to compensate livestock owners," she said. "But if you really look at the facts on livestock compensation, and what's happening across the West, it really doesn't come close to covering costs."

Currently, wolves remain federally listed as endangered, which means that CPW has to give federal consultations on the issue, Brown explained.

"It's really unlikely that the Trump administration is going to do that," she said. "If we have a change in 2020, that new administration most likely will fast-track that process."

Potentially having Initiative 107 on the 2020 ballot is "a really dangerous thing," Brown described.

Initiative claims

According to Brown, Initiative 107's language states that wolves were once a part of wildlife habitat.

Gray wolves are not extinct in Colorado, as some are migrating in on a "low level," she said.

Another claim made by the initiative is that Colorado has room for these wolves to roam, Brown explained.

Brown further explained that Colorado's current population is 5.7 million people and is expected to grow to 8.1 million by 2050.

Colorado as a whole is highly populated and its community recreates heavily in local wilderness areas, Brown explained.

"The vision of this wilderness area that nobody treads except elk and wolves really is not accurate at all," Brown said, adding that wolves often travel great distances.

Additionally, 30 percent of the state's forested acreage is privately owned, she added later.

When winter rolls around in Colorado, elk and moose roam down from the high country and their predators follow them, Brown described.

"So, you're going to see a lot of this play out on private property," she said.

Another claim of Initiative 107 is that, once reintroduced, gray wolves will help restore a balance in nature, Brown stated.

This could be the case for a brief moment, but Brown explained that wolves will have a tremendous impact on the state's wildlife base.

In Idaho, where wolves have been reintroduced, moose herds have almost been completely wiped out, Brown indicated.

"Our Parks and Wildlife has had a tremendous job on bringing moose back to Colorado," she noted.

Wolves were also introduced to Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho in 1995/1996, and, during the 1990s, Yellowstone's elk herd was estimated at 19,000. That number had dropped to around 4,900 in 2015, according to presentation materials.

For livestock owners, there is a significant emotional toll when they realize their cattle or sheep have been killed by wolves, Brown added later.

In some cases, when livestock owners have lost sheep, they have received no compensation from the Defenders of Wildlife, who offered to pay for any problems that may occur, Brown stated.

"So, when you see that in writing, 'Oh, we're going to compensate livestock producers,' if you look what happens on the ground, that's not necessarily what happens," she said.

About 70 percent of the cow killings and 51 percent of the sheep killings occur on private property, she added.

Even if folks don't run livestock, they still should be concerned if they have pets such as dogs, she explained.

Wolves can also kill people, Brown added later.

"It's not hard to go in these communities that have wolves in the area now and find out that they have public safety warnings because wolves continue to move in closer to towns and be problematic," she said.

Materials provided during the

presentation explain that wolves can often become habituated in populated areas, which can then be passed down to their offspring.

Wolves also carry diseases, specifically something called a hydatid cyst, according to Brown.

Idaho had previously never seen cases of hydatid cysts until wolves were reintroduced into the area, according to an Idaho game agency's lab report, Brown cited.

"It's really infecting moose and elk in these other states," she said.

If wolves are threatening your pets or livestock, there are some nonlethal ways to keep wolves at bay, but Brown explained that these methods are just temporary.

"If you feel a threat on your personal safety, you can kill a wolf, but be prepared for a federal investigation to demonstrate that wolf was proving a threat to you," she said.

Jail time or hefty fines can be handed out if that threat was not deemed worthy enough to kill the wolf, Brown noted.

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Clarifications

Loaves and Fishes donation

La Plata Electric Association provided details for its Round Up grants in last week's SUN. The press release incorrectly stated information referencing Loaves and Fishes: "The organization services approximately 50 meals free of charge to those in need in Archuleta."

Gwen Barley of Loaves and Fishes wrote in an email to The SUN, "Actually, in 2018, Loaves and Fishes served 12,486 meals over 50 weeks, free of charge, to the Archuleta County community."

LPEA later explained that the grant funding will pay for 50 meals.

Blue spruce tree donation

In last week's SUN, the Vet4Vets organization submitted information regarding a blue spruce tree donated for Veterans Memorial Park. The organization provided additional information about that donation.

The tree was sponsored by the Vet4Vets and purchased at the annual Festival of Trees fundraiser by Drs. Bill and Rhonda Webb. The Webbs then donated the tree back to the Vets4Vets, who committed to giving it to the Veterans Memorial Park.

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Outdoors



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Workers begin to restore marina facilities at the boat ramp at Navajo State Park. The dock, boat slips, store and utility lines were removed earlier this year. Construction crews will reconnect the infrastructure and, if all goes as planned, the work will be completed by Labor Day.

Work starts to restore Navajo State Park Marina

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

Work started this week to restore marina facilities at the boat ramp at Navajo State Park.

The dock, boat slips, store and utility lines were removed early this year because they could have been damaged when the water level of the reservoir dropped to a record low. Construction crews will reconnect the infrastructure; and if all goes as planned, the work could be completed by Labor Day.

"We know this was an inconvenience for our boaters, but we

appreciate everyone's patience," said Brian Sandy, manager of Navajo State Park. "When this work is completed, we'll be better able to handle low-water conditions."

Besides positioning the dock and slips, water, sewage pump-out, gasoline and limited electric service will again be available at the conclusion of the project.

The marina store will no longer be located in the water. It will be moved to the top of the boat ramp, and plans are being made for a new building that will include more facilities and services for park visitors.

Last fall, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) resurfaced about 180 feet of the boat ramp which was deteriorating.

Navajo State Park, one of 41 state parks operated by CPW, is located near the New Mexico border in southern Colorado. The park draws more than 330,000 visitors every year. The 2,100-acre park offers boating, fishing, hiking and biking trails, wildlife viewing and camping. The reservoir is one of the largest in the West at more than 15,000 surface acres.

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife seeking input as it looks to open future state parks

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

There are 41 state parks across Colorado offering access to some of the state's most magnificent and diverse outdoor natural features, from mountain lakes to world-class rock climbing, hiking and camping.

Colorado's state parks are drawing more visitors every year. On sunny weekends, state parks can have long lines waiting at the entrance gates. Growing demand for these outstanding outdoor places is one reason why Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is exploring opportunities to open new state parks.

State parks offer important places for outdoor recreation while benefiting local economies, public health and quality of life. In 2018, the Colorado General Assembly

passed the Future Generations Act, calling on CPW to plan for development of new state parks.

"As CPW considers possible new properties, we want to hear from the public about what characteristics and qualities they would like to experience at future state parks," said Dan Prenzl, director of CPW. "Our vision is that Colorado's state parks connect people to natural wonders. Every state park should offer a unique place to experience Colorado and live life outside."

The draft criteria, listed below, offer broad characteristics to evaluate properties in order to ensure they achieve this vision.

- Outstanding nature-based recreation.
- Natural resource value and conservation.
- Meets Colorado's needs.
- Relevance and community value.

value.

• Financial sustainability.
For a more detailed description of each of these proposed criteria and an opportunity to provide comments, go to CPW's website at: cpw.state.co.us/futurestateparks. The public comment period is open until Thursday, Aug. 15.

Please do not miss this chance to help identify future places that will be conserved and available for public enjoyment. Following public review, CPW will consider comments, revise criteria and present a final version to the Parks and Wildlife Commission and public in September.

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August events at Chimney Rock National Monument

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

Walk in the footsteps of the fascinating and enigmatic Ancestral at Chimney Rock National Monument. This undiscovered gem is an intimate, off-the-beaten-path archaeological site with stabilized structures and artifacts, abundant wildlife and views of the breathtaking San Juan National Forest.

Chimney Rock offers monthly programs, annual events and daily guided and self-guided tours that are fun and educational for the whole family.

The Chimney Rock Geology Tour will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 7. This 1.5-hour guided tour only takes place twice a year and explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the ancestral Puebloans who lived at Chimney Rock. No prior knowledge

of geology is needed. The fee is \$16 for adults and \$8 for ages 5-12, and is considered a nonrefundable donation.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) is proud to host a special presentation on Thursday, Aug. 8, by Dr. Erica Ellingson, professor of astrophysical and planetary science at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Ellingson will explore the deep understanding of the sky that is expressed through the ancestral Puebloans' art and architecture. The lecture is free of charge, open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m., following CRIA's social hour at 6 p.m. at The Springs Resort and Spa (EcoLuxe building) located at 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

CRIA offers two different night sky archaeoastronomy programs: Our Solar System on Friday, Aug. 9, and Stars and Galaxies on Aug. 30. For both programs, your evening

begins with an amazing sunset and interactive discussion at the Mesa Village Trailhead just off the high mesa parking lot. After the discussion, volunteer astronomers await with telescopes to provide a closer look at the wonders of the night sky. Tickets are \$16 (adults) and \$8 (children 5-12) plus booking fee, and are nonrefundable.

This month, the awe-inspiring Full Moon Program takes place on Thursday, Aug. 15. The Full Moon Program occurs against the backdrop of the Great House Pueblo at the top of Chimney Rock Mesa. The program includes an informative lecture on topics specific to the Chimney Rock site. Then, guests watch the full moon rise to the live music of Charles Martinez' Native American flute. The program lasts approximately three hours including check-in, driving to the mesa top and hiking to the Great House

Pueblo. There is a \$20 fee for attending or \$25 to attend the Full Moon Program with an early tour.

Chimney Rock National Monument is located 17 miles west of Pagosa Springs and 3 miles south on Colo. 151. For more information about our monthly programs and tour times, please visit www.chimneyrockco.org or call (877) 444-6777. A booking fee applies to each ticket purchased online or through the call center. Purchasing your tickets in advance is the only way to guarantee a spot for the monthly and annual programs. Most programs are at full capacity prior to the event, but we will accommodate walk-ins if space is available.

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Look again: Three deer lined up like this can easily fool the eye. These bucks in velvet were spotted in the Chromo area Saturday evening.

Plant walk: Explore alpine herbs and wildflowers

By Jean Zirnhelt
Special to The SUN

Join members of the Weminuche Audubon Society in a plant walk on Falls Creek Road this Saturday, Aug. 3, as we explore plants with Lake McCullough. This walk will last from 9:30 a.m. to noon and will be about 2 miles round trip at a slow pace.

McCullough's incredible knowledge and wit make these popular walks an educational, fun time. She will identify high-altitude plants found in this area and discuss the botany, good harvesting practices and therapeutic uses of many fascinating native plants found right in our backyard.

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Four Mile diversion put on administration, water levels OK

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

San Juan River flows have dropped marginally — 41 cubic feet per second (cfs) — in the past week, with flows sitting at 314 cfs on July 31.

Those flows are still above the average for July 31, with the average for that day being 197 cfs.

The highest recorded flow total for July 31 came in 1957, when the San Juan River was flowing at 1,200 cfs. The lowest came in 2002, with the San Juan only having a flow of 15.8 cfs.

Water report

According to a press release from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District Manager Justin Ramsey, the Four Mile diversion officially went on

administration on July 23, meaning that diversion flow has now been shut down.

Therefore, collective diversion flows now sit at 4.5 cfs when last week they were 10.5 cfs.

The West Fork and San Juan diversion flows remain unchanged from last week, staying at 3 and 1.5 cfs, respectively.

"All lakes are still full, but we should start seeing a drop in the coming weeks especially if monsoons don't pick up," Ramsey wrote in an email.

In a follow-up interview, Ramsey explained that at this point last year, the Four Mile diversion had long been put on administration.

"We're going to be OK. Even if

there's no monsoons and we keep having this high water level like you're seeing, we're still making a lot of water," Ramsey said. "The water will get turned back on sometime in October. That's when it usually does."

From July 19 through July 25 of this year, water production totaled 19.81 million gallons.

Contributing to that total, the Snowball water treatment plant produced 6.10 million gallons, the Hatcher water treatment plant produced 10.63 million gallons and the San Juan water treatment plant produced 3.08 million gallons.

From July 19 through July 25 of 2018, water production totaled 17.8 million gallons.

Card of Thanks

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A big thank you to the San Juan Conservation Corp for one long day of hard work spreading wood chips and mulch.

Another big thank you to Audubon Rockies, the Pagosa Family School and the Pagosa Springs High School Youth Rising Class for constructing and installing bee hotels and releasing bees on the GGP park grounds.

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Watch "When Hearts Attack" on From Sickness to Health — https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WTl_KKwxLE

Education

Project aims to provide clothing for 50 students

By Kim Hamilton
Special to The SUN

For the third year in a row, Kim Hamilton is spearheading a grassroots project known as Adopt-A-Student-For-School Clothes.

Hamilton coordinates students in need with those who are able to help them with financial donations and volunteering for shopping.

All requests for help, as well as those helping, are anonymous.

This is an opportunity to help those in a variety of circumstances obtain items they may not be able to afford on their own or through agencies.

Most times, school supplies can be provided through existing programs, but not clothing. Feeling confident about how they look can help students perform better in school.

The first year, only about 15 students were helped. Last year, the project helped about 30 students.

The goal is to help around 50 students this year.

School starts Sept. 2, so collection of donations is now underway.

Used items in excellent to like-new condition accepted include any type of clothes, shoes and backpacks for both boys and girls. New items needed are underwear, socks and shoes.

Any families needing assistance or any families who would like to help the students in need, contact

information is below. Any participation, large or small, is greatly appreciated.

You can contact Hamilton by calling (805) 405-8953 or emailing kimh55@hotmail.com.

We're always so thankful for the participation of Pagosans in any way, shape or form. We hope to make this another successful year for this independently run project. Helping our youth is helping our future.

Expanding STEM to Colorado communities with AmeriCorps

By Robin Young
Special to The SUN

Colorado State University (CSU) Extension announces an AmeriCorps position for the 4-H Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) AmeriCorps Program in Archuleta County. The program will provide STEM education to youth in areas such as robotics, weather and animal science.

The position begins with a paid training on Aug. 24 and 25. Following the training, new Ameri-

Corps members will be sworn into service with CSU Extension on Aug. 25.

"Through 4-H STEM out-of-school time programming, the AmeriCorps Program will provide young people with hands-on STEM experiences to improve their educational outcomes," said program manager Melinda Macpherson. "We anticipate that involvement in this program will increase STEM knowledge among youth and will lead to more positive attitudes toward science and school."

Program funding for the 4-H STEM program comes from an AmeriCorps State grant, an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) through Serve Colorado, the Governor's Commission on Community Service. It is administered in partnership with the Colorado 4-H Youth Development Program and counties across Colorado. Programs will be offered during after-school, summer, day and overnight camps.

For more information about

the 4-H STEM programming in Archuleta County, please contact the CSU Extension office at 264-5931. For more information about Extension's 4-H STEM AmeriCorps program, contact program manager Macpherson, melinda.macpherson@colostate.edu. To pick up a job description, please come into the CSU Extension office located at 344 U.S. 84 in Pagosa Springs.

For more information about AmeriCorps national service, please visit www.nationalservice.gov.

Reading: The most important subject taught in school

Have you visited your local library lately? If you haven't, you may want to check out some of the many things you can do there. Besides great books, movies, music, Internet and computer access, you will find lists of news, activities and community events posted in many of our local libraries. In some areas of Colorado, libraries are community centers. They host community events and lectures.

You can also visit libraries online. I recently connected online with my local library and found a link to a site where a viewer can input a favorite author and find recommended similar authors and suggested books. In many cases, this is based on people checking out books throughout the library

system. It's a lot like movie rental stores of the past where you could put in the name of a movie and the computer screen suggested other movies that you might like "If you like this movie, you may like ..."

Children's books may also be organized similarly. The books are usually grouped by age or grade level. First-graders get excited about any book they can read, but as students progress, they tend to



Joyce Rankin
State Board
of Education

select books with topics having a more personal interest. You can find, for example, the most popular books currently being read by sixth-graders.

Reading: It's the most important subject taught in school. If you can't read well, your chances of success in life are significantly reduced. The most important thing a parent can do is to read to their child and this hasn't changed. But, now the systematic, scientific approach or scope and sequence of learning to teach children how to read has been proven to be more successful. So what does this mean to our public school students, adults, parents, grandparents and anyone interested in reading?

Senate Bill 19-199 Reading to Ensure Academic Development or the READ ACT requires that kindergarten through third-grade teachers use evidence-based practices of the science of teaching reading in their classrooms. The bill also provides for community members to be informed of the legislation and learn about some of the reading foundations included in the READ ACT.

Beginning in August, when students return to their classrooms, I'll be traveling throughout the Third Congressional District sharing the READ ACT and what it means in your community. Watch the event board in your local library for details.

It continues to be an honor to serve on the State Board of Education representing the Third Congressional District.

Celebration

Brooke Hampton

Brooke Hampton, of Pagosa Springs, completed an honors course titled Multidisciplinary Perspectives: Research Management in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem in Yellowstone National Park May 13-22. Hampton is a physics major.

This integrative and interdisciplinary course focuses on the often-contentious public issues relevant to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Multidisciplinary readings and site-based explorations provide the foundation to engage in civic issues that include the management of larger grazers (elk and bison) and their predators

(wolves and grizzlies), visitor use, invasive species and fire. To get a variety of perspectives, students met with many stakeholders including a rancher, staff from the Bureau of Land Management, staff from Fish and Wildlife Service, wildlife exploration tour guides and business owners, and a number of private citizens.

Colorado officials announce agreement to deliver more electric vehicles on Colorado roads

Special to The SUN

Following more than six months of collaborative conversations and negotiation, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado Energy Office (CEO), Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers and Global Automakers have reached a consensus agreement on a proposed Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) regulation.

The parties are jointly submitting this joint alternative regulatory proposal to the Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) for consideration. If approved by the AQCC, it will accelerate availability of ZEV options for Colorado consumers beginning next January while also ensuring a smooth transition into the program for automakers.

If adopted, the joint alternative

regulatory proposal would make Colorado the first state in roughly a decade to enter into the ZEV program and the first ever to do so through a negotiated rulemaking with industry.

Under the agreement, the parties propose a ZEV standard with provisions for credits to transition into the program and provide incentives for early sales. All other states adopting the ZEV program over the past 15 years have included credit bank provisions. The joint alternative regulatory proposal also includes an early action credit option to make more vehicles available to Coloradans sooner and some limitations on the use of credits, designed to ensure greater ZEV sales in Colorado. Under federal law, the rule does not go into effect for two years, but this early action

option will incentivize greater model availability as soon as January 2020.

"Coloradans' travel needs are as diverse as our landscape and it is important that consumers have a broad range of highly energy-efficient options when selecting a vehicle," said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew.

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Colorado State Tree Farm Committee to hold forest landowner outreach, recognition event at Seidel Tree Farm

By John Janowski
Special to The SUN

Do you have an interest in managing your private forestland or would you like to know more?

The Colorado State Tree Farm Committee will hold a forest landowner outreach and recognition event on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Seidel Tree Farm in Pagosa Springs.

The event will provide an opportunity to network with others having similar interest in forestry. Learn about natural resource management and recognize Colorado's 2019 Outstanding Tree Farmer, Logger and Forester of the Year.

The Colorado State Tree Farm Committee is a nonprofit group that administers the American Tree Farm System program of Colorado for the American For-

est Foundation. The American Forest Foundation is one of the largest conservation groups based in Washington, D.C., and promotes multiple forestry initiatives throughout the U.S. via an extensive network of volunteers such as the Colorado State Tree Farm Committee. It is instrumental in keeping our congressional leaders informed of the forestry issues many of us face.

Many of the forestry initiatives we see in our area — Cloman Park clearing, various homeowners association and subdivision initiatives, Upper Blanco work with the U.S. Forest Service, NRCS, the Colorado State Forest Service, etc. — are started and driven by the Tree Farm group, with most of the work being conducted on private land. These initiatives are then often handed over to the various

other groups and agencies to work directly with the land owners. These efforts include promoting the following: thinning, fire mitigation, watershed impact, water quantity, wildlife and recreation, among other uses.

We annually lobby Congress on various healthy forestry impact initiatives and needs, affecting the monies that are budgeted and appropriated, impacting the budgets for multiple state and federal agencies. These efforts directly impact our area, provide jobs and affect the forest health we see all around us. We work extensively with private forest landowners, whether they are commercial tree farmers or private landowners, to affect positive change on their land.

Directions to Seidel Tree Farm from Pagosa Springs: From the intersection of U.S. 160 and Piedra

Road (County Road 600) on the west side of Pagosa Springs, go northwest approximately 8.9 miles (the first 6.4 miles is paved and then turns to gravel when crossing the cattle guard onto national forest). At 8.9 miles, turn left/west (look for flagging/sign) and proceed through gate on to private road (keep gate as found — closed if cattle are present). Continue 1.1 miles on private road through open pasture and take the left fork (lesser-traveled road and through gate). Continue past the ranch buildings and follow two-track through the open pasture to the meeting location.

Lunch will be provided, followed by awards. Bring your own chair or sit on a log for the keynote speakers. Please RSVP to Dan Wand at Dan.Wand@colostate.edu or 749-2795.

LIBRARY NEWS

Save the dates for Art Attack fun and Smokey Bear birthday event

By Carole Howard
SUN Columnist, and the library staff

We hope you will mark your calendars for two fun events:

Next Thursday, Aug. 8, from 11 to 1:30 p.m., kindergartners through fifth-graders are invited to an Art Attack session where you'll enjoy crafting and watercolor projects.

Next Friday, Aug. 9, we will celebrate Smokey Bear's 75th birthday at a special Read with a Ranger session. Drop in any time between 2:30 to 4 p.m. to enjoy games, activities and special treats. This event is intended for all ages.

New LGBTQ youth group

A new support group to help LGBTQ youth and young adults from age 16 to in their 20s deal with social stigma, bullying, violence, hate crimes and discrimination begins at your library on Monday, Aug. 5, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. under the leadership of Ana M. Sancho Sama, Ph.D., licensed psychologist.

The purpose is to provide a safe and confidential place to share experiences, ask questions and talk about how to cope in this challenging world. The group will convene the first Monday of every month except for a change to Sept. 9 because of Labor Day.

Save the date for Friends of the Library book sale

Mark your calendars for the Friends of the Library annual book sale, one of the most popular events of the summer. It will be held Aug. 22-24 at the PLPOA Clubhouse — not only a new location, but also with extended hours.

On Thursday, Aug. 22, at 6 p.m., there will be a short annual meeting with an ice cream social, followed at 6:30 p.m. by the book sale for

Free introductory pickleball clinics offered on Saturdays in August

By John Costa
Special to The SUN

Pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in America. According to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association, there are currently 3.1 million pickleball players in the United States and this number is growing rapidly. It's a fun, healthy sport for all ages.

The Pagosa Pickleball Club was formed as a Colorado nonprofit in August 2017 with a mission to promote pickleball in our community and the surrounding area. The club currently posts a membership of approximately 150 individuals who, along with visitors to the area, can be found almost any day of the week playing at South Pagosa Park and the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The club offers free clinics every Wednesday at the Community Center. To welcome those who are not able to play or attend clinics during the week, the club will be offering free introductory clinics on the following Saturdays: Aug. 10, Aug. 17, Aug. 24 and Aug. 31. Clinics will be held at 9 a.m. at South Pagosa Park, located at 520 S. 8th St. All ages are invited to learn the fastest-growing sport in America. Paddles and balls will be provided by the club, so just bring your tennis shoes, sunscreen, water and a smile.

The Pagosa Pickleball Club is promoting a partnership that includes the Town of Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, club members, local businesses, Great Outdoors

Friends only — and you can join at the door if you are not already a member. Dues are \$100 for a lifetime membership, \$15 for an annual individual and \$25 for an annual family. The next two days are open to everyone — Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is your chance to buy books, DVDs, CDs and more at very special prices while also helping your library, since the Friends donate all the proceeds for various programs and projects that improve our facilities and services to you.

Teen advisory board today

Today, Thursday, Aug. 1, the teen advisory board meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Share an idea to pick out a free book.

Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place next Wednesday, Aug. 7, 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.

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. Note no Tech Time Aug. 8.

Family storytimes — note Saturday time change

Every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m., join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler-friendly crafts and plenty of reasons to get up and move. On Wednesday, Aug. 7, Bacchus, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories, will be a special guest.

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. These free sessions are an excellent way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. Note the Saturday time change to the afternoon.

Local authors

Sylvia McDaniel features a family bounty hunting business in Texas in a series of Lipstick and Lead novels that include "Determined," "Dangerous," "Deadly" and "Daring." Victoria Rose's new book is "The Crab Pot Mystery."

Large print

"Someone to Honor" by Mary Balogh is a Westcott romance. "Backlash: A Thriller" by Brad Thor is a Scot Harvath adventure. "Tom Clancy Enemy Contact" by Mike Maden is a Jack Ryan Jr. adventure. "The Last House Guest" by Megan Miranda is a murder mystery. "The Summer of Sunshine and Margot" by Susan Mallery follows the Baxter sisters looking for love. "The Summer Guests" by Mary Alice Monroe explores relationships of a group waiting out a hurricane on the Southern coast. "Under Currents" by Nora Roberts exposes a family with huge secrets.

Mysteries, thrillers and suspense

"Tell Me Everything" by Cambria Brockman reveals secrets of four college students who are best friends. "Shamed" by Linda Castillo reveals an Amish family's tortured past after a murder. "Whisper Network" by Chandler Bakr features three women friends banding together after their CEO dies suddenly. "Lock Every Door" by Riley Sager is a gothic suspense story with a modern twist. "Knife" by Jo Nesbo features rogue police officer Harry Hole. "Paranoid" by Lisa Jackson is a suspense story set in Oregon. "Girls Like Us" by Cristina Alger features an FBI agent whose father may be the prime murder suspect.

Other novels

"The Second Worst Restaurant in France" by Alexander McCall Smith follows a Scottish cookbook writer in France. "King of the Mississippi" by Mike Freedman is a witty satire of the industrial-military-football-consulting complex. "A Far Horizon" by Brenda Rickman Vantrease is an historical novel set during the English Civil War. "Surfside Sisters" by Nancy Thayer is

set on Nantucket. "Bethlehem" by Karen Kelly is a multigenerational saga that takes place during the historic steel boom.

How-to and self help

"A Beginner's Guide to the End" by Dr. B.J. Miller and Shoshana Berger offers practice advice for living life and facing death. "Toyota Tacoma, 4Runner and T100" is the Haynes repair manual for these vehicles. "Super and Whole Foods" is a plant-based diet. "The Healing Power of Illness" by Thorwald Dethlefsen and Dr. Rudiger Dahlke is a new look at how you can respond to psychological or spiritual conflicts.

Other nonfiction

"A Thousand Small Sanities" by Adam Copnik is a defense of liberal democracy by this New Yorker staff writer. "This Is The Book You Give Your Dad" is a humorous look at fatherhood and other manly things. "This Land" by Christopher Ketcham explores the battle now ranging over the fate of public lands in the American west.

CDs

"Unsolved" by James Patterson and David Ellis features FBI agent Emmy Dockery. "Enemy Contact" my Mike Maden is a Tom Clancy Jack Ryan adventure. "The Oracle" by Clive Cusler and Robin Burcell is a Sam and Remi adventure. "The Summer Guests" by Mary Alice Monroe follows strangers riding out a storm together. "The Solar War" by A.G. Riddle is a space adventure. "Queen Bee" by Dorothea Benton Frank is a Sullivan's Island story.

DVDs

"Death in Paradise" is season three and four. "Apollo 11" is a documentary with never-before-seen NASA footage. "I am the Night" is based on a true story of a girl given away at birth. "The Public" follows a group of people sheltering in a public library during a snowstorm. "Genius" by Stephen Hawkins challenges viewers to think like some of the great geniuses in history.

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Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone Number: (970) 264-8160
PLAINTIFF: MOUNTAIN MANNA LLC
v.
Defendants: MONTDEV, INC.; BANK OF THE SAN JUANS; ELSA WHITE, as the Public Trustee of Archuleta County; and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PLAINTIFF MOUNTAIN MANNA LLC TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiff in and to the real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, more particularly described as follows: Lot 763, Pagosa Highlands Estates, according to the plat thereof filed February 7, 1972, as Reception No. 75409, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. Respectfully Submitted this 26th day of June, 2019.
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v.
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SUMMONS
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS SAN JUAN RIVER RESORT INC., FRANK E. GRIFFITTS, AND D. ALLEN GARDNER: You are hereby summoned and required to file with the clerk of this court an answer or other response to the above-captioned action. The relief demanded in this action is a decree quieting title to real property situate in Archuleta County, Colorado, described as follows:
All that land underlying the San Juan River as it appears on the Second Amended Plat of San Juan River Resort Subdivision Unit No. 2, filed February 10, 1975, as Reception No. 82575, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado.

If service of the summons was made upon you within the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 21 days after such service upon you. If service of the summons and complaint was made upon you outside of the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after such service upon you. Service of this summons is deemed to have occurred on day of the last publication, which shall be August 15, 2019. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within the applicable time period, judgment by default may be entered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
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v.
Defendants: Roger Gnagney and Beth Rayburn
Case Number 2019CV03060
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: ROGER GNAGNEY

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
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The Jicarilla Apache Nation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs are offering an estimated 1,890.3 MGF (thousand board feet) of ponderosa pine sawtimber for sale on the J-33 Divide Logging Unit. The sale is comprised of 7 harvest blocks totaling approximately 710 acres, located 17 miles south of Dulce, New Mexico on the Jicarilla Apache Nation. For further information concerning the J-33 Divide Logging Unit contact Mr. Richard Wells at: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Jicarilla Agency Branch of Forestry, P.O. Box 167, Dulce, New Mexico 87528, Telephone: (575)-759-3962, E-mail: richard.wells@bia.gov
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Auction Storage Units 8/10/19 to 11 AM, 193 Rob Snow Road 970-264-5958, C-04 Molly Chatagnier, 10x10 home and work equipment, C-08 Jonathan Payne, 10x10 home furniture, C-74 James Allison 10x10, home goods, C88 Bradie Brewton, 10x20 home and work items, C-111, Shawn Hulsbos, 10x10, home and working items, Arrive 30min before Auction.
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NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT
NOTICE is hereby given that the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District ("District") of Archuleta County, Colorado, will make final payment at 100 Lyn Avenue, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, on August 8, 2019, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. to TKF Contracting, of Cortez, Colorado, for all work done by said Contractor(s) for the installation of a UV Disinfection System and associated work at the District's San Juan Water Treatment Plant. Any person, co-partnership, association of persons, company or corporation that has furnished labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provisions, provender, or other supplies used or consumed by such contractors or their subcontractors, in or about the performance of the work contracted to be done or that supplies rental machinery, tools, or equipment to the extent used in the prosecution of the work, and whose claim therefor has not been paid by the contractors or their subcontractors, at any time up to and including the time of final settlement for the work contracted to be done, is required to file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid, and an account of such claim, to the District, whose address is, P. O. Drawer 4610, 100 Lyn Ave., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, on or before the date and time hereinabove shown. Failure on the part of any claimant to file such verified statement of claim prior to such final settlement will release the District, its Board of Directors, officers, agents, and employees, of and from any and all liability for such claim

Pine tree fire not controlled yet, crews released due to weather conditions

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Crews have been released from a wildfire that started in southwest Archuleta County late last week.

The Pine Tree Fire occurred on July 25 and was caused due to a lightning strike. As of Wednesday morning, the fire had burned about 742 acres, according to a news release from the Durango Interagency Type 3 team managing the fire.

The fire is about 5 miles northwest of Arboles and 20 miles east of Ignacio, according to Pam Wilson, public information officer for the Durango Interagency Type 3 team. Wilson explained that instead of suppressing the fire, the Southern Ute Agency, Fire Management Branch chose to manage the fire to allow fire to play its natural role in the ecosystem.

"Numerous fuels treatments to reduce ladder fuels and create openings in the canopy have occurred in the area over the past 10 years, making this an ideal location for allowing fire to play its natural role. Mastication treatments leave behind chopped-up material, known as "activity fuels" on the ground. Fire will help remove these fuels as well as needle litter and other debris on the forest floor," she wrote in a July 28 fire update.

As of July 29, there were approximately 80 personnel, several engines and a helicopter providing support.

As of July 31, higher humidity levels and precipitation, as well as muddy roads, resulted in two crews and several engines being released from the Pine Tree Fire, the news release reads.

The helicopter that helped combat the fire was released on the evening of July 30, according to the news release.

The news release explains that as of this morning, the Durango Interagency Type 3 team will turn the fire back to the Southern Ute Agency.

"The Agency will be delegating management of the fire to Type 4 Incident Commander. Two engines with eight people will remain on the fire," the news release reads.

According to the news release, firefighters completed a line around the perimeter of the fire, and while the fire received a small amount of rain on July 30, the fire is not considered controlled or out.

"Fire personnel will continue to mop up and monitor the area as conditions allow," the news release reads, adding that smoke may be visible until more rain occurs.

Incident Commander Rich Gustafson thanked the public for putting up with the smoke from the fire over the past two days, the press release reads.

"We saw some good fire effects from this fire which should reduce the chance of a larger, longer-lasting fire in the future," Gustafson is quoted as saying.

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Photo courtesy Durango Interagency Type 3 Team

To combat the Pine Tree Fire, firefighters utilize a "pyro shot" a device that fires off plastic spheres filled with potassium permanganate. The fire started due to a lightning strike on July 25 about 5 miles northwest of Arboles and 20 miles east of Ignacio. As of July 31, the fire that has covered 742 acres is not yet considered controlled or out, but two crews and several engines have been released from the fire. Fire personnel will continue to monitor the area as conditions allow.

SENIOR NEWS

Registration open for AARP Smart Driver course

By Cheryl Wilkinson
SUN Columnist

The AARP Smart Driver course, offered by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's first and largest refresher course designed specifically for drivers age 50 and older. For more than 35 years, the course has taught 16 million drivers proven safety strategies so they can continue driving safely for as long as possible.

Why take the course? Over nine in 10 course participants report changing at least one key driving behavior for the better as a result of what they learned in the course and over eight in 10 participants felt that information they learned in the course has prevented them from being in a crash. Plus, you may be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completing the course, so consult your insurance agent for details.

AARP membership is not required to take the course.

The classroom course costs only \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers.

To register, please call (970) 462-9613.

Due to popular demand, the

Pagosa Springs Senior Center is hosting a fifth class on Oct. 4 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Zentangle

Zentangle is a form of relaxation using easy-to-learn patterns, drawn by focusing on single lines one at a time. The method focuses on simple elemental strokes that anyone can draw, regardless of creative ability, and allows the mind and body to release stress while creating beautiful images.

The class instructor will be Roberta Strickland, CZT. She can be reached at 946-4582 or 264-2167.

The next class will be Aug. 7 at 1 p.m.

History (Book) Club

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 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 Aug. 21 at 1 p.m. in the Community Café dining room at the Senior Center.

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, Aug. 1 — Mahi taco with coleslaw, cilantro/lime rice,

Brussels sprouts with sweet chili sauce, milk, salad bar and lemon dessert.

Friday, Aug. 2 — Pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, caramelized butternut squash, milk, salad bar and baked apples with pears.

Monday, Aug. 5 — Beef meatball sandwich, cream of zucchini soup, baked sweet potato fries with smoked paprika, milk, salad bar and orange dessert.

Tuesday, Aug. 6 — Lemon chicken, loaded baked potato, green pea salad, milk, salad bar and peach cobbler.

Wednesday, Aug. 7 — Tilapia taco, mango salsa, refried beans, baked tomatoes Provencal, milk and salad bar.

Thursday, Aug. 8 — Pork and green chili stew, glazed carrots, roasted beets, Mexican cornbread with butter, milk and salad bar.

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

Card of Thanks

VMPAC

The Veterans Memorial Park would like to thank Dorman Diller, minister at the Church of Christ, and his outstanding group of youth who spent two days last week cleaning up and beautifying the park. This group of 20 kids and adults from Woodward, Okla., and Pagosa Springs worked diligently to clear weeds, layout landscaping fabric and spread

mulch on the trails. Thank you to Barry Reed and Jimmy Walker from Woodward, Okla. Thank you to Jeff Heitz for organizing the group and JR Ford for donating the wood chips. Thank you to VMPAC board members Jim Huffman and Jim Van Liere for spending your afternoon supervising. The park looks fantastic — come on out and enjoy.

Gratefully,
Karina Daniels, VMPAC

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Randomly picking and choosing Bible verses is not Bible study. Verses must be read in the context of paragraphs, paragraphs in the context of chapters, chapters in the context of books, and books in the context of God's overall message in his word.

Diligent Bible study is hard work. Paul told a young gospel preacher, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth." Diligence means to work hard at a task. Let us work hard at studying God's word so we may handle the word accurately.

Join us Sunday!

Time of Services		
Sunday	Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
	AM Worship	10:30 a.m.
	PM Worship	6:00 p.m.
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CRUISE-A-THONg Race for the Average Jo(e)

SUN photos/Randi Pierce

The Friends of the Upper San Juan River held the annual **CRUISE-A-THONg Race for the Average Jo(e)** Saturday, with the fundraiser pitting costumed competitors against a thoroughly average course of biking (or using another wheeled implement) around the downtown, a flip-flop walk and a float down the San Juan River. The goal of the race was to log the most average time, with the participants capping off the race with live music and more in Town Park.



preview

ARTS & LIFE

Archuleta County Fair

Homegrown with County Pride • Aug. 1-4



Photo courtesy Archuleta County Fair

It's county fair time

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Today is the opening of the 68th Archuleta County Fair. If you haven't been to the fair before, then come see what you've been missing. There are fun events, activities, exhibits and entertainment you don't want to miss.

Take a walk around the exhibit hall to see the 4-H youth projects. You will see the dedication and hard work that the youth have accomplished. Read their stories to find out what they liked best and some of the struggles they may have had completing their projects. You will also see the talents of residents who enter the open classes with traditional items like homemade jams, canned and baked goods, floral arrangements, fruits and veggies, crop samples, and much more. And you can't help but notice the beautiful quilts that line the center of the hall. There are so many stunning colors, patterns and designs, you could spend

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hours just wandering the walls of quilts.

Everyone can participate in activities around the fairgrounds. You can challenge your friends to a game of laser tag, or maybe tug-of-war is more your style of competition. Compete in a round of horseshoes or have some good, old-fashioned fun in the pie-eating contest.

Not into competition? Then make your way to the activity tent where you can see Wacky Science with mad scientist Dr. Barb Shaw, an aikido demonstration and the Wild Man Phil show with Stumpy the tortoise and other live animals. Take the kids to the Kid Games tent or the Petting Farm to pet bunnies

and goats. If you are looking for a break from the kiddos, you can put them on the train to enjoy a jaunt around the grounds while you catch your breath from the fun. Indulge in the yummy fair food like funnel cake, waffle burgers, sopapillas, gourmet hot dogs, fajitas and snowcones. There is plenty of live music to go around with an encore performance by the High Rollers.

One of the newest events is the Bares, Broncs and Bulls. You will see rough stock riders compete for buckles, cash and fame. Enjoy a night of action-packed riding and top-notch broncs and bulls. You can also attend the Ranch Rodeo at high noon on Saturday and the Kids Rodeo at high noon on Sunday.

The 4-H livestock shows are the cornerstone events that showcase beef, sheep, goat, swine, rabbit and poultry. These shows lead up to the Livestock Auction. It's an exciting time for not only the audience, but the youth and the buyers who

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Live Performers



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Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Tim Sullivan, 6 p.m.
Riff Raff downtown: Terry Rickard, 6 p.m.
Springs Resort: Steve Blechschmidt, 6 p.m.

Friday

Riff Raff downtown: Road Song Project, 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.

Sunday

Mountain Pizza and Taproom: Dan Evans, 5 p.m.

Monday

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Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Shooters and Shenanigans: Karaoke with Lisa, 7 p.m.

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Brass master class announced

By **Kathy Wadenpfuhl**
Special to The PREVIEW

Mountain Light Music Festival and the Pagosa Mountain Rotary will present a master class for brass students in Pagosa Springs and

other local school districts. Pagosa Mountain Rotary has generously donated the funds to provide this extraordinary educational experience to our local brass students/musicians.

The brass master class will be held in the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

If you play a brass instrument,

you are welcome to attend this master class. Brass basics, as well as some advanced techniques, will be presented during this educational event.

Mountain Light Music Festival would like to thank Pagosa Mountain Rotary for its generosity and continued partnership.

For more information, call Kathy Wadenpfuhl at (409) 720-7445.

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reward these youth for their hard work in raising their animals. The auction is held on Saturday evening after the famous Chuckwagon Dinner, where the San Juan Conservation District will honor the very well-deserved Conservation Educator of the Year Award to JD Kurz. Congratulations, JD.

All events, activities, a full schedule and fair information can be found at www.archuletaountyfair.com. So, come one, come all to the 68th Archuleta County Fair, where there is something for everyone.

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CPR and first aid certification classes are offered monthly by the CSU Extension office on the second Monday and Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 p.m. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling the Extension office at 264-5931.

We will also attempt to schedule classes on additional dates with five or more registrations. Cost for the classes is \$80 for combined CPR/first aid and \$55 for CPR, first aid or recertification. The type of first aid information provided will vary by the needs of the audience.



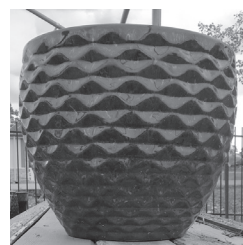
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Baylor Brass faculty and artists, left to right: Wiff Rudd, Mark Schubert, Kent Eshelmann, Brent Phillips and Jeffrey Powers. Baylor Brass will serve as the faculty for the weeklong Mountain Light Music Festival.

Tickets on sale now for Mountain Light Music Festival concerts

By Kathy Wadenpfuhl
Special to The PREVIEW

The Mountain Light Music Festival (MLMF) is right around the corner. Baylor Brass will serve as the faculty of this weeklong music festival. The students who are attending the festival will be in master classes, clinics and rehearsals with this exceptional faculty.

This year, the festival has added a lighter touch with the beautiful sounds of the Baylor Wind Trio. The Wind Trio will be the primary performing group at the MLMF opening gala concert on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Baylor Brass will headline the Friday night, Aug. 9, finale concert. And, returning this year is Sol Brass, adding their magic once

again to this all-brass night. Then, the Mountain Light Brass Choir

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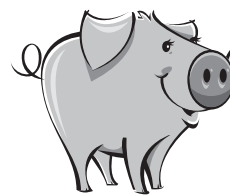
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- 9:00am - 5:00pm - Vendors/Food
- 9:00am - 6:00pm - Petting Farm
- 10:00am - 8:00pm - Various Entertainment and shows
- 9:00am - 9:00pm - Exhibit Hall & Stith Room / Open and 4-H Class entries and displays
- 10:00am - 8:00pm - Laser Tag

Thursday, August 1st - Fair Starts today!

- 9:00am - Livestock Tent: Goat Shows; 4-H, Open & Showmanship
- 9:00am - Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open
- 12:00pm - Activity Tent: Wacky Science Fun
- 1:00pm - Activity Tent: Pie Eating Contest! Adult and Youth divisions
- 3:00pm - Activity Tent: Wacky Science Fun
- 4:00pm - Activity Tent: Picasso & Vino
- 5:30pm - Activity Tent: Picasso & Vino
- 6:00pm - Livestock Tent: 4-H Swine Show and Showmanship
- 6:00pm - Activity Tent: Jack Ellis with Out on Work Release
- 7:00pm - Activity Tent: Picasso & Vino
- 7:30pm - Livestock Tent: Steer Showmanship and Fitting Clinic

Friday, August 2nd

- 9:00am - WHEC 4-H Building: 4-H Rabbit weigh in before show
- 9:00am - WHEC 4-H Building: Rabbit Show Open Class
- 9:00am - WHEC 4-H Building: 4-H Market, Showmanship Rabbit Show
- 9:00am - Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Open
- 9:00am - Livestock Tent: Lamb Show; 4-H, Open & Showmanship ***new day and time**
- 10:00am - Activity Tent: Wacky Science Fun
- 11:00am - Activity Tent: Wild Man Phil
- 12:00pm - Activity Tent: Wacky Science Fun
- 1:00pm - Activity Tent: Aikido Demo
- 2:00pm - Livestock Tent: 4-H Turkey Show and Showmanship
- 2:00pm - Activity Tent: Wild Man Phil
- 3:00pm - Activity Tent: Wacky Science Fun
- 4:00pm - WHEC 4-H Building: Chicken Show 4-H, Showmanship & Open Class
- 4:00pm - Activity Tent: Wild Man Phil
- 5:00pm - Activity Tent: Live Music - Bo DePena
- 5:30pm - Activity Tent: Picasso & Vino
- 6:00pm - Livestock Tent: 4-H Steer Show and Showmanship
- 7:00pm - WHEC 4-H Building: 4-H Small Animal Round Robin
- 7:00pm - Arena: Bares, Broncs and Bulls Rodeo
- 7:00 - Activity Tent: Picasso & Vino
- 9:00pm - Activity Tent: Live Music - Jeffrey Allan Band
- 9:00pm - Exhibit Hall Closes



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Fair FUN!

Saturday, August 3rd

- 8:30am - Livestock Tent: 4-H Showmanship Clinic
- 9:00am - Exhibit Hall, Stith Room & Vendors Open
- 9:00am - Horseshoe Pitching Doubles Tournament
- 10:00am - Activity Tent: Wild Man Phil
- 10:00am - Livestock Tent: 4-H Master Showman
- 11:00am - Activity Tent: Wacky Science Fun
- 11:00am - Fair Grounds: Tug of war in the mud! *They are still looking for teams!*
- 12:00pm - Rodeo Arena: Ranch Rodeo
- 12:00pm - Activity Tent: Wild Man Phil
- 1:00pm - Activity Tent: Wacky Science Fun
- 2:00pm - Activity Tent: Wild Man Phil
- 4:30-7:00 - Activity Tent: Live Music - San Juan Mountain Boys
- 4:30pm-6:30pm - Activity Tent: 4-H Chuckwagon Dinner
- 5:30pm - Activity Tent: Fair Honorees, Conservationist of the Year
- 5:45pm - Activity Tent: Various Contests to follow Fair Honorees
- 5:30pm - Livestock Tent: Bidder/Add-on Registration
- 6:30pm - Livestock Tent: Livestock Auction
- 9:00pm - Exhibit Hall & Stith Room Closes
- 9:00pm-Midnight - Activity Tent: Fair Dance with The High Rollers

Sunday, August 4th

- The fair buildings and tents close at 6:00PM
- 8:00am - Rodeo Arena: Kid's Rodeo Late Registration
- 9:00am - Fairgrounds: Vendors Open
- 9:00am - Stith Room & Exhibit Hall Open
- 9:00am - Livestock Tent: 4-H Parent Master showman Contest
- 11:00am - Activity Tent: Pie Eating Contest! Adult and Youth divisions
- 12:00pm - Rodeo Arena: Kids Rodeo
- 12:00pm - Activity Tent: Karaoke
- 2:00pm - Animals Loaded on Semi Truck
- 4:00pm - Livestock Tent: All private haulers must remove animals
- 4:00pm-6:00pm - Exhibit Hall: Release of open class projects to entrants and premiums paid
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm - Stith Room: Release of 4-H Class Projects to Entrants
- 4:30pm - Livestock Tent/WHEC building: Tear down-All 4-H'ers and their families are required to help
- 6:00pm - Fair Closes until next year

Check the Bill of Fair at the information booth
for the latest event additions and updates.

New Pagosa Eastern Star Chapter to receive charter

By Patsy Troutner
Special to The PREVIEW

Last summer, a number of individuals in Pagosa Springs, with the assistance of the local Masonic Lodge, began working to re-establish a local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. It has been more than 15 years since a new chapter has been started in Colorado.

On Nov. 10, 2018, the Grand Chapter of Colorado granted the group dispensation to start a new chapter and begin the work required to get the chapter chartered. The group has recently received notification that the chapter has met the requirements and will be chartered.

The newest Order of the Eastern Star chapter in Colorado, Peace and Harmony Chapter No. 158, will officially receive its charter from the Grand Chapter on Aug. 4. The chartering ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 4, at the Pagosa Masonic Lodge, 227 Lewis St. The chartering ceremony is open to the public.

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world that includes both men and women. The order is open to women with Masonic affiliations and men who are master masons. The organization is based on the principles of benevolence, charity, civility, tolerance and respect. It focuses on moral values and charitable purposes. It is dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness. Although it does require a belief in a supreme being, it is not a religion, but compliments each person's faith.

Patsy Troutner, one of the local members, emphasized, "We refer to each other as sister and brother and work together for good causes. We help and support each other in good times and bad. The organization provides us with a means to express compassion and concern for our fellow human beings, our country and our faith. We have worked hard to meet our goal and are very excited that the local chapter will receive a charter."

Masonic organizations, includ-

ing Eastern Star, donate \$3 million per day to charity. Nationally, the Order of the Eastern Star provides service dogs to those in need. Our local and statewide chapters donate school supplies for disadvantaged students, collect food for needy families, support hospitals, veterans, and fund research for cancer and other deadly diseases. In addition, the Colorado Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter supports collection of stuffed animals for traumatized children, youth scholarships, band camp and the Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic Center, a retirement community and assisted living center that is open to the public.

Peace and Harmony Chapter No. 158 Order of the Eastern Star meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Pagosa Masonic Lodge, 227 Lewis St.

If you would like to help us in this charitable effort and make life-long friends along the way, please contact Troutner at (505) 927-9182; Gayle Hawkins at 731-2028; or Donna Kummer at 946-8201.

Concerts

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will fill the PLPOA Clubhouse room with an incredible resonance of sound. The finale concert is Friday, Aug. 9, at 6:30 p.m. This concert and the Wednesday night opening gala concert will both be held at the PLPOA Clubhouse at 230 Port Ave.

Pagosa Mountain Rotary will be offering wine and beer purchases at both of our concerts.

Tickets may be purchased through www.mountainlightmusicfestival.com or at the door. As an added bonus for our adoring public, if you purchase a Wednesday night ticket for the opening

gala concert, you will receive a \$10 discount for the Friday night finale concert.

MLMF is in its fifth year at home in Pagosa Springs. This is the Baylor Brass' summer home. These musicians are bringing world-class music to the southwest Colorado area.

We are looking for major sponsorships and underwriting to continue this incredible week of music and concerts. If you are interested in learning how you or your business can support us in these endeavors, please call Carol Larsen at (214) 649-5041 or Kathy Wadenpohl at (409) 720-7445.



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San Juan Stargazers and Chimney Rock Interpretive Association to have joint social and lecture Aug. 8

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

On Thursday, Aug. 8, we will have a special joint meeting of the Stargazers and the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA).

We will meet at The Springs Resort at 6 p.m. for delicious hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Then, at 7 p.m., a very special guest, Dr. Erica Ellingson, professor of astrophysical and planetary science at the University of Colorado, Boulder, will speak.

Her research interests include galaxies, dark matter and observational cosmology, and she is fascinated with all aspects of how humans connect with the sky and understand the cosmos. Her recent projects include developing public programs on the astronomy of the Ancestral Puebloans in collaboration with Chaco Cultural National Park and Chimney Rock National Monument. She has been at Chimney Rock numerous times doing research and will share some of her findings.

Her talk should interest the Pagosa Springs community, CRIA volunteers and astronomy people. I want to encourage everyone to

attend. CRIA members usually make hors d'oeuvres to share at the potluck, but the San Juan Stargazers club will purchase and prepare special food, so our members do not need to prepare something individually. Hope to see you.

The San Juan Stargazers will hold their regular monthly meeting on Aug. 22 at the Chamber Visitor Center conference room located at 105 Hot Springs Blvd. The meeting is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. sharp.

Before the meeting, at 6 p.m., we will have a telescope clinic. Many people in Pagosa have a telescope which they were given or picked up somewhere, but have no idea how to use it or if it is even usable. The San Juan Stargazers want to help you learn how to use it or fix it. You may call 335-8286 with a little information about what you have and what you may be needing in the form of help. We will match you with a club member who will help you. Then you can have an amazing summer practicing with your telescope at both our star parties and practice sessions. 2019 is the year to add this amazing dimension to your life.

We work hard during the summer doing our nine star parties at

Chimney Rock, so we will take special time at this meeting to appreciate each other for all we do while we enjoy a very delicious treat. There will be time for an evaluation of our club and the summer star parties. Please be thinking about ways that we could improve how we do things.

Our program for the night will be a review and question-and-answer session on Ellingson's lecture. We will have copies of notes from the lecture. I think the lecture will provide valuable information for all our volunteers to know and share at our star parties. It should be a good night of enjoyment and learning.

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

Kaeden Thomas receives Juliana Ellsmore Music Scholarship

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) is happy to announce the latest Juliana Ellsmore Music Scholarship scholar, Kaeden Thomas, 14, who will be studying voice with Dale Scrivener.

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Kaeden Thomas



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Watch balloons, have breakfast with the GGP at this year's Colorfest

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

Coming soon: The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) will present Breakfast with Balloons on Sept. 21 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the 33rd annual Colorfest weekend.

For the fourth year, Colorfest visitors will have the best seats in town to view the mass ascensions of balloons — this year more than 30 — at the GGP site in Centennial Park. Guests will also enjoy a gourmet breakfast accompanied by mimosas and music by Steve Blechschmidt as they watch balloonists dip into the river before lifting up to clear the viewing public.

Tickets are \$40 until Aug. 15 (an early-bird special). After that date, tickets are \$50.

Youth (12 and under) tickets are \$20. Current members will be served a bottomless mimosa glass. Purchase tickets and/or membership at www.pagosagreen.org.

GGP bits and bites

- The Community Garden is now operational. Four different community groups are busily building beds and planting vegetables for distribution. We look forward to production and locating worthy recipients. If you would like to get involved, contact us at ggp@pagosagreen.org.

- The Education Dome is bursting at the seams with greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, cantaloupe, strawberries and a variety of herbs. Come on in and make your selection. Produce does not get fresher than this. Open Tuesdays and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- The GGP depends on its many volunteers to keep plants



Photo courtesy Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

Early-bird tickets are on sale now for the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership's Breakfast with Balloons on Sept. 21. The event is part of the Colorfest festivities.

happy and healthy. If you're interested in helping out, contact us at ggp@pagosagreen.org or come by the Education Dome on Tuesday or Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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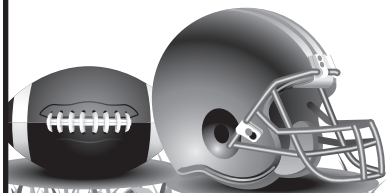
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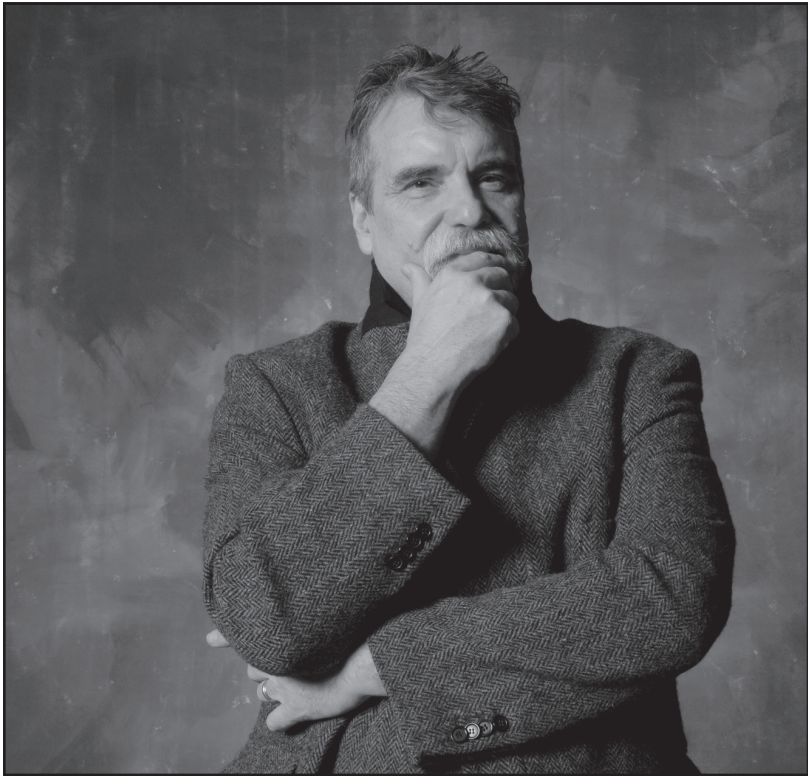


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Darrell Scott will be back for another FolkWest performance at 5:30 on Sept. 1 at the 24th annual Four Corners Folk Festival.

Darrell Scott, Billy Strings set to take the Folk Festival stage

By **Crista Munro**
Special to The PREVIEW

The 24th annual Four Corners Folk Festival will take place over Labor Day Weekend, Aug. 30-Sept. 1, on Reservoir Hill.

Once again, the event has put together a stellar lineup that includes The Earls of Leicester, Amy Helm, Molly Tuttle, The Mammals, The East Pointers, Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley, Lindsay Lou, Jig-Jam, Mile Twelve, Wild Rivers, The Arcadian Wild, Maybe April and this week's featured artists: Darrell Scott and Billy Strings.

Darrell Scott

"I look like an insider because of everything I've done, but I always felt like an outsider," Scott said. "And that's important — to be an outsider."

But he's also a master.

Whether it's rock, folk, country or blues, Scott — the four-time Grammy-nominated Nashville songwriter — has written hits for artists ranging from Brad Paisley and the Dixie Chicks to Del McCoury, Sam Bush and Keb' Mo', contributing songs to three of 2016's best albums alone. It's not surprising that Scott wrote nine of the 14 songs on his own new album, "Couchville Sessions," and less surprising that he wrote three songs with the like-minded Americana artist Hayes Carll on Carll's magnificent new disc, "Lovers and Leavers," in addition to "1000 Things" from Sarah Jarosz's award-winning "Build Me Up From Bones" album.

What's more surprising is that Scott came off of a year and a half of touring in Robert Plant's Band

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of Joy with a co-write on R&B star Anthony Hamilton's new recording, "Save Me," the opening track on "What I'm Feelin." Over the past two years, Scott has produced, co-written and performed on three songs from Zac Brown's latest project, "Heavy Is the Head," in addition to producing Jonathan Edwards latest and Malcolm Holcombe's 2017 release, "Pretty Little Troubles." But these partnerships all make sense; although they hail from different genres, these artists are master craftsmen at fitting words to notes.

Witness Scott's ability to make just about any instrument talk; listen to his vocals and songwriting to hear him contain every emotion between joy and pain within one verse in his singing and in his pen. Nowadays, he's taking the outsider role even more seriously. After 23 years in Nashville, he spent the last year devoting himself to a self-sufficient lifestyle in the country while simultaneously putting together his best album in years.

A regular artist on FolkWest's stages, we are thrilled to welcome Scott back with his band in 2019. Fans can catch his main stage set on Sept. 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Billy Strings

Strings plays hard and he lives hard, picking so fast and intensely that he's known to break multiple strings per song. He bases the songs he writes on the hard lives he grew up around in the abandoned rural communities of America. His most recent album, "Turmoil and Tinfoil," taps into a deep vein of psychedelia in Americana, referenc-



Photo courtesy FolkWest

Billy Strings will perform in a headline set at the 24th annual Four Corners Folk Festival, with the set beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 31.

ing everything from The Dead to Sturgill Simpson, but all underlaid by Strings' undeniable virtuosity and his knowledge of the roots of American music. He's one of the most beloved young bluegrass guitarists today within the bluegrass community, and his front porch in East Nashville is constantly filled up with Nashville's best roots musicians just picking up a storm.

The tricky part of making "Tur-

moil and Tinfoil" was translating Strings' incendiary live show into the studio. While deeply reverent of the roots of traditional bluegrass music, which his father shared with him as a boy, Strings learned his high-energy performing skills by playing fleet-fingered guitar solos in a heavy metal band in his native Michigan. Returning to his home state of Michigan, Strings enlisted

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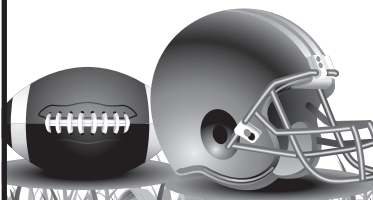
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Watch "When Hearts Attack" on From Sickness to Health —
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Timely discussion on memory loss and dementia at Homemakers Aug. 8

By Tozi Rubin
Special to The PREVIEW

Speakers Stacey Zwirn and Musetta Wollenweber will discuss memory loss and dementia at the Mountain View Homemakers meeting on Aug. 8.

They both have training, life experience and a deep passion for helping people with memory impairments. Recently, these ladies started a nonprofit in Pagosa Springs for those in need of respite care and support.

Zwirn's situation involved two family members being diagnosed with memory loss at the same time. This created a life-changing environment. She learned that there were many aspects that she needed education on, such as how to talk

to someone with memory loss, how to keep them safe, finding ways to keep them occupied and with a purpose, and how to care for yourself as a caregiver. She has worked in assisted care and has training in caregiving, assisted living environments and activity education for memory-loss patients.

Wollenweber has years of experience in the medical field including work in a medical office, victims' assistance, victims' advocate, director of the senior services in Pagosa, volunteering as an EMT, an advocate for the coroner's office and was recently sworn in as deputy coroner. Wollenweber has been caregiving in her home for her mother with dementia for over six years.

Our meeting will begin at 11:30

a.m. at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street. We socialize before we enjoy a pot-luck lunch provided by members. First-time visitors are not expected to bring food.

Mountain View Homemakers is a 56-year-old women's service organization. We welcome all area women who are interested in making and nurturing friendships, learning about local topics of interest and bettering the community as a whole. The monthly meetings include lunch and a speaker or activity.

There are no dues or membership requirements to join this fun and friendly diverse group of women. No matter if you live on four wheels or in a four-story home, you are a homemaker. Call Tozi Rubin at 731-3360 with questions.

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acoustic roots wizard Glenn Brown (Greensky Bluegrass) as producer, and centered the music around his new band, featuring Jarrod Walker on mandolin with banjo prodigy Billy Failing and much-loved Nashville bassist Royal Masat.

Rich with special guests, "Turmoil and Tinfoil" shows off Strings' East Nashville community of picking friends, among them Miss Tess, Molly Tuttle, John Mailander, Shad Cobb and Peter Madcat Ruth. Of special note is a virtuosic duet between Strings and bluegrass guitarist Bryan Sutton on "Salty Sheep" that shows the speed, precision and creative craftsmanship of bluegrass when it's done right.

Poised to take bluegrass in bold new directions, singer/songwriter/guitarist Strings is quickly gaining

attention for his live performances and imbuing his take on Americana with distinctive bursts of psychedelic virtuosity. While he has matured as a player, singer and songwriter in his own right, and re-embraced the music his father introduced him to, Strings has applied the intensity of heavy metal to bluegrass. The end results provide a fresh jolt to the genre.

Billy Strings will close with a headline set on at 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 31 at 8:30 p.m.

More information

Volunteer applications are now available on the website and scheduling is underway, so potential volunteers are urged to apply as soon as possible. Work two four-hour shifts to earn complimentary three-day festival admission. Tickets and

additional information about the festival, including the main stage schedule and information on all of the artists, can be found online at www.folkwest.com.

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Auction for the Animals celebrating silver anniversary

By Mike Stoll
Special to The PREVIEW

The 25th annual Auction for the Animals is right around the corner. Whether you are a local or a visitor, this year's silver anniversary gala celebration is the summer event you don't want to miss. Join us for a fun and entertaining evening and help make this important fundraiser a great success for the dogs and cats at the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs animal shelter.

This year's event will be held on Friday, Aug. 23, at the Ross Aragon Community Center. The evening will feature a delicious catered dinner and delectable desserts, along with a cash bar featuring fine wine, great beer and soft drinks. Doors open at 6 pm.

The Auction for the Animals is a terrific way to help the dogs and cats in our community's only animal shelter and a great way to have a fun-filled night, too. Live music will be provided by the Tim Sullivan Band and the dance floor will be open.

The Humane Society is very fortunate to have generous supporters and donors both locally and from afar. Here is just a sampling of some of the fabulous items donated for this year's auction: exquisite diamond and ruby necklace, earrings and bracelet; framed "Rock N' Roll All Night Long" B.C. Rich Warlock guitar autographed by Gene Simmons, Paul Stanley and the members of Kiss; mint CZ model 452 .22 LR bolt action rifle; framed and autographed Jimmy Page and Robert Plant performance photograph with certificate of authenticity (COA); "Gallon's Gettysburg" framed montage of prints by renowned civil war artist Dale Gallon; new Sony RX100 VI compact digital camera; date-night and weekend getaway packages for either Durango or Pagosa Springs, including lodging, dining and great activities; shaken-not-stirred James Bond martini gift

basket, including autographed Sean Connery and Pierce Brosnan photographs as Bond, with COAs.

Other auction items include exquisite jewelry; works of art, with limited prints and original paintings; lodging and trips (domestic and international); sporting goods and memorabilia (including an autographed Dan Marino Dolphins helmet); home décor and furnishings; and much, much more. You'll also find a wide variety of gift certificates for ski packages, spas, local dining

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and activities, and an assortment of gift baskets, including baskets of adult beverages and accoutrements perfect for entertaining. There are gifts for your furry family members, too. It's a super opportunity to do your holiday gift shopping in August and find awesome gifts for those special folks on your list, including yourself.

New this year: starting Aug. 1, you can preview auction items on the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs website (www.humanesociety.biz). New auction items will be added regularly for previewing until the week of the auction. Can't attend the auction but want to bid? No problem. In addition to previewing, you can also bid on both silent and live auction items online from Aug.

1 through Aug. 22. Leading online bids for all items will be transferred to the silent and live portions of the auction the day of the event. Winning bidders not in attendance will be notified.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the evening's festivities kick off with socializing and the start of the silent auction. Dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m., followed by the live auction. Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased online through www.humanesociety.biz or in person at the Humane Society thrift store, animal shelter or Two Old Crows Gallery. Tickets are limited. The event has sold out the past several years, so don't delay.

Please help support your local Humane Society by attending and participating in this very important annual fundraiser. The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs does not receive any funding from the Humane Society of the United States, American Humane, the ASPCA or United Way. Your local Humane Society relies on revenue from private donations, the thrift store and fundraisers such as the Auction for the Animals to fund the care of over 700 animals that enter the shelter each year and to fund the many programs that also support community members and their pets.

Remember to purchase your tickets in advance. For more information on the event, visit our website at www.humanesociety.biz or call 264-5549. Come on out Aug. 23 and enjoy a wonderful evening — you'll be glad you did.

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I thought to myself, "This is precious. Our son is giving my Sweet Al a ride." He brought his dad home for lunch, then gently lowered the bucket so Al could stand up. When did roles change where the son is taking care of the father?

During one of our morning Bible studies, we read a scripture about running a race of faith. I asked my Sweet Al what he took away from what he learned.

He said, "Stephen carries the ladder and tools for me and tells me to carry the cold drinks. Although I can still carry everything, he doesn't let me. But, I have faith that he will take care of things the same way that I would."

As for me, I took away, "We are still in the race." It's the same race that we have always run, but things look a little different from how they were. We haven't checked out because of our age, we haven't even left the track. We are just not laying down rubber like we used to.

Fifty years ago, we had four children in tow, pulling them in a red wagon and playing with them in the park. Forty years ago, we were taking them to piano lessons, Sunday school and summer camp. Thirty years ago, we were planning weddings and giving our children career advice.

Twenty years ago, I was teaching Bible study and giving art lessons while my sweet Al was chopping down the forest to build his barn.

We have run each phase of this marathon with faith. When we stumbled, we jumped back up on

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



our feet. There was never even a thought of checking out. All we knew was to continue moving forward.

We recently watched a movie produced by Tim Tebow called "Run The Race." Young all-star football athlete Zach Truett is sidelined after a knee injury. His hope for a scholarship and a ticket out of his small town is destroyed. After a series of difficult circumstances, he takes on a new interest, opening doors to a whole new future.

Our race today entails a lot of praying for our children and grandchildren. In fact, this leg of the race feels more like a relay where we turn over the baton to our next generation.

Regardless of the course, we are reminded of those who stopped and gave us a helping hand along the way. When we didn't feel like we could run another mile, there were those who gave us a cup of water and cheered us on.

Final brushstroke: We may have a few more little quirks than we used to. Temperaments change and we have even had to learn how to pace ourselves. But there is only one person who matters, the one standing at the finish line. I can hear him saying it now: "You came over the finish line hobbling and out of breath, but you ran your race well, good and faithful servant."

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The Center of Southwest Studies continues summer lecture series

By Julie Tapley-Booth
Special to The PREVIEW

The Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College continues its summer lecture series based on this year's theme, "Hispanidad," with a presentation from Frank Graziano, "Historic Churches of New Mexico: A Visual Tour," on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 1:30 p.m. in the center's Lyceum Room No. 120.

This lecture is free and open to the public. Parking on campus is free during summer months.

In this illustrated talk, Graziano provides an overview of historic churches throughout New Mexico and surveys themes pertinent to the churches' current situation. The

talk is based on his research in villages and archives for his new book, "Historic Churches of New Mexico Today."

Graziano's books on religious cultures include "The Millennial New World" (1999), "Cultures of Devotion: Folk Saints of Spanish America" (2007) and "Miraculous Images and Votive Offerings in Mexico" (2016).

The Center of Southwest Studies, now in its 55th year, provides an active program of free public lectures and events year-round at its museum, research library and archives facility on the campus of Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. For more information, please contact the center's business office at 247-7456 or visit swcenter.fortlewis.edu.

Hot springs and high hopes

By May of 1881, Pagosa Springs could boast of its first bathhouse, a frame building erected by Thomas Blair. It had a large plunge bath, fully 4.5 feet deep, and several single bathtubs sufficient to accommodate all visitors.



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

Pagosa Springs seemed to be on the rise, but almost as soon as the people started licking their lips as they counted their money on the way to the bank, things changed. Folks had scarcely started splashing gleefully around in Blair's bathhouse when they were forced to pack their bags, hitch up their teams and gee-haw across the rugged Rocky Mountains to the latest gold strike, this one at a place called Telluride.

Telluride was named for a gold-bearing ore called Tellurium. Needless to say, although a small community remains at Telluride to this day, the gold pretty much petered out and most of the folks living there moved on.

Even so, it was too late to preserve the Pagosa Springs boom. Fort Lewis and the Southern Ute Indian Agency were moving further west. Fort Lewis was going to Hesperus, where it would remain active as an Army fort until 1891. Today, its successor remains perched on a little hill in Durango and is known as Fort



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

Stage coaches continued to arrive in Pagosa until about 1901, when the train reached town and stage coaches were no longer needed. This stage coach ran between the railroad station at Amargo, N.M., and Pagosa Springs following a route approximating today's U.S. 84 for the northern half of its route. This stage coach is resting at the southern end of Halfway Canyon, where Valle Seco Creek Road intersects U.S. 84 from the west. The stop was called Halfway House.

Lewis College.

The Indian Agency moved to Ignacio, where it was headquarters for a reservation stretching across much of southwestern Colorado. The agency headquarters remains in Ignacio.

Returning to the tale of dashed dreams in Pagosa Springs, the hoped-for railroad bypassed Pagosa Springs on its way to Durango. No longer did stage coaches carry people and their baggage through town on their way to Durango.

A few pioneers tightened their belts and remained in Pagosa on their homesteads, raising hay and beef. And, of course, there remained

the world's largest and hottest mineral springs. Surely health seekers would continue to treat their various ailments in those life preserving mineral waters. Those health seekers would be wealthy enough to pay for hotel accommodations and food. And so Pagosa's hopes for a fitting financial future seemed to depend on the hot springs.

One significant impediment remained on the road to the future of the Pagosa Hot Springs. Who owned the hot springs and their adjacent lands? A battle for ownership reared its ugly head. The title to those lands was a total mess. Tune in next week for that unbelievable story.

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New Thought presentation: ‘Can We Change Our History? Should We Change Our Past?’

By **Lisa Burnson**
Special to The PREVIEW

All are welcome to join New Thought Center for Inspirational Living (NTC, formerly Pagosa Community of New Thought), for our presentation: “Can We Change Our History? Should We Change Our Past?” on Sunday, Aug. 4, at 10 a.m.

Our guest speaker will be Theresa Howard, Science of Mind practitioner. In Science of Mind teaching, we learn that we can change our future by how we think and act today. But is it possible to change our past?

We encourage all to join our community of affirmative-minded individuals who share joy, laughter and spiritual awareness of their connection to spirit and their ability to co-create a life that expresses infinite possibilities.

We will have spirited live music.

Meditation circle

NTC holds Meditation and Healing Circle each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome.

Upcoming events

On Friday and Saturday, Aug. 2 and 3, we will hold a yard sale to

benefit NTC. Please contact us to donate items or volunteer.

On Sunday, Aug. 11, NTC will host a nationally known speaker, the Rev. Dr. Temple Hayes of First Unity Spiritual Campus for Spiritual Living in St. Petersburg, Fla., at our morning service. This will be an outdoor service with potluck lunch to follow.

Reiki classes are available.

Please contact NTC for more information.

About us

NTC is a New Thought center based on fostering living a spiritually centered life and promoting the philosophies of the Centers for Spiritual Living and the Agape Centers. NTC honors all lifestyles, cultures and religious paths to the Divine.

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UUs to hear about reality

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

If one were forced to select a single word to describe Unitarian Universalists (UUs), it would certainly have to be diversity. We are very different from one another and yet, in an uncommon way, we are united in our diversity as we seek meaning in our individual ways.

Further, we listen to one another and encourage each other in that search regardless of whether we agree or not. That life practice is codified in our third and fourth principles. We affirm and promote:

- 3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth, and

- 4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

In the spirit of our third principle, we come together this Sunday morning to listen to lay leader Michael Demchak as he asks some fundamental questions. He asks: What is “Reality?” How “real” is this world we perceive? How “real” are we ourselves? What is this reality truly made of? In the spirit of our fourth principle, he will attempt answers to these bold questions based on philosophy and science, and his own experiences and his interpretation of those experiences. He invites us to travel to the

edge of the universe and down the rabbit hole in search of the construct and true meaning of reality.

Demchak was raised with a Unitarian Universalist background for most of his childhood in Connecticut. He moved to Denver with his family in 1976 and began attending the Mile High Church of Religious Science. He studied computer science at Metropolitan State College, but pursued other careers, including pharmacy technician, accounting and facilities management. In 2006, Demchak helped facilitate The Magickal Mystical Muse in Boulder, a weekly intentional dance with live musicians and a spiritual emphasis.

In 2007, he became active in a pagan meet-up group and helped it grow into Living Earth Church, where he co-created many circles and events as a pagan priest. He also created and was the music director of Beltania, an annual pagan music festival, from 2009-2011.

Demchak has been an ordained minister since 2008 and has officiated several weddings and handfastings. He enjoys camping, four-wheeling, skating, music, reading, photography and nature. He now lives in Pagosa Springs with his daughter, Katie, and is a member of the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

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Green apples needn't apologize

By Joyce Holdread
Special to The PREVIEW

Green apples, caterpillars, rising bread dough, tadpoles, adolescents — a real variegated jumble. What do they all have in common? They are in-betweeners, all shimmering stages in the process of becoming who they were created to be.

We are all in this same progressive journey, but at times we can feel stuck or discouraged by our immobility or lack of progress. Or, we may feel pressured by others, and even ourselves, to conform to certain standards of virtue or maturity we do not authentically possess at that time in our lives.

I remember it clearly: I was sitting alone on the piano bench in our living room, thinking with God. I had been feeling the pressure — mostly from myself — to be or act a certain way that I perceived was valued or expected from other believers

in my life at that time. Also, I had a childhood filled with the awareness of lofty Christian ideals, so I recognized that the esteemed behavior was indeed selfless and mature, but I was not truly “there” yet.

“OK, God, I’m just a green apple,” I thought. I was feeling like God might even abandon me for my lack of mature desire. However, my longing to be genuine was stronger than the temptation to conform without authenticity. And then a quiet but firm sense came to me, “Joyce, green apples are good just the way they are.”

A Matter of Faith

Our Creator made most life forms to progress through various stages. With human beings, this is more irregular and complex. Each of us grows at a varied pace or depth and in a different sequence, and God pulses alongside us at each step. He does not intend that we remain forever “green,” but that while we are in each station of growth, we are honest — and also free to relax and shine.

We slow down our growth when we refuse to trust God or cooperate with Him, but I don’t believe we can do anything to speed it up. Nor can we skip stages and expect to grow in a balanced and integral way. Growth takes time and comes when we are open to the Spirit of God. It flows forward (sometimes spurts or lags), adjusting to the pressures and predispositions of our lives. God has different loving and wise progressions for each of us, so trying to live according to the expectations of others only hampers our growth.

Apples are green during seasons of growth, until that first ripe red blush. But, this makes me wonder — whatever happened to Granny Smiths?

God has different loving and wise progressions for each of us, so trying to live according to the expectations of others only hampers our growth.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 ___ gin fizz
- 5 Hacienda brick
- 10 Climax
- 14 My bad!
- 15 Group of conspirators
- 16 Batch of laundry
- 17 Guitar part
- 18 One way to pay
- 20 Stick-to-it-iveness
- 22 With unfriendliness
- 23 Wall frame part
- 24 Will of films
- 26 Surprise success
- 29 Armchair companion
- 33 Blow off steam?
- 34 Close in on
- 36 Skip a syllable
- 37 Egg cells
- 38 Home for first-time buyers
- 40 Bird call
- 41 Send money
- 43 Command to Fido
- 44 Weapons
- 45 Vibrating effect
- 47 Biblical contagion
- 49 Tentative agenda
- 51 Scottish miss
- 52 Called
- 55 Foamy wave
- 59 Warning
- 61 Scrubbed, as a mission
- 62 Darn
- 63 Not too swift
- 64 Makes like
- 65 Crown of the head
- 66 Inflame
- 67 For fear that

DOWN

- 1 Pillow
- 2 Handed-down history
- 3 Ali Baba's cry
- 4 Posh properties
- 5 Fender bender, e.g.
- 6 Feathered projectile
- 7 Heeds a command
- 8 Album after "Thriller"
- 9 Bring out
- 10 It comes in fifths
- 11 Old furnace fuel
- 12 Fertilizer mixture
- 13 Counter current
- 19 Walk like a two-year-old
- 21 Winston or Stanley
- 25 2018 film, "___ Engines"
- 26 Cheat, in a way
- 27 Fare with onions
- 28 Think through
- 30 Bio lab instrument
- 31 Yosemite photographer

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- 32 Full of information
- 35 It's often left hanging
- 38 Hot
- 39 Revlon product
- 42 Destroy, like an old Vegas hotel
- 44 Arms stash
- 46 Highfalutin'
- 48 Bit of butter
- 50 Big band sound
- 52 Pound (down)
- 53 Inkling
- 54 Foursome led by Leonardo, briefly
- 56 Firefighting aid
- 57 Awfully long time
- 58 Blog update
- 60 Half a score

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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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. On other Sundays one of our lay leaders will preside. The Religious Exploration 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.

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Dubbed by his fans the “Acoustic Guitar Ninja,” Trace Bundy will open the 2019-2020 performing arts series of the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College on Aug. 17.

Acoustic Guitar Ninja Trace Bundy to open Community Concert Hall 2019-2020 season

By Indiana Reed
Special to The PREVIEW

Internationally acclaimed guitar virtuoso Trace Bundy will open the 2019-2020 performing arts series of the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College on Aug. 17, at 7:30 p.m.







Said by fans “a must to be seen, not just heard,” Bundy’s music is called poetry in motion. Using harmonics, looping, multiple capos, and his unique banter and stage presence to deliver an unforgettable live concert experience, he is the fan-dubbed “Acoustic Guitar Ninja.” His live performance confounds even the most accomplished music lovers with how one person can do all that he does with just two hands and 10 fingers.

Bundy’s unique career has taken him across the world, with sold-out concerts in 28 countries — from

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Agricultural tours announced for the 2019 San Luis Valley Potato Festival

By Jessica Crowther
Special to The PREVIEW

It's that time of year again. The 2019 Potato Festival will be Sept. 7 at Chapman Park in Monte Vista. As the date is fast approaching, we want to be sure you're prepared to enjoy the day with us.

There is another exciting opportunity available at the Potato Festival to those who want an in-depth look at the potato industry. The annual agriculture tour will be departing from Chapman Park by bus in Monte Vista at 8 a.m. and returning at 11 a.m. Hosted by the executive director of Colorado Potatoes, Jim Ehrlich, this tour will visit the San Luis Valley Research Center and a local grower's field. Passengers will get to talk directly with growers and researchers, and get to see firsthand how potatoes are grown in the San Luis Valley. This tour is free of charge, but spots are

limited. Those interested should contact Colorado Potatoes at (719) 852-3322 or info@coloradopotato.org to reserve a space.

After the tour, passengers can stay for the 2019 San Luis Valley Potato Festival at Chapman Park in Monte Vista and all the other fun activities it has to offer. All day at Chapman Park, there will be a 5K race, kid's games, the famous mashed potato dunk tank, professional chef demo, bouncy houses and a trampoline quad jumper. There will also be food and craft vendors, games for the family, live animals, an antique tractor display with homemade ice cream, a truck and semi show and much, much more.

That evening, as an added feature, there will be a motorsport aerial freestyle show featuring X-Games medalists. This will be at the Ski-Hi Park Arena and tickets can be purchased at potatofest.eventbrite.com.

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high-tech performance halls in South Korea and Italy, to remote villages in Zimbabwe and Guatemala. He has independently sold more than 130,000 albums on his record label. His video clips circulate virally at astonishing speed, with in excess of 40 million YouTube views to date.

Bundy was named "Most Promising New Talent" of 2008 by Acoustic Guitar Magazine, as well as winning third place in the magazine's "Best Fingerstyle Guitarist" category the same year.

Jimmy Leslie at Guitar Player Magazine blogged, "It was easy to see why Bundy plays bigger venues on each tour. In his hands, the acoustic guitar is an imagination station, and there was no telling where he is going take the audience

at any given turn. Thrilling stuff."

Audiocast Magazine from Austin agrees: "Bundy's live show is without a doubt an event that needs to be witnessed rather than told about. With such a jaw-dropping performance, Bundy's live concert is a slap in the face that would leave a palm print on the memory of everyone in the audience."

See Bundy performing U2's "Where the Streets Have No Name" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FeMgJHnXdkE>.

Tickets (\$20/\$30) are available online at www.durangoconcerts.com, by phone at 247-7657, or in person at the ticket office inside the Durango Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue. Posted ticket prices include applicable service charges. All sales are final.

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ANSWER:

The summer vacation

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

I knew that Brent had gone on an extended vacation, so when he returned, I asked him how it went.

“Well, I learned some things about myself, and I also learned some things about my family and what not to do,” he said.

When I asked him what he meant, he told me the story.

Brent and his wife had a new camper on the back of their pickup. Brent thought it would be wonderful to have their four children in back in the camper while he and his wife were in the front alone. The thought of the children taking care of themselves, and he and his wife being able to talk uninterrupted for an extended amount of time, sounded like a dream come true.

“But there’s no window between the front and the back,” his wife said. “What if the kids have an emergency? They’ll have no way of contacting us.”

This was years before cell-phones were common, but Brent was good at wiring, and he came up with a brilliant idea. He wired a closed-circuit telephone between the cab and the back of the pickup. A person could pick up the phone and hit any button, and it would ring at the other end. When he finished the wiring, Brent asked his oldest daughter to get in the back to test it. She picked up the phone and hit a button. Everything worked flawlessly.

The day for their vacation arrived, and Brent made sure the children had everything they needed in the back of the pickup. The children climbed in, and Brent and his wife climbed in the front. They happily started down the road, but they hadn’t even gone a mile before the phone rang.

Brent’s wife answered it, talked briefly, then hung up. “David wanted to try out the phone.”

She had barely said it when the phone rang again. It rang twice more. Each child had to try it, even the oldest daughter who had tested

it previously. After each child had a chance to try the phone, Brent thought that would be the end of it, but he was wrong. They hadn’t gone many more miles when the phone rang again. Their youngest daughter was in tears.

The children climbed in, and Brent and his wife climbed in the front. They happily started down the road, but they hadn’t even gone a mile before the phone rang.

“David took my doll,” she said. “Well, she’s hogging the couch,” David yelled in the background.

They pulled over and got that all settled, then continued on their way. But they hadn’t even traveled another 10 miles before the phone

rang again. This ended up being the story for the duration of the day. The phone rang about every 10 miles. When they were only about 20 minutes from where they planned to camp for the night, the phone rang again. Brent had had enough. When they stopped to take care of a problem between two of the squabbling children, Brent yanked the phone cord out and disconnected it.

“But how will we know if the children are having an emergency?” Brent’s wife asked.

“We’ll see fire coming out of the back of the truck!” Brent angrily replied.

The children could see their father was mad, and they promised to behave better, but when Brent climbed back in, he was still too flustered to drive.

“Maybe I should drive, and you should relax,” his wife said.

“How am I supposed to relax?” he replied. “If I sit up here, I won’t know if something goes wrong with the children. And if I sit in the back, the children will all be sulking because I got mad at them.”

“Maybe the children should all ride in the front with me,” his wife replied. “It’s a crew cab, and they’ll all fit. Then you can ride in the back and calm down.”

“We ended up traveling that way much of the trip,” Brent said. “I learned a lot about family vacations and not wiring phones. But it did end up being one of the most relaxing vacations I have ever had. I’m not sure my wife could say the same, though.”



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- 16. Finnish lake
- 17. Street (abbr.)
- 18. Home of the US Naval Academy
- 20. It held a convention once
- 22. Makes a loud, ringing sound
- 23. Cave
- 24. Lessening of something
- 28. MJ's nickname "___ Jordan"
- 29. One's way of doing things
- 30. Wings
- 31. Quotes as evidence for
- 33. Acts glumly
- 37. A man's title
- 38. It comes first
- 39. Edible mollusk
- 41. Resembles a pouch
- 42. He/she checks your health
- 43. Nobel Prize-winning biochemist
- 44. Stop momentarily
- 46. Formerly (archaic)
- 49. Commercial
- 50. White vestment worn by clergy
- 51. Island people of the Mediterranean
- 55. Prices
- 58. On a line at right angles to a ship's length
- 59. Where boats are

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- parked
- 60. One who values reason
- 64. It might be on your driveway
- 65. Small Iranian village
- 66. Used to emphasize
- 67. Mathematical term (abbr.)
- 68. Long necked birds
- 69. Eyeglasses
- 70. When you hope to get there

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Portuguese district
- 2. An assembly of witches
- 3. Having few teeth
- 4. The act of going across
- 5. Nepalese dynasty

- 6. "Bye Bye Birdie" actress ___-Margaret
- 7. What the princess found beneath her mattress
- 8. Pennsylvania transit organization
- 9. Winnie the Pooh creator
- 10. Riddle
- 11. Grads wear one
- 12. Body part
- 13. The top of a pot
- 19. A type of meal
- 21. Lake __, one of the Great
- 24. Capital of Jordan
- 25. A type of logic
- 26. Khoikhoi peoples
- 27. A fixed time of prayer in Christian liturgies
- 31. Arrives

- 32. Lemur
- 34. Small bodies of still water
- 35. ___ route
- 36. Breaks apart
- 40. A type of line
- 41. Caption that translates
- 45. Winged
- 47. Criticize severely
- 48. Leg bones
- 52. Monetary unit
- 53. 007's creator
- 54. Accumulate
- 56. Establish by law or with authority
- 57. Breed of goat
- 59. Millisecond
- 60. Mock
- 61. Make older
- 62. Some don't want to be given any
- 63. Wrath

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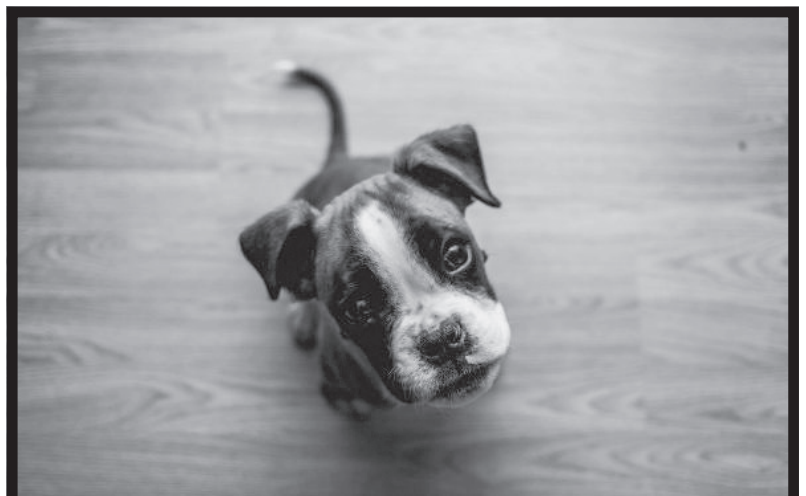
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Thursday, Aug. 1

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.

68th Annual Archuleta County Fair. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Archuleta County Fairgrounds. A variety of activities for the whole family. For more information, visit www.archuletacountyfair.com.

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

Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

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

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

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

Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

San Juan Outdoor Club. 6:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Speaker Lisa Peters will give

a presentation on the Seeds of Learning Dancing with the Pagosa Stars event, and outdoor activities for children in the Seeds of Learning program. There will be light refreshments at 6 p.m. Guests welcome.

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.

Friday, Aug. 2

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

68th Annual Archuleta County Fair. 9 a.m.-midnight, Archuleta County Fairgrounds. A variety of activities for the whole family. For more information, visit www.archuletacounty-fair.com.

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.

Gaming. 2:30-3:45 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family.

Call 264-2209 for more information.
Wyndham Local Artisan Market. 4-7 p.m., Wyndham Resort Activities Center, 538 Village Drive.

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

Summer Artist Reception: George Bodde and Dean Mabe. 5-7:30 p.m. Two Old Crows Gallery, 468 Lewis St. For more information, call 264-0800.

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.

Saturday, Aug. 3

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

68th Annual Archuleta County Fair. 8:30 a.m.-midnight, Archuleta County Fairgrounds. A variety of activities for the whole family. For more information, visit www.archuletacounty-fair.com.

Alpine Herbs and Wildflowers Plant Walk. 9:30 a.m.-noon, Falls Creek Road. Meet at the parking lot off U.S. 160 for FS Road 36, 19 miles east of town. Join members of the Weminuche Audubon Society for a tour with Lake McCullough. Call 264-0884 for more information.

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Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Jekyll and Hyde.' 2 p.m.,

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Family Storytime: Bubble Blast. 3-4 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Get together to explore the fascinating world of bubbles and try to make your own. Join us for all the things you love about storytime, with a focus on fun activities for the whole family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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, Aug. 4

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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, Aug. 5

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

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

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., advanced at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call Beverly at 264-2064.

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

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

Speaker from Pagosa Springs Medical Center. 11:45 a.m., Senior Center.

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Weminuche Audubon Society. 4 p.m., Coe residence in Chromo. Anyone interested in wildlife and

wildlife habitat conservation is welcome to attend. Contact Jean Zirnheld at 731-2985 for directions and to request that specific topics be included on the agenda.

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.

LGBTQ Support Group. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. A new support group to help youth and young adults from age 16 to in their 20s under the leadership of Ana M. Sancho Sama, Ph.D., licensed psychologist.

Beginning Modern Square Dance Lessons. 5-6:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. The High Country Squares will be starting a beginners class for anyone wishing to learn the art of modern square dance. Couples and singles are encouraged and welcome to come and give this form of dance a try. For more information, call Jim Park at 731-9910, Steve Keil at 731-0044 or email info@HighCountrySquares.com.

Tuesday, Aug. 6

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

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

are available if you don't have one. **Veterans for Veterans.** 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

Yoga Fusion Class. 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop-in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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

Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church library. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Vets for Vets at 507-3005 for more information.

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

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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Death in Pagosa. 1 p.m., Sisson Library. A panel discussion with the Archuleta County coroner, a sheriff's deputy, a doctor, a grief counselor and a representative from a local mortuary.

Brass Master Class. 1-3 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. If you play a brass instrument, you are welcome to attend this master class. Brass basics, as well as some advanced techniques, will be presented during this educational event. For more information, call Kathy Wadenpufhl at (409) 720-7445.

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.

American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary. 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

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.

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.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m. PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we continue to learn the country two-step. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

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

Geology Tour. 8:10 a.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This tour explores local geology and its relationship to the daily lives of the ancestral Puebloans. Rock types impact structure, pottery, tools and soil productivity. Reservations are encouraged. For more information, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

Family Storytime: Paws to Read with Bacchus. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. All ages. Join us for great stories, fun songs, toddler friendly crafts, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. Come share your favorite book with Bacchus, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Red Hat Meeting. 11:30 a.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant.

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.

Zentangle. 1 p.m., Senior Center. For more information, contact Roberta Strickland, CZT, 946-4582 or 264-2167.

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.

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

Parelli Summer Ranch BBQ. 6 p.m. Colorado Parelli Center, 1134 Parelli Institute Drive. For more information, (800) 642-3335 or parelli.com/bbq. Fee.

Mountain Light Music Festival. 6:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Hosted by Pagosa Mountain Rotary. Audiences will enjoy the amazing talent of Baylor Brass, Sol Brass Quintet and Baylor Wind Trio. The festival is an exclusive chamber music festival featuring musicians of the highest caliber. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at www.mountainmusicfestival.com or at the door beginning at 5:45 p.m.

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.

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.

Thursday, Aug. 8

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.

Art Attack. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For those in K-5th grade. Join us for a fun afternoon of crafting and watercolor art projects. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Mountain View Homemakers: Learn About Memory Loss and Dementia. 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. A potluck lunch provided by members will be served. For information, call Tozi Rubin at 731-3360.

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.

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Presents Dr. Erica Ellingson. 7 p.m., Springs Resort EcoLuxe building. Ellingson will explore the deep understanding of the sky that is expressed through the ancestral Puebloans art and architecture. Social time begins at 6 p.m.

Pagosa Night Rodeo Finals. 7 p.m. Western Heritage Event Center Rodeo Grounds. U.S. 84. For more information, (719) 480-3189 or burrisandsonsbuckingbulls.com. Fee.

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, Aug. 9

Pagosa Springs Arts Council Mosaic Project: 'Building Community Through Art' Raffle and Celebration. Pagosa Springs Arts Center, 197 Navajo Trail Drive. Celebration of Mosaic Project displayed throughout Pagosa.

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.

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

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

Read with a Ranger: A Birthday for Smokey Bear. 2:30-4 p.m., Sisson Library. All ages. Come help us celebrate Smokey's 75th birthday with games, activities and special treats. Drop in anytime. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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Night Sky: Our Solar System. 7 p.m., Chimney Rock National Monument. This program is timed for when the moon is present in the sky but not fully illuminated. This enables us to enjoy the night sky unimpeded by artificial lighting or the brightness of a full moon, and see many of the brighter objects that are visible. For more information, go to www.chimneyrockco.org.

Saturday, Aug. 10

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

Fundamentals of Buddhism: A Practice and study with Debra Quayle. 10 a.m., Universalist Unitarian, Suite B-15, 70 Greenbriar Drive. All are

welcome.

Archuleta County Genealogical Society. 11 a.m., The program is on merging, attaching sources and indexing on the Family Search website. For additional details, contact Carolyn Paschal at 946-3255.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Alice in Wonderland JR.' 11 a.m., Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW.

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.

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Jekyll and Hyde.' 2 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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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, Aug. 11

Thingamajig Theatre Company Presents 'Ring of Fire.' 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, Aug. 12

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

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

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

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

Beginning Modern Square Dance Lessons. 5-6:30 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. The High Country Squares will be starting a beginners class for anyone wishing to learn the art of modern square dance. Couples and singles are encouraged and welcome to come and give this form of dance a try. For more information, call Jim Park at 731-9910, Steve Keil at 731-0044 or email info@HighCountrySquares.com.

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Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College announces new season

By Indiana Reed
Special to The PREVIEW

The Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College will once again bring the world to Durango, featuring an eclectic mix of performers from the far reaches of the globe as well as from across the United States during its upcoming 2019-2020 performing arts series.

Tickets for confirmed shows are on sale now, online at www.durangoconcerts.com, by phone at 247-7657, and in person at the ticket office inside the Durango Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue.

The lineup of confirmed shows for 2019-2020, including brief show descriptions, follows below. This lineup is subject to change. Note that all ticket prices listed include any applicable service charges.

The Community Concert Hall is a not-for-profit, multiuse performance venue located on the campus of Fort Lewis College. Its ability to bring a diverse spectrum of shows to southwest Colorado is made possible through a partnership with the college, a state-supported, independent institution of higher education, and through financial and in-kind contributions from generous members of the community.

• “Trace Bundy: The Acoustic Ninja,” Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m., \$30/\$20.

Internationally acclaimed guitar virtuoso Bundy must be seen, not just heard. His music is poetry in motion, using harmonics, looping, multiple capos, and his unique banter and stage presence to deliver an unforgettable live concert experience. Listening to his intricate arrangements is one thing, but seeing the fan-dubbed “Acoustic Ninja” play live confounds even the most accomplished music lovers as to how one person can do all that with just two hands and ten fingers.

• “An Evening with Bobcat Goldthwait” Aug. 25, 7:30 p.m., \$30/\$24/\$15.

The legendary comic makes his Durango debut as the Four Corners Comedy Festival Headliner. Over the years, Goldthwait has amassed legions of fans with his brutally honest, outrageous and off-beat comedy that has made him one of the most recognizable comedians in show business today. Goldthwait is as edgy as ever as he shares his personal life, politics and humorous stories about this more than 30 years in show business. The show is recommended for 18 years and older.

• Jarabe Mexicano, featuring Ballet Folklorico de Los Angeles, “Cruzando Fronteras,” “Border Crossings,” Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m., \$45/\$35/\$25.

San Diego’s breakout Latin

band, Jarabe Mexicano honors the past while embracing the future, incorporating the members’ unique mixture (jarabe) of traditional as well as popular genres. A six-member group, most Jarabe Mexicano members have grown up living, studying and working on both sides of the border — which has provided them an intimate understanding of the transborder demands and the challenges facing millions who live cross-cultural lives. The show will be further enhanced with the colorful dance of Ballet Folklorico de Los Angeles.

• “Get the Led Out, A Celebration of the Mighty Zep,” Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m., \$50/\$45/\$35.

Back by popular demand. From the bombastic and epic, to the folksy and mystical, Get the Led Out (GTLO) has captured the essence of the recorded music of the renowned Led Zeppelin, bringing it to the concert stage. The band’s accomplished musicians recreate Zeppelin’s songs in all their depth, including the studio overdubs that Zeppelin never performed live. Whether it’s the passion and fury with which GTLO delivers the blues-soaked, groove-driven rock anthems, or the delicate nature of the band’s intimate, sit-down acoustic set, GTLO’s attention to detail and nuance makes a GTLO performance a truly awe-inspiring experience. The dance floor will be open.

• Jazz on the Hill, featuring Joyce Lyons with The Phil Aaron Trio, a fundraiser for the Russ and Bette Serzen Endowment Fund for Concert Hall operations, Oct. 5, 5:30 p.m., \$125.

Jazz on the Hill features an evening of fine food and music in support of the Community Concert Hall. Guests dine on the Concert Hall stage and are treated to a performance from Lyons. Lyons’ rich alto has been compared to Dianne Reeves and Oleta Adams as she digs into the lyrics and meaning of a song, whether it’s classic Broadway, the Great American Songbook or hard-swinging Jazz. Elaine Stritch, Bobby Short and Jonathan Schwartz all have highly praised Lyons’ talent, and according to Tony Award-winning composer Stephen Flaherty, “Joyce Lyons makes each and every song truly her own. Her performances are both timeless and timely. Joyce is a true original.” Seating is limited.

• “Take Me to the River” live, celebrating the Music of New Orleans with The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m., \$59/\$49.

The Dirty Dozen Brass Band has taken the traditional foundation of brass band music and incorporated it into a blend of genres including bebop jazz, funk and R&B/soul. This unique sound, described by

the band as a “musical gumbo,” has seen the Dirty Dozen Brass band emerge as a world-famous music machine whose name is synonymous with romps and high-octane performances. “Take Me to the River” celebrates three generations of musicians on one stage with Ivan Neville, Ian Neville, Walter “Wolfman” Washington plus Mardi Gras Indians with “Big Chief” Monk Boudreaux of the Golden Eagles and “Big Chief” Romeo of the 9th Ward Hunters.

• Skippy and the Comedy Warriors, “Nerd Amongst Men,” Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m., \$34/\$24/\$20.

Actor Marc Price, best known as Skippy from the hit TV series “Family Ties,” has teamed up with military veterans Joe Kashnow and Bobby Henline for a fun-filled night of stand-up comedy. Comedy Warriors is part of “Healing Through Humor” as America’s wounded warriors regain their enthusiasm for life through comedy while raising awareness of the difficulties facing returning veterans. These Comedy Warriors candidly share their poignant life stories, and the role that stand-up comedy plays in their rehabilitation. While the subject is serious, the show is humorous and light-hearted.

• Skerryvore, award-winning folk rock band from Scotland, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., \$45/\$30/\$25.

Twice winners of Scotland’s Traditional Music “Live Act of the Year” award, Skerryvore creates a unique fusion of folk, trad, rock and Americana that is representative of the different personalities and upbringing of the eight band members, all hailing from different regions of Scotland. The band’s success led to the creation of Sker-

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ryvore's own annual festival, Oban Live, that has grown to attract more than 10,000 attendees.

• Stephanie and Paolo, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m., \$20.

Pioneers in the use of four-hands piano in jazz, Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi have earned widespread success with their arrangements of classics from the stride piano, ragtime and boogie-woogie repertoires, as well as from the swing era and the Great American Songbook. Blending impeccable technique and mature musicality with humor and showmanship, they are considered the most engaging piano duo dedicated to the repertoire of classic jazz. Stephanie and Paolo are said to revel in a gorgeous lightness of being on a beautiful assortment of songs, tempos and approaches.

• David Sedaris, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m., \$49/\$39.

NPR humorist and bestselling author of "Naked," "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim," "Theft by Finding" and "Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls," Sedaris is one of America's pre-eminent humor writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that Sedaris is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today. For Sedaris, laughter isn't just a facet of life — it's the quintessential life-blood of it. He will share readings from his latest work, Calypso, as well as host an audience Q&A and book-signing.

• "Forever Tango," Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., \$55/\$45/\$35.

Revered as the greatest tango show in the world, "Forever Tango" features 14 world-class tango dancers, one vocalist and an on-stage 11-piece orchestra, including the instrument of the tango, the bandoneon, in an evening that celebrates the passionate music and dance of Argentina. The show tells the story of the birth of tango in 19th century Argentina through today, when the tango may be Argentina's best-known export.

• State Street Ballet of Santa Barbara, "Nutcracker," featuring the San Juan Symphony, Dec. 13-15, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., \$43/\$29.

As is now tradition at the Community Concert Hall, the magical holiday ballet "Nutcracker," performed by the highly acclaimed State Street Ballet of Santa Barbara, will usher in the holidays with two matinee and two evening performances. Artistic Director Rodney Gustafson holds true to the original classical ballet in this Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky masterpiece, creating a traditional "Nutcracker" set in Victorian times and suited for all ages. The ballet will be accompanied by a live orchestra, as the San

Juan Symphony is set to perform.

• Bar D Wranglers Christmas Jubilee 2019, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., \$29/\$19.

Durango's much-beloved cowboy crooners come off the Bar D and return to the Community Concert Hall stage for their traditional cowboy Christmas show. Founded by Cy Scarborough in 1969, the Bar D Wranglers offer their own unique style of Western music, cowboy poetry and humor. The Christmas Jubilee is a warm-hearted and fun-filled show that inspires the entire family to remember the true meaning of the holidays.

• Black Violin, Jan. 18, 2020, 7:30 p.m., \$58.50/\$46.50/\$36.50.

Black Violin — featuring Wilner "Wil" Be Baptiste (viola) and Kevin "Kev" Marcus Sylvester (violin) — is a blend of classical, hip-hop, rock, R&B and bluegrass music, resulting in a unique, generation-defying, groundbreaking sound. Live, Baptiste and Sylvester are joined by ace turntable whiz DJ SPS, plus percussion, and have been named one of the hottest bands at SXSW. Black Violin has performed to celebrated audiences from the troops in Iraq to President Barack Obama's inaugural ball. The duo is said to know the meaning of an outrageously good time. The dance floor will be open.

• Choir of Man, Jan. 21, 2020, 7:30 p.m., \$54/\$44/\$34/\$24.

Returning to Durango by popular demand, Choir of Man features a high-paced show of entertainment that combines live music and foot-stomping choreography from nine "ordinary guys" who perform everything from sing-along classics to classic rock. Envision the greatest pub gig ever seen and multiply it by 10. There's something for everyone in what is revered as a joyous and uplifting show for all ages. Noted Broadway Baby, "A feast for the senses, Choir of Man will have you dancing down the aisles."

• Golden Dragon Acrobats, Jan. 23, 2020, 7:30 p.m., \$34/\$24.

Returning once again to Durango, the widely popular Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats will astound and amaze as the troupe delivers, as the New York Post reported, "... beautifully choreographed routines showcasing their amazing skills and physicality, accompanied by a musical score of traditional Chinese music filtered through a New Age sensibility ... Juggling everything from umbrellas to soccer balls — and with props as varied as ladders and giant spinning wheels — the performers show just why they're world-famous."

• International Guitar Night, 20th anniversary tour, February 6, 2020, 7:30 p.m., \$45/\$39/\$29.

Each year, International Guitar Night's (IGN) founder Brian Gore invites a new cast of guitar luminaries from around the world for

special concert tours highlighting the diversity of acoustic guitar music. For IGN's 20th Anniversary, the tour will feature guest host Mike Dawes (England) and his two-hand contemporary style, joined by German Lopez and his sweet, high-pitched "timple" from the Canary Islands. Rounding out the show is jazz virtuoso Olli Soikkeli from Finland and Hawaiian Slack Key master Jim Kimo West.

• "Mystery Science 3000 Live: The Great Cheesy Movie Circus," Feb. 13, 2020, 7:30 p.m., \$54/\$44/\$34,

Original host and the creative vision behind the beloved TV and Netflix comedy series "Mystery Science Theater 3000" (MST3K) Joel Hodgson headlines a tour for an all new live production: "Mystery Science Theater 3000 Live: The Great Cheesy Movie Circus Tour." Hodgson will don the red jumpsuit one final time as the character Joel Robinson for the show along with the world's only movie riffing robots — Tom Servo, Crow and Gypsy. Together they will tackle never-before-screened films with the rapid-fire hilarity that has built

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• The Actors' Gang, directed by Tim Robbins, "The New Colossus," Feb. 25-26 2020, 7:30 p.m., \$54/\$44/\$34/\$24.

A powerful production of The Actors' Gang Theater, "The New Colossus" reflects on America's immigrant history as the actors tell their ancestors' stories, their struggles and their journeys from oppression to freedom. The play celebrates the courage and great character of the refugees who came to this country throughout the last 300 years. The members of the acting company are truly from different parts of the world. They tell their stories each in a different language, and each in different dress. The ensemble of 12 reflects a celebration of diversity in the U.S.

• Donny McCaslin, March 4, 2020, 7:30 p.m., \$49/\$39/\$29.

A graduate of the Berklee School of Music, McCaslin began playing the saxophone during his early childhood years. While perhaps best recognized for his contributions to "Blackstar," David Bowie's final studio album, McCaslin's comprehensive approach to jazz as a popular American music genre is vast and mesmerizing. Throughout his extensive career his repertoire has integrated the full range of sounds that a tenor sax can produce: from funky fusion to mainstream modern, to laid-back balmy ballads, all flavored with his own experimental style.

• Pilobolus, "Come to Your Senses," March 9, 2020, 7:30 p.m., \$55/\$45/\$35.

After nearly 50 years, Pilobolus Dance Theatre remains a major American dance company of international influence. Pilobolus, with its unique vision of modern dance, stretches the boundaries of human movement with a dazzling mix of humor, intelligence, physical invention and raw athleticism. The troupe's collaborative choreographic process and unique weight-sharing approach to partnering gives the company a

nontraditional powerful set of skills from which to create "dance." Pilobolus brings a new show, "Come to Your Senses," that combines dance, video and theater to create a journey through diverse worlds.

• Suzy Bogguss, March 18, 2020, 7:30 p.m., \$45/\$35/\$25.

Walking the line between critical acclaim and commercial success, Bogguss remains one of the rare artists who has pleased fans and critics alike with her vocal style, musicianship and meaningful lyrics. One of the most acclaimed female country singers of the late '80s and '90s, she blends songs of substance and depth with mass-market appeal and balanced country tradition with a contemporary mainstream sensibility.

• Yamato — The Drummers of Japan, "Passion," March 25, 2020, 7:30 p.m., \$55/\$45/\$35.

This Japanese taiko drumming troupe opens the performance with dozens of players hitting a Japanese taiko drum made from a large 400-year-old tree. They move their whole bodies to strike the drum with everything in their souls, creating a powerful surge of energy. The troupe's live performances are so full of intensity that they make audiences' bodies jump and their hearts beat faster, overwhelmed by the beat of the music and powerful sounds.

• "Croce Plays Croce," April 16, 2020, 7:30 p.m., \$45/\$35/\$29.

The son of legendary singer/songwriter Jim Croce, A.J. Croce returns to the stage with a new show featuring a complete set of classics by his father including the timeless songs, "Operator," "Don't Mess Around with Jim," "Time in a Bottle," and more. A.J. Croce, an accomplished performer in his own right, strikes a fine balance between paying heartfelt homage to his father's artistic legacy and injecting the songs with his own spin and personality. The anecdotes A.J. Croce shares about his father's songs, like the songs themselves, are all the more touching coming from the son who has grown to become every bit his dad's artistic

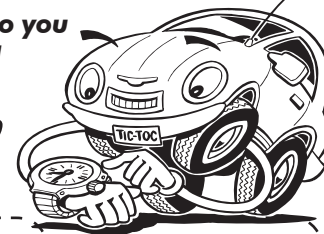
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• Adam Swanson: "From Ragtime to Rhapsody," April 29, 2020, 7:30 p.m., \$20.

Pianist Swanson is one of the world's foremost performers of vintage American popular music, including ragtime, early jazz, the Great American Songbook and more. He holds a bachelor's in classical piano and a master's in musicology from the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University. Although only 27 years old, Adam has been a featured performer and lecturer at ragtime and jazz festivals across the United States, and he is the only four-time winner of the World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest.

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Many hats: Malena Collum, Thingamajig box office manager

By Bill Hudson
Special to The PREVIEW

If you've placed a call to order tickets for Thingamajig Theatre Company's 2019 Broadway in the Mountains musical summer season — "Ring of Fire," "Mamma Mia!," "The Who's Tommy," "Jekyll and Hyde" and "Alice in Wonderland" — then you've most likely spoken with Thingamajig's box office manager, Malena Collum. (First name pronounced Ma-LEE-na.)

As she explained during a short break between shows at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, a box office manager for a professional theater company in a small town like Pagosa Springs is likely to wear a surprising number of theatrical hats.

"My current jobs are front-of-house manager, box office; occasional bartending; scenic run crew in 'Mamma Mia'; videographer in 'Tommy' — which I learned in one 30-minute session with Stevie; I'm props manager for 'Jekyll and Hyde'; I was one of the directors for the children's play, 'Aladdin KIDS'; I was assistant director for 'Alice in Wonderland' ... and a bunch of other miscellaneous jobs," she described.

She laughed. "I think I've learned a lot about how to run a theater, which is pretty cool — in case that opportunity ever arises in the future. I've learned a little about pretty much every aspect, and that's great. I can now say that I'm no longer just an actor."

Collum grew up in the small Texas town of Magnolia and is a recent graduate of Texas A&M at Corpus Christi, where she specialized in Shakespearean and dramatic acting.

But she had already begun prepping for an acting career as a junior in high school.

"In ninth grade, I decided to do both acting and swimming ... and I found that I was more passionate about acting than I was about swimming," she explained. "Acting was really the only thing that made me content."

At a Houston-area audition event, where 41 colleges had sent representatives to select potential acting students, she said she was terrified. But she ended up getting call backs from 21 of the 41 schools. She arrived at Thingamajig this summer with a degree in hand — in acting and directing — but will be heading back to college at the end of the summer to work on an additional degree in graphic design.

The summer in Pagosa has been educational in its own right.

"It's been hard work, but I've learned a lot," she said. "And I've been able to make great connections with people, which is awe-



Photo courtesy Thingamajig Theatre Company

Malena Collum wears several hats with Thingamajig Theatre Company, in residence at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

some, and I think it will help in the future ... I've gotten close to a lot of people who I didn't know before. I wasn't expecting to get super close with anybody, so I think that's going to make the leaving harder than I had imagined.

"I've learned a lot of technical skills, so I have a lot more to put on my resume."

The experience of becoming a real family of repertory actors and technicians is more perhaps intense than usual at Thingamajig Theatre, because the theater founders — Executive Director Laura Moore and Artistic Director Tim Moore — constructed a huge house near Lake Pagosa: the Actors' House.

"Almost all of the actors and technicians live together in the house," she said. "I'm living in the 'bunk' with the girls ... It's a lot of fun. I was a little nervous about it at first, but everybody gets along really well. We hang out a lot, which is really cool. We've become a family; we've always got each other's backs.

"It's nice to come home to people who care about you and who want the best for you."

The most surprising thing about Collum's summer experience, she said, was "How small Pagosa is ..."

"I thought, yeah, Colorado, any place that has a professional theater is going to be a pretty big city. Huge. When I arrived, I was so shocked; you guys don't even have a Target!" She laughed. "So it was obvious this was a really small town ..."

"And one of the things that surprised me about the theater is how many tickets we sell, for being such a small town," she said. "Every patron who comes to the theater, they come up to me and say, 'Thank you so much for having this [theater] here, because it's like we have a little getaway. It's pretty incredible how supportive of the arts everyone here is. You don't find that, often, in

Texas. My high school and college were both 'all about sports.' So it's nice to be in an environment where the public respects us for what we do. They see that we're passionate about theater and that's why we picked this job. We do it to change lives. ..."

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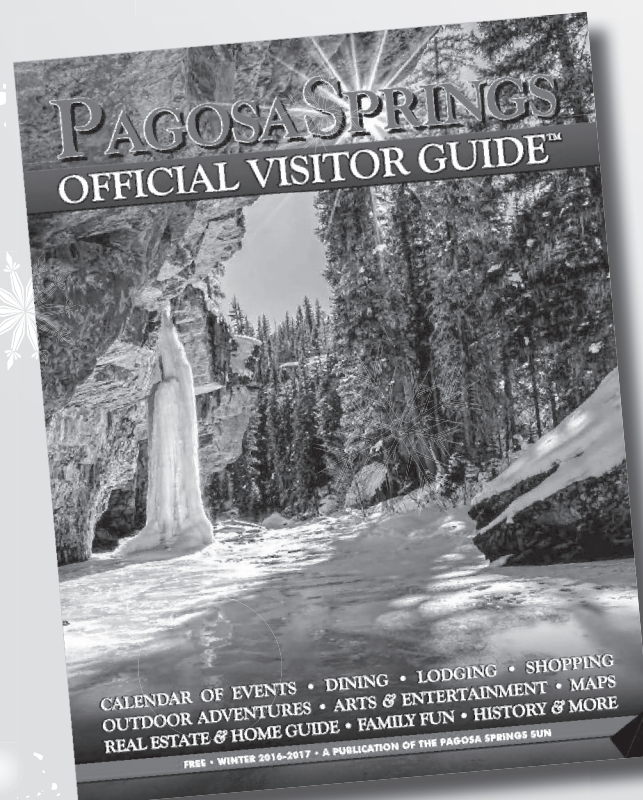
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Who hasn't tallied up monthly bills or looked at a credit card statement and pondered if they're spending a little too much? The average person also may wonder how their expenditures compare to other people around the country and what they need to do to enjoy financial freedom in retirement.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the average American household spends just about \$57,000 each year between necessities and luxuries. Canadians are spending even more than their neighbors to the south. Statistics Canada indicates that, in 2016, the average annual expenditure on goods and services per household

totaled \$62,183.

So, how are people allocating their funds? The results may surprise you and indicate where it's possible to trim some fat and save big bucks.

Across North America, housing is the largest line item in people's budgets. Various sources suggest that housing and shelter needs account for anywhere from 30 to 40 percent of most household budgets. By making housing decisions based on areas with the most efficient cost of living, individuals can save considerably over the long run.

The second largest expenditure category is transportation. This accounts for the cost to finance or lease a vehicle and insure it, and it also includes urban dwellers who

rely on public transportation or ride-share services to get around. Keeping transportation budgets in check can be great a way to save.

Food is the next largest expense. While everyone needs sustenance to stay alive, how that money is allocated can make a big difference in saving versus spending. The BLS says that food at home costs around \$4,000 annually, while spending on dining out amounts to around \$3,100, for a grand total of \$7,100 each year. Statistics Canada notes that Canadian households spent an average of \$8,784 in 2016 on food and that 26 percent of that spending was on dining out. Cutting back on dining out can be a great way to save money, as can becoming a more sale-conscious grocery shopper.

Health care, utilities and entertainment are the next most costly expenditures, respectively. But each of those items are considerably less expensive than the top three. Therefore, making changes to where one lives, how one gets around and how one eats can certainly add up to considerable savings.

Hidden ways you can benefit from having hobbies

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Finding time for hobbies can be difficult. Commitments to work and family take up the bulk of many people's free time, making it hard to squeeze in a favorite hobby. But hobbies can benefit people in some interesting ways. Understanding those hidden benefits may compel some people to make more time for their favorite downtime activities.

• Hobbies can improve your efficiency. Penciling more activities into your day planner may not seem like something that will help you create more time for hobbies, but it just might. For example, if you know you have a softball game or choir practice at night, then you might waste less time surfing the Internet or talking around the water cooler during the workday.

• Hobbies can foster social connections. In his 2000 book, "Bowling Alone," political scientist Robert Putnam described a reduction in in-person social intercourse that once enriched Americans' social lives. By making more time for hobbies, particularly those that promote interaction with other adults, men and women can foster social con-

nections that otherwise might never blossom.

• Hobbies can provide health benefits. The American Institute of Stress (AIS) notes that some hobbies can help people reduce their stress. The AIS notes that some 56 million women in the United States now knit or crochet. That marks a 51 percent increase over the last decade. That revival is attributed to the stress-reducing properties of knitting and crocheting. Men and women coping with stress need not learn how to wield a sewing needle to alleviate their stress. Activities that promote slowing down and induce a relaxation response similar to knitting and crocheting can be equally beneficial.

• Hobbies can increase quality time with your children. Parents with hobbies can double dip, using the time they would ordinarily spend with their children to teach them some of their favorite hobbies. Take kids along when you go fishing or teach them how to plant flowers and tend to a garden. This is a great way to increase quality time with your children while also affording you a chance to continue engaging in your favorite hobbies.

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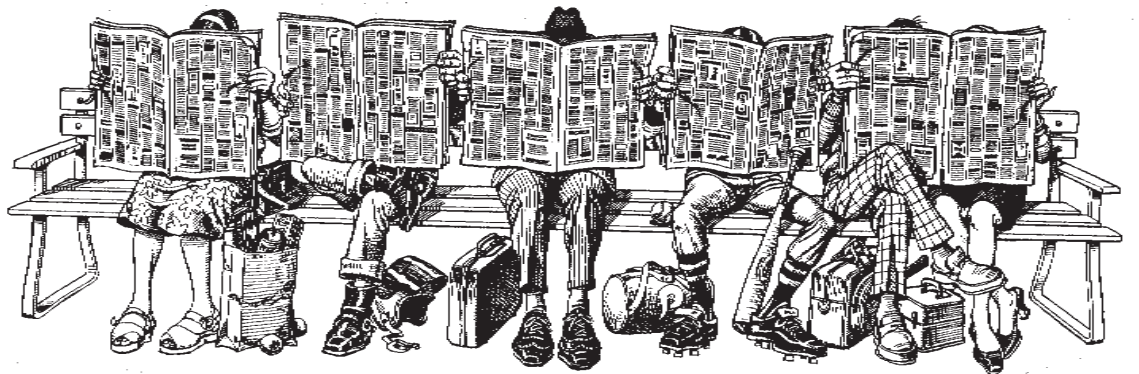
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UTILITY OPERATOR. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire an Utility Operator to work in the Public Works Department. CDL or ability to obtain CDL required. Pay starts at \$39,882 annual DOE plus benefits. Information on the position description, application and deadline can be found on the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov.

LABORERS, CONSTRUCTION WORK. (970)403-2228.

BUSY GENERAL DENTAL OFFICE looking for our newest team player. Our goals are to provide high quality relationship-based care to all of our patients, helping them achieve their dental goals with the utmost quality and efficiency. The position is for a full-time assistant who is comfortable with x-rays, temp crowns, and taking impressions. Expanded duties would be appreciated. The right candidate will be a self-starter who wants to contribute to our growth. Health care benefits, 401K and paid holidays. Send resume to hellofrontoffice@gmail.com for consideration.

PAGOSA THERAPEUTICS & GREEN HOUSE Pagosa are looking fill several positions both in our cultivation and retail environments. No experience is required; we love to train motivated people! We offer competitive wages, a happy, friendly work environment, employee discounts and more. Please stop by Pagosa Therapeutics for an application or email your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

THE JUNCTION RESTAURANT IS now hiring line cook, host and servers. Apply in person.

DENTAL ASSISTANT WANTED. Willing to train (good wait staff make good assistants). Join a team of kind professionals! Weekends and holidays off, beautiful facility, modern equipment, excellent pay. Get the satisfaction of helping people! email resume to PagosaSmiles@yahoo.com.

LANDSCAPERS, TREE MITIGATION, fence work. (970)403-2228.

OFFICE ASSISTANT WANTED: APPLICANT should be detail oriented, good computer skills, experienced in Microsoft Word and Excel, willing to learn new computer programs. Excellent phone and customer service skills required. For more information, please call (970)264-3205. Application can be picked up or submitted with a resume at Jim Smith Realty, 445 San Juan St., Pagosa Springs, CO.

SMALL MOTEL AND RV PARK. Help wanted: part-time maintenance person. 20-25 hours a week. Spa/ pool knowledge helpful but not necessary. Landscaping, lawn and garden knowledge, general maintenance and repair knowledge. Contact 731-5345 for details.

PART-TIME PATROL OR ANIMAL Control Deputy. Archuleta County Sheriff's office is accepting applications for the position of part-time Patrol Deputy (Colorado POST certified) or Animal Control Deputy (can be non-POST certified). For job description and wage details, visit www.archuletacounty.org, submit application and resume to HR, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or fax (970)264-1879 or email rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

BEST OF PAGOSA SPRINGS is now hiring for a licensed Real Estate Agent. The right candidate will be a dedicated, organized, outgoing individual with strong communication skills both written and oral. Flexible schedule and fun work environment make this a great opportunity for the right person! bestofpagosasprings@gmail.com.

ATTENTION FRAMERS: IMMEDIATE OPENING. Pay based on experience, \$18- 20. Must have transportation and basic tools. Call (970)946-8660 or (970)731-0180.

FRONT COUNTER POSITION AVAILABLE. The Buck Stops Here has an immediate full-time opening for a front counter attendant with positive customer service skills and able to multitask. Please apply in person.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a **Patient Greeter/ Check in clerk.** The Clerk is responsible to welcome and greet all patients, family members, visitors, and vendors of Pagosa Springs Medical Center in a friendly, professional, courteous, and helpful manner, providing excellent customer service. Responsible for maintaining the patient check-in log to ensure all patients are checked-in and registered for services at PSMC to ensure services are provided in a timely and efficient manner. Coordinates with the Volunteer Desk for any patient needs, e.g., wheelchairs, guided direction to appropriate areas of the clinic and hospital. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration or human resources office or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to Mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EOE.

HIRING CABINET MAKER FOR custom kitchens and to work in the finish room. Experience preferred, but willing to train the right person. We offer paid holidays, vacation time and retirement plan. Please call Tim Brown Construction LLC at (970)731-7071.

LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED glass shop hiring for a full-time glazier position. Experience preferred but will train a motivated candidate. Must be able to read a tape measure, have a valid driver's license and a reliable way to work, be honest and have a good attitude. Starting pay based on experience. To apply, please bring your resume to 11 Goldmine Drive, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

HOW MANY BALLS CAN YOU KEEP IN THE AIR? Are you a people person with sincerity, warmth and confidence who likes a fast paced job with a variety of tasks, an organized person who can be expert with details while staying focused on our valued patients? Then we would like to talk to you NOW! Our dental team is looking for a self directed and energetic business assistant. Computer experience is essential, a sense of humor is a must. If you would like to share the experience of being on our great, patient-centered team, email us: dentalhearts.arts@gmail.com.

PART-TIME BUS DRIVER. Archuleta County Mountain Express is accepting applications for a part-time bus driver, no CDL required. For job description and wage details, visit www.archuletacounty.org, submit application and resume to HR, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or fax (970)264-1879 or email rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CAREGIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY. No experience necessary. Must be caring and compassionate. Visit us at www.peoplecarehs.com. Contact Deandra at dberes@peoplecarehs.com or (970)399-8257.

NOW HIRING PARAPROFESSIONALS at GOALAcademy High School in Pagosa Springs. We offer competitive wages and employee benefits. Please apply online at www.goalac.org. For more information, call (877)776-4625, ext. 027.

MOUNTAIN PIZZA AND TAPROOM is filling prep cook positions for the busy summer season. Full and part-time hours available. Fast paced environment. Competitive salary. Apply in person at 175 Pagosa St. or email alyssamtnpizza@gmail.com.

SUPPORT AIDE OR CNAs needed for Pine Ridge Extended Care. Able to work in a fast paced environment. Under new management. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr.

HIRING EXPERIENCED AND LICENSED PLUMBERS, and plumber helpers. (970)946-7096, leave message.

MOUNTAIN HOME SOUND AND SECURITY is now taking applications for a security technician, experience a plus but not required. An interest in current technology is a must. Desire to work and learn in a fast paced environment. Background check, valid driver's license and neat professional appearance required. Please pick up application at 301 N Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-3 Monday- Friday 9a.m.-5p.m.

DENTAL ASSISTANT POSITION available now. If you are looking for a fun and rewarding career, this is it. Duties include helping with interesting procedures, being a patient advocate and operational maintenance. Be a part of a profession that is always in high demand. Will train career minded, motivated individuals. Please send resume to denprac@yahoo.com.

CDL/ TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY. Minimum 1 year experience. Forestry equipment knowledge helpful. Must Pass Drug Test. Local Driving Only. Send resume to PO Box 4490, Pagosa Springs, CO 81157 or email: pagosaland@pagosa.net.

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Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

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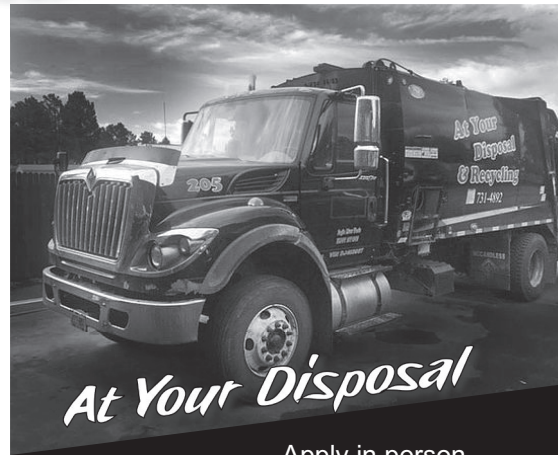
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Looking for a job with great pay and benefits? Join our team!

We're currently looking for commercial drivers with Class B License in Pagosa Springs!

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128 Bastille Dr. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

ROSIE'S PIZZERIA IS ACCEPTING applications for day and night line cooks. Must have reliable transportation, be available weekends, and food handler's certification a plus. Stop by and apply in person at 100 Country Center Drive.

CNA'S NEEDED, DAY SHIFT and night shift. Night shift differential. Apply in person. Pine Ridge Extended Care. Under new management.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS AVAILABLE full time. Flexible schedules and competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr.

SEEDS OF LEARNING is accepting applications for a full-time assistant preschool teacher. Education and experience are required. Please contact Lynne or Melissa at (970)264-5513 for more information.

PAGOSA BAKING COMPANY is hiring full-time and part-time cook. Join a committed fun team. Will train. Application available at www.pagosabakingcompany.com or 238 Pagosa Street.

LOOKING FOR LOCAL HARD working, self-motivated individual to provide general laborer duties for private land owner. Candidate needs to be capable of lifting heavy loads, walking long distances and be on their feet most of the day. Must be able to work in a safe manner at all times. Full time with benefits. Email resume to employment@ccinm.com.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL is now accepting applications to work Monday-Friday from 2p.m.-5:30p.m. If you are interested, please contact Anette at (970)903-4217.

HIRING EXPERIENCED FRAMING CARPENTERS. Full-time year round work. We offer paid holidays, vacation time and retirement plan. Please call Tim Brown Construction LLC at (970)731-7071.

AGENCY OWNER OPPORTUNITY. AMERICAN Family Insurance is looking for an agency owner in Pagosa Springs. If you have a desire to own your own business and do meaningful work that makes a difference in your community, we are interested in speaking with you! For more information please contact: Dalena Schneider (800)692-6326 ext. 37198.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER? If you are a self starter, with the ability to multi-task, The Pagosa Springs SUN has an opportunity for you with our multimedia organization. We are currently taking applications for a part-time (up to 30 hours per week) advertising customer service position. Position offers salary, plus commission. Reliable transportation is a must. If you like getting out in the community, meeting new business owners and developing relationships, this is the perfect job for you. We offer a fun and challenging, team-oriented work environment. Email your resume to helpwanted@pagosasun.com. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.

USPS SUBCONTRACTOR POSITION AVAILABLE. Year round work, flexible schedule, team approach, competitive wages, random drug testing required. Call for more information, please leave message. (970)946-4699.

VITAL CORE HS IS LOOKING for Intermediate EMT/ Paramedic/ LPN/ RN for part-time and PRN positions at the Rio Arriba County Detention Center in Tierra Amarilla, NM. Please contact Lindy Stone at (575)588-7350 or email your resume to ldugarstone@vitalcorehs.com.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a **Materials Stock Clerk/ Buyer**. The clerk manages the on-hand inventory within the storeroom, submits and receives orders along with external shipping of items, updates and assists in the maintenance of the EHR database for supply items, provides input and advise to departments for inventory management, provides out-date tracking and management, and develops relationships with internal staff and outside vendors or their representatives. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration or human resources office or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to Mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EOE.

SAN JUAN SALON AND Spa is hiring licensed hair stylists, manicurists, esthetician and assistant. Busy salon. All products supplied. Call 731-3004.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER has openings for **Nutritional Services Workers** to prepare and cook food for hospital patients, staff, and visitors. Must have a flexible schedule and willing to work nights and weekends. We are looking to fill 2 full time positions. Applications and resumes must be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

PERMIT TECH/ PLANS EXAMINER. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a Permit Tech/ Plans Examiner to work in the Building and Fire Safety Department. Qualified candidates would be detail oriented with strong customer service and computer skills. Must possess a valid driver's license and pass background check. Pay is \$37,154 annual DOE plus benefits. Information on the position description, application and deadline can be found on the Town's website at www.pagosasprings.co.gov.

NICHOLS ELECTRIC WILL BE looking for electricians/ apprentices for the Archuleta County Detention Center job. Apply in person at 128 Stewart St. in Durango or email at info@nicholelectric.us.

FULL-TIME BOOKKEEPER. We are seeking a bookkeeper with QuickBooks and payroll experience. Please submit your resume to employment@jandjinc.net.

HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED. STOP BY High Country Lodge, email info@highcountrylodge.com or call (970)264-4181.

MOUNTAIN SPIRITS WINE AND LIQUOR hiring part-time clerk. Nights and weekends required. Apply at store.

ARCHULETA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES Administrative Assistant. Archuleta County Human Resources Department is accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant. This is a part-time position. For job description and wage details, visit www.archuletacounty.org, submit application and resume to HR, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or fax (970)264-1879 or email rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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USE YOUR CAREGIVING TALENTS to help others stay in their home. Training and flexible schedule. LifeCare (970)516-1234.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for **Housekeepers**. Must be willing to work nights and some weekends. Looking for full or part time. We offer full benefit package to our fulltime employees including health insurance, discounts at our facility, retirement and paid time off. Applications may be picked up at the human resources office, or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Please email applications and resumes to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or fax to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

BUCK FRISBEE LANDSCAPING IS now hiring. Call Buck (970)946-0996 for application and interview.

PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for a **PRN ED Registration Clerk**. The ED Registration Clerk is responsible for collecting and accurately entering patient information into the Patient Accounting System then completing verification of patient's insurance eligibility using available applications. Clerk will make, answer and direct calls for medical staff in the emergency department and inpatient area. Individual must exhibit a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail in all documentation and correspondence. Employee must also be dedicated to customer service and upholding the highest level of patient satisfaction. Must have the ability to work and multi-task at a rapid pace with numerous interruptions 100% of the time. Must be willing to assist in various tasks, duties, and projects assigned. Applications may be picked up at hospital registration or human resources office or downloaded at www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org. Applications and resumes must be submitted to Mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EOE.

PART-TIME CLEANERS NEEDED for busy Vacation Rental cleaning business. Please call (970)382-1186 for more information, or email us at RenegadeJanes@gmail.com.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. Looking for Bus people and Host. Nights only 3-4 nights. Great pay. Great workplace. Contact Lisa after 3:30p.m. or email Lisa@alleyhousegrille.com.

RANCH LOOKING FOR WRANGLER/ LABORER. Duties include fence work, irrigation, cattle work. Horse experience mandatory. Call (970)946-3584.

OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED in fast paced environment. Excellent phone and customer service skills required. Must be proficient in QuickBooks and detail oriented. Please pick up application at Mountain Home Sound and Security, 301 N Pagosa Blvd., Unit B-3 Monday-Friday 9a.m.-5p.m.

FULL-TIME LPN OR RN POSITION at Pine Ridge Extended Care. Apply in person, 119 Bastille Dr. Under new management.

TWO CHICKS AND A Hippie hiring experienced Barista/ wait person, experienced baker and cook. Bring resume or references to 117 Navajo Trail Drive.

WOLF CREEK GIFTS is now accepting applications for part-time help. Please apply in person.

CNA CLASS STARTING SOON. Full-time positions available. Alternating weekends off. Competitive wages and benefit package. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa.

POSITION AVAILABLE: An Administrative Services position is open with the Department of Community Standards (DCS), Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Assoc. This is a full-time position with great benefits. DCS-Administrative Services personnel are the primary contacts with the property owners for receiving and processing project permit applications for improvements to be reviewed by the Environmental Control Committee. This position requires exemplary customer service, verbal and written communication skills and good organizational skills. Please bring a resume to our Administration office at 230 Port Avenue, Pagosa Springs or submit through email allen@plpoa.com by August 9th. If you have questions, you may call (970)731-5635, ext. 209.

KITCHEN MANAGER. Pagosa Brewing seeks team leader for the kitchen. Applications at 118 North Pagosa Blvd. and online. No phone calls.

MOUNTAIN PIZZA & TAPROOM is adding prep cooks and line cooks to our team. Pay based on experience. Apply in person at 175 Pagosa St.

KITCHEN HELP, MORNING AND afternoon shifts. No experience necessary. Flexible schedule and competitive wages. Apply in person, Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr., Pagosa Springs. EOE.

HIPPIE CHICK MASSAGE is now hiring 2 full-time licensed massage therapists for our busy summer season. Great pay, flexible schedule. (970)946-4578 for massage interview. Can start immediately if hired.

ALLEY HOUSE GRILLE. Looking for part-time dishwasher. \$12 starting. Contact Chef Travis Wednesday- Sunday after 1p.m.

SPA/ HOT TUB WATER CARE and Maintenance Person wanted. Need clean driving record. Maintain water chemistry, cleaning of spa/filters/ covers, etc, chemical treatment, and more. Technical repair of heaters, pumps, plumbing, controls, etc. Deliver and replace covers, install accessories, help Spa/ Hot Tub Delivery Crew on deliveries and moving display tubs in and out of showroom. Training is provided. Please call (970)946-4673 for more information or visit us at Homespun Comforts, 301 N Pagosa Blvd, B-6.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASE WORKER I. The Archuleta County Department of Human Services is seeking applicants for a Protective Services Caseworker I. Salary is \$19.03 an hour DOQ-DOE. A job description and application is available at www.archuletacounty.org. Submit your application and resume to Human Resources, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, fax to (970)264-1879 or email to rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

EXPERIENCED EQUIPMENT OPERATOR needed and a CDL is a plus. We offer paid holidays, vacation time and retirement plan. Please call Tim Brown Construction LLC at (970)731-7071.

OFFICE ASSISTANT- PART TIME to start, possibly work into full time. Hours flexible. Customer service, filing, phones. QuickBooks experience a plus. Apply in person at Doors and More, 510 Cloman Blvd.

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Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

PERSONALS

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ROTTWEILER PUPPIES AVAILABLE FOR their forever homes August 26. Call for information (970)507-1154. Serious inquiries only.

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HORSE BOARDING AVAILABLE, UP to 2 horses. Stall and running stream through 10 acre fenced pasture. \$200 per month. (970)883-2600.

ROUND PEN OR ARENA getting hard and dusty? Try mixing **Sawdust Mulch** into the soil. Available in Bulk by Paul Hansen (The Mulch Guy) (970)946-0653.

TRAIL HORSE FOR SALE. 15 hands, sorrel mare, new shoes, trailers, no bad habits. 14 years old. Beautiful horse. \$1,500. 731-2352.

WANTED

FILL DIRT WANTED AT lot on Cloman Blvd. Call at (970)749-7385.

IS IT TIME TO CLEAN your freezer out? Bring your meat and fish to the Wildlife Park to feed the animals. 11a.m.-4p.m. Feeding time is 2 p.m.

YARD SALES

YARD SALE: SATURDAY. 66 Hidden Drive, 8a.m.-4p.m. Futon, pellet stove, table/ chairs, miscellaneous

YARD SALE- SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD, beginning at 8a.m. 418 South 8th Street. Household items and artwork.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 510 S. 10th St. 9a.m.-? Miscellaneous stuff. Enter through alley.

BE SURE TO CHECK for more yard sales in the Too Late To Classify section.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 8A.M.-2P.M. 2801 CR 500 on Trujillo Rd. Renee Cordova's house. Follow signs. Lots of things, big and small.

MOVING SALE. VERY NICE STUFF and it all has to go. Friday and Saturday, August 2 and 3, 7:30a.m. sharp. Furniture, kitchen items, garage stuff, decorative and lots more. Hwy. 160 west, right on No. Pagosa, left on Lake Forest Cir., left on Martinez Place, left on Stevens Cir., stay right at the next "Y," right on Grant, house #29. Rain or shine. Please do not block other people's driveways. AEHPOS.

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE. Friday, August 2, and Saturday, August 3. 8a.m.-noon. New Thought Center, 40 N. 15th St. (24/7 Momentum Fitness Building). No early birds!

LARGE STORAGE. FURNITURE ITEMS, Bronco jackets, decor art. High Country Mini Storage. 55 Rainbow Dr. Saturday, 8a.m.-noon.

YARD SALES

SATURDAY 8/2, 788 LAKESIDE Dr. Wool rug, kitchen items, toilet, pedestal sink, large dog crate, portable puppy pen, tent, sleeping bags, wood splitter, water tank, etc.

GETRIDIT MOVING SALE. Cheap, free stuff, nuts, bolts, tools, you name it. Fold boat, pickup, wood rack, mineral specimens. 995 Oak Dr., Aspen Springs 1. 160 west, right at windmill. Friday and Saturday.

ALL PURPOSE STORAGE, PUT Hill, across from Pagosa Tire. Tools, toys, lots of winter wear, household goods, wedding decor. Saturday, 8a.m.-12p.m. Half price at 11a.m.

FOR SALE

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KUBOTA TRACTOR WITH CANOPY in Pagosa, purchased NEW 2/2008. Attachments: front bucket, rear blade, mower and post hole digger. Hours 356.8. Year: 2007 Model: L3940HST. \$20,000. Kristen (970)903-8186.

WRIGHT NATURAL BAKERY. Locally owned Whole Grain Organic Bakery. Delicious, nutritious items at Choke Cherry Tree and Joy's Natural Foods, Made in Colorado Shoppe, Feather Your Nest Antiques. wrightnaturalbakery.com. (970)812-8026.

FREE LANDSCAPING ROCKS. About 15 nice medium and large rectangular rocks in my backyard in Pagosa Lakes. Bring your tractor and trailer and get them. (575)937-0743.

CANVAS TENT WITH FLOOR, 6'Wx7'D, sleeps 4, fly umbrella, storage bag, used once, \$60. Rotating wall fan, \$20. 731-9362.

BEIGE QUEEN SLEEPER SOFA. Excellent condition. \$300. 946-1072.

FOR SALE: 12'X33' WEATHERKING building with 8' roll up door, 4 windows, one entrance door and loft. Completely insulated and wired for electricity, \$12,500. Call (970)731-0412.

ALL NATURAL, 100% GRASS finished beef and lamb, pastured pork, and organic free range chicken from GrassRoots Meats. Available at our warehouse on Mondays, as well as the Choke Cherry Tree and Joy's the rest of the week. www.grassrootsmeats.colorado@gmail.com. Call Lois for more information, (970)582-0166.

WATER TRANSFER TANKS. 275 gallons. 6 miles west of Pagosa Springs on Hwy. 160. \$200 cash. Call Kurt (801)201-2122.

2017 HIEBCO 16' DUAL axle trailer. Bought new and only used 3 times. 3,500 lbs. per axle. \$2,500. Call (970)731-5003.

SHERWIN WILLIAMS SUPERDECK oil based stain, exterior, semi-transparent, redwood tinted. 14 gallons, \$525. (970)731-3557, please leave message.

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AUTOS

BUCKSKIN TOWING & REPAIR, LLC has a 1957 Chevrolet wagon, VIN#3319 and a 1957 Ford wagon, VIN# 2385 for sale. Please stop by Buckskin Towing & Repair at: 1435 E. Hwy. 160 to place a bid on these vehicles. PO Box 311, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 (970)264-2500.

2012 TOYOTA 4RUNNER. 4WD, blizzard pearl white, many extras. 47,839 miles, \$23,500. (970)507-8661.

JEEP WRANGLER SAHARA. 2013, excellent condition. \$19,900. See at 10373 W. Hwy. 160, Pagosa Springs. Call Kurt (801)201-2122.

1986 ISUZU PUP TRUCK. White, A/C, 140,000 miles. Excellent body condition, runs great, new tires, new head. \$2,500. (480)685-6191.

GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL! 4X4 Auto Sales, 21698 Hwy. 160 West, Durango. (970)385-7940.

1997 FORD EXPEDITION. NEW all-terrain tires and brakes. Needs a new engine. Best offer. (303)532-6900.

2003 SUBARU OUTBACK. 6 cylinder engine, LL Bean edition, roof rack, Bluetooth stereo setup, 151,000 miles. Asking \$3,000. 264-4656, 946-0019.

2013 SUBARU OUTBACK LIMITED. Moon roof, clear 3M bra and side panels, numerous extras. 98,300 miles, 95% highway, \$13,999. Call (970)946-1229.

\$16,000. 2005 DODGE RAM 2500 automatic, 4 door, 155,000 miles, 4" Exhaust, programmable chip. Call (970)759-8109.

AUTOS

SILVER TOYOTA 2002 CAMRY LE. 6 cylinder, 107,000 miles. Car is in excellent plus condition. Hardly used studded winter tires included. Front wheel drive. \$4,450. (970)946-5232. Meticulously maintained.

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2 BEDROOM, 1-1/2 BATH Newly remodeled Trailer for rent in Harman Park area. Renter also needs to be able to work weekends on property, 30 hours a month plus rent for trailer. No Pets. Must be able to do computer office work as well as outdoor maintenance to property and equipment, some heavy lifting, must have good customer service/ people skills. Only serious inquiries that are willing to work for us. Please call 264-5958 office or allpurposestorage193@gmail.com.

4 RENT SOLAR HUT, Aspen Springs 6. \$450/ month, \$350/ month for year lease. Need 4WD to haul water. Pets OK. (971)221-4797.

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Follow-up panel discussion on death set for Aug. 6

By Joan Mieritz
Special to The PREVIEW

There will be a follow-up panel discussion on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 1 p.m. in the Ruby Sission Library large meeting room. If you did not attend the first meeting, you are welcome to join us at this session. We appreciate both questions and input from all participants.

The members of our panel will again include Archuleta County Coroner Brandon Bishop, a grief counselor, the Hospice of Mercy social worker and a representative from a local mortuary. We will have a report on the possible local option for cremation that is in the planning stage. This was brought up in July by a participant, which is why we value individual contributions. Hopefully, we will have more time for discussion this month or perhaps have an additional meeting in the future.

The ultimate goal of this meeting is that each person at a future

time will have a valuable discussion with their family so that better decisions can be made through openly knowing thoughts and wishes. We will have advanced directives available.

Our initial meeting on July 22 was very informative. One of the most interesting things we found out is that every person who dies in Archuleta County will have an autopsy unless they die in the hospital or are in hospice.

We also talked about Proposition 106, called the End of Life Options Act, which was passed by Colorado voters in 2016. We were the sixth state to pass such a law. In 2017, 69 Colorado residents, and in 2018, 125 Colorado residents made use of the options provided by this act. The Internet is the best place to find more information. The procedures seem to be well-organized and reasonable in difficulty, meaning that it is simple, straight forward and comprehensive.

The Pagosa Earth Community

is doing this program to honor the memory of Dr. Karen Goodwin, who was a founding member of the Pagosa Earth Community. People were asked to do something to make the world a better place in her memory. We hope this will be a fitting tribute to a wonderful, talented and conscientious friend who is greatly missed.

This may seem like an unpleasant topic, but it is often empower-

ing to face reality. Death can have a positive impact on our lives. Since it is inevitable, we might as well make it positive and have some control.

We ask you to mark your calendar for a stimulating and inspiring talk by Fran Korten. She will be speaking in the library's large meeting room on Sept. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. There are so many topics that she could talk about. She will

allow time for questions.

She and her husband, David Korten, who wrote "When Corporations Rule the World," are the reasons we have a Pagosa Earth Community. They started YES Magazine, which is available at the library. The Pagosa Earth Community is open to everyone. We hope you will decide to come to our programs and become an active member.

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the western wood-pewee.

Belonging to the flycatcher family, it is a small to medium, sparrow-sized, nondescript bird of gray/brownish coloration exhibiting a peaked, triangular crown, white throat, and dark bill. The wings are longer/thinner than other flycatchers, with two lighter wing-bars. No eye-ring is apparent.

Though existing in a variety of habitats, they prefer coniferous forests, open woodlands, forest edges and forest streams, and can be viewed perched on middle to upper branches for easy mid-air capture of their predominant prey, flying insects. They are attracted to clearings and prefer inhabiting edges of thinned forests, as observed recently during our Citizens Science Project. Where mastication and prescribed fire treatment was evident (which may increase populations), numerous wood-pewees were observed.

Habitat loss and degradation, at times involving cattle grazing in breeding and wintering grounds, may contribute to population declines.

Wood-pewees sing at dawn and dusk prior to other birds and the male defends nesting territories in doing so. The song/call is a harsh nasal "pee-er." The female most likely builds the nest (containing two to three whitish with lavender blotched eggs) on a horizontal branch 15-40 feet above ground. Incubation by the female is 12-13 days, with first flight at 14-18 days. Both parents feed the young.

This flycatcher migrates to Colorado for the summer and is here from mid-May to mid-September, returning to the tropics for the winter.

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