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Colorado Counties Inc. joins county lawsuit

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Todd Starr, Archuleta County attorney, announced publicly that Colorado Counties Inc., (CCI), a statewide organization of support and information for county commissioners, mayors and city council members, had joined the case against Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson and State Court Administrator Christopher Ryan that has been filed with the Colorado Supreme Court.

That lawsuit seeks to mandate that the courts reoccupy the Archuleta County Courthouse.

The announcement was made during the regularly scheduled work session of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

“[CCI] will be supporting our case against the courts. They believe that

the courts have violated the Constitution, and that they should be back in that courthouse. And that it is the commissioners’ discretion,” said Starr.

Starr said that CCI has hired Tom Lyons of Hall & Evans LLC of Denver. According to the Hall & Evans website, Thomas Lyons has a long career in administration law including cases that have gone before the Colorado Civil Rights Commission.

Further, the website biography goes on to state that Lyons, “... emphasizes the defense of employment, discrimination and federal civil rights matters, as well as contract and complex commercial litigation disputes, along with a variety of claims involving Colorado public entities.”

“I am very pleased to have CCI coming on board with us,” Starr said.

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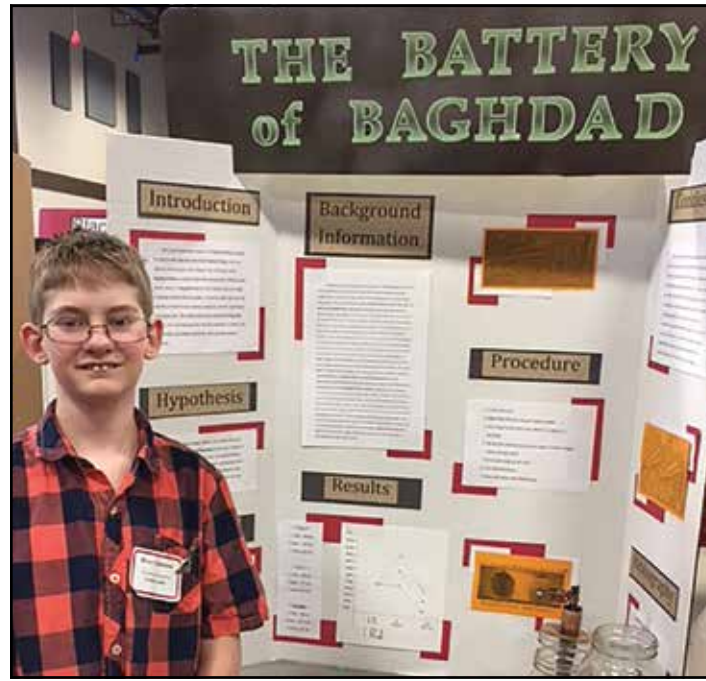


Photo courtesy Chelsea Hill

First-place regional science fair winner River Johnson is heading to state competition in Fort Collins to compete with other middle school finalists in the Colorado Science and Engineering Fair (CSEF) this coming April. See related story on page A18.

Death of suspect confirmed, homicide investigation ongoing

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The investigation into a homicide that occurred on March 11 is ongoing, according to Pagosa Springs Police Department Chief Bill Rockensock.

The investigation remains ongoing despite the New



Suspect

Mexico death of a man questioned in the case.

The New Mexico State Police (NMSP) confirmed on Friday, March 16, the death of a 29-year-old Pagosa Springs man who they have stated was a suspect in a homicide that

■ See Homicide A9

March 14 welfare check reveals homicide-suicide

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

A welfare check conducted by the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) at a residence near Hatcher Lake last week revealed a homicide-suicide.

“On March 14 ... the sheriff's department was called to do a welfare check on two individuals who lived in the Hatcher area due to not hav-

ing been seen in several weeks,” said Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton on Thursday, March 15.

Hamilton explained that permission was granted to enter the residence from the owner, and upon entering, ACSO personnel discovered two bodies in a bedroom on the north side of the house.

Archuleta County Coroner Dan

■ See Homicide-suicide A8

Site recommended for potential new elementary school

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

At the 13th and final Planning Assistance Team (PAT) meeting on Tuesday, the group finally picked a site where a new elementary school may potentially be built.

After small-group discussion between members of the PAT group, it was determined that site concept C was the best site concept presented.

The PAT group was purely discussing the potential elementary school site; however, site concept C includes a potential new middle school site due to it being a master plan.

PAT member Chris Pitcher noted that site concept C was the best for staff, students and the community.

“But, we were a little nervous about not having the property secured,” Pitcher said.

The property that the elementary school is located on in site concept C, shown in blue on the illustration, is contingent on the Town of Pagosa

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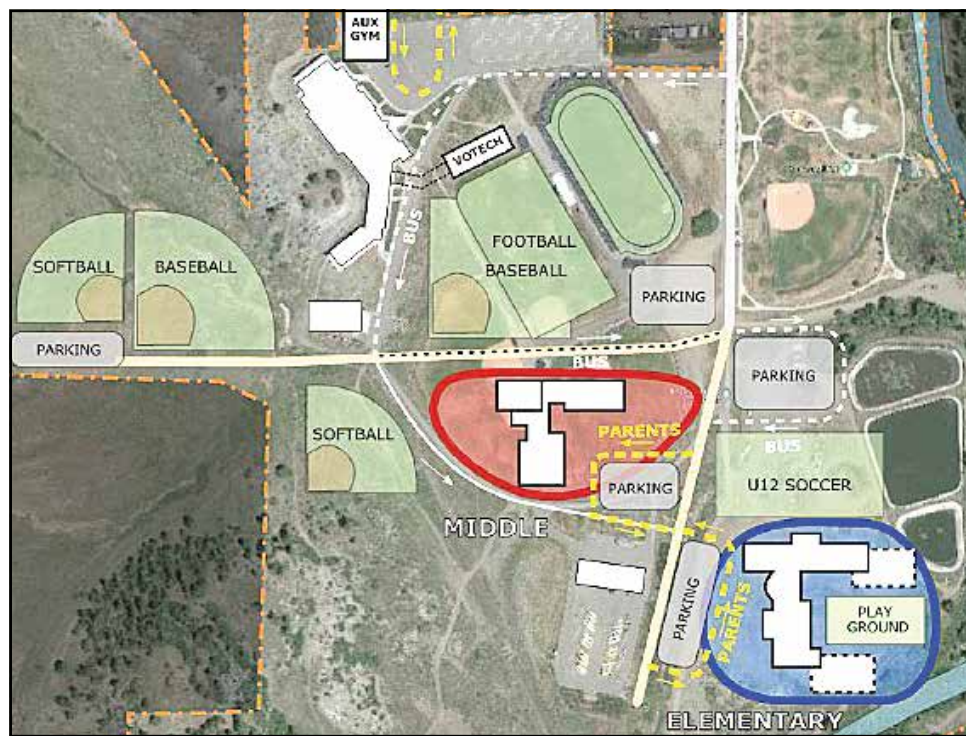


Illustration courtesy RTA Architects

Site concept C was generally agreed upon by members of the Planning Assistance Team as the best concept plan for where a potential new elementary school could be built. The elementary school could be built in the blue area if the Town of Pagosa Springs agrees to a land swap with the school district, or the school could be built in the red area.

‘Cons versus kids’: Tempers flare at county session

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Jails, schools and the future plans of the community caused heated discussion at Tuesday morning's work session of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).

The discussion focused on taking the issue

of a new school or new jail to the next ballot and which is more pressing.

Brad Ash and Jason Cox, both members of the school district's Planning Assistance Team (PAT), approached the BoCC with their concerns about whether the county should build a new jail or a new elementary school.

Ash approached the BoCC with concerns about the possibility of asking the voters for

funds for a new jail or new elementary school.

Ash stressed the fact that he was there in no official capacity, and was not in representation of any organization, though in the past he has done several projects for the county and town.

He also currently serves on the PAT, a board advising the school district about decisions

■ See County A8

Texas man killed in Wolf Creek Pass accident

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to a vehicular accident that resulted in a fatality on March 15.

Jian Wang, 40, of Plano, Texas, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident at 6:53 p.m., according to a CSP report.

Wang was driving westbound with his wife and two juveniles in a 2015 Toyota Sienna when the ve-

■ See Fatality A9



Photo courtesy Cynthia Cobden

The 2018 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby was held at Centerpoint Church. Thirty Cub Scouts participated in this year's race from Pagosa Springs' Pack 800 and Pack 807. For information about joining Cub Scouts for grades K-5, contact West Jackson at 946-8687.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Time to heal

This week's front page reflects yet another week of tragedy. Since December, The SUN has reported on numerous matters that have shaken this community to its core.

Dec. 14, 2017: "Aztec High School shooting victim has ties to Pagosa Springs" — a story about Maxine Lattin losing her great-granddaughter, Casey J. Marquez, in the tragic shooting at Aztec High School.

Dec. 21, 2017: "Two die in area vehicle accidents" — a story about Juliana Ellsmore losing her life in an accident on Wolf Creek Pass and, in a separate accident, a young father from Loveland suffered fatal injuries.

Jan. 4: "Bank robbed at gunpoint: Two in custody."

Jan. 11: "Fatal accident: Speed in excess of 100 mph" — an accident where a car rolled, resulting in the death of Tuan Nguyen, of Pagosa Springs.

Feb. 1: "Life's tragic lessons — Former resident among 16 victims shot at Marshall County High School" — an article about Hannah Dysinger, 15, being among 16 victims who were shot by a fellow student.

Feb. 8: "CDOT worker hit by vehicle, suffers severe injuries" — about Nolan Olson, a Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) employee being struck by a vehicle.

Feb. 15 we followed up with: "CDOT worker dies from injuries sustained in Feb. 2 accident." Also in that issue: "Local man assaulted, car stolen."

March 1: "CDOT procession will bring remains of fallen employee home." Also in that edition: "Jury trial for Chad Nystrom set: Accused of 2017 murder."

March 8: "9-year-old boy dies in shooting incident."

And just last week: "Suspect sought in burglary turned homicide."

Unfortunately, this week's news didn't get any better, with a homicide-suicide, the death of a firefighter and Pagosa Fire Protection District board member, another suicide and a fatality on Wolf Creek Pass.

In addition to all of this, the sheriff's office has responded to three attempted suicides, nine deaths, 12 domestic violence calls, 12 burglaries, four stolen vehicles, 1,301 calls for law enforcement service and made 120 arrests. Search and rescue has been called out on three missions this year.

And, since December, our obituary pages have been filled with numerous losses of friends and loved ones.

During every emergency, somebody is always the first to show up. Perhaps it's law enforcement, the fire department, search and rescue teams or an EMT. Whoever does, this person is known as the first responder. When others of us avoid danger, they run into it.

These recent incidents remind us how precious these services are and, even more, how precious the people who serve us are. They put their lives on the line to protect and serve.

We'd like to recognize the agencies who provide invaluable services to our community during these difficult times: Pagosa Springs Police Department, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office, Pagosa Fire Protection District, Archuleta County Combined Dispatch, Upper San Juan Search and Rescue and Incident Management Group, Archuleta County Coroner's Office, Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Department of Transportation, Archuleta County Public Works, Rise Against Violence, Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Archuleta School District along with assistance from psychologists and social workers at San Juan Board of Cooperative Educational Services as well as counselors from Ignacio School District, Pagosa Springs Medical Center's EMS/Ambulance services along with the Emergency Department, Surgical Services and Inpatient Department, and Axis Health System.

These are true heroes and they deserve to be honored as such.

This community has suffered great losses and, yet, our citizens are resilient and have pulled together, gathering for services, candlelight vigils and prayer meetings to find closure and hope.

It's time to heal.

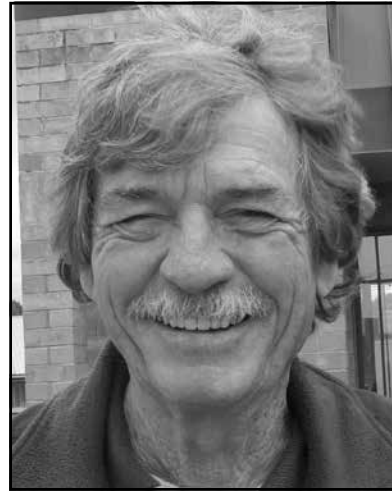
Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

Would you vote in favor of a property tax increase to boost funding for the Pagosa Fire Protection District?



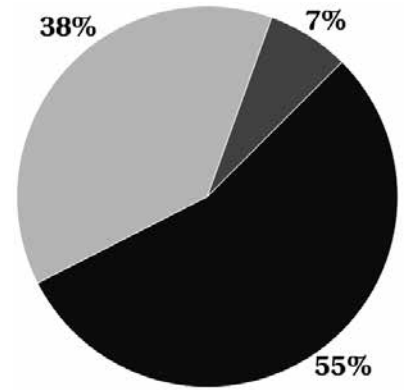
Haleigh Sowerby
"Yes."



Wayne Walls
"I don't know, I'd have to know more about it."



Shellie Hogue
"I'd have to think about that. I don't know."



Poll results (736 Votes)
Yes — 55 percent
No — 38 percent
I do not know — 7 percent

This week online: What's your favorite thing about spring?
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LOOKING BACK



From the Mar. 6, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. **PAGOSA PIRATE CHEERLEADERS** — Cheerleaders for the football and basketball teams this year have been outstanding in leading sports fans in generating school spirit. They are, left to right, Carol Armijo, Barbara Seielstad, Gloria Martinez, and Carmen Medina. The girls are popular with fans and generate a great deal of enthusiasm for the high school athletic events.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 16, 1928
L.J. Goodman, wife and son returned home Sunday from an extended motor trip on business and pleasure. They first went to California and then to St. Louis and New York, where they visited with relatives and completed their annual spring buying for the Goodman store in Pagosa Springs. Altogether, they traveled a total of 6,000 miles by auto while absent.

Or shipments from the Little Annie mine at Summitville, Colo., since the first of the year have brought net returns of over \$600,000 in checks from the Golden Cycle mill to Jack Pickens and Judge J.C. Wiley of Del Norte, who made the phenomenal strike in September, 1926, according to official information received from the Golden Cycle mill, says the Denver Post.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 26, 1943
In a real estate deal completed last week, Mrs. L.J. Goodman and son David, became the owners of the John Sharp ranch located north of Pagosa Springs. The Goodmans have not announced their plans for operating the ranch for the present.

Earl Lattin and C.D. Thayer brought a caterpillar and a trailer loaded with cream cans and provisions out Friday to this community (Upper Piedra), and found drifts 10 feet high on the road. They took eggs, cream and mail back to town. Mighty welcome visitors.

A business deal was completed Tuesday, whereby Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Hazelwood purchased the W.G. Craig Blanco Basin ranch. The ranch will be used in expanding the Hazelwood cattle operation.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 21, 1968
Ernie Black, on Wolf Creek Pass, reported last week that the snow storm of March 7 and 8 left 33 inches of new snow on the Pass. That made the total, until last weekend, of 404 inches on the Pass. The storm this past week may have added as much as 12 inches to this. March is ordinarily a heavy snowfall month on the Pass. The record snowfall there in recent years was in the winter of 1963-64 when 120 inches fell. The heaviest in records going back more than ten years was in 1960-61 when 187 inches of snow fell in March. The average is right at 100 inches. The 404 inches up until last weekend compares with a winter total of 344 inches in 1966-67, 605 inches in 1964-65, 308 in 1963-64, and 306 inches in the year before. The winter of 1961-62 was a heavy one with 581 inches.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 25, 1993
The Dr. Mary Fisher Medical Center, Inc. is a not-profit corporation formed in 1959 to improve medical care in our community. The Center presently operates the Dr. Mary Fisher Medial Clinic The facility is in serious need of repair. But due to site limitations, such as being located in the flood plain, the board has determined that rebuilding at another location is appropriate. The board has also been asked to go beyond simply replacing the present facility and to construct an expanded facility which will meet future needs of the community such as a 24-hour emergency facility. The board has received two generous offers of land on which to build a facility. We are seeking a site of at least 3.4 acres in size and accessible from a main traffic artery.

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Letters

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Fine, caring kids

Dear Editor:
A short letter to the Pagosa Family School teachers, staff, and parents.

Whatever it is that you are doing for these kids, don't ever stop.

I am/was Mr. C. the bus driver for these fine and wonderful young men and women.

They are the most behaved and caring kids, I have ever seen.

It is with great pride to have known them, I will miss them all.

These kids are our future, and seeing them interact with each other and adults solidifies my belief that these Pagosa Family School kids will make a positive difference in this world. So parents, and teachers ... I hope you are as proud of them as I am.

I must move away, which saddens me. However, I wanted to thank you parents for entrusting me with your precious children to arrive to school safely, of which I took very seriously. Thank you Pagosa, and thank you teachers for what you do.

Parents, ask your kids "who is the best bus driver in the whole wide world?"

I will tell you, that your kids are the most wonderful kids in the whole wide world.

Chris "Mr. C." Canning

Vacation rentals

Dear Editor:
My wife and I bought a home in Pagosa Springs in 2005 as a second home. We have close friends who have had a second home here since 2000 and highly recommended we come here. We are so glad we did. On average, we have spent 2-3 months here a year. Although our primary home is out of state, we consider ourselves Pagosans

and are proud to do so. We have spent tens of thousands of dollars furnishing our house from local businesses. We've had dozens and dozens of friends and relatives visit with us or come out on their own. Since 2014, we began renting our home out when we weren't here. Although concerned about the impact this would have on our home, we found that we have taken better care of our home both inside and out due to our desire to make this a first class rental experience. We have spent additional thousands of dollars to upgrade our home for rental purposes. Team Pagosa has been outstanding in their insistence on quality control as well. We have had zero problems. I can't begin to count the tens of thousands of dollars spent by our guests in local businesses; restaurants, Wolf Creek Skiing, golf, trail rides, balloon trips, souvenirs, hot springs, etc. Multiply this by hundreds of homes just like ours and you get a thriving economy which the local, full-time residents rely on to take care of their families. Pagosa Springs has always been a short-term tourist-based economy supported primarily by the short-term home rental due to a lack of hotel space. Pagosa Springs has made substantial progress in the last few years and needs to keep moving forward, not backward. This is 2018, not 1958. We urge the leadership of Archuleta County to resist the small-minded interests of the few, to protect the long term interests of the majority.

Sincerely proud Pagosans,
Chuck and Janet Chillingworth

Pile of trash

Dear Editor:
Most of the residents that live in our town choose to because of the beauty that surrounds us. Our streams, mountains, and natural landscape are something to behold and cherish.

One of the best things about living here is the access to our hiking trails. I live close to the Turkey Springs trail system and hike it two to three times a week along with many other residents. I have met some of the best people (and dogs) on these adventures.

Last Saturday I pulled into the parking lot at gate 5 to begin my walk and stepped out of my Jeep onto a pile of trash. Someone had thrown plastic cups, lids and straws on the ground.

All I could think about was why would someone want to use the beauty of the trail and then "trash" it like that. It just made me sad.

"Keep close to Nature's heart ... and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean." — John Muir

Please keep our trails and mountains the same as you found them.

Sally Engels

Ruby Sisson

Dear Editor:
The people behind the people behind the names — Ruby Sisson

The article by John M. Motter titled "The people behind the names: Ruby Sisson", caused me to reflect on my many fond memories of being one of Ruby Sisson's 'hired hands'. At the time we were living just up the road at The Thunderbird Lodge. I would mend fences and irrigate, mostly. When needed, I would harrow the meadows with her old John Deere Tractor. I would drive her old Chevy truck around the ranch

(which I believe the high school still has). She bought a new 4 wheel drive pickup but ordered it without power steering because she was afraid if the pump went out it wouldn't steer. She was unable to steer the truck, so it sat mostly unused unless I or someone else drove it. We would work mostly side by side; she would direct me about where to set canvas dams and what posts or wire needed mending. As the wire gates became more difficult for her to close and open, I would loosen them so they had a distinct sag, making it possible for her to operate them. The cattle really didn't mind because her place was heaven to a steer and they never made an attempt to wander.

Her tool shed still held all of Red Sisson's tools that went through the fire they had at their place. There was a knotted rope that hung on the wall that I grabbed one day. Ruby said, 'Oh, don't use that because that was the last knot that Red tied.' She clearly loved him dearly. He was tragically killed in a car accident.

Ruby was also my math teacher. Before we would go out and work, she would tutor me. I was a terrible math student and just couldn't grasp the concepts, but that did not deter her from spending many hours with me teaching me math. When school finally started in the fall, she had me come in early on certain days to continue to tutor me. I am sure many readers will remember being thumped on the head with that bony little knuckle or rapped with a ruler for misbehaving or stepping out of line. Another common event was to meet her on the road behind the wheel of her Chevy. You could see two little hands on the steering wheel and Ruby just barely seeing over the dash.

Not many years after working closely with her, I had the great honor of being one of the pall bearers at her funeral. She was an incredible person and teacher. I greatly admired her.

Scott Hand

Look for good

Dear Editor:
The movie 15:17 to Paris by Clint Eastwood was a powerful example of a rare pro-American, anti-terrorist film. The three men who heroically saved scores of passengers actually placed themselves in the film. They had been childhood friends. It made me feel proud to be an American.

Yet, the scenes showing incidents from their school caricatured a teacher, a counselor, a principal, and a coach as uncaring and unprofessional.

During my 52 years as a teacher, I once took a workshop in which we were told to make a list of ten people who had made a significant positive impact on our lives. I listed 19. Then I noticed that 14 of the 19 were teachers. The next task was to write a letter of appreciation to one of those who had done the most to improve our lives.

When I myself was a beginning biology teacher, I had four wonderful classes and one that was giving me headaches. I asked a fat, old, wrinkled nun for advice on how to deal with my "bad" class. She said, "They can't help being dumb. Look for good in them, and you will start to enjoy them." I tried this. It was like a miracle. I had changed my attitude toward them.

Too bad those adults in the future heroes' school didn't see anything good about those boys. It made me wonder if Eastwood

himself had had bad experiences in schools. Over my 52 years of teaching, most of my teaching colleagues have been wonderful. If I was a movie maker, I would never ridicule school personnel. Sometimes even school bus drivers and janitors have been heroes.

John Pentecost

Rescue, recovery

Dear Editor:
My sincerest appreciation to the San Juan Search and Rescue team, the Pagosa Springs Medical Center team, and to my daughter and her friends and my husband, Graham. Sara and Ryer secured the necessary emergency help while Kellie, Jake and John provided physical and emotional support after my hip "lost" to a huge rock following my unfortunate mis-step on the trail.

A special shout-out to Ben, Deb and Mike. The entire team with the San Juan Search and Rescue, with help from Jake and John, were so professional providing medical and "transport" from the fall site.

Additionally, my gratitude to Dr. Wisneski, Dr. Mindy Siegel for my successful hip fracture surgery, the anesthesiologist team, the nurses Tara, Laura, Suzy and other nurses and assistants for their positive and patient attitudes at all hours, Jennifer for her physical therapy instruction, Dustin for the amazing food, Kent for all the effort to arrange for my discharge and post-hospital treatment in Houston.

And a special thank you to the

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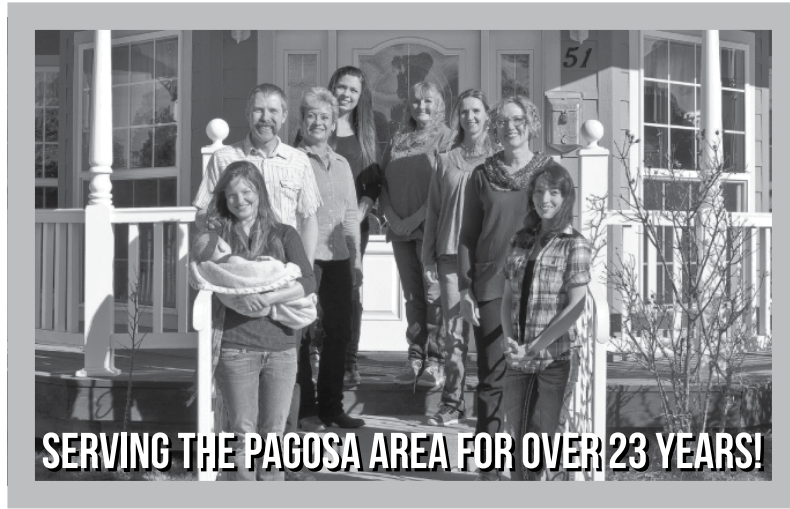
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The location for the meeting is the Community Center.

There will be two different meeting times.

- Noon to 1:00pm and 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- Lunch and dinner will be provided.
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Obituaries

Larry Glen Ayers

Larry Glen Ayers passed away Thursday, March 15, at home, surrounded by family. He was 60 years old.

Larry was born April 24, 1957, to Wilson W. and Vera Jane (Thraillkill) Ayers in Slaton, Texas. He grew up in Slaton and graduated high school. He then began working for the Santa Fe Railroad in Texas and Colorado. He was married to Cathey Hull in 1979 and though the marriage ended, two wonderful children were brought about by the union. After the railroad, he worked with his brother, Gary, in the telecommunications industry and traveled the entire country. He officially retired in 2014. Upon learning of his illness, the family supported his move to Pagosa Springs, Colo., (that he loved so much) to follow through with his last days.

His passion was music and people. He was a talker and loved to connect with complete strangers.

He is survived by his children: Cassi Ann Ayers and Austin Brooks Ayers; siblings: twin brother Gary, Melba McAbee and Kathy (Bret) Bond; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

He is preceded in death by a

brother, James "Jimmy" Ayers, parents and brother-in-law Wayne McAbee.

Services will be held at a later date in Lubbock, Texas.

Larry Fisher

In the wee hours of the morning, March 12, 2018, the Lord called home His faithful servant, Larry Fisher. Larry left this earthly world to join his heavenly Father.



Larry Howard Fisher was born Feb. 10, 1947, in Cheyenne, Wyo., to parents Wesley and Roberta Fisher. While growing up, he lived in Palo Alto, Calif.; St. Paul, Minn.; Richfield, Minn.; and Prospect Heights, Ill.

He finally found his way to Aspen, Colo., where he took a job as a supervisor at Aspen Highlands as well as a freestyle aerialist. In Aspen he met the love of his life, Susan "Susie" Butler, and they were wed on March 22, 1975.

In 1980 they moved Pagosa Springs, Colo., where Larry took the position as Ski School Direc-

tor at Wolf Creek Ski Area. In 1985, Larry and Susie adopted their sons, Casey and Tracy. In December of that same year, they opened Ski and Bow Rack. In 1988, they adopted their daughter, Brittany. Larry was a beloved father and always worked hard for his family. Once his grandchildren (correction, his children's kids ... he always said wasn't old enough to be a grandpa) came along, he cherished every moment he spent with them, often saying, "If I knew grandchildren were so much fun, I'd have had them first!" For the past 38 years, Larry has been a pillar in the community and has impacted the lives of so many from Pagosa and across the United States.

Words fall short in capturing Larry's essence. He has been described by so many as a dreamer, adventurer, leader, helper, friend, disciple, deep listener and great conversationalist. He was one of our town's best storytellers — always quick to share a memory or experience to delight and encourage. He was a devout man of faith who showed generosity, and kindness, offering a helping hand and jobs to anyone in need. Larry had a huge and gentle heart.

Larry was an avid skier, hunter and outdoorsman. These passions became the foundation of the Ski

and Bow Rack, built upon the cornerstone of serving and investing in others, loving people as Jesus would. He was a father figure to many, with an unmatched sense of community. He genuinely appreciated every soul that stepped foot in his business, evidenced by the loyal generations of families that have continued to support his shop over the decades.

Whether he played foot-guru, fitting half the town with custom orthotic insoles; teacher, giving a detailed lectures on sunscreen, ski boots, or hunting and skiing techniques; homemade ice-cream wizard, always asking for input on a clearly flawless recipe; dedicated runner/shuffler; or three-time Colorado State Senior Olympics champion in the pole vault and high jump, Larry never ceased to amaze us and touch our lives in new and creative ways.

Larry is preceded in death by his wife, Susie Fisher. He is survived by his children, Casey (Sarah) Fisher, Tracy (Michelle) Fisher, and Brittany (Robert) Bedtke; his grandchildren, Trent, Peyton, Eden, Avalon, and Susanna; and his sister, Carol (Val) Petersons, his nephew, Bruno (Jolyn) Petersons, along with many other nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by many

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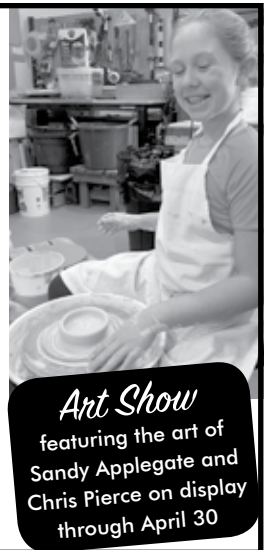
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Carole and Graham Poulter
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and Pagosa Springs

BLM location

Dear Editor:
Representative Tipton, in his February 22 article, asserted that the lead decision makers of the BLM, now based in Washington, should be relocated closer to the BLM lands they manage. He acknowledges that this amounts to some 400 BLM employees, and that the remainder of the BLM employees, more than 10,000 are distributed throughout the western states.

In proposing legislation to this effect, he and Senator Gardner are simply echoing the stated agenda of the Trump administration, which is to weaken and eventually eliminate federal control over public lands in the west (and thereby eliminate public lands — been to Texas lately?). To move the BLM decision makers west, where they would be generally unavailable for the many administrative and legislative hearing in Washington would be a major step towards emasculating the BLM.

As a user of public lands, I cannot overstate the value of these lands, for all purposes. Although I am dismayed at the eroding of our national monuments, many of which are on former BLM lands, and the devastating explosion of petroleum exploration and development on BLM lands, that is somewhat outweighed by the environmental, recreational, archeological, and historical value of these lands. To see what the future could hold, visit the BLM lands in

New Mexico south of Carlsbad. It is an unremitting industrial zone, dedicated to the Oil god.

Moving the BLM leadership away from the center of power will greatly weaken their ability to manage these lands. The 10,000 plus BLM employees in the west are fully in touch with local issues, and are effective at communicating these up the line to their management. Representative Tipton cites the controversy over the sage grouse as an example of why the BLM leadership needs to be located in the west. The role of leadership for an agency such as the BLM is to gather input from the people and employees who live in affected areas, and take that information to other affected agencies and the legislature, so as to arrive at effective solutions. To best accomplish that, the BLM leadership needs to be close to the center of power. Keep the BLM distributed as it is, 96% in the west, the remainder close to Washington.

Merlin Wheeler

World-class care

Dear Editor:
Sixteen years ago I met the love of my life at a Pat Parelli clinic in Daytona Beach, Florida.

As you can imagine, the woman I fell in love with was a horse lover and a horse show competitor.

During our sixteen years, we have had the opportunity to sample healthcare and hospital services all over the United States. We have been to the Mayo Clinics in Rochester, MN, Jacksonville, FL, and Scottsdale, AZ. We have been to the Scripps Hospital in La Jolla, CA. We have used the Steadman Orthopedic Clinic in Vail, as well as the University of Florida at Gainesville Orthopedic Hospital.

Falling in love with a horsey girl requires expert medical attention because they compete, and they get hurt.

My wife Leslie Ann and I came back from a meeting with her most recent orthopedic surgeon at the University of Florida in early January. Leslie Ann was not happy with

the diagnosis from her previous orthopedic surgeon, and a local Pagosa Springs friend of mine recommended I contact Dr. Bill Webb at the Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

I called Dr. Webb's office at 11 o'clock on a Tuesday and shared my wife's story, a bit of history, and asked what was the soonest I could bring my wife to see Dr. Webb.

His physician's assistant, Judy Cole, said, "Can you be here by one o'clock?"

I said, "Today?"

"Yes," today.

The meeting between Dr. Webb, Judy, and Leslie Ann was like listening to a symphony. The level of professional care, diagnosis, and support was breathtaking. We have never experienced this level of medical care at any other facility in the United States.

One week later Dr. Webb performed ACL replacement surgery on Leslie Ann. Just before they took her to surgery, I looked at Dr. Webb and said, "It took me 50 years to find her, bring her back to me better than she is now."

His exact words were, "She'll be much better."

It is now about a month later. Every experience we have had at the Pagosa Springs Medical Center has been an absolute ten. They have my highest, best accolades. Imagine, world-class healthcare right here in Pagosa Springs.

My highest kudos to everybody who supports healthcare in our community. Thank you, Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

Mark Weiler

Rex Tillerson

Dear Editor:
A class act and a true statesman is gone

I am depressed today over the state of my government. What happened to polite discord, grown up manners, consideration for others ... it's does not appear to exist at the presidential level. Can one even imagine using Twitter to inform a high level patriot that he is being shoved aside.

However, there is one man, our soon-to-be former Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson, who can hold his head up high. Dignity and statesmanship will walk out the door when he leaves Washington. I know there are other hard working good people in government service, but none so visible.

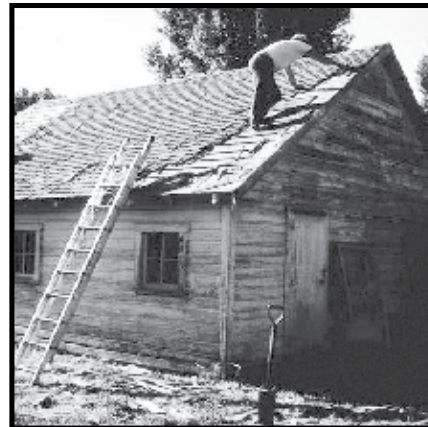
What on earth is going on with our government? We have a president surrounded by generals, CIA, the affluent, and relatives. We, also, need statesmen to represent our country and show dignity, class, courtesy and knowledge. I support our military, my husband was career Army, but I am concerned about this ever tightening group of sycophants surrounding the current president. Disagree with the president and poof, you're gone.

I have thought over and over the phrase, "absolute power corrupts absolutely." I have thought about the word, narcissism. I worry when good people are kicked aside. I wonder about the balance of power, the checks and balances of our three branches of government. What role does the Supreme Court play? What will our legislature do to keep the executive branch in check? I'm disappointed in our legislators, with few exceptions, and some of the exceptions are choosing to retire.

I'm sad that a very good man will not be allowed to continue to help steer our country. I'm actually fearful, for the first time in my adult life, that we may be circling the drain.

Jacqui Widener

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friends, employees and all his customers — for if you knew Larry, you were family. Larry will be remembered and thought of fondly and often. His kind words and generous works that touched so many in our community and beyond, will never be forgotten.

But really, Larry's address has simply changed. For he now and forever will reside in the presence and glory of the Lord. As Jesus said in John 11:25, "Whoever believes in me though he die, yet shall he live."

Joseph H. Martinez (Joe and Jody)

Joseph H. Martinez, lovingly known as Joe and Jody, passed away on March 13 surrounded by his family.

Joe was born Sept. 21, 1954, to Margaret S. (Marge Maez) and Samuel S. (Sam) Martinez in a little house on 8th Street in Pagosa Springs, Colo. A fifth-generation Pagosa native, Joe was raised in town on 8th Street and on his family's ranch in Edith, Colo., along with his three sisters and two brothers.



Joe attended the first part of grade school at Saint Frances Catholic School in Lumberton, N.M., and finished school in Pagosa Springs. He played baseball and football and was on the first-ever high school wrestling team for the Pagosa schools. Joe graduated high school in 1974 and then attended Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo.

On May 28, 1977, Joe married the love of his life, Barbara Haning, of Pagosa Springs. Together they moved to Alamosa, where Joe continued college. While in Alamosa, Joe worked as a rancher and for the Tri-Me Potato Company. He coached basketball for Alamosa Valley Christian elementary school. Once the season was over, Joe started the first ever pee-wee wrestling program in Alamosa with the same kids he coached in basketball.

Joe and Barbara moved back to Pagosa in 1979. Joe worked several jobs during his lifetime in Pagosa, including but not limited to cleaning trails for the U.S. Forest Service, pulling chain and dry kilns for San Juan Lumber Company, and as a custodian for the Archuleta School District until 2007, when he retired.

In his lifetime, Joe coached junior high basketball for the Pagosa school district and helped start and coach the pee-wee wrestling program in Pagosa Springs. He volunteered for various community events and was a member of the Colorado Mounted Rangers.

Joe had a big heart and during his time as a custodian, he affected the lives of numerous youth, several of whom still call him "Dad" today.

After his retirement from Archuleta School District, Joe worked as a handyman and enjoyed time for fishing, hunting, ranching and camping before hiring on as a substitute teacher for the Dulce Independent Schools in Dulce, N.M. After a short time subbing, Joe accepted a full-time instructional aide position and moved into a 1:1 instructional aide position for an extraordinary student whom he loved to work with. Joe worked for Dulce Independent Schools for the last 10-plus years until his death.

Four years ago, Joe started and was currently coaching the first ever pee-wee wrestling program for youth in Dulce, N.M., with the support of his children.

Joe is survived by his wife of almost 41 years, Barbara Martinez, and his four children, Ryan (Laura) Martinez, Daniel Martinez, Joetta (Michael) Osborn, Michael (Kathleen) Martinez, and his honorary son, Ian Adams, all of Pagosa Springs. Joe is also survived by his grandchildren, Kaeley Walters and Kendra Martinez, of Bayfield, Colo.; Caitlin and Dustin Adams, of Pagosa Springs; Ethan, Chandler, Olivia and Hudson Mazur, of Pagosa Springs; Madison Waller, of Atoka, Okla.; Bryce Osborn, of Carthage, Texas; Stetson, Chase and Wyatt Osborn, of Pagosa Springs; and Sage Martinez, of Pagosa Springs; brother Steve (Cathy) Martinez, of Bloomfield, N.M.; sisters Mabel Barber, of Pagosa Springs, Gloria (Steve) Mohr of Maize, Kan., and Nina (Steve) Schwandt, of Apache, Okla.; extended family, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, grandnieces and nephews, and great-granddaughter Memri Waller, of Atoka, Okla.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, brother Rick Martinez and nephew Samuel Martinez.

A rosary was held at Immaculate Heart of Parish on Friday, March 16. A eulogy and Mass service was held at Pope John Paul II on Saturday, March 17. Joe has been laid to rest at Hilltop Cemetery.

Joe will be greatly missed.

John Lewis Perkins

July 9, 1925 — March 11

John was received by Jesus March 11, surrounded by his loving family. He was born July 9, 1925, to Walter Perkins and Effie Perkins (Womack). He was the second to the oldest of seven children born to this union, all of whom have preceded him in death.



John was a World War II veteran, served as a Marine sergeant landing on Okinawa, Japan, April 1, 1945, the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific Theater of WWII.

On May 2, 1948, John married Nan (Fidler) Perkins in Rolla, Kan. Nan preceded him in death. Out of their union were born three children: John Christopher Perkins (Courtney), Stephen Craig Perkins (Julie) and Valarie Jo Quick (Scott).

They have eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Also left to mourn their uncle are his nieces and nephews, the Christian, Hephner, Perkins, Price and Sayer families.

John and Nan farmed for 23 years near Rolla, Kan., in the Dust Bowl area. In 1969, they moved to Garden City, Kan., from farming to financial planning. In 1971, they made a big move to Scottsdale,

Ariz. At the time of John's death, he was a member of Sierra Vista Baptist Church of Belen, N.M.

John and Nan will be laid to rest together Friday, March 23, at 3 p.m. at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe, N.M. Please feel free to join the family honoring John.

A celebration of John's life will be held Saturday, March 24, at 11 a.m. at Sierra Vista Baptist Church, 104 La Luna Place, Rio Communities, Belen, NM 87002.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the New Mexico Baptist Children's Home, P.O. Box 629, Portales, NM 88130.

Jerome R. Sager

Jerome R. (Jerry) Sager, 93, passed away Jan. 17 after a battle with cancer in Edmond, Okla. He was born in Chicago, Ill., to Leslie and Meriam Sager, Aug. 2, 1924. He was raised in the Champaign area.



Jerry attended the Colorado School of Mines until he enlisted in the Navy in 1943-46, where he was a pilot. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America and received the honor rank of Eagle Scout when he was 12 years old. He had the honor of being a scoutmaster in both Durango, Colo., and Anchorage, Alaska. He lived in the Durango/Farmington area

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PAWSD amends budget for 2017

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A public hearing was held during the regular meeting of the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board of directors on Thursday.

The hearing pertained to a consideration of Resolution 2018-03 to amend PAWSD's 2017 budget.

"We've got to have a budget

amendment and the reason is our employees put in these Fireflies and they run us over our budget \$286,756, so we've got to amend the budget to cover those," PAWSD chairman Jim Smith said.

Automatic meter readers are often referred to as Fireflies, PAWSD General Manager Justin Ramsey explained.

"Basically, that's it. We've anticipated this all along. So, we've

been saying it but now it's just finally time to get it done," PAWSD Business Services Manager Shellie Peterson said.

The only fund amended is the water enterprise fund. The other funds have been left the same, Peterson added later.

Peterson explained that, once accepted by the board, it is filed with the Division of Local Government and becomes PAWSD's final budget for 2017, Peterson explained.

"The reason we did this, and I think we discussed this before, was those Fireflies run off batteries and they have a finite life and they're

at, or near, their warranty issue and the batteries are dying," Ramsey explained.

Via a motion made by PAWSD board member Paul Hansen, participating by phone, the board moved to approve Resolution 2018-03.

In a previous interview on March 8, Ramsey explained that PAWSD has to make a budget amendment when they go over what they are allocated.

"It was a change that we hadn't anticipated and we hadn't put in the budget originally," Ramsey explained during the March 8 interview.

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Important wildfire mitigation tax information

By Bill Trimarco
Special to The SUN

If you have incurred any expenses to perform wildfire mitigation work on your property, you may qualify for a deduction to your income on your Colorado state tax.

According to the Department of Revenue, you can deduct 100 percent of your expenses up to a maximum of \$2,500 for the years 2017 through 2019.

Previously the deduction was set at 50 percent of expenses. House Bill 16-1286 changed the percentage, but the state did not update their tax publications until March of 2018.

The updated Colorado information document FYI 65 explains the requirements for this subtraction from taxable income. It can be found at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Income65.pdf>.

Candidates for LPEA Board of Director elections verified in all districts

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

The La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) independent election supervisor committee has verified candidates for the cooperative's 2018 board of directors election.

Election materials/ballots are scheduled to be mailed to all members on April 17. In addition to voting for directors, members will be asked to approve revisions to the cooperative's bylaws.

With the director elections, in District 1, Archuleta County, Kirsten Skeehan is challenging incumbent Bob Formwalt.

District 2, south and west La Plata County, incumbent Kohler McInnis is challenged by Jeff Man-nix.

In the City of Durango, District 3, Gene Fisher is challenging incumbent Britt Bassett.

In District 4, north and east

La Plata County, incumbent Karen Barger is challenged by Tim Wheeler.

"In addition to asking our members to learn about the candidates and vote in their districts, we want to strongly encourage the vote on the bylaw revisions," said Mike Dreysspring, LPEA CEO. "There will be a special insert in your ballot materials that lines out the changes your co-op is advising. Also, a review of the bylaw revisions is available on our website."

As a rural electric cooperative, all members in good standing, who pay their electric bill to LPEA, are qualified to vote for the directors who represent them, as well as the bylaws, which are the governing directives of the cooperative.

"If any members have any questions, I welcome their call or email," said Dreysspring.

Contact Dreysspring at 382-3509 or mdreysspring@lpea.coop.



Photo courtesy Roy Vega

American Legion Mullins-Nickerson Post 108 initiates two new members at the post's regular meeting on March 14. Doug Roberts, post commander (left), presents certificates of membership to John Harris (middle) and John Moore. Harris, commissioned a Naval aviation officer in 1971, saw two deployments in support of air combat operations in Vietnam. He left active Navy in 1975 to become an agent for Naval Criminal Investigative Service (made famous by the TV series "NCIS") for 25 years, all the while remaining in the Navy Reserve, where he retired with rank of lieutenant commander. He then did security work for the departments of Defense and State, and seven years as an investigator for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children before finally retiring to Pagosa Springs. Moore is a native of Green Bay, Wis., but graduated from the USAF Academy in Colorado Springs in 1978 with a degree in aeronautical engineering. After flight school, he was among the first to fly the F-15C Eagle. He went on to be a flight lead, instructor pilot and mission commander. He graduated Fighter Weapons School as a top gun in 1982. After eight years active duty, he joined the Maryland Air National Guard flying A-10A Warthogs until 1988 and left the service as a captain.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Thursday, March 22

Archuleta School District Board of Education community engagement. Noon, Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education community engagement. 6 p.m., Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Monday, March 26

San Juan Water Conservancy District board meeting. 4 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Unit 5.

Tuesday, March 27

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

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

Town Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and De-

sign Review Board. 5:30 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

Wednesday, March 28

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation work session. 11 a.m., First Southwest Bank conference room, 249 Navajo Trail Drive.

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

Wednesday, April 4

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. Executive session to conduct superintendent's evaluation. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School administrative offices, 309 Lewis St.

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

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for a while after the war, working in the oil business. Jerry eventually moved his family to Alaska, where he continued to work in the oil business for Shell Oil Company.

He married Marijane Duncan Aug. 16, 1953. To this union, children Christine and John were born. Marijane passed away in 1982. The oil business took Jerry to Oklahoma City, where he met Joan Campbell Bland. They were married Dec. 22, 1984. Because of his love for Colorado, he and Joan moved to Pagosa Springs, where they resided for 32 years, making wonderful, lifelong friendships and memories. Together, they traveled the world.

Jerry was an avid reader, hiker and skier, where he guided excursions with the Gray Wolves through the mountains. He participated in Colorado Senior Olympics, winning several swimming medals. Because of health problems, Jerry and Joan moved to Edmond, Okla. Jerry and Joan celebrated 33 years of marriage before her death, Sept. 13, 2017.

He is survived by his daughter, Christine Sager, and husband Dan Builderback, of Anchorage, Alaska; John Sager and wife Gina, of Keller, Texas; grandsons Nick (Emily) Sager, Houston, Texas; Ben Sager, Seattle, Wash.; and Sage Builderback, of California; nieces Victoria Bovard, of Austin, Texas; Kimberly Bennett, of Pochantas, Ark.; and nephew Reid Robertson, of Tequesta, Fla.; step-children: Linda (Steve) Davis, of Edmond, Okla.; Wayne (Pam) Bland, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; step-grandchildren: Jeff (Karolyn) Davis, of Tyler, Texas; Hailee (Tiffany) Bland-Walsh, of Kansas City, Kan.; Anna Davis, of Pawnee, Okla.; Matthew Grant, of Denver, Colo.; and great-grandchildren Zach and Katy Davis, of Tyler, Texas.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, wife Marijane Duncan Sager, wife Joan Campbell Sager, sister Jean Robertson and in-laws.

Jerry and Joan chose to have their ashes spread at Pagosa Peak with a ceremony of burial in the Fort Scott, Kan., National Cemetery April 27.

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Business

CDC seeks to fill broadband project coordinator position

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The search for a broadband project coordinator has been delayed for the Pagosa Springs Community Development Cooperation (CDC).

At its regular meeting on March 14, the board held a conference call with HR Green, a professional engineering and tech consulting firm, to discuss the position.

Following the conference call, the CDC board determined that the search for a broadband project coordinator would be tabled for further discussion among the board.

In an interview on Tuesday, CDC president Jason Cox explained that the broadband process has involved trying to get something accomplished on the ground.

The CDC, in the next phase of

the plan, wanted to move toward implementation, thus looking for implementation providers, Cox explained.

"It became very apparent we really need project coordination. So, that's what it comes down to," he said.

Within its request for proposal (RFP) that was submitted in late December, the CDC only received two responses, he stated.

"They were quality responses," he said.

One responder to the RFP was a local individual who has owned an Internet company, but is busy with other projects, he explained.

"He can be an accessory party to the whole effort," Cox said. "We may actually engage him as a consultant at points."

In regards to HR Green, the CDC wanted them to do the coordination part of the project, he

explained.

"So, through the conversation, we were able to get our heads around what they really provide," he said.

HR Green does have a fiber and broadband practice, but, ultimately, they informed the CDC that project coordination at the level the CDC wanted was not something they could do.

"What they basically said was 'We can't provide what you need at a high level, which is coordination type of activity,'" he said.

Cox commended HR Green for informing the CDC of its limitations when it came to what the CDC was asking for.

"What they said is 'We can do this work for you, but you're going to overpay for it,'" he added later.

HR Green can, however, help the CDC with the implementation part of the broadband process, he noted.

"We will need these guys [HR Green] and I think they'll be an excellent resource at some point, but it's not at this current point," he said. "So, what I recommend is to just table it so we can discuss in smaller groups a little bit more to see how we would engage, but we're still looking for that project coordinator."

The RFP for the position might be put out again, he noted.

"We want to do the things we can do in the meantime that don't require this high level of project coordination," he said.

In regard to the RFP, Cox noted that the CDC probably could have done more, but the language in the RFP was broad for a reason.

"It's a little bit more broad than being targeted because we wanted a breadth of responses. We wanted to fill the funnel more," he said.

Cox noted that there is a chance that the CDC and HR Green could work together again in the future.

"I think so. I think they had a strong response, they have a good

practice," he said.

"We were hoping they would be able to help us develop the plan, and I think they were to some extent," he added later. "But as they learned more in our conversation the comments were, it became very apparent, that they were not going to be the ones on the ground here doing the work so we still need to find that resource."

The CDC contacted HR Green last week and, according to Cox, were in agreement to "pump the brakes a little bit."

HR Green will be a key part of the project in the future, he added.

Cox reiterated that the RFP may be submitted again, but the CDC is actively taking offers from anyone interested in the community.

"It might be a little bit of a delay, but not too much. We still have lots of work we can do on the ground," he said, speaking on how this decision affects not only the CDC, but the community of Pagosa Springs.

The broadband work group will continue to push forward with the project, but the group still needs the resources to provide information to get providers and operators as well as capital.

The highest priority for the broadband project coordinator is someone who engages all the stakeholders who can get broadband in the county as quickly as possible, he stated.

"It's really about stakeholder engagement, information capture and coordination," he added later.

At a Jan. 10 meeting of the CDC, Cox explained that he hoped to have the plan done by the middle of the year.

During his interview on Tuesday, Cox explained that this original timeline will be affected.

"I wouldn't be as optimistic as I was in January as far as finishing a project that was implementable by the middle of the year, but we're still going to push and we're still going to do it this year," he said.

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Biz Beat



Jean Hietala purchased the Made in Colorado Shoppe on April 1, 2013, from Lois Higgins, who started the shop in 1992. For the past five years Jean has been focused on putting her own stamp on the store by finding new and exciting products from Colorado that fit the store's theme by going to new markets and many craft fairs around the state.

The store will be closed April 8 until May 1 for some freshening up, but first, to thank everyone for a great five years, Jean is throwing an anniversary sale that will also make room for all the great new stuff. Stop by and check out the Made in Colorado Shoppe at 2105 Eagle Drive from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

PAWSD employees earn distinctions

By Justin Ramsey
Special to The SUN

Congratulations to Christina Velarde in marking her 26th anniversary of employment with Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) on March 1.

Velarde's accomplishments include a Utility Agent 3 level while working in the district office, as well as coordinating Customer Connections. Dan Stephens of PAWSD has earned his Water 0 Certification.

Thanks

Tyler

My wife recently had surgery, which occasion brought a season of extra challenge and need to our household. I would like to thank God here in public for the tremendous outpouring of love and care we have received during this time. From friends new and old, from our brothers and sisters in the church, and from members of the community, we have experienced support in spiritual and practical ways. Though many elements of our experience were and are an ordeal, the reality of God's provision welling up through so many hearts and hands gives this season an aspect of bright blessing. Thanks to all who have prayed, cooked, visited and cleaned. We thank God for you.

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County

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surrounding the new school. "I am no longer under contract with you guys ... I'm not here representing anybody," Ash stated.

"We are waiting until late June to decide whether or not to go for a bond issue," said Ash, "... and so we're waiting on BEST, because BEST is free money from the state; if we don't get it, it changes our path."

"And what we want to avoid is any kind of issue of having a divided landscape, if possible," said Cox.

Ash described in detail many of the problems and dangers associated with the current elementary school. These included many structural concerns such as its proximity to a highway, 17 entrances to the building and the many additions over nearly 50 years beginning in the 1960s.

According to Ash, though the building has expanded to accommodate growing numbers of students, many of the necessary facilities were not expanded. Facilities such as the library, cafeteria and kitchen are the same size as when they were built, explained Ash.

"None of the main functions grew with [the school], which makes the feasibility of adding on and to do those things ... with safety and security issues that became a really challenging endeavor ..." said Ash.

"Me participating in the PAT process was interesting, because I don't have kids ...," Cox said.

Cox admitted that since he had no children he had never been in many of the school buildings.

"I came in with a unique perspective ... having a business perspective," Cox said.

Cox explained that, due to his business perspective, he was able to think of the future of the school as if it were a business.

To do improvements or add-ons to his business, Cox said, you have to start planning in advance.

"I don't know where my business is going to be in five years, but I know what I'm aiming for," Cox said.

By identifying the needs of the elementary school as most important, Cox explained, it was easy to put emphasis there.

"So, what we're looking at for the school district initially ... where does the community want to be as a

whole?" Cox asked.

Most of Ash's comments, however, were centered around the possible BEST grant that would be, according to Ash, nearly \$13 million for building the school.

Cox also explained that if the property of the school was to be sold for rebuilding, it would cost nearly \$3.3 million to demolish the building.

Cox admitted that some fault may rest on PAT for being behind schedule, but that they are willing to wait on building the school "if it's in the best interest of the community" to wait.

"We're pumping the brakes a little bit, waiting on the BEST decision, and then if it goes that way we'll have a plan ready to execute, and if it doesn't, we'll have a backup," said Cox.

In response to the comments about the elementary school, Steve Wadley, chairman of the BoCC, stated that while the needs of the school board, community and county are all equal, and that they should support each other, there is only a limited amount of community money.

"Our overwhelming, pressing need is for a jail right now," said Wadley.

One figure, stated by Archuleta County Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton in a phone interview with The SUN, explained that the current number of inmates housed for Archuleta County in the La Plata County Correctional Facility for Wednesday was 28 inmates.

She further stated that the average per day is 30 inmates housed in La Plata County.

Hamilton also said that currently with the alternative sentencing and pretrial services program (created after the evacuation of the jail), which allows individuals to stay in their homes with ankle monitors, had 60 individuals enrolled as of Wednesday.

In an email conversation with The SUN, Hamilton reported that, so far in 2018, there have been three attempted suicides, nine deaths, 12 burglaries, four stolen vehicles and 120 arrests.

Archuleta County Coroner Dan Keuning reported Tuesday there have been two suicides in 2018.

Hamilton further explained that

there were over 1,300 calls for service, and that an inmate of Archuleta County housed currently in La Plata County must be watched 24 hours a day.

"So, we're sending one of our deputies over to watch him every single hour of every single day. This has been going on for about two months," Hamilton said in the email.

"I think the important thing is that any one of us doesn't just say I'm going to focus on what is best for me at the peril of everyone else," Wadley said, asking all groups to consider the facts.

Wadley stated he did not want a battle between the needs of kids and criminal needs.

Ash stated that part of the problem arose from the PAT's and school district's lack of clarity about needs, and that now several entities have important requests for funds.

Ash explained that the properties the schools are on "are worth nothing."

Ash further explained there are better assets and things to be done with the school and courthouse grounds.

"They're only worth what this community sees their value as being," said Ash.

He continued to say that the school is a community asset not worth \$3.3 million, since a vacant lot cannot sell at \$600,000.

Ash further said that to both the BoCC and the school district, none of the properties are worth anything except what it is to the community.

Ash explained that he did not think that the school district tried to block county processes by its proposal, but to add value to the community.

"If you guys are even contemplating running for a jail at the same time as that \$13 million thing, and you're asking people to pick one or the other ... that's some \$13 million that the community could lose out on," Ash said.

Ash stated that the new jail would cost nearly \$25 million.

"I understand what you're saying, Brad. But the one thing I want to really drive home, is that the current bed space available in La Plata County may change at any time. There are not enough jails in the state of Colorado," said Wadley.

School

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Springs agreeing to a land swap with the school district.

"Locating the elementary in the southeast quadrant, assuming we can secure it, and then that gives you, you build fewer roads up front versus locating it up the hill," PAT member Jason Cox added.

PAT member Brad Ash also agreed with Pitcher's choice and sentiments.

Site concept C also adds flexibility in the future on where a new middle school could be built, Cox noted.

Per documentation provided by RTA Architects, the pros for building site concept C are:

- Locates all facilities on one site
 - Allows for immediate construction of elementary school
 - Separates high school parent traffic from elementary and middle school
 - Compact and best utilizes existing property
 - Constructs schools on most cost effective land."
- Cons listed by RTA for site concept C are:
- Construction of 1800' of roads
 - Grading costs for future fields
 - Must ensure elementary school site is above floodplain
 - Proximity of middle and high school to baseball fields
 - Cost of construction of fields on vacant land."

Group discussion

Douglas Abernethy of RTA then asked the group about the next best option for the elementary school if the town does not agree to a land swap with Archuleta School District (ASD).

The property that ASD owns on Vista Boulevard was discussed by some members of the PAT as another option.

Ash added that the elementary site displayed in site concept C could be placed where the current bus barn is, so as to not displace the field space located on that property currently, if ASD cannot secure the land from the town.

This would allow for a middle school to still be in the works in the future for site concept C, Ash noted.

For Pitcher, another option could be to move the elementary site, outlined in blue, to the future middle school site, outlined in red.

"Instead of relocating the fields

to the west side, relocate the fields to where the lagoon facility is," Pitcher said.

Due to time constraints on whether or not ASD will know if it can secure the land from the town, the idea of proposing that the elementary school be built on the outline detailed in red was discussed by the group.

Additionally, a site needs to be selected as part of the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant process.

"So, if we put it on the red spot and then we do secure the land over the summer, we could amend our plan with BEST?" ASD Finance Director Mike Hodgson asked.

"All we have to do is identify this site for BEST, is that correct? We don't have to say where on the site it's going?" ASD Superintendent Linda Reed asked.

"They don't require us to put a site plan together or anything, they need title work and a plaque that says the district owns enough property to build that building," Abernethy responded.

Abernethy went on to explain that ASD could say the new elementary school could go in the red area on site concept C, and continue to work on the land swap with the town.

"We can identify this as a location and work towards this other," Abernethy added later.

The two locations for schools labeled on site concept C are able to be flipped and everything else within the plan is still viable, Abernethy noted.

After further discussion from the group, Abernethy illustrated what the PAT group had decided upon.

"I think we have consensus, at least from the BEST perspective right now, what we're going to do is we're going to show it on the existing land, we'll reconfigure this a little bit and we'll work towards whatever the resolution is here," Abernethy said, noting that the resolution is the potential land swap.

The PAT group prefers if the elementary school is built in the blue area if the town agrees to the land swap, Abernethy explained.

If the town does not agree to the land swap, the red area on site concept C is still a viable option, Abernethy noted.

The group discussion then turned to next steps for the PAT, centering on a vo-tech facility and an auxiliary gym.

Vo-tech or auxiliary gym?

The gym that would be located within the new elementary school is sized for elementary school purposes, Abernethy noted.

"Based on the BEST criteria, it's a smaller gym. It's more like 6,000 square feet as opposed to [8,000]," Abernethy said.

"So, you're saying that the elementary school gym as designed would not facilitate practices?" Pitcher asked.

The gym could not hold full-sized basketball practices (on a full-sized court), but volleyball practices could be held in that gym, Abernethy noted.

The highest priority was determined by the PAT to be a new elementary school.

Abernethy then asked the group what the second-highest priority was between a new vo-tech facility and an auxiliary gym.

"Vo-tech, as far as I'm concerned," PAT member Jim Huffman commented.

"I think vo-tech has its own momentum. It has more stakeholders in the community. From a community standpoint, the vo-tech is a higher priority," Cox added.

Reed did note that both vo-tech and an auxiliary gym could be included.

"I would say, at this point, I think we should leave the auxiliary gym in," Pitcher responded. "I think the community perception, if you took it out now, could be large enough to go negative in a big way quick."

"Because those are small enough numbers in the grand number of it, if you take, I think what you're doing is you're taking the idea of something out. People aren't going to focus on the dollar amount they're going to focus on the idea of it being taken away," Pagosa Springs Middle School Assistant Principal Aaron Freed added.

Pitcher was then nominated by the PAT group to make a formal recommendation to the ASD Board of Education at its regular meeting on April 10.

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"If there is \$13 million being given to this community, we need everyone on board. We need the commissioners on board. This is a one-time shot," said Ash.

Ash described the cost expenses of continuing operations at the current elementary school.

"Here's the problem — and we're still willing to listen — ... but we have needs to house prisoners. And what are we going to do when La Plata County says we're not taking your prisoners anymore?" Wadley asked.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez mentioned that Archuleta County has signed an agreement with Rio Grande County to house prisoners.

It was announced at the regular BoCC meeting on Tuesday afternoon that an agreement between Rio Grande County and Archuleta County had been reached where, if necessary, prisoners would also be housed in Rio Grande County at the cost of \$54 a day.

Maez explained that beside the issue of housing the inmates, it is a Colorado state statute that this community provide a jail for the area.

Further, according to Bentley Henderson, Archuleta County administrator, just in the month of January, \$34,000 was spent on inmates housed in La Plata County.

"High levels of strategy are not

[Archuleta County]'s strongpoint," said Commissioner Michael Whiting. "We need to get a jail built, but there's more than one way to get there. We have land at Harman Park that is ideal for the jail," said Whiting.

"We needed a new jail 20 years ago, in all fairness," said Whiting.

Whiting explained he didn't know why they couldn't start building a jail in Harman Park with the \$4 million in unallocated funds.

In Whiting's estimates, for \$7 million, a new jail could be built with opportunities for expansion.

Whiting further explained that if both the school and jail went to the ballot, the likelihood of either group having success drops immensely.

"And if it becomes cons versus kids, our chances plummet," Whiting said.

Maez stated that dropping the name "con" out of the issue is key, since the vote is not for the cons, but for the jail.

"If I was our opponent, [cons versus kids] certainly how I'd frame it," said Whiting.

To plan ahead, noted Whiting, and not to quit halfway through for both issues was the key to getting at least one passed.

"We could start [building a jail] tomorrow," said Whiting, "with the unallocated funds and the land at

Harman."

Maez stressed the fact that the BEST grant is not a guaranteed item for the school.

Whiting agreed, and Cox admitted that without the BEST grant, plans could change drastically.

Maez stated that something must be done about the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office's lack of a permanent office, and Wadley agreed that something must be done about the county's needs.

Maez said that keeping an open mind would be key to success in any measure.

Whiting said there were other options beside just waiting.

Ash warned the BoCC that if they missed the building of the new school, built a full complex in Harman Park and, "planted the county flag" that a statement would be made, and there would be community reaction.

"If you guys want those phone calls, when that day happens, that will happen," said Ash.

Ash reiterated that nothing has value except what the community puts into it.

"We are two ships steaming straight at each other," Whiting said, "And the captains both know where we are headed ... and one or both of us are going to the bottom."

Election

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Only residents of the Town of Pagosa Springs are eligible to vote in the municipal election.

Ballots must be received no later than 7 p.m. on April 3 to be counted.

Ballot misprint

The town also issued a statement explaining that a misprint appeared in ballots mailed out to district 2 electors.

"The title for the District 2 council member candidate incorrectly reads 'District 1'. If you wish to vote for a candidate for District 2, please disregard the number 1 and fill in the name of the write-in candidate for District 2," reads the website. "If you have previously returned your ballot with the incorrect write-in candidate and would like to receive a replacement ballot, please contact the Town Clerk at 970-264-4151 x237, ahessman@pagosasprings.co.gov, or stop by the Town Hall located at 551 Hot Springs Boulevard."

More information can be found on the town's website, www.pagosasprings.co.gov.

Homicide-suicide

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Keuning was notified and death was pronounced at 5:40 p.m. on March 14, Hamilton reported.

Keuning stated on Friday, March 16, that the victim in the incident is Chersti Berdahl Spitler, 36, of Pagosa Springs. The other individual involved was Michael Spitler, 30, also of Pagosa Springs.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was notified, Hamilton explained, and a CBI agent who was in town did a preliminary walk-through with ACSO personnel.

A crime scene team from CBI arrived Thursday to collect evidence and photographs and give the ACSO another set of eyes on the scene, she noted.

Keuning stated that Berdahl

Spitler died of a gunshot, while Spiter died of a self-inflicted gunshot.

While the pair were pronounced dead on March 14, Keuning stated on Friday that the time of death was approximately two to three weeks prior.

Hamilton stated in an email to The SUN on Tuesday: "based on some journal writings and notes left at the scene written by the female party, the manner (or cause of death), date and time were not noted, however, it did appear evident that this was a likely outcome that both parties had previously discussed that nobody else was privy to."

No missing persons report had been filed on either individual, and the last known contact that the ACSO

could find was Feb. 27, Hamilton explained on March 15.

Suit

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Judge recusals

Due to being named in the case, Wilson has recused himself from multiple cases involving Archuleta County.

According to Jon Sarché, Colorado Judicial Department deputy public information officer, "those cases are 17CV30120, Gallegos v. Fay; 15CV30248, Giehl v. Madrid; and 17CV30054, County v. Hart Construction."

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Attorney general unveils top 10 consumer complaints and inquiries for 2017

Special to The SUN

In recognition of National Consumer Protection Week, Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman unveiled her list of the top 10 consumer complaints of 2017.

During the 2017 calendar year, consumers filed 9,146 complaints and inquiries with the Consumer Protection Section of the Office of the Attorney General, a 5 percent increase over the 2016 total.

"My office is committed to protecting consumers from deceptive or predatory business practices and fraud and it is particularly despicable when these scammers use threats to intimidate their victims," said Coffman. "Our Consumer Protection Section continues to see an increase in debt collection complaints, including disputes about whether debt is owed and the amount of debt owed, as well as claims of harassment and other problematic conduct by debt collectors. My office reviews every complaint we receive and when we find that any business or individual has violated state law, we will not hesitate to take action to protect Coloradans."

The top 10 types of complaints

and inquiries received in 2017 by type of complaint or inquiry and amount:

- 1. Debt Collection**
Companies: 977 — These include disputes about whether debt is owed and the amount of the debt owed, as well as claims of harassment and other problematic conduct by debt collectors.
- 2. Fraudulent or unwanted telephone calls:** 587 — These include complaints about phony IRS tax collection scams and other imposter scams, including tech support scams and phony debt-collection scams.
- 3. Utility complaints (cable, telecom and satellite):** 341 — These include billing disputes, service or coverage issues, rate changes, and cancellation and termination issues.
- 4. Automobile dealers, new and used:** 211 — These include complaints that relate to misrepresentations about the condition of used cars, loss of trade-in vehicles that are sold by the dealer before financing is approved, warranty issues, title issues and general advertising issues.
- 5. Contractors:** 211 — These include complaints about general

home repair, remodeling and other general contractor complaints relating to service, workmanship and billing.

- 6. Mortgage and foreclosure matters:** 188 — These involve loan modification and foreclosure issues, including complaints that lenders or servicers renege on modification offers, delay modification approval while initiating foreclosure, as well as some complaints involving short sales and other loss-mitigation problems.
- 7. Internet shopping—personal care products:** 122 — These involve complaints relating to negative option billing disputes, service and delivery issues, along with cancellation and termination issues.
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- 9. Telephone (cellphones and equipment):** 109 — These complaints include billing disputes, service or coverage issues, rate changes, and cancellation and termination issues and fees.
- 10. Fraudulent/unwanted email:**

103 — These complaints include unsolicited offers of sweepstakes, phishing attempts and not being removed from email lists when they try to unsubscribe.

A number of the complaints involve businesses and individuals against whom the attorney general has already brought enforcement actions. Publicity about a case, or information sought for purposes of restitution, often result in the filing of additional reports and inquiries. For a comprehensive case list, please visit StopFraudColorado.gov.

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Homicide

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occurred on March 11. According to NMSP Public Information Officer Ray Wilson, NMSP officers were dispatched to a residence near Chama, N.M., around 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, in reference to an unattended death.

Officers found 29-year-old Michael Moats, of Pagosa Springs, deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, Wilson indicated in a statement to The SUN.

"He was one of several individuals questioned by [Colorado Bureau of Investigation] agents and local detectives this week in connection with the Ski and Bow Rack incident and was then released. The investigation is ongoing," said Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) Chief Bill Rockensock on Friday.

The NMSP has concluded its involvement in its case. "Law enforcement agents have

been interviewing dozens of individuals in connection with the incident and are waiting for evidence from the crime scene to be processed by the Colorado Bureau of Investigations' crime lab," reads a press release from the Town of Pagosa Springs. "The evidence processing will take several weeks, and may be longer."

Authorities released a description of the suspect the morning following the incident.

He is believed to be Caucasian, approximately between 5 foot 7 inches and 5 foot 9 inches tall, with brown hair, a small-to-medium build, and weighing approximately 140 to 150 pounds.

He was wearing a hooded camouflage jacket and possibly snow pants. "We believe this person is a local," said Pagosa Springs Police Department Detective Scott Maxwell.

Authorities have also released the description of a vehicle that is possibly associated with the incident, though the connection has not been confirmed.

The vehicle is described as a late '80s to late '90s Toyota 4Runner or Nissan Pathfinder.

It's described as very muddy, with possible homemade camouflage on the bottom of the vehicle and having a roof rack.

Larry Fisher, 71, owner of the Ski and Bow Rack, was shot in the chest the night of March 11 while interrupting a burglary.

He was flown to St. Anthony's in Lakewood and passed away from his injuries the following morning.

A press release from Town Manager Andrea Phillips explains that around 9:20 p.m., Fisher interrupted an attempted burglary at the store.

Fisher is believed to have been working late.

"He was shot in the chest by the suspect, who had a handgun, some-

time between 9:20 pm and 9:30 pm," reads the release. "Law enforcement was notified through a 911 call that was made at approximately 9:33 pm."

Fisher is believed to have passed away at 4:29 a.m. on Monday.

It's currently unknown if drugs or alcohol were a factor in the incident, with the only known motive at this time being attempted burglary.

The press release adds that nothing specific has been reported as stolen.

A GoFundMe page has been created and can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/larry-fisher-memorial-fund>.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to call 264-4151, ext. 243 or email Pagosapcrime@gmail.com.

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Fatality

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hicle lost control and collided into the barrier on Wolf Creek Pass near mile marker 160.

"The airbags deployed and the driver and passenger evacuated from the vehicle thinking that it had caught fire," reads the report.

It goes on to explain that, as Wang circled the car and attempted to remove other occupants from the vehicle, another vehicle, a 2014 GMC SUV, was heading westbound and attempted to avoid striking the Sienna.

The GMC collided into Wang, with the report stating that the vehicle "crushed him" into the Sienna.

"Weather was a factor due to poor visibility from fog and snow," reads the report. "The roadway surface was icy."

The GMC was being driven by a man from Dallas, Texas, and also had the man's wife and two juveniles in the vehicle.

No charges were filed against the driver, explained CSP Capt. Adrian Driscoll.

"The other driver was in his lane and it was snowing pretty hard," Driscoll said.

None of the occupants of the GMC were transported to a hospital.

Wang's wife and the juveniles in the Sienna were transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC).

Eight firefighters were involved in the call, with their main role being to assist CSP and PSMC EMS, explained PFPD's Thad McKain. marshall@pagosasun.com

Ainsworth

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and dedication to the Pagosa Fire Protection District."

A memorial service honoring Ainsworth will be held on April 2.

"Prior to the memorial service, local firefighters will be accompanying

FF Ainsworth's wife, Deb, from Hood Mortuary in Durango, CO with a small [procession] of fire apparatus," reads a separate press release. "Light refreshments will be offered after the service."

The memorial service will be held

on April 2 at 2 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, located at 230 Port Ave.

"PFPD requests your thoughts and support for FF Ainsworth's family and friends during this difficult time," reads the release.

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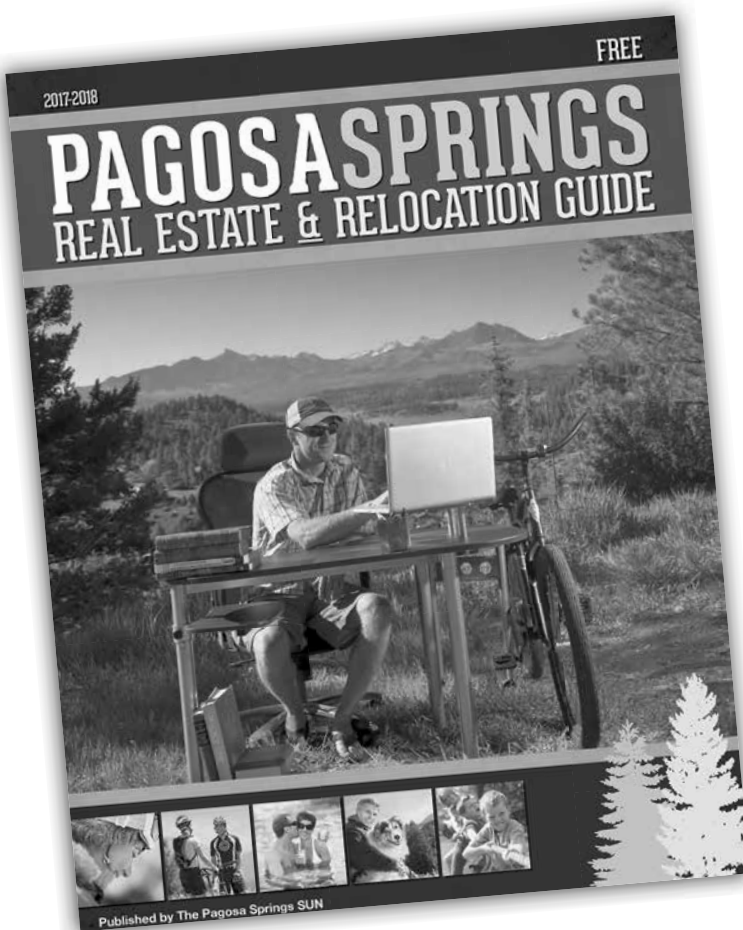
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Education

Students celebrate National Speech and Debate Education Day

By Kristin Morehouse
Special to The SUN

March 2 was National Speech and Debate Education Day. We celebrated it here in Pagosa Springs with a debate fun day hosted by the Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) debate team at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

This has been the first year for the debate team at the high school here in Pagosa Springs. Thus far, over 50 people have participated in a series of debates called the Big Question.

The topic debated this year, under this format, is resolved: Humans are fundamentally different from other animals.

Debaters alternate rounds either arguing for or against this resolution. The affirmative side argues that there is a great difference and that we are fundamentally different. While the negative side argues that the differences are only differences in degree and that we are fundamentally the same. Debaters are not taught what to think but rather given the opportunity and skills to structure their thinking.

On March 2, 26 people met to kick off the third Big Question tournament offered by the PSHS debate team and coach Kristin Morehouse. Sixteen middle-schoolers were taught the basics of debate in a highly engaging and interactive way. The 16 middle



Photo courtesy Kristin Morehouse

March 2 was National Speech and Debate Education Day. The event was celebrated in Pagosa Springs with a debate fun day hosted by the Pagosa Springs High School debate team at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library.

school students then competed in three rounds of debate each. Rounds were judged by senior high debaters and four adult volunteers. There was laughter and impassioned speeches galore in the Ruby M. Sisson Library.

We applaud the volunteers and

the middle-schoolers who came out to find and raise up their voices.

A debate has something to offer to everyone in terms of listening, thinking, learning to consider multiple perspectives and advocacy skills. Power to the voice is true power to the people and to our

town of Pagosa Springs.

We welcome any student (or guardian) to contact Kristin Morehouse at 903-1263 or at kmorehouse@pagosa.k12.co.us for more information regarding the speech and debate program here in Pagosa Springs.

Americana Project students travel to Sisters, Ore.

By Izzy Mijares
Special to The SUN

Recently, four students from the Americana Project class at Pagosa Springs High School had the opportunity to go to Sisters, Ore., for the Song Academy for Youth.

It was a three-day-long camp that included seminars or classes, as well as concerts that the students had the opportunity to perform in. They got to expand their songwriting knowledge while creating new connections and all-around having a great time.

Junior Izzy Mijares said, "Although I've gone for the past three years now, it always amazes me how inspiring and wonderful this trip is. I enjoy going to the classes and learning new things, like how to put specific detail in your songwriting or how to tell a story through music."

The other students participating included sophomore Karl Frahm, who said, "Not only did I meet amazing people, I also had a great

time with the students I already knew. I learned so much more than I thought I was going to."

Also on the trip was sophomore Bryonna Armijo, who said, "I thought that it was a fun and creative opportunity to learn more about myself and music, meet new people and to express who I am through music."

Lastly, junior Kaya Knox explained, "It was amazing being able to see so many people gathered for one purpose: to make music. It was crazy thing to see everyone putting one powerful message into their music."

Special thanks to Mr. Hemenger for giving the students a life-changing trip, and being so invested in the students and the Americana Project.

The Americana Project Guest Artist Concert will be held April 17 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. The show starts at 7 p.m. and will feature Portland, Ore., based singer-songwriter duo Jeffrey Martin and Anna Tivel. Students



Photo courtesy Pagosa Springs High School

From left to right, Izzy Mijares, Kaya Knox, Karl Frahm and Bryonna Armijo recently attended the Song Academy for Youth in Sister, Ore., as part of the Americana Project. The Americana Project Guest Artist Concert will be held April 17 in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

from the Americana Project will open the show. Please mark your calendar and come out to support music in the schools.

Pagosa Catholic Community Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 29, Mass • 7:00 p.m. at JP II

Good Friday, March 30

Procession from IHM Church to JP II Church • 2:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross • JP II Prayer Garden • 4:00 p.m.

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One world: Pagosa Springs Rotary aiding students in Senegal

By Jim Garrett
Special to The SUN

On March 4, Pagosa Springs resident and Rotary member Dave Smith embarked for the fourth consecutive year on a multi-week mission to the sub-Saharan, east African nation Senegal, where he and another Rotarian from Cañon City, Colo., will help spread the gospel of science education.

Smith, formerly a professor of chemistry at the University of Nebraska and at heart a dedicated teacher, is an example of Pagosa Springs' remarkable cadre of skilled retirees who may have dropped work-a-day cares, but have chosen to continue instead to employ their expertise in labors of love.

Smith explained that several years back, he decided to find an outlet for his love of science and teaching in a country where he could do the most good by proposing a Rotary program to aid education in a poor, Islamic country.

Senegal, a poor, arid, but stable country with a mostly Sunni population of 25 million on the Indian Ocean Coast of East Africa, emerged as the candidate, in major part because the national government was already on board with the importance of science education.

Smith explained that the Senegalese government, having realized that experience shows a direct relationship between science education in local schools and an emerging nation's economic development,

had adopted a national policy that, by 2025, 75 percent of its high school students were to be enrolled in science courses.

Smith's project was to be designed to improve science instruction techniques in Senegalese high schools, so it was a good match with the need and thus attracted support from the International Rotary Foundation, which provides grants to help sponsor volunteer projects the world over.

With support of the Rotary Foundation, the Senegalese Project has an annual budget of \$60,000, based on the combined contributions of the sponsoring Rotary Clubs in Pagosa Springs, Cañon City and Aspen, which are multiplied by matching funds from the Rotary Foundation at a 3-to-1 ratio.

All funds devoted to Rotary Foundation-supported projects are provided by donations by Rotary members, which are distinct from the local fundraising activities of Rotary clubs.

For instance, in Pagosa Springs, all funds raised by the local club from the annual barn dance and Kentucky Derby party and other activities are used solely for local purposes, such as college scholarships and other support provided for schools of the Archuleta School District.

On this year's Senegal trip, Smith will initially be accompanied by local Rotarian Kim Moore, plus two Rotarians from Cañon City. Smith and all other Rotarians pay for their own travel expenses.

The group of four will visit two

urban and two rural high schools in northern Senegal, where they will attend English classes over a period of two weeks.

Smith explained that the Senegalese indigenous language is Wolof, although the official language is French. Students at the high school level have already learned French, and many start taking English when they reach high school.

So, the visitors will be able to converse with class members during their visits, he said, and help the students develop increased comfort with the language.

In addition, Rotarians will be carrying with them a large cache of used books, generally at the junior high reading level, collected by local Rotarians Lassie Olin, Ronnie Doctor and Marianne DeVoght. The books will be distributed by the visitors to the Senegalese classes to help start an English reading library expected to be useful for years to come.

For the following two weeks, Smith and one of the Rotarians from Cañon City, a biologist, will turn to the essence of the Senegalese project, by providing a series of classes for Senegalese science teachers. Smith will provide instruction to both chemistry and physics teachers.

The need for the project, Smith said, is not due to deficient expertise of the teachers.

Rather, he said, Senegalese teachers are academically well trained and very knowledgeable in their fields.

Instead, the problem is practical. ■ See Rotary A11

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Charter school adds Daffron and Weiler to board

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Peak Open School (PPOS) board added two new members to its board during its regular meeting on Friday.

John Daffron and Mark Weiler were voted onto the board following a public work session in which both candidates were interviewed by current PPOS board members.

Each candidate was interviewed separately and was given 25 minutes to answer seven questions asked by each current PPOS board member.

Daffron, a product of the Albuquerque school system, is also a graduate from the University of New Mexico with a degree in public health with minors in biology and music theory/ear training.

Per his letter of intent, Daffron also has a master's degree in educational administration from the United States International University.

Daffron's letter of intent also notes that he:

- Received his teaching credentials from the University of California-Irvine.
- Taught at Newport Heights Elementary School for over 20 years.
- Served as the campus' administrative designee, chaired over 20 individualized education programs a year, served as the chairman of the school site council and was the director of the site's Program Quality Review team.

"I am an accomplished grant

writer, and during my career wrote over 30 funded grants for my school, the most ever by any employee of NMUSD (Newport Mesa Unified School District). I was the primary writer of my school's Distinguished School application," Daffron states.

During his interview at the Friday work session, Daffron explained that he has had an interest in charter schools since he was introduced to the idea.

"I have a vast amount of educational experience, curriculum writing and program development," Daffron said during his interview.

Daffron later noted that he felt he would be well suited as the PPOS board's liaison to the Archuleta School District Board of Education.

A graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, with a bachelor's degree in marketing and macroeconomics, Weiler also currently serves as the chairman of the board and majority shareholder for Rydin Decal, president and majority shareholder of MW Assets Management Inc., as well as a board member for Parelli Natural Horse-man-ship.

Also in his letter of intent, Weiler lists four educational-related projects that he has been involved in



John Daffron



Mark Weiler

the past year and a half. Those projects include:

- Creation of the Pagosa Peak Open School.
- The letter states Weiler "Helped Board of Directors secure the location for the school."
- Support to re-energize a Building Trades Program at the high school.

The letter notes Weiler "Proactively assisted in securing funding for the program."

- Research project to reveal a variety of community college options for Archuleta County.

Weiler states in his letter that he "Met and toured the facilities of the Colorado Mountain College, as well as the Pueblo Community college."

- Induction ceremony keynote speaker for the officers of the Future Business Leaders of America club at the high school.

Weiler's letter states that he was "Approached by the incoming officers and asked to share the history of my professional business journey with the club members. Interviewed six club members to define a positive outcome for the presentation — to see a positive future for themselves."

Additionally, Weiler adds that he would like to see success financially

for PPOS, installation of professional fiscal controls, support the mission of the school created by the founding board members and successfully implement a fifth grade into PPOS.

Weiler explained during his interview that, in his personal opinion, PPOS is "the genesis of the future of our community."

PPOS impacts children "massively," Weiler added later.

"I think that your future is bright. I think you have some assets that you hide under a bushel. I think that the story that you can tell here with the charter school is phenomenal," Weiler said.

PPOS has done a great job getting started, but it has not done so well in promoting its accolades, Weiler explained later.

In regard to what he can bring to the board, Weiler pointed to his experience in brand image and marketing.

"Finance would probably be a natural thing for me, I suspect. Community outreach, I do that already," Weiler said.

Weiler also added that he believed he would be best served contributing to the larger fundraising segment of the board.

More board changes were also made during the meeting, with board member Tom McCullough's resignation being approved by the board and also a motion being approved to make board member Clay Buchner vice president of the board.

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Rotary

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like trying to explain how to build a bridge without ever showing the student an example, or trying to teach surgery from a book. The instruction provided has to do with methods of giving hands-on demonstrations of concepts and running practical experiments that can give students personal involvement in the lessons.

So, for repeated series of three-day classes, Smith and his colleagues will provide demonstrations of these instructional techniques, supported

by illustrative manuals, to different groups of Senegalese high school science teachers.

In addition, they will provide text books for classroom use, and access to supplies needed by the teachers to conduct the demonstrations and experiments independently once they get back to their own classrooms and students.

Smith acknowledged that it is difficult to pinpoint tangible measurements indicating the success of the project over the three years it has

already operated.

But, he said, for one thing, science enrollment in high school classes has increased, which of course is the ultimate Senegalese objective.

Smith cited as well some compelling anecdotal evidence that the project may be succeeding.

One aspect of the trip each year, he said, is that he and his fellow scientists from Cañon City go to a few elementary schools, to give demonstrations of the impact of science on day-to-day life, to help build interest.

But, he said, the catch is, he and his colleague don't speak Wolof, and the elementary school kids don't speak French. So, to provide the demonstrations, they engage Senegalese high school students for the work.

Sixty high school students have helped with the elementary school demonstrations, he said, and "They are absolutely super."

So, it seems, something is working and perhaps a little bit of Pagosa is helping improve life in Senegal.

USDA seeks applications for funding to increase access to e-connectivity/broadband in unserved rural areas

Special to The SUN

Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett has announced that the USDA is accepting applications for grants to fund broadband infrastructure projects in unserved rural communities.

"E-connectivity is essential to the economic vitality and quality of life in rural communities," Hazlett said. "Investing in broadband can strengthen rural economic growth and improve critical access to jobs, education, health care and social services."

The USDA is accepting applications through May 14 in the Community Connect program. Grants from \$100,000 to \$3 million are available to state and local governments, federally recognized tribes, nonprofits and for-profit corporations. Applicants must be able to provide a 15 percent match on the desired grant

amount.

The funds must be used to provide broadband service at a minimum rate-of-data transmission of 25 megabits downstream and 3 megabits upstream, which is the speed benchmark that the Federal Communications Commission has officially adopted for broadband connectivity. Awardees must use USDA funding to offer free broadband service to all critical community facilities in their proposed service areas for two years and provide a community center with free broadband service for two years.

Examples of past Community Connect Grant successes include:

Alaska's Matanuska Telephone Association used a Community Connect grant to expand a fiber network. As a result, Web-based content has been developed for an array of local businesses.

Tennessee's North Central Telephone Cooperative (NCTC) received a grant to offer gigabyte speed Internet at reasonable rates. Today, the company provides e-connectivity services such as high-speed broadband, television, security and cloud systems. NCTC was recognized nationally in 2014 when it received a Smart Rural Community Showcase Award.

In North Dakota, the BEK Communications Cooperative used a Community Connect grant to install 462 miles of fiber. The new Internet service has many uses, such as enabling Barnes County students to take online courses to qualify for college credits.

For more details on this grant opportunity, see page 11494 of the March 15 Federal Register at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-15/pdf/2018-05200.pdf>.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Sonny Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Increasing investments in rural infrastructure is a key recommendation of the task force.

To view the report in its entirety, please view the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/rural-prosperity-report.pdf>.



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BASEBALL

Pirates look to continue strong start against pair of 4A teams

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team is off to another hot start this year, winning four games before suffering their first loss of the season Tuesday.

Last year, the Pirates also started the season with a 4-0 mark — the best start in recent history.

The team racked up three wins and a tournament championship in Ignacio Friday and Saturday, outscoring their opponents 41-12 in tournament play and knocking 41 hits.

The Pirates' bats were quieter Tuesday, however, with Pagosa notching only three hits in a 4-3 loss at Sargent High School in Monte Vista.

"We're 4-1, I'm happy about that," said coach Jim Fait.

Dolores

The first tournament game for the Pirates was against the 2A Dolores Bears on Friday, with the Pirates walking away with an 11-1 victory.

The Bears struck first in the game, bringing a run around in the top of the first inning — but were held scoreless the remaining four innings.

The Pirates, however, scored five runs in the bottom of the second, three in the third and another three in the fifth inning.

Pagosa scored 11 runs on 11 hits.

Seven Pirates tallied hits in the game, led by three from DJ Day, including a double.

PJ Bailey notched two hits, both triples, and Tanner Evans hit two singles.

Hunter Bailey also hit a double, while Liam Doctor, Tyler Bowdridge and Keaton Laverty contributed singles.

Eric Huddleston drew three walks.

Pagosa racked up six stolen bases in the game, with one each from Doctor, Evans, Bowdridge, Day, Paden Bailey and Laverty.

Four Pirates scored two runs each in the game: Doctor, Evans, Day and PJ Bailey. Huddleston, Hunter Bailey and Bowdridge each crossed the plate once.

Four Pirates took the mound in the game, combining to give up one earned run, two hits, three walks and striking out four.

Salida

The Pirate offense was even more on display the following morning, with Pagosa besting the Salida Spartans 21-6.

"We haven't beat Salida in a long time, and we really whipped them," Fait said.

Salida took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but Pagosa countered with two runs in the bottom and another in the second.

Salida added a run to the board in the top of the third, but Pagosa

went big with 12 runs in the bottom of the inning.

Each team scored three in the fourth, while Salida added one and Pagosa added three in the fifth.

In the end, Pagosa was up 21-6. Seven Pirates again notched hits in the game, this time led by a 4-for-5 performance from PJ Bailey, who hit two more triples, scored five runs and recoded three RBIs.

"He was really seeing the ball well," Fait said, adding, "He really did well. ... He really played well against Salida."

Four Pirates each added three hits to Pagosa's total of 19.

Doctor tallied three hits (two doubles) and scored two runs while recording three RBIs. Hunter Bailey (with two doubles) and Grant Aucoin (with a double and a triple) each had three hits, scored three runs and had two RBIs. Laverty had three hits, two runs and one RBI.

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Pagosa had five stolen bases in the game: two each from Taylor Cotts and Huddleston, and one from PJ Bailey.

On the mound, Hunter Bailey and Keaton Laverty allowed six runs (two earned) on six hits while walking one and striking out seven.

Sargent

Pagosa wrapped up tournament play Saturday afternoon with a 9-5 win over the 2A Sargent Farmers in the tournament championship.

"That was a close game all the way through," Fait said.

Sargent gained an early four-run advantage in the first, with Pagosa putting one run on the scoreboard in the bottom of the inning.

Sargent tacked on another run in the second inning.

It was in the third that the Pirate bats began to come around, with Pagosa scoring two runs in the third, fourth, fifth and seventh innings to give Pagosa the 9-5 win.

Eight Pirates contributed to the team's 11 hits in the game: Keaton Laverty, PJ Bailey and Aucoin.

Keaton Laverty scored two runs to go along with his two hits.

"He was kind of our best player that day," Fait said.

Aucoin and PJ Bailey each added one run and one RBI to go along with their hits.

Several others added one hit each: Hunter Bailey (a home run, with two runs scored and an RBI), Evans (with an RBI), Day (with a run scored), Jesse Laverty (with two runs scored) and Huddleston (with two RBIs).

Fait highlighted Hunter Bailey's home run.

Pagosa had eight stolen bases in the game, including two each from Evans, PJ Bailey and Keaton Laverty, and one each from Aucoin and Jesse Laverty.

On the mound, Shane Miller and PJ Bailey combined for five runs on six hits while allowing one walk and striking out 10.

"We had five errors total for the three games," Fait said of the tournament.

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WRESTLING



SUN photo/Marshall Dunham

Freshman Cameron Lucero poses for a photo at Pagosa Springs High School. Lucero was recently awarded all-state honors, being placed on the second team for the 3A division. He wrestled at 132 pounds division and finished the season with a second place at the state tournament.

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SOCCER

Lady Pirate soccer nets first win of the season against Bobcats

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A three-game road trip ended on Tuesday with the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team picking up its first win of the season.

St. Mary's

Pagosa kicked off the road trip on Friday in Colorado Springs against the No. 9 St. Mary's Pirates losing by a score of 7-0.

Pagosa was only able to fire four shots against St. Mary's.

Bri Linzalone shot twice for the game, while Alyssa Lewis and Nicole Bartz got one shot off each.

Defensively, Pagosa goalie Diana Scott faced 34 shots in total and saved 27 of them.

Scott finished the game with a save percentage of 79 percent.

Against St. Mary's, coach Scott Galabota noticed that the team was

not moving up and back together as a team.

"It's not an uncommon thing for soccer teams to have, especially when you're playing against good competition," Galabota explained.

Manitou Springs

The second game of the Colorado Springs trip was also not in Pagosa's favor as they fell to the No. 5 Manitou Springs Mustangs 9-0.

The Pirates again faced a tough netkeeper, the Mustang's Alyssa Holladay, who recorded her third straight shutout on the season.

Again, the Pirates managed fewer than 10 shots against the Mustangs.

KC Yeneza managed two shots on goal, while Alannah Gallegos, Samaya Dunn de Pulido and Linzalone all added one shot each as well.

Scott saved 17 of 30 shots on goal in the game.

Against Manitou, Galabota explained that he saw the team instill this idea of moving up and back together as a team.

"They had a lot better possession. We looked like a lot better soccer team," Galabota said.

Galabota explained that, despite the two losses in Colorado Springs, the Pirates grew as a team.

"When we were able to look at our team and how we were playing and what we needed to do. Playing at such a high level of competition really makes clear some of the improvements that a team needs to make," Galabota explained.

Galabota went on to commend Scott for her work in the net against St. Mary's and Manitou Springs.

"We put her in some tough situations and she made a lot of saves, and there also was a lot of goals against her and that's a tough spot to be in but she did a fantastic job," Galabota explained.

Ignacio

The Pirates concluded the road trip a little closer to home by taking on the Ignacio Bobcats.

Pagosa was able to right the ship against Ignacio, defeating them 8-0.

All eight goals came in the first half, Galabota noted.

The scoring began with two unassisted goals from Lewis and Gallegos to make it 2-0 Pagosa.

Bartz, off a Lewis assist, pushed the Pirate lead to 3-0.

Jillian Jolley tacked on another unassisted goal to make it 4-0 Pirates.

Off of a cross from Lewis, Dunn de Pulido found the back of the net to push the lead to 5-0 Pagosa.

Gallegos soon after netted her second goal of the game to extend Pagosa's lead to 6-0.

The Bobcats then scored an own goal to push the lead to 7-0 Pagosa.

The scoring effort was rounded out by Morgan Thompson to make it 8-0 Pagosa.

Pagosa recorded 25 shots for the game.

Hailey Griego was in net against the Bobcats and made four saves.

The Pirates did a good job applying the lessons they learned in Colorado Springs against the Bobcats, Galabota mentioned.

"I think the girls did an admirable job yesterday of moving together and linking passes," Galabota said.

Against Ignacio, Galabota commended Gallegos for her leadership efforts on the pitch.

At the end of the three-game road trip, Pagosa's record now stands at 1-3 overall with a 0-1 record in league play.

Upcoming games

The Pirates will have an extended break until their next games on April 3 and April 5.

On April 3, Pagosa will host the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers (2-2 overall, 0-2 in league play)

On April 5, Pagosa will travel to take on the Salida Spartans (3-1 overall, 0-0 in league play)

Galabota hopes to see more aggressiveness and more confidence with these next two games.

"We're still growing in confidence and, in order to play at the level we're capable of, we have to play as a confident team, and I think that's going to come with a little bit more experience," Galabota said.

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TRACK

Track season up and running

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track team attended the Center Viking Invitational over the weekend, with the girls' team placing sixth and the boys' team placing fifth.

"I thought things went really well," said coach Connie O'Donnell. "It was really cold and windy the whole time. Other than that, with the cold, I thought our times were really good."

O'Donnell went on to comment that she had several athletes outperform where they left off last year.

"Alondra Hernandez, in disc and shot ... in May, she was throwing her best, and she was able to beat that right away," commented O'Donnell. "We had several people run faster times for themselves."

O'Donnell pointed out that she could only enter three athletes in any given event, which was something that was difficult.

"It was hard; a lot of the time I try to fill our day so that they have three or four events, and a lot of people only had two, so that was hard, but it was OK for our first meet," O'Donnell said.

She also pointed out that this was one of the first seasons where the Pirates were able to practice on the field before going to an event.

The following are stats for the girls' team.

In the 100-meter, Lady Pirate

River Pitcher finished ninth with a time of 14.17 seconds.

In the 400-meter, Mackenzie Wedemeyer placed second with a time of 1:07.69.

Piedra Goss placed seventh with a time of 1:13.98.

In the 800-meter, Emma Heidelmeier placed fifth with a time of 2:57.04.

In the 3,200-meter, Megan Foster placed ninth with a time 18:45.70.

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In the high jump, Wedemeyer placed 10th, jumping 4 feet, 2 inches.

In the long jump, Pitcher placed third, jumping 31-7.

Heidelmeier placed fifth with a height of 13-9.5.

Pitcher won the triple jump with a distance of 31-7.

"I'm really impressed with River Pitcher," said O'Donnell. "She basically learned how to triple jump in the last two weeks. She'd never

competed or done it before, and she ended up winning it as a freshman."

In discus, Alondra Hernandez placed fourth, throwing a distance of 92-5.5.

She placed fifth in shot put, throwing a distance of 28-5.5.

The following are stats for the boys' team.

In the 400-meter, Irving Pina placed second with a time of 55.88.

Isaac Munoz finished seventh with a time of 58.89.

In the 800-meter, Cade Cowan placed fourth with a time of 2:14.92.

Michael Wedemeyer placed sixth with a time of 2:26.42, and Mitch Lewis placed ninth with a time of 2:28.28.

"I felt like some of our team leaders, like Cade and Michael, I thought they competed really well," O'Donnell said.

In the 1,600-meter, Tate Hinger placed 10th with a time of 5:38.70.

In the 3,200-meter, Jack Foster placed eighth with a time of 12:47.15.

In 300-meter hurdles, Aidan O'Donnell placed eighth with a time of 51.95.

The boys' 4x400-meter relay team, consisting of Michael Wedemeyer, Pina, Aidan O'Donnell and Munoz, placed fourth with a time of 3:55.17.

The boys' 4x800-meter relay team, consisting of Hinger, Foster, Gabe Heraty and Mitch Lewis, placed fifth with a time of 10:16.01.

Cade Cowan placed third in the

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BASKETBALL



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Senior Pirate Isaiah Griego closes out his high school career by being awarded first-team all-conference honors. Griego also was named the Intermountain League Co-Player of the Year. Griego shared this honor with Bayfield's Ryan Phelps.



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

Following the team's fourth straight appearance in the state tournament, three Pagosa Springs High School Pirate boys' basketball players received all-conference honorable mention honors for their work on the court this past season. Pictured from left to right are senior Ty Kimsey, sophomore Mason Snarr and junior Jesus Pacheco.

Spring Fling Fun Race winners announced

By Julie Martinez
Special to The SUN

Wolf Creek Ski Area hosted the Spring Fling Fun Race on March 10. With 54 racers, Chris Foti, of Pagosa Springs, came out ahead with the fastest time of 25.31 seconds.

In the Women 71-plus, Charlean Stipe placed first with a time of 35.22.

In the Boys 3-5, Tenzin Musgrove placed second with a time of 110.97.

In the Men 26-30, Foti placed first with a time of 25.39 and Shean Harm placed second with a time of 35.22.

Scott Crandall placed second in the Men 51-60 with a time of 37.34.

In the Men 60-70, Phil Clum placed first with a time of 29.47 and Doug Robert placed second with a time of 31.52.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

With another successful season in the books, several Lady Pirates garnered Intermountain League honors for their work on the basketball court this season, with several making the all-conference team. From left are sophomore Hailey Griego, sophomore Taylor Lewis, senior Morgan Lewis (who was also named Co-Player of the Year with Centauri's Ember Canty) and junior Devin Wilson. Coach Wes Lewis was named Coach of the Year for the league.



Photo courtesy Shane Lucero

The Pagosa Peaks 14's volleyball team ended the last two tournaments of the season with championship wins in Grand Junction and Castle Rock.

Track

Continued from A13

long jump with a distance of 19-5.5.

He also placed third in the triple jump with a distance of 39-3.

Paul Farrah placed seventh in the triple jump with a distance of 36-8.75.

In discus, Dean Hudran placed sixth with a distance of 110-10.

O'Donnell remarked that she'd really like to work on creating sprint relay teams within the team, as the

Pirates have yet to run sprint relays this season.

"We placed fifth and sixth, and that's even without relays," O'Donnell said. "So, hopefully we can get those going."

The Pirates have no meets in the next week due to spring break.

O'Donnell pointed out that, for some athletes, spring break takes a toll.

She also pointed out that some

athletes don't always make an effort to exercise during spring break, and when the athletes return, it can take them awhile to get back into the swing of things.

However, on April 6 and 7, the Pirates will travel to Alamosa to participate in the John Tate Invitational.

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Volleyball open gym during April

By Caitlin Forrest
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs High School volleyball program is putting on co-ed 4's open gym during the month of April. It will be Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. at the high school.

All skills levels are welcome; you may come as a team or as an individual. Must be in high school or older to play.

Admission is \$5 each night, and all proceeds support the Pirate volleyball program.

Pagosa Peaks 14's finish season with tournament championships

By Shane Lucero
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Peaks 14's volleyball team ended the last two tournaments of the season with tournament championship wins.

First, the team traveled to Grand Junction at the end of February and competed against teams from the Western Slope of Colorado. The team came out of pool play as the No. 1 seed. They won their first round of tournament play, which placed them in a semifinal match.

After a victory in the semifinals,

they advanced to the championship game. The championship game was very exciting, with both teams winning one set each. In the deciding match of the game, Peaks was down 14-11 (in a game to 15). The team worked together, kept their composure and executed when the pressure was on to come from behind to win the game.

This past weekend, the 14's traveled to Castle Rock to participate in the Denver No Limits 14 and under tournament. At this tournament, the team faced teams mostly from the Front Range of Colorado. The structure of this tournament

placed them in a pool of six teams.

The team came out strong and with a focused determination. They played each of the other five teams and went undefeated in pool play. The dominating performance placed the team in the championship match, where they faced a team from Buena Vista. The team kept their focus, dominated the match and earned another championship win.

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Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week
River Pitcher
Track



Favorite subjects: Math
Comments from coach Connie O'Donnell: "At her first high school track meet, River won the triple jump, placed 3rd in the long jump and 9th in the 100M Dash. It was the first time that she ever competed in the triple jump and it's a very technical event. She is now part of the top ten in Pagosa in the triple jump in the past 20 years. She also

earned a letter in track at her first meet. Besides just doing well at the meet, River is one of our most positive-minded athletes and she pushes herself to be her best. River is really fun to coach and makes the sport of track and field fun for her teammates. We are really lucky to have her and I love the example that she has set for others."

Marijuana Enforcement Division adopts a single universal symbol and streamlines packaging and labeling requirements

Special to The SUN

Effective last week, the executive director of the Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR) and State Licensing Authority, Mike Hartman, adopted a single universal symbol for packaging, labeling and on-product marking of medical and retail marijuana, concentrate and product by removing the "M" from the existing medical symbol.

"The adoption of a single universal symbol is part of our ongoing effort to protect public health and safety by enhancing consumers' ability to identify products containing marijuana and reducing confusion stemming from two distinct symbols," Hartman said. "One truly universal symbol also works to simplify and improve industry compliance with regard to packaging and labeling."

Streamlining the universal sym-



bol is one of several recent improvements DOR has made to the state's overall labeling framework in partnership with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) after a comprehensive review of the existing labeling requirements and extensive conversations with stakeholders during rulemaking.

"Whether it's used on retail or medical marijuana products,

the universal symbol helps both consumers and non-consumers easily identify that a product contains THC and avoid unintentional ingestion," said Karin McGowan, CDPHE's deputy executive director.

To further assist marijuana business licensees in their compliance efforts with these new packaging and labeling requirements, the Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) issued compliance checklists to help the industry understand the new rules and be aware of upcoming effective dates and deadlines as they phase out older versions of packages and labels.

View MED's packaging and labeling checklists at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/IB%2018-03%20New%20Packaging%20and%20Labeling%20Rules%2020162018.pdf> and see images of the single universal symbol.

Card of Thanks

St. Patrick's

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church wants to extend a big thank you to all who helped to make the St. Patrick's Day Irish Festival such a wonderful event. We are grateful to the vendors, our face painter, The NightSong Trio, and parade

participants for joining us in the fun. And thanks to all who came and celebrated our patron saint, St. Patrick, with us. The costumes were wonderful and added so much to the spirit of the day.

The Rev. Douglas Neel and members of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

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By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,054.97
Costs: \$172.69
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,227.66
SPENCE WILLIS AND MELISSA WILLIS
Building Number: 4D
Lot (Unit) Number: 7516
Unit Week Number: 29
in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase II recorded in Plat File No. 332-332A-E, under Reception No. 171189 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to the First Supplemental Declaration to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase II recorded May 3, 1990, Reception No. 171190, Book 292, Page 242, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is located upon it two buildings described as Building 3, containing four units designated, respectively, as Units 7509, 7510, 7511 and 7512; and Building 4 contains four units designated, respectively, as Units 7513, 7514, 7515, 7516.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,054.97
Costs: \$242.69
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,297.66
DONALD R BUTH AND KATHLEEN J BUTH
Building Number: 4
Lot (Unit) Number: 7513
Unit Week Number: 26
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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,970.54
Costs: \$267.69
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,238.23
TREVOR JASON MARBACK AND GLORY MARIE MARBACK
Building Number: 4
Lot (Unit) Number: 7516
Unit Week Number: 46
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Costs: \$172.69
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,227.66
VALERIE COPLEN
Building Number: 2
Lot (Unit) Number: 7507
Unit Week Number: 19
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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,952.34
Costs: \$172.69
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,125.03
SALTYBONZ SPORTFISHING, INC
Building Number: 1
Lot (Unit) Number: 7501
Unit Week Number: 18
of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Four- as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20203146, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20109604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651and any further supplemental Plats or Declarations thereo, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Unpaid Assessments: \$2,054.97
Costs: \$167.69
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,222.66
JESS LANFORD FARMS, INC
Building Number: 5
Lot (Unit) Number: 7520
Unit Week Number: 6
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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,054.97
Costs: \$140.19
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,195.16

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$4,618.89
Costs: \$187.69
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$5,806.58
DOUBLE T RANCH, LLC
Building Number: 6
Lot (Unit) Number: 7525
Unit Week Number: 18
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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$4,488.92
Costs: \$160.19
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$5,649.11
MICHAEL GORDAN EVINRUDE
Building Number: 6
Lot (Unit) Number: 7527
Unit Week Number: 48
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Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,227.66
MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER JOYCE
Building Number: 5
Lot (Unit) Number: 7522
Unit Week Number: 38
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Total: \$3,222.66
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District Court, Archuleta County, State of Colorado
Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Teal Landing Property Owner's Association, Inc., Plaintiff
v. Jesse Stubbs, et al Defendants

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

This Notice of Public Judicial Foreclosure Sale is given pursuant to the specific assessment lien in the Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium, recorded on August 10, 2000, Reception Number 20007580, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Under a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered November 21, 2017, in the above entitled action, I am ordered to sell certain real property, improvements and personal property secured by the Declaration, including without limitation the real property described as follows: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made apart hereof Owner(s):

Bobby S Roper, Sue E Roper, James Anderson, Martha P Anderson, Wesley E White, Nita J White, Val R Jolley, P.C, Charles A Warner, Denise Warner, Janet Herbert, Merlin Herbert.

Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium, recorded on August 10, 2000, Reception Number 20007580, as amended and supplemented from time-to-time, in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado. Current Holder of evidence of debt secured by the Declaration: Teal Landing Property Owners Association, Inc.

Obligations Secured: The Declaration provides that it secures the payment of the Debt and obligations there-in described including, but not limited to, the payment of attorneys' fees and costs. Agent: Christopher B. Conley, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901 Samuel S. Vigil, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054 Association Assessments Due to: Teal Landing Property Owners Association, Inc. Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A" Amount of Judgment: See attached Exhibit "A" Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION. The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

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Costs: \$278.75
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$7,737.14
BOBBY S ROPER AND SUE E ROPER
Building Number: 12
Lot (Unit) Number: 1211-1216, 1221, 1224-1226
UDI Points: 77,000
of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Two- as built Building 12, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20105850, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651and any further supplemental Plats or Declarations thereo, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,312.62
Costs: \$278.75
Attorney Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,591.37
JAMES L ANDERSON AND MARTHA P ANDERSON
Matter Amount
Building Number: 12
Lot (Unit) Number: 1211-1216, 1221, 1224-1226
UDI Points: 77,000
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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,443.63
Costs: \$253.75
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,697.38
MARIE TREIBEL
Building Number: 12
Lot (Unit) Number: 1211-1216, 1221, 1224-1226
UDI Points: 77,000
of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Two- as built Building 12, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20105850, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651and any further supplemental Plats or Declarations thereo, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,479.29
Costs: \$187.75
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,667.04
CHARLES A WARNER AND DENISE WARNER
Building Number: 13
Lot (Unit) Number: 1311-1316, 1321-1323, 1325, 1326
UDI Points: 321,000
of the Teal Landing Condominium Phase Two- as built Building 13, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20105850, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20104161, and First supplemental Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landing Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651and any further supplemental Plats or Declarations thereo, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,773.09
Costs: \$278.75
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$8,051.84
WESLEY E WHITE AND NITA J WHITE
Building Number: 14
Lot (Unit) Number: 1411-1413, 1415, 1416, 1421-1426
UDI Points: 77,000
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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,773.09
Costs: \$278.75
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$8,051.84
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Building Number: 14
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UDI Points: 77,000
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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$1,381.14
Costs: \$278.75
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$2,659.89
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Building Number: 15
Lot (Unit) Number: 1511-1516, 1521-1523, 1525, 1526
UDI Points: 189,000
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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,420.59
Costs: \$183.75
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,604.34
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County's planning commission recommends short-term rental regs to commissioners

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Upwards of 75 people were in attendance at the March 14 meeting of the Archuleta County Planning Commission, with the sole new business item at the meeting being a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Archuleta County Land Use Regulations regarding short-term rentals.

Two hours after the meeting began, the planning commission voted 5-0 to recommend the proposed amendments with some changes to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) for adoption.

Now, the proposed amendments are tentatively planned for a public hearing before the BoCC on May 1, dependent upon securing a larger room for the hearing, explained Planning Manager John Shepard Tuesday.

When available, the updated proposal will be posted on: <http://www.archuletacounty.org/467/Planning-Proposals>.

Existing regulations and a request for change

The county currently has provisions in its land-use regulations addressing short-term rentals that prohibit those rentals in residential and rural residential zoning districts.

Per that document, a "Bed and Breakfast" (where an owner lives) is allowed with a conditional use permit in the following zones in unincorporated Archuleta County: Agricultural Ranching (AR), Agricultural Estate (AE), Rural Residential (RR), Residential and Commercial.

"Lodging Units, 3 or fewer" are allowed with conditional use permits in AE and Commercial zones, and as a use by right in Agricultural/Forestry and AR zones within the unincorporated county.

Other existing provisions deal with boarding houses.

Those uses not listed within the uses by the zoning district table as it currently exists are prohibited, though County Attorney Todd Starr stated that his office would not enforce the regulations regarding vacation rentals.

After the matter was brought to the attention of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), the board directed planning department staff to look into the issue and suggested that staff look specifically at the Ouray regulations.

The proposal

The proposed regulations would allow vacation rentals of a single-family dwelling as a use by right in all residential zoning districts and with a conditional use permit in commercial and industrial zoning districts.

For multi-family dwellings, vacation rentals would be allowed with a conditional use permit in residential, commercial and industrial zoning districts.

A vacation rental, per the proposed regulations, is a residential use of a dwelling unit — whether of the entire dwelling or individual rooms — on a short-term basis defined as fewer than 30 days at a time.

Too, the proposed regulations note, "Meals are not provided, although guests may have access to kitchen facilities. It is unlawful to rent or offer to rent any Dwelling Unit as a Vacation Rental unless and until a Land Use Permit has been approved."

The proposed regulations further state, "Upon change of use of property to a Vacation Rental, the property owner shall apply for a Land Use Permit, which shall be renewed annually. Any property in use as a Vacation Rental upon initial adoption of these requirements, whether conforming or non-conforming as provided in Section 1.3, shall apply as a new Vacation Rental no later than December 31, 2018.

In order to obtain the necessary land use permit, the proposed regulations include that several things would be necessary:

A local owner representative, with either the owner of a vacation rental, or a manager or representative, required to be "within a distance allowing response within one hour or less" whenever the property is occupied. Contact phone numbers will be shared with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for resolution of nuisance complaints, and the land use permit would have to be updated within 10 days of any change of ownership or management.

Per a change at the planning commission meeting, the contact phone numbers will also be available upon request.

A site sketch showing the property dimensions, buildings with number of bedrooms, parking areas and legal access.

Proof of wastewater compliance, either with a valid Onsite Wastewater Treatment System permit, or sewer service provided by a centralized system or sewer district.

Proof of registration for lodging and sales tax as required by Archuleta County and the state of Colorado.

Property owners' association notification.

The initial vacation rental application would be valid for the calendar year, with annual renewals reviewed as a minor amendment of the initial land use permit.

If a property has not been in compliance with the land use regulations or county ordinances, the proposed regulations state, the planning director would refer the application for renewal to the planning commission for review at a public meeting.

Per a change at the planning commission meeting, the annual review will include a review of complaints related to a failure to respond to issues, with three complaints of failure to respond to problems resulting in nonrenewal.

Too, the proposed regulations lay out performance standards for vacation rentals, with the proposed regulations stating, "Vacation Rentals shall be in keeping with Residential character of typical Dwelling Units and compatible with the neighborhood, community character and surrounding land use."

Those performance standards listed include density, occupancy, advertisements and rental notice.

Under occupancy, the proposed regulations note that the "number of short-term rentals guests shall be limited by the number of bedrooms (as defined by the adopted building code)" and capacity of the valid wastewater permit.

The occupancy portion of the draft regulations state that no more than two overnight guests are allowed per bedroom, plus up to two other guests per dwelling. Too, it notes that there "shall be at least one improved on-site parking space per bedroom," and, "Vacation Rentals do not allow for special events such as weddings."

"These limits do not otherwise apply to personal (not Short-term Rental) use by the property owner," the draft regulations note.

Under the advertisement section, it states, "All ads for Vacation Rentals in all media shall include the Land Use Permit number as identification."

The rental notice portion of the proposed regulations note that property owners or representatives "shall" inform guests of all relevant county regulations and ordinances, as well as property owners' association restrictions.

Too, a list of emergency services contacts, property manager contacts and the physical address of the property must be prominently displayed in the dwelling, along with a disclaimer that "emergency services may not be readily available in rural areas."

Per the planning commission recommendation, signage would also be required to show the maximum occupancy and maximum number of vehicles allowed, along with a contact number in the event of a problem.

Another performance standard addressed is refuse disposal, with the planning commission adding that trash cans must be bear-resistant or trash must be removed upon the departure of guests.

Public comment

More than 30 people spoke during the public hearing portion of the meeting, supplemented by numerous other written comments submitted prior to the meeting.

Similar to the Feb. 14 public comment period on the matter, comments came from those in favor of and against allowing short-term rentals.

Comments against the proposal included concerns for the county's law enforcement capacity to respond to complaints, county enforcement of the regulations, that allowing short-term rentals as a use by right is an "all but irreversible" decision, bad guests, the affect on affordable housing and more.

Those who spoke in favor of the proposal agreed with Shepard that the amended regulations were a good compromise, as well as speaking about tourism and the economy, good property management and that most guests are good.

Others offered suggestions on things such as limiting the number of short-term rentals in areas and that the topic should be put to a vote of the people.

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Photo courtesy Tiffany Candelaria

Pagosa Springs Middle School students bring home the awards from the regional science fair earlier this month. Winners in the competition pictured, left to right, are River Johnson, Noah Slingerland, Sorcha Sweeney, Nell Taylor, Jonathan Nasralla and Kameron Winkler.

First-place regional science fair winner River Johnson headed to state competition

By Kim Elzinga
Special to The SUN

When River Johnson, a seventh-grader at Pagosa Springs Middle School, first watched the "Ancient Top Ten" episode on the Baghdad Battery last summer, he had no idea that he would be heading to Fort Collins to compete with other middle school finalists in the Colorado Science and Engineering Fair (CSEF) this coming April.

The 2018 CSEF, held April 5-7 at Colorado State University, will bring together the top young scientists from 13 regional science fair competitions, providing an opportunity to showcase their talent and compete for over \$250,000 in prizes and scholarships.

"Science Fair is personalized learning in action," said seventh-grade science teacher Tiffany Candelaria. "These kids pick a project, participate in extensive research, design their experiment, and collect and analyze data. I simply facilitate and stay out of their way."

Johnson nabbed first place in the category of Energy and Transportation at the 60th San Juan Regional Science Fair, held March 1 in Durango, for his project detailing and replicating the action of the Baghdad Battery — a project that combined his love for history and science.

The Baghdad Battery is an ancient artifact made of a ceramic

pot, a tube of copper and a rod of iron. Originally discovered in the 1930s in modern-day Iraq, the Baghdad Battery dates from the Parthian age (between 250 BC and AD 224). Scientists speculate on its purpose — whether it operated as a galvanic cell, was used for electroplating or functioned as a storage vessel for sacred scrolls.

You could ask Johnson for his opinion and you'd get a lot of relevant information in return. His extensive knowledge about the Baghdad Battery is impressive, based on his year-long research from a variety of sources, including the Smith College Museum of Ancient Inventions, YouTube, and many scientific-based websites and articles.

"I am a nerd for history and I love science and math," said 12-year-old Johnson, who won third place in last year's science fair for his project that demonstrated whether nickel or zinc worked better as an electrical conductor.

Johnson is entered in the Junior Energy Division of the state competition. He has already been nominated to compete in the 2018 Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering for Rising Stars), representing the top 10 percent of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade student participants for this national competition. After submitting applications, the top 300 projects will be announced

in September, and 30 finalists will present their research projects and compete in team hands-on STEM challenges in Washington, D.C., in October.

"This is a big honor to go to state in the junior division," said Johnson, who was born and raised in Pagosa Springs. Johnson is halfway toward his black belt in taekwon do and knows quite a bit about flint knapping, the ancient art of making arrowheads. He also enjoys camping, paddleboarding, biking and skiing.

Over 200 projects were entered into the regional science fair earlier this month. The following Pagosa Springs Middle School students were also winners in the competition: Nell Taylor (eighth grade) won first place in Environmental Sciences. Noah Slingerland (seventh) earned recognition from the United States Air Force with his project on aerodynamics. Sky Ott (sixth) earned third place in Energy and Transportation. Sorcha Sweeney (seventh) and Jonathan Nasralla (seventh) both earned honorable mentions. Andrew Bowles (seventh), Kameron Winkler (seventh) and Taylor (eighth) earned gift certificates for completing the math challenge.

Other Science Fair participants include: sixth-graders Joey Happ and Dennis Kholostov, seventh-graders Lynelle Bartz, Beatrice Yeneza, Skyar Sherman, Beatrice Carpenter, Hannah Girardin and Rachael Goudie.

Town planning commission to consider comprehensive plan March 27

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Planning Commission will be considering whether to recommend approval of a revised comprehensive plan to the town council during a meeting on March 27.

The commission could approve recommending the comprehensive plan, at which point it will go to the town council for approval.

The council anticipates hearing and considering the planning commission's recommendation at

its meeting on April 19.

The commission's meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m., whereas the council's meeting will be held at 5 p.m.

Both meetings will be held at Town Hall, located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

"A comprehensive plan, also known as a general plan or master plan, is a document designed to guide the future actions of a community," reads the town's website. "It centers around a community vision for the future, and includes short- to long-term goals and thoughtful

strategies and action steps to successfully implement these goals."

"All members of the public are invited to review the Plan document and provide comment or ask questions on the plan," reads a notice from the town, adding that a copy of the plan can be found on the town's website in addition to the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library and the Ross Aragon Community Center.

For more information or to provide comments, call 264-4151, ext. 221 or email cschultz@pagosasprings.co.gov.

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The Blotter

Items listed in The Blotter report where an alleged incident occurred and the nature of the incident. Readers should not assume employees or owners of a place of business or a parking lot reported as the scene of an event are involved as perpetrators of the incident.

Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

March 12 — Violation of bail bond condition-felony, County Road 600.

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March 12 — Violation of bail bond misdemeanor, County Road 600.

March 13 — Cruelty to animals, Hurt Drive.

March 13 — Expired license plates, failed to drive vehicle in designated lane, drove vehicle when license suspended, U.S. 160.

March 14 — Agency assist, intimidating a witness or victim, East Second Avenue, Durango.

March 14 — Murder in the first-degree-willful kill-weapon, Sugarloaf Drive.

March 14 — Death by natural causes, Henry's Lake Drive.

March 15 — Information only, County Road 200.

March 18 — Violation of restraining order, vehicle plates not clearly legible, drove vehicle when license suspended,

glass in vehicle did not permit normal vision, South Pagosa Boulevard.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

March 14 — Careless driving, U.S. 160.

March 14 — Open container in public place, Hermosa Street.

March 15 — Menacing, South 10th Street.

March 15 — Unlawful use of a driver's license, East Pagosa Street.

March 17 — Found property, Pagosa Street.

March 17 — Harbored vicious animal/running at large, Piedra Street.

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ARTS & LIFE

'The Hunchback of Notre Dame'

March 22-24 • Pagosa Springs High School auditorium • 7 p.m.



Photo courtesy Kim Elzinga

March 22, 2018



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Director Bonnie McIntyre works on choreography with the cast of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," being performed through Saturday evening at Pagosa Springs High School.

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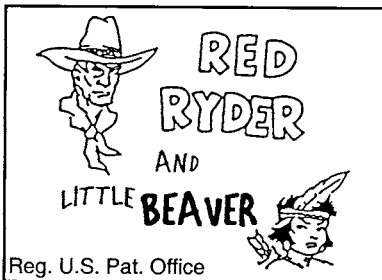
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 Riff Raff Brewing Company: AJ Fullerton, 6 p.m.



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By Fred Harman

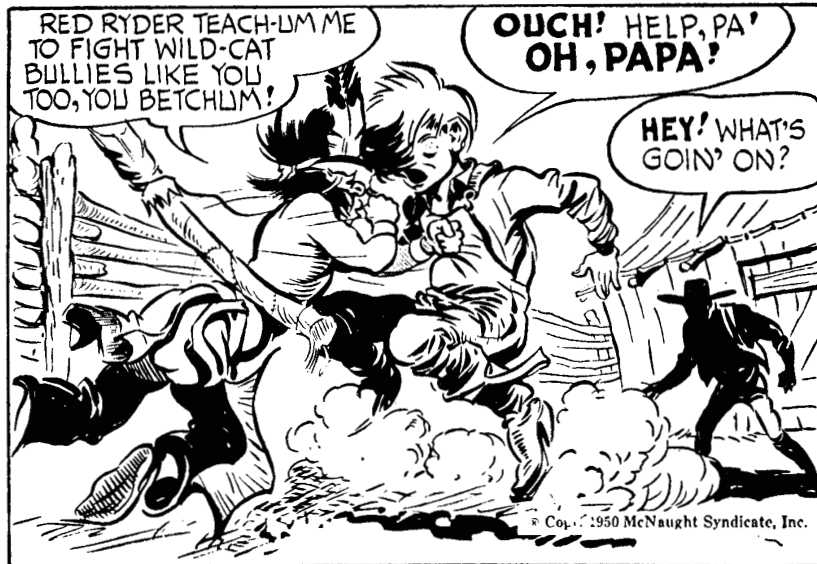




Photo courtesy Kim Elzinga

Music Director Dan Burch and pianist Venita Burch work with the cast of Pagosa Springs High School's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," which will be performed through Saturday.

High school performs 'Hunchback of Notre Dame'

By Kim Elzinga
Special to The PREVIEW

Don't miss the Pagosa Springs High School's (PSHS) spring production of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," the musical adaptation of Victor Hugo's 1831 novel, which runs tonight, March 22, through Saturday at 7 p.m. in the PSHS auditorium.

The 43-member cast of high school students will perform the story of Quasimodo, a deformed bell ringer who must assert his independence from a vicious government minister in order to help his friend, a gypsy dancer.

"Even though the original story is fraught with dark and disturbing ideas, the overall theme is full of redemption. It teaches us that we need to treat every person like a human being, no matter how different they are," said Boni McIntyre, director of this year's production.

"The story is set in 1482, but in many ways reflects life in our own world today. It speaks to the world we live in now," she said.

Although the storyline may be dark, the production has plenty of spunk — filled with lots of drama, music, dance and even a bit of stage

fighting. The production's costumes, designed by Nanette Cheffers, capture the colorful spirit of 15th century Paris.

PSHS Music Director Dan Burch, accompanied by pianist Venita Burch, brings out the best in the lively musical score, written by Alan Menken with lyrics by Stephen Schwartz.

Others involved in directing the show include PSHS students Ahia Kaeser as assistant director, Jeremy Medina as stage manager and Sally Neel as a rehearsal accompanist.

PSHS students who make up the cast include Kaya Knox (Esmeralda), Hunter Swinehart (Father Dupin), Tate Hinger (Frederick), Marissa Medina (Frolika), Alex Foster (Frollo), Hunter Smith (Jehan), Keanan Anderson (King Louis), Antonia Bussoli (Madame), Brayden Shulda (Phoebus), Adrian Roque (Quasimodo), Sydney Mitchell (St. Aphrodisius) and Miles Roque (Clopin).

The congregants at Notre Dame, who narrate the story throughout the play, include Sophia Raymond, Kayla Nasralla, Hayden Kiker, Emma Happ, Ethan Mazur, Ella Blechman, Anika Thomas, Grace Thompson,

■ See Hunchback on next page



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Tuesday hand-drumming class open to all ages

By Paul Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse on Tuesday, March 27, at noon.

The class offers a welcoming environment that encourages fun, creativity, playfulness and connecting with others.

“Most of the things I do for my kids is to try to make their world as big as possible,” said Jordan Almond who brings her 5-month-old and her 2-and-a-half-year-old sons, Sioux and Richie, to drumming class.

Sioux, usually nestled next to his mother in a baby carrier, recently took a giant step of actually playing the drum. Richie keeps the beat on a lovely blue drum his grandfather gave him on his first birthday.

“Having some kind of basic education in music is good for them and helps their world grow,” she said.

Almond’s mellifluous singing, her animal sounds, assertive drumming, high-spiritedness and the importance she places on participation of her children, have enhanced the joyous sense of community in the drumming class.

“I love singing and making animal sounds,” she said. “As a little kid, I never said, ‘meow’ or ‘woof,’ I always made the sound of a rooster, peacock, wolf, coyote, the basic farm animals, and pet noises. My dad would get such a kick out of it — he always encouraged my animal sounds.”

“I think that music has a lot of power,” said Almond. “Drumming is the raw, primal core of where a lot of music comes from. That’s one of my personal draws to the hand drum. Children are in that raw, primal stage of life, so it makes sense to bring them into drumming and have drumming around them. It provides something foundational for them, like the mother’s heartbeat they hear in the womb, are in proximity to after they’re born, and their own heartbeat — it’s been there and always will be.”

Referring to body percussion, Almond said, “Even something as basic as the tapping on your chest and on your legs, getting those beats with your body, using that function of your brain to get your brain in tune with your body is a skill that not a lot of people master. To even introduce it to children I think will help them down the road with keeping that mind-body connection. With little Richie, I think anything where he has to use his body and think about how he’s using it, is good for him.”

“I hope that both my children will pursue music. I think it is valuable. It’s a way to be involved in your culture, and, if you travel, if you meet musicians in other countries, you can be a part of that culture in a

different way than if you don’t play music. My dad, who is a musician, always said that learning how to play music is like learning another language.

“I hope more kids will have the experience of going to drum class,” said Almond. “I think it is good for them and it is good for grownups, too. Everyone is so nice and friendly, I think other moms would get a lot out of it. I know I get a lot out of it. It’s just such an easy space to be in. There have been some times when I’ve really been able to let go and get into it, to really play the drum, which is honestly something I didn’t think I’d ever be able to do. Now I think Sioux and Richie and I can all be our own little drum circle, together.”

“I’m not a shy person, but I’m not always as outgoing as I am there, so I think it’s not just me, I think it does have a lot to do with how the space is inviting. I never feel like anyone’s judging me, I feel appreciated, and I think it is good for Richie to see me be kind of out of my shell around people, because then he’ll see that he can do that, too.”

“I’ve had so much fun. I love that there’s always laughter and lots of smiling.”

For more information about the Pagosa hand-drumming class, email banjocrazy@centurytel.net or call 731-3117. The Pagosa Lakes Clubhouse is located at 230 Port Ave.

Hunchback

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Ella Hemenger and Elsa Lindner.

Members of the choir include Crystal Jaramillo, Jasmine Dixon, Dallas Stephenson, Maya Nasralla, Elizabeth Thomas, Grace Thomas, Izzy Mijares, Maddie Peart, Stella Schuchart, Laura Delgado, Sarah Ross, Alex Rountree, Liberty Bonin, Nina Smith, Emma Heidelmeier, Daily Valdez, Diana Scott, Colton

Castro, Dalton Lucero and Trevor Bryant.

Local musicians from the community band comprise the full pit orchestra.

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Easter Services

Following are this week's Holy Week and Easter services that were submitted to The PREVIEW.

Centerpoint Church

- **Easter Sunday, April 1:** "He's Alive," 10:15 a.m.

Church of Christ

- **Easter Sunday, April 1:** Services, 10:30 a.m.

Community United Methodist Church

- **Maundy Thursday, March 29:** Services with communion, 7 p.m.
- **Good Friday, March 30:** Meditation service, Noon.
- **Easter Sunday, April 1:** Services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Grace In Pagosa

- **Good Friday, March 30:** Service, Pagosa Springs High School, 6 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 1:** Easter sunrise service, The Springs Resort and Spa main hotel, 7 a.m.
- Easter Celebration Service, Ross Aragon Community Center, 10 a.m.

John Paul II (JP II) and

Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Catholic churches

- **Anticipatory Mass, March 24:** Service JP II, 5 p.m.
- **Palm Sunday, March 25:** Mass, JP II, 9 a.m. IHM Mass 11:15 a.m.
- **Holy Thursday, March 29:** Mass, JP II, 7 p.m. Morning adoration canceled.
- **Good Friday, March 30:** Procession from IHM Church to JP II Church, 2 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross, JP II Prayer Garden, 4 p.m.
- Good Friday Liturgy, JP II, 5 p.m.
- **Holy Saturday, March 31:** Blessing of the Food, JP II, noon.
- Holy Saturday — Easter Vigil, JP II, 8 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 1:** Easter Mass, JP II, 9 a.m. only.

Pagosa Baptist Church

- **Easter Sunday, April 1:** Early Service, 8 a.m. followed by brunch, service following.
- Regular service 6 p.m.

Pagosa Bible Church

- **Good Friday, March 30:**

Service 6 p.m.

- **Easter Sunday, April 1:** Service 9 a.m.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

- **Palm Sunday, March 25:** Service without music, 8 a.m. Service with music, 10 a.m. Services begin outside the church for the blessing of the palms and grand procession into the church.
- **Maundy Thursday, March 29:** Celebration of foot washing and Holy Eucharist, followed by the Agape Meal in the parish hall and the all-night watch at the altar of repose, 6 p.m.
- **Good Friday, March 30:** Music in remembrance offered by the NightSong Trio, followed by the Good Friday Eucharist and veneration of the cross, 6 p.m. Service, 6 p.m.
- **Holy Saturday, March 31:** "The Great Vigil of Easter," the congregation is encouraged to bring bells to ring. There will be a wine-and-cheese celebration following the service, 7 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 1:** Service, no music, 8 a.m., with music 10 a.m., festival Eucharist celebration.

Trinity Anglican

- **Palm Sunday, March 25:** Distribution of palms and Holy Communion, 10 a.m.
- **Good Friday, March 30:** Evening prayer and the Penitential Litany, 7 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 1:** Communion, 10 a.m.

Mt. Allison Grange to host annual Easter Supper March 31

By Larry Corman
Special to The PREVIEW

Mt. Allison Grange is hosting its annual Easter Supper on March 31 from 5 until 7 p.m.

The menu is the usual delicious menu of ham, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, tossed salad, homemade pie, coffee and punch. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for

children and under 6 are free.

In addition, after the supper, we are having an Easter play (starting about 7 p.m.). Come enjoy an evening of fun and great food.

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Easter Services

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St. Patrick's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in the Holy Week journey

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church is in its final preparations for Holy Week, a week of remembrance of Jesus' final days on earth celebrated by Christians all over the world.

Holy Week takes us on a journey with Christ from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the Last Supper with his disciples, praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, his arrest, trial and crucifixion on the cross, his burial and ultimate victory on Easter Day.

It begins this Sunday (Palm Sunday), April 9, and will be commemorated by ancient traditional liturgical services at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, located at 225 S. Pagosa Blvd.

- Palm Sunday, 8 a.m. (without music) and 10 a.m. (with music), Holy Eucharist. Service begins outside the church for the blessing of the palms and grand procession into the church. (If weather is not conducive to outdoor worship, we will meet in the parish hall.)

- Maundy Thursday, 6 p.m., celebration of foot washing and Holy Eucharist, followed by the Agape Meal in the parish hall and the all-night watch at the altar of repose.

- Good Friday, 5:30 p.m., music in remembrance offered by the NightSong Trio — Sally Neel (piano/organ), Jessica Peterson (flute) and Heidi Tanner (violin), followed by the Good Friday Eucharist and veneration of the cross at 6 p.m.

- The Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. The congregation is encouraged to bring bells to ring. There will be a wine-and-cheese celebration following this service.

- Easter Sunday, 8 a.m. (no music) and 10 a.m. (with music), festival Eucharist celebration.

The Holy Week journey is filled with emotional highs and lows, a story of our own redemption

through the death and resurrection of God's Son, Jesus Christ. It begins on Palm Sunday as Jesus humbly enters Jerusalem on a donkey for the Jewish Feast of the Passover. He is greeted by enthusiastic cheers and a festival celebration, blessing the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

On Maundy Thursday, Christ's journey to the cross continues. Jesus knows his days are numbered and meets with his beloved disciples in the upper room to break bread and drink wine with them. He demonstrates his deepest love for them by the humble act of washing their feet and tries to prepare them for what lies ahead, knowing that they cannot fully understand. Jesus tells Judas, hired by the chief priests and elders to betray his whereabouts, to go and do what he must do, knowing that it will be only a matter of hours before he is arrested.

Following the Last Supper, Jesus retires to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. (St. Patrick's offers an altar of repose in the church parish hall, where those who wish to may keep watch with Christ, praying throughout the night.)

Jesus asks his disciples to stay awake and pray with him, but they are tired and soon fall asleep. Jesus' full humanity is demonstrated as he prays for God to spare him from the evil brutality that awaits him. And his divinity is equally shown as he completely and willingly subjects himself to be God's ultimate sacrificial lamb, the perfect sacrifice for the whole world. The soldiers return with Judas in the middle of the night and Jesus is arrested and taken for trial.

On Good Friday, Jesus goes before Pontius Pilate to be condemned to death and is brutally whipped, beaten, mocked and nailed to a cross between two thieves. Yet, his final words are words of forgiveness and love, ultimately commending his soul into God's hands. The world turns dark and trembles as Christ's spirit

leaves his body, leaving the world completely devoid of God.

On Saturday night, the world returns from darkness back to light as Christ is resurrected from the tomb. The Great Vigil of Easter, one of the most ancient rites of the church, recalls the stories from the Old Testament that testify to God's love and continual rescuing of humanity from evil, ultimately leading us to God's final sacrifice and redemption through Christ. Bells are rung and joyous hymns are sung as the light returns to the darkened world through God's love and grace.

On Easter Day, Christians celebrate Christ's resurrection as he makes his first appearance to Mary outside the tomb. She is astonished to realize that evil has not triumphed. Hope, love and grace endure, available forevermore to all of God's children. Hallelujah.

"For those who participate in the Holy Week services, the impact of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ is amplified 100 fold," said Fr. Doug Neel, rector of St. Patrick's. "I highly recommend that Christians consider Holy Week as a personal walk with our Lord through worship and prayer. Our services are open to anyone who wishes to attend."

All are welcome to fully participate in services at St. Patrick's and partake of Holy Communion. "In God's house, at God's table, all are invited to be fed."

For more information about St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, call 731-5801.

Easter Week Services

Good Friday Service

6:00 pm

Pagosa Springs High School Commons Area
800 S. 8th Street

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Easter Sunrise Service

7:00 am

The Springs Resort Main Hotel
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Easter Celebration Service

10:00 am

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UU topic: 'Pondering Last Things: The Rhyme and Reason of Eschatology Theology'

By Dean Cerny
Special to The PREVIEW

Is there any spiritual value in contemplating our "end of time," also known as "end times" thinking? Those who experienced the false warning of approaching nuclear missiles in Hawaii several months ago could probably best answer this question. Putting on the experience of their mind-set, we will explore and evaluate the theological concept of "eschatology" in our lives, as well as humanity as a whole.

Unitarian Universalism encourages us to develop our own personal theologies, thereby enhancing the spirituality of our community. This Sunday, March 25, at 10:30 a.m., will be an example of how we can grow our personal and communal spiritualities.

The Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a caring, inclusive fellowship dedicated to spiritual

growth, justice and serving the needs of our larger community. As a Welcoming Congregation, we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all.

Everyone is welcome to our Sunday service. Another opportunity to check out our community is our upcoming book discussion on April 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. The book "The End of White Christian America" by Robert Jones will be the focus of our inquiring minds.

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

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

Pagosa Community of New Thought to hold meditation Sunday

By Janie Garms
Special to The PREVIEW

Please join Joy Grenesko teaching from "The Four Agreements" by Don Miguel Ruiz as she leads meditation on Sunday, March 25, at 9:30 a.m. at the Pagosa Community of New Thought (PCNT).

"Group meditation assists new spiritual aspirants as well as veteran meditators. Meditating together increases the self-realization of each participant. Proximity of another's spiritual vibration has the power of raising your own." — Dallas Meditation Group.

Spring classes

Shayla White Eagle McClure is Celtic and one-sixteenth Blackfoot, a medicine shaman who uses Na-

tive American ways to heal clients of health and spiritual issues.

Her class schedules are:

- March 31 at 10 a.m. — "Medicine Wheel Workshop." Increase communications with the great spirit, creator and your own inner guidance.

- March 26 and April 2 at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. — "Fountain of Youth Healing." We will do stretches and follow the five ancient rites from the lamas for longevity and "youthing" of the body.

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Empowerment pizza party set for Monday

By Kay Kaylor
Special to The PREVIEW

Do you know about the new Medicare cards? Have you figured out how to read your Medicare Summary Notice? Do you understand what SMP is?

To learn more, community members qualified for Medicare are invited to reserve a spot for and attend an empowerment pizza party on Monday, March 26, at the Community Café.

The presentation will focus on avoiding identity theft and unnecessary medical expenses while saving future insurance costs with time allowed for questions. It begins at 3 p.m., followed by a meal of pizza, salad and dessert. The event will end at 5 p.m.

To make a reservation, call Kay at 264-0501, ext. 1. The café is located in the Senior Center, in the west end of the Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Pagosa Catholic Community Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 29, Mass • 7:00 p.m. at JP II

Good Friday, March 30

Procession from IHM Church to JP II Church • 2:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross • JP II Prayer Garden • 4:00 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy at JP II • 5:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 31, Easter Vigil • 8:00 p.m. at JP II

Easter Sunday, April 1, One Mass Only • 9:00 a.m. • JP II

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Curtains Up Pagosa announces auditions for ‘Children of Eden’

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

It's almost spring, which means it is time for Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) to announce auditions for its summer production.

We have been waiting many years to find the right time to produce this powerful and beautiful musical, “Children of Eden,” by Stephen Schwartz, well-known for his work on other shows such as “Wicked,” “Godspell,” “Pocahontas,” “Pippin,” “Hunchback of Notre Dame” (playing this week at Pagosa Springs High School) and many more.

It is a musical about a family, an extended family, a human family we all belong to, in a world we all share.

CUP is in its 29th year of producing outstanding musicals, always accompanied by local extraordinary musicians who are dedicated to our organization and our work with kids and our community.

Our audition process is easy, supportive, exciting and fun. We love seeing how our veteran actors have improved their skills and we love meeting and welcoming newcomers and first-timers into our wonderful world of community theater in Pagosa Springs.

Auditions for “Children of Eden” will be held on April 13 from 2 to 8 p.m. in the music room at the high school on South 8th Street. Come any time during those hours.

Please prepare one verse of a



Photo courtesy Dale Johnson

Isaiah Thompson auditioning for a previous Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) show. Auditions for CUP's next play, “Children of Eden,” are set for April 13.

Broadway tune of your choice and bring sheet music to sing to; an accompanist will be provided. Or, bring your own instrument and sing along to that. A script read and group dance will also be part of the audition process. We are seeking men and women, boys and girls from the ages of 8 to 98 for all open roles in the show.

Come join us on our home stage in Pagosa. Come join our performance family. It will be an experience you will never forget. See www.curtainsuppagosa.org and on Facebook. Questions or need more information? Call Director Dale Johnson at 946-1500.

Stay on top of your health at the 9Health Fair April 28

By Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

The 9Health Fair happens only once each year — this year, it is on April 28.

Come to Pagosa Springs High School on April 28 any time between 7 and 11 a.m.

There is so much that can be learned, whether you take advantage of the minimal cost blood test panel for \$35, add on more extensive tests, have vision or breast screenings, attend the educational programs or just meet health professionals who offer their services.

We know how important it is to get blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, triglycerides and other evaluations so that we can stay apprised of markers that help inform us of our health status. Education,

instruction and learning are also important.

The 9Health Fair offers assessments, testings and education. Life-saving blood tests are a great way to ward off potential problems. Arrive with your friends or meet them there.

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Thank You!

Spring 2017 Lifelong Learning Lecture Series begins April 5

By Brad Glover
Special to The PREVIEW

We are excited to share the details of our spring Lifelong Learning Lecture Series to be held at your Ruby Sisson Library.

Various talks will occur Thursdays at 5 p.m., beginning on April 5 and running through May 17. There is a wonderful lineup of speakers and you are sure to find talks of interest to you.

Starting the series on April 5 is Mariko Tatsumoto, a local author. Her talk, "Join the Red Hot Middle Grade Book Market," will help parents, teachers and authors learn what bestselling authors know about how to capture and entertain kids. Learn the differences between adult and middle-grade novels.

On April 12, we will hear from Susan Atkinson, a local climate change awareness advocate. From her talk, "Effective Ways to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint," you will find out some surprising ways to alter your lifestyle choices and reflect your environmental values. Atkinson serves on the leadership team of the Citizens Climate Lobby—a national grassroots organization to create political will for a livable world.

Next, we will hear from Anthony Garcia, a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Forest Service, on April 19. From his talk, "Above the Tree Line, a Story of Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep," we will learn about the biology and ecology of the bighorn sheep with emphasis on herds living in the mountains surrounding the Pagosa Springs area.

Robin Young, the CSU Extension director for Archuleta County, will be at the library on April 26 for an important discussion about what you can do to protect yourself and loved ones in the event of a wildfire. Young has an extensive background in forestry and fire, and she can help you plan to reduce your risk of wildfire and loss.

On May 3, Andrea Phillips, town manager of Pagosa Springs, will give a presentation about the importance of local government, and she will describe the various projects the town is working on and has planned for the future. Phillips is a graduate of CU Boulder and the University of Ohio.

Professional staff from San Juan Basin Public Health will join us on May 10 for an interactive discussion about healthy living including nutrition, eating and healthy shopping. Healthy snacks and recipes will be provided.

Our concluding talk, "The Past and Future of Wolves in Colorado," will occur on May 17 with Dr. Andrew Gulliford, Ph.D. The University Press of Colorado recently published "The Last Stand of the Pack, Critical Edition," which is a reprint of a 1929 book that describes the trapping, shooting and killing of the last

wolves in Colorado. Gulliford, a professor of history and environmental studies at Fort Lewis College, was a co-editor of that reprint.

We hope to see you for many—

or all—of these talks. The library is located at the intersection of U.S. 160 and 8th Street. Please contact or visit the library for detailed descriptions of each talk.



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Volunteers are the essential part of Loaves and Fishes, a nonprofit organization that serves a nutritious hot lunch weekly at the Parish Hall on Lewis Street downtown.

Volunteers needed for Loaves and Fishes

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

Loaves and Fishes is a nonprofit 401(c)(3) organization that serves a free, nourishing hot lunch every Thursday at the Parish Hall on Lewis Street from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This highly successful program runs completely on volunteer help: people who prepare the meals and serve and clean up afterwards.

Often, these volunteers are members of churches or service organizations who volunteer as a group, but individuals can also come to provide their assistance. It is a wonderful way to meet other people in the community and provide for those who need a healthy meal. Loaves and Fishes needs your help.

Immediate volunteer needs include:

- Currently, there are two lunch dates that have not been filled. Loaves and Fishes needs help with cooking, serving and cleaning on Oct. 25 and Dec. 20. If your organization is too small to cover the

entire project (feeding 250-275 people), consider teaming with another small organization or gather friends to help. Individuals are also welcome to come and help. There is a paid professional cook available to help you prepare the meal and a Loaves and Fishes supervisor to instruct volunteers. Loaves and Fishes provides the meat, bread, desert, drinks and condiments. Volunteers provide other cooking ingredients.

- Individuals are needed to pick up donated meat and pastries from City Market each week and store it in freezers at the Parish Hall.

- Individuals are needed to distribute meat to the community food pantries each Monday at 1 p.m.

- Individuals are needed to serve as board members. Board members must have prior experience working with Loaves and Fishes and working with a large number of volunteers. Board members help set policies and guidelines and uphold the bylaws of the organization.

Volunteers often comment on how much joy they receive from serving others in this way. It is a unique and meaningful way to participate in a community effort to help others in need. You will find a wonderful camaraderie that grows among servers and with those you serve, along with a great satisfaction in knowing you are making a difference in people's lives.

If you or your organization is interested in volunteering, please contact Gwen Bartley at gwenbartley@live.com.

Literary Ladies book club to discuss 'The Baker's Daughter' March 23

By Marilyn Stroud
Special to The PREVIEW

The Literary Ladies book club is slated to meet tomorrow, March 23, to discuss its current book.

It's 1945 and a young teenager with her family in Garmisch, Germany, have been protected from terror and desperation overtaking her country by a high-ranking Nazi who wishes to marry her. However, on Christmas Eve, an escaped Jewish boy arrives on her doorstep

and she protects him from the German SS.

Many years later, Elsie is living in Texas, where she owns Elsie's Germany Bakery. A local newspaper journalist decides to interview Elsie and finds that their previous lives are intertwined.

"The Baker's Daughter" is available at our library and you can join us on Friday, March 23, at 10:30 a.m., to discuss the lives of Germans who were not affiliated with the Nazi party.

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My boy, by my side

By Charles Wenzel
Special to The PREVIEW

My wife and I have five little dogs. We affectionately call them “wee ones.” You can probably guess why. (“Bad parenting, bad!”)

The final leg of our move from New Jersey to Colorado involved the seven of us driving in what turned out to be a Subaru clown car — for four days and three nights — which reminds me of a scripture: “There’s a way which seems right unto a man, but the end therefore ...” not so much.

A circus makes its pretzels at night. Our clown car did the same to us. And by the time we arrived at our home in Colorado, we’d not only had our fill of “pretzels,” but could barely stomach each other.

But we did get to know one another intimately. We learned two of the pooches — Rex and Sherman — are my wife’s dogs. And Chester, Morgan and Duncan are obedient to me.

They’re “my boys,” even though Morgan’s a girl. Of course, she doesn’t know the language, so we just go with it.

Like those with each of my now-grown daughters, my relationships with each of my dogs are different. I love them all without distinction. In that sense, I don’t — I can’t — play favorites. However, everyone, including my two daughters, is their own “person” with their unique personality. And just as some of “my girl’s” actions please me more than others, so, too, do those of “my boys.”

A Matter of Faith

I love them for who they are. If I could change them, I wouldn’t, for then they wouldn’t be the ones I love.

Chester, a Westie, is white like a lamb and as innocent as one. If a car door opens, he’ll climb in.

Morgan, a shih tzu, is dopey and funny. She looks and plays the part. And somewhere in her family tree is a cat. She’s as independent as a donkey can be stubborn.

Duncan, her brother, is a shih tzu/Westie mix, with none of the cat. Though he moves with the speed and grace of a cheetah, is super intelligent and overall, just “cool.” If he were a boy in high school, he’d be the quarterback the girls swoon over. His saving grace is he doesn’t know it. Which would really make him “hot.”

Since our move from the confines of New Jersey to Colorado’s expanse, a new logistics had to be worked out. Though they could hear my voice, from a distance they hadn’t yet learned to heed it.

After the day they all ran off (I was busy and thought they were

still beside me) we had ourselves a talk. A dose of tough love communicated through my sore displeasure, though without anger.

Though Chester and Morgan no longer wander off, they still tend to lag behind, wandering about. However, when I first looked around, saw the other two and not Duncan, I yelled out his name, assuming he’d “played me” again. He immediately jumped up on me — to be even closer. I realized he’d not left my side, and doesn’t.

Thankfully, the innocent look on his face wasn’t tinged with fear, but is as if to say, “I’m right here. I want to please you. I love you, too.”

I call to Chester and Morgan and they eventually come to me. But I don’t yell for Duncan, nor need call out his name. I look by my side, smile and tell him, “Good boy, Duncan, good boy.”



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Second choice, but full of faith

Did you ever feel like you were second choice? If you did, apparently Billy Graham did, too.

On Monday at our writers' group, we talked about Graham and how he said he was God's second choice. A man from Canada was supposed to lead the ministry, but he backed away from the call. Graham, raised on a dairy farm outside Charlotte, stepped into the man's place and became one of the world's most famous Christian leaders.

At the meeting, someone shared, "The man walked away and he knows who he is. I bet he wished he hadn't refused the offer after seeing the ministry of Billy Graham."

But there was only one Billy Graham and he was the perfect choice, even if he felt he was second choice. The other would have looked differently and probably wouldn't have been as effective.

Is it possible we are standing in someone else's place, wearing our shoes and walking our walk? I believe it happens all the time. Others will back away and we don't know any better than to walk it out. The fruition doesn't show up until years later when we say, "I guess it was in me all along."

I said, "If the Canadian bolted at the beginning, he wouldn't have had the faith to complete the task for the longevity and or have the effectiveness that Billy Graham had. Second choice was the better choice."

I read a passage about Gideon. He was threshing wheat by the winepress, hiding from the Midianites. The enemy had destroyed Israel's fields.

The Angel of the Lord said, "The Lord is with you, go you mighty man of valor."

The angel told him to go in "this might" and save Israel.

What was "this might"? At the moment he didn't think or look like a champion. He was full of fear and argued that his family was poor from Manasseh and he was the least in his father's house.

Many of us feel less than adequate, unexceptional and the least of the least. We are no different than Gideon. I believe "this might" was his faith in God's words and how God saw him completed. But he had to be developed and stretched from the farmer hiding in the winepress to the warrior defeating the enemy on the battle-

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



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field.

It's not who we are or where we start, but what God says about us and the task he has before us. I don't know if I was second choice, but I surely was inadequate at the time when I was asked to write "Artist's Lane," a weekly column. That was 10 years ago. It was Karl Isberg who saw something in me. I will always sing his praise.

That column led to another weekly column, "A Matter of Faith," where writers were hiding behind their computers wanting to express their faith, but feeling inadequate. They have become courageous writers on the battlefield.

Twenty committed Christian writers here in Pagosa, full of faith, have attended weekly meetings for the past three years learning their craft. Their faith has been stretched, their ability has been honed and their words have been written and rewritten, edited and re-edited.

God works with raw material. He knows our potential. When He called Gideon, He knew he was the man to do the job. Gideon didn't know what he had in him. His obedience in God's words showed him after much testing of his faith. His 32,000 men were reduced to 300. With only a trumpet, clay pitcher and torch, his men yelled, "The sword of the Lord and Gideon." There wasn't a sword among them. They won the battle because they

trusted in the Lord's words.

Graham's key virtue was his humility. He might have felt the other man could have done it better, but he couldn't have. He said when he reached heaven, he was going to ask God, "Why me?"

Sometimes it is a real stretch for us to be who we are called to be, but it is God who is faithful to complete what he has started.

A writer's friend wrote after reading one of my articles, "How do we keep going?" I responded, "By faith."

Graham went home and I am sure God met him with these words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter my joy."

Final brushstroke: David's words in the Psalm says God designed us and fashioned our days before they were. We might feel we are second choice, and the least of our father's house, and not sufficient for the call, but God says we can do it. One day we also will hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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Members of the 4-H Clothing Construction Project traveled to Farmington, N.M., to visit a fabric store to select their project and purchase a pattern, fabric and notions. All 4-H projects have started with learning and work progressing through the summer in order to present at the Archuleta County Fair Aug. 2-5. In the back row, left to right, are: Caroline Smith, Johanna Beard, Amelia Laverty, Kylie Keuning and Ashlie Elliott. In the front row, left to right, are: Gracelyn Kiker, Kylie Ketchum, Macey Jacobson and Addie Hittle.

Knowing when to ask for help

By John Lough
Special to The PREVIEW

For most of us, asking for help can often be difficult. Yes, asking for advice on planting your garden is easy. But for a serious issue, such as our mental health, we may find that we don't want to admit to the problems we're facing.

It's not hard to understand why we may be reluctant. Admitting that we're struggling or feeling overwhelmed is like we're admitting we're weak or inadequate. Most of us learned as children that it's important to be independent, strong and self-sufficient. That background makes it difficult to tell someone else that we're really not OK.

The result is that people often decide to just try and do the best they can by themselves. In some cases, things might just turn out fine, though there are no guarantees. But going it alone could involve considerable amounts of stress and anxiety, and may even lead to bigger and more serious problems.

Another common option is to turn to family or friends. This can be a good idea if those we trust with our problems and fears are truly understanding and are able to offer meaningful support and help. Sometimes they can, but often times they just can't.

If you're facing a difficult time or situation, something that's causing depression, high stress and anxiety,

and is making it difficult or impossible for you to enjoy life, it may be time to seek out professional help. Doing so can be a difficult choice, since it means asking for help from a stranger and usually will involve a fee.

However, realize that a professional counselor is someone who has gone through extensive training and has many tools to help those feeling overwhelmed and unsure of how to go on. Despite the way it's often portrayed on TV, counseling is not something just for "crazy" people. Most counseling assists perfectly normal people who are simply facing issues and problems that are negatively affecting their lives.

Professional counselors specialize in numerous areas. Check with your local mental health association or visit the American Counseling Association (ACA) website at www.counseling.org (click the "Find A Counselor" tab at the top) to locate professional counselors in a variety of specialties.

Asking for help is never a sign of weakness, but rather of the strength to recognize when your problems are real and that you need help to do something about them.

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The people behind the names: the Archuletas

Have you ever wondered why Archuleta County is called Archuleta County? You don't have to be terribly observant to recognize that most of the place names surrounding us are Spanish in origin.

Anyone interested in learning the history of Pagosa Country will soon discover that people of Span-



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

ish ancestrage were wandering around the western parts of what became the United States before Lewis and Clark, even before the U.S. became the U.S. circa 1776.

Por ejemplo, the San Juan Mountains are named for Juan Maria Antonio Rivera, who explored southwestern Colorado (Spanish for red) in 1865.

Archuleta County is named for a prominent family of Hispanic origin with the surname Archuleta who were deeply involved in the settlement of this county and much of southwestern Colorado. Members of this family still live in the county.

Before we get more specifically into the naming of the county, it is of some historic interest to look into the origin of the surname Archuleta. My source is houseof-names.com on the Internet. You might be interested in looking up your own surname on that or a similar source.

According to my source, "The distinguished Spanish surname Archuleta is of a local origin, deriving from a geographical, or man-made from the place name Arechavaleta. Derived from the unique Basque language, Arechavaleta uses the Basque words '(h)aritz' (oak tree),



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

Lionel and Ruby Archuleta were the parents of Margaret Daugaard. Many locals will remember Margaret, who ran La Cantina on Pagosa Street for many years. As daughter of Lionel, Margaret was a direct descendant of the Archuleta for whom the county is named. Her children are also direct descendants. Ruby was a Gomez, another of the many Hispanic families who played a prominent role in the settlement of Pagosa Country.

'zabal' (wide) and 'eta' (indicating plurality) which together means 'wide place where oak trees grow.'"

From the same source, we learn that the surname Archuleta was first found in Arechavaleta (Spanish form of Arechabeta) located in the province of Alava and Guipuzcoa in the Basque Country (north of Spain and bordering with France). Bearers of the surname Archuleta may claim descent from one of the most ancient and noblest lineages of the Basque country, northern Spain, with the earliest references dating from the 10th century.

Some of the first settlers of this family to come to the New World were Ortuna de Arcechavaleta, who emigrated to Peru in 1569 with his

wife, Isabel del Rio, and daughter Isabel. Santiago Arechavola came to New Orleans in 1829 at the age of 35. The family is listed among the founding families in New Mexico. There are books on this subject.

Listed among contemporary notables of the name Archuleta is Antonio D. Archuleta (b. 1845), who was a member of the Colorado Senate in 1885. You'll see his name later as we get more specific about the naming of this county.

Next week we'll review the creation of the territory of Colorado with its original 16 counties, and progress to the separation of Archuleta County from Conejos County, one of the original 16 counties.

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Pagosa Springs Community Garden accepting new members for empty plots

By Ethan Proud and Leslie Wustrack
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Community Garden saw a resurgence in 2017 thanks to donations from local businesses, sponsors and the commitment of old and new members.

Raised beds, a gown water pump, a freshly-painted tool shed and a new fence were installed, resulting in a beautiful space that continues community-building and yielded organic produce.

The decade-old garden, located on 5th Street on the San Juan River downtown, is an inviting place to

dig in the dirt. The garden is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to the public. It features a comfortable bench for passersby to sit and enjoy a few moments of peaceful introspection.

On most summer days, a member of the garden can be found behind a row of tomatoes or squash and would be more than happy to show you around or answer questions. The garden is “home” to many experts who will share their experiences to ensure your foray into high mountain gardening will be as successful as the season allows. Last year’s gardeners enjoyed a bountiful harvest of tomatoes, squash, lettuces, potatoes, peppers and countless herbs.

For the 2018 season, the Pagosa Springs Community Garden is accepting new members for empty garden plots. To reserve a spot and for more information, email PagosaSpringsCommunityGarden@gmail.com. The garden does have rules, but the most important rule is to have fun and get to know your neighbors.

As a nine-plus-year garden member, Keith Jones states, “The community garden is to build community and simply enjoy.”

Please join us in continuing this important Pagosa Springs community tradition.

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 bufflehead.

This week, we’d like to turn attention to an acrobatic diving duck, small in size and loved by many birders for its exceptional cuteness. The bufflehead gets its English name from the combination of “buffalo” and “head,” as the male has a disproportionately large head for its body size. A relative of the cavity-nesting goldeneyes, buffleheads can squeeze into the small(ish) cavities excavated by northern flickers, a familiar North American member of the woodpecker family. They do this primarily alongside freshwater ponds and estuaries in the northern boreal forests of Canada.

The male has what some folks like to refer to as a “pie-shaped” wedge of white on the head, recognizable from a distance, and in heavy contrast to the iridescent green and purple color on the remainder of the head, and black on the back. The females, as with most ducks, have less distinctive markings, presenting in a darkish gray-brown color, but donning a recognizable white oval patch on its cheek. These ducks are athletic divers, arching their necks, then plummeting deep for aquatic insects and submergent plant material, only to resurface after a good while.

Buffleheads are often seen here in smaller numbers, mingling with other waterfowl. Recently, two pairs were spotted on Lake Forest amongst common mergansers, American wigeons, ring-necked ducks, mallards and Canada geese.

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PAGOSA SCENE . . .

IRISH FESTIVAL

Photos courtesy Sally Neel

Scene ... at the Irish Festival and World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. The event features kids of all ages clad in festive green gear, St. Patrick himself, bagpipers, a face painter, a live Irish concert, Irish libations, food and more.



How to make reading a family activity

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

With the ongoing demands of parenthood, it's easy to forget that if you want your children to be excited about reading, they should see that you are also. Here are some insights and tips from Pamela Paul and Maria Russo's recent New York Times article on "How to Raise a Reader" to help you make reading a family activity:

- Make reading a group activity. Instead of organizing family leisure time around TV, movies or video games, schedule a regular family reading time. As your youngsters begin to choose their own books and read independently, they may be less inclined to talk to you about what they're reading. But if they're reading right next to you, you'll hear them laugh, exclaim or make some other response, which gives you an opening for conversation.

- Books belong everywhere. Create impromptu reading opportunities for your child by leaving books in places where they may be picked up in an idle moment. Photography books on a coffee table. Big, visual, information-rich book like David Macaulay's "The Way Things Work" in the bathroom. Magazines anywhere in the house where they might catch a young reader's eye.

- Join — or start — a parent-child or caregiver-child book club. Being in a book club together increases the opportunities for you to start conversations about books, which may lead to deeper conversations about other topics.

- Books to movies. Encourage your child to read the book before the movie adaptation hits the screen. You do the same. Then you can discuss how the story was told in different ways.

Healthy eating on a budget today

If you are having some difficulty eating healthily on a budget, please join us today, Thursday, March 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., when San Juan Basin Public Health representatives will be on hand for a free interactive discussion about healthy living including nutrition tips, effective grocery shopping and how to cook affordable, healthy meals.

Healthy snacks will be available and new recipes will be provided. Everyone is welcome — no registration is required.

Teen role-playing today

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place today, Thursday, March 22, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Teen book club tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, March 23, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the teen book



club, seventh- through 12th-graders will discuss "Ship Breaker" by Paolo Bacigalupi and enjoy free snacks. Stop by the library to pick up a copy.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, March 23, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session where you can enjoy video gaming on Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family.

Literary Ladies tomorrow

This free book-lovers' group — formerly the Senior Book Club — meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Tomorrow, Friday, March 23, they will discuss "The Baker's Daughter" by Sarah McCoy. Stop by the library to pick up a copy. For more information, contact Marilyn Stroud at Bakestroud@aol.com. No registration is required.

LEGO Club Saturday

Kids ages 6-12 are invited to bring your imaginations — LEGOs are provided — this Saturday, March 24, from 11 a.m. to noon for the LEGO Club.

Reading with therapy dogs

On Tuesday, March 27, from 11 a.m. to noon, youngsters from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to share their favorite books with Hondo, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories, at a free Paws to Read session. Then on Friday, March 30, at the same time, Bacchus will do the honors. This is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence.

Teen gaming

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

New board games event

Next Wednesday, March 28, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., kids from fourth through 12th grades are invited to join us to play a variety of board and tabletop games at this new event.

DIY for adults

At this month's free DIY event next Wednesday, March 28, from 1 to 2 p.m., we'll make no-sew aprons suitable for both men and women. They are handy to have around when someone offers to help with the dishes and they make wonderful housewarming gifts. A kitchen towel, cotton string and

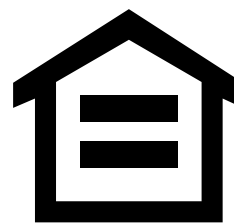
some inexpensive hardware can easily be converted into a practical and durable apron. No registration is required.

Spanish conversation

Next Wednesday, March 28, from 4 to 5 p.m., practice your Spanish with other Spanish-language learners and speakers at this free informal session. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. No registration

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Tech sessions

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

Computer/technology classes

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

Today, March 22, you will focus on Learning Express Library, a comprehensive, interactive online learning platform that can be used to help students and other learners succeed. This is a highly useful database to improve computer skills or receive training relevant to almost any job or responsibility.

On March 29, we will go over the basics of Google Photos and how it can be used to store or back up your digital photos.

Adult education

Our PALS program — Pagosa Adult Learning Services — takes place three days a week: Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. plus Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Come to your library to get help with high school equivalency, college prep, financial aid, tutoring and more.

Family storytimes

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

Please note that both storytimes are now open to babies, toddlers and youngsters of all ages to make it easier for parents to attend with their children depending on their busy schedules rather than the age of their little ones.

Activities calendars

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

Academy Award DVDs

"The Breadwinner" was a nominee for best animated feature.

Other DVDs

"In Search of Balance" is a documentary exploring the causes of the increase in chronic and autoimmune diseases. "Iron Jawed Angels" is the true story of young activists who put their lives at risk to help American women get the right to vote.

CDs

"Surprise Me" by Sophie Kin-

sella follows a couple who decide to bring surprises into their marriage. "Night Moves" by Jonathan Kellerman is an Alex Delaware mystery. "Poison" by John Lescroart is a Dismas Hardy mystery. "The Girl in Times Square" by Paullina Simons is a mystery that begins when a young college student disappears.

How-to and self help

"Mini Makeovers" is a Country Living guide to easy ways to transform every room in your home. "Love Your Age" is an AARP guide that offers 100 easy-to-adopt healthy habits to give you energy and confidence — but, note that it is very hard to read, with small type, often light gray on white or black on a bright color, odd choices considering the book's target audience. "In Praise of Difficult Women" by Karen Karbo features life lessons from 29 women in modern history who dared to break the rules.

Other nonfiction

"Kierkegaard's Muse: The Mystery of Regine Olsen" by Joakim Garff is the first biography of the literary and romantic inspiration for Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard. "Agatha Christie: A Mysterious Life" by Laura Thompson is a biography of the crime writer.

Mysteries and suspense

"Sometimes I Lie" by Alice Feeney is a psychological thriller about

a woman in a coma. "Caribbean Rim" by Randy Wayne White is a Doc Ford thriller.

Other novels

"The Flight Attendant" by Chris Bohjalian begins when she wakes in Dubai with a dead man in her bed. "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" by Jason Fry is an adaptation of the film with alternate versions of the script.

Large print

"The Rising Sea" by Clive Cussler and Graham Brown is a Numa Files Kurt Austin adventure. "As You Wish" by Jude Deveraux features three women ranging in age from 20 to 60.

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"Anger and aggression weaken you, because they take so much energy to hold in place. But kindness is a strength that makes you more serene." — Ellen DeGeneres, TV host, actress and activist.

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Empowerment pizza party, health events and more

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

Do you know about the new Medicare cards? Have you figured out how to read your Medicare Summary Notice? Do you understand what SMP is?

To learn more, community members qualified for Medicare are invited to attend and reserve a spot for an empowerment pizza party on Monday, March 26, at the Community Café.

The presentation will focus on avoiding identity theft and unnecessary medical expenses while saving future insurance costs with time allowed for questions. It begins at 3 p.m., followed by a meal of pizza, salad and dessert, and the event will end at 5 p.m.

To make a reservation, call the Pagosa Senior Center at 264-2167.

The café is located in the Senior Center at the west end of the Ross Aragon Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd.

Health and wellness

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

The next health and wellness event will be in April, with the date to be announced.

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

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

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

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.

Please call 264-2167 for more information or to sign up.

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Binding arbitration

By Kay Kaylor
As the long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County, I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life.

Pine Ridge includes a voluntary pre-dispute binding arbitration agreement in its admission packet,

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a practice that was barred in the recent Revised Federal Nursing Home Regulations. However, a federal court blocked the ban, which is under appeal. Binding arbitration agreements are common these days, used in vehicle loans and cell-phone and credit card contracts, for example.

The ban's intention was to protect residents, who usually fare better in court; national advocates, such as ConsumerVoice, also state that arbitration decisions should be made after the dispute is known. Asking prospective residents or their representative to sign such an agreement when they likely are stressed about moving into a home may result in a signature regretted later.

In the meantime, two House bills before the Colorado Legislature address the issue. The Arbitration Fairness Act, HB18-1261, sponsored by Rep. Mike Weissman, has provisions intended to ensure impartiality during arbitration. Sponsored by Rep. Dominique Jackson and Dylan Roberts, HB18-1262, the Arbitration Service Provider Transparency Act, requires public disclosure of arbitration information, including the type of dispute, fees and award amounts.

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

Memberships

Senior Discount Club memberships are 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 \$5 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, March 22 — South-west pork posole, Mexican beets, whole-wheat tortilla, milk and salad bar.

Friday, March 23 — Chicken paprikash with egg noodles, broccoli and red peppers, roasted sweet potatoes, milk, salad bar and ambrosia.

Monday, March 26 — Beef cheeseburger, sweet potato fries, creamy coleslaw, milk and salad bar.

Tuesday, March 27 — Tahitian chicken, brown rice pilaf, broccoli with red peppers, snap pea medley, milk, salad bar and nut cup.

Wednesday, March 28 — Grilled salmon chimi with mango salsa, charro beans, Mexicali corn, flour tortilla, milk, salad bar and banana pudding.

Thursday, March 29 — Shredded beef gyro, spinach/Mandarin salad, eggplant gratin, milk and salad bar.

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

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

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Attend a Community Meeting with the ASD School Board Thursday, March 22nd.



The topic of this meeting is school safety and security.

Superintendent Linda Reed will present on what ASD is doing in regard to school safety and security. You will have the opportunity to share your views on this topic.

The location for the meeting is the Community Center.

There will be two different meeting times.

- Noon to 1:00pm and 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- Lunch and dinner will be provided.
- Child care will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Nathan and the violin

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

I went to the high school orchestra concert and visited with people before it started. When the lights dimmed, we all moved to our seats and quieted down. The youth came filing in, and the audience applauded. As the young musicians moved to their designated chairs, I smiled as I saw who the senior boy was who took the concertmaster chair.

Nathan was a big, muscular boy who looked like he should have been a linebacker for a football team, not playing violin in an orchestra. But Nathan's orchestra story started many years earlier.

He was always a big boy for his age, and everyone expected him to play football. The school had one of the best teams in the state, having won the state championship many times. Those on the football team were quite popular in the school. So when Nathan got into fifth grade, everyone was surprised when he didn't try out for football. That was when the teasing started. Most of it was in fun, but some of it was downright mean. It continued to the point that he finally decided to join one of the teams. And because of his size, he was fairly good, but he wasn't as outstanding as many people thought he should be.

Nathan's mother was the secretary in our department. In high school, I had been an all-conference and all-state football lineman, so Nathan's mother thought it would be good to have him talk to me. She felt that maybe I could motivate him. But when he came to me, I could sense something was wrong.

"Do you like football?" I asked. He shrugged. "It's OK." "Just OK?"

He shrugged again, and we started to talk. I learned that Nathan was not really interested in football. His real love was music — classical music, no less.

"Have you told your mother?"

I asked.

He shook his head. "Everyone just expects me to play football."

"I think she would understand," I said. "Everyone expected my children to do sports. But when they tried, their hearts weren't in it. If

"If your heart isn't in it, you will never excel. You need to do what you love to do, not what others tell you that you should do."

your heart isn't in it, you will never excel. You need to do what you love to do, not what others tell you that you should do."

For the next few days, our department secretary was not her jovial self, and I wondered if I had been wrong in what I said. She wouldn't say what was bothering her, but we could all tell something was on her mind.

It was about this time that one of my colleagues came to my office. His wife was the orchestra teacher at the middle school. He told me he wanted to talk about Nathan.

"Daris," he said, "I don't know if you know, but Nathan wants to play violin in the orchestra. But since his mother is a single parent,

she doesn't have the money to get him a violin. Would you consider donating?"

I smiled. "Gladly."

There were only 12 members of our department, but we collected enough money to buy Nathan a high-quality, professional violin. A few days later, our department members gathered in the department foyer, and my colleague presented the beautiful instrument to Nathan's mother. She cried openly as she accepted the gift for her son. And she was again her jovial self.

Nathan loved orchestra, and he excelled. It wasn't long before he was the lead violinist. Though some people still teased him about not playing football, his musical talent was soon recognized, and the teasing faded away.

So now, as I watched Nathan play, including a phenomenal solo, I thought of how important it is to do the thing you love the most. But I also thought about how grateful I was for the good people I worked with who were willing to support a young man when he needed it most.

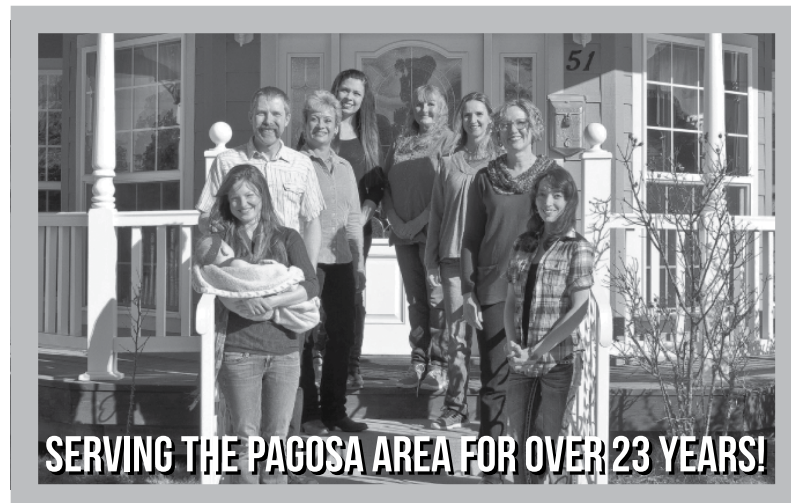


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Duplicate Bridge. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

Computer Basics: Express Library. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. This database is a comprehensive, interactive online learning platform that can be used to help students and other learners succeed. This is a highly useful database to improve computer skills or receive training relevant to almost any job or other responsibility. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Open Paint Sessions. 1-4 p.m., Community Center. Ideas and techniques can be shared and discussed in an atmosphere of social time. Sessions will be facilitated by local watercolor artist Jeanie Lemmo. Call 731-1590 for more information.

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

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

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

Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.

San Juan Stargazers. 6 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. Telescope clinic at 6 p.m. followed by a Hubble program about plan-

etary nebula at 7 p.m. For more information, call 731-0186.

Pagosa Springs High School Presents: 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Osho Kundalini Meditation and DVD Discourse. 7-9 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 70 Greenbriar Drive, Ste. B-15. Thirty minutes of gentle, free-style movement and dance, followed by 30 minutes of silent standing, sitting or lying down. In the DVD discourse, Osho talks about the difference between becoming a better man and becoming what he calls "the new man." All are welcome.

Friday, March 23

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

Independent Living Skills Class. 9-10:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. For adults with disabilities looking to develop skills to live the lives they desire in their communities. These classes will be interactive, informative and fun. For more information, contact Ruthie Uhl at 903-5880 or email ruthie@swilc.org.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Literary Ladies Book Club. 10:30 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. We will be discussing "The Baker's Daughter" by Sara McCoy. Stop by to pick up your copy. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

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

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

Lenten Fish Fry. 5-7 p.m., Parish

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Quiet, in a way
- 8 One whose reasoning is faulty
- 15 Kind of look
- 16 Bing Crosby, e.g.
- 17 Perturb
- 18 Comeback
- 19 Revolutionary rider
- 20 Doctor's charge
- 21 Salad cheese
- 22 Steamed state
- 23 Pollster's concern
- 25 Small fry
- 26 Count on
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- 42 Sock hop locale
- 43 Carrot's cousin
- 46 Loafer, e.g.
- 47 Venom carrier
- 50 Persona non grata
- 51 Teacher's fave
- 52 Street tough
- 54 One for the road?
- 55 Magician's word
- 58 In name only
- 60 Missionary's target
- 61 Free of guile
- 62 Aardvark's paradise
- 63 Break
- 64 How cliffs incline

DOWN

- 1 Way over yonder
- 2 Library worker

- 3 Special advantage
- 4 Diner, e.g.
- 5 In the loop
- 6 Fill to excess
- 7 Needle part
- 8 Theater fixture
- 9 Christie's Express
- 10 Cork sound
- 11 Walk, with "it"
- 12 Map feature
- 13 Brief brawl
- 14 Milk-Bone biscuit, e.g.
- 20 Renuzit product
- 23 Lab work
- 24 Amtrak stop
- 26 Farrier's tool
- 27 Type of twin or grin
- 28 UK fliers
- 29 Curtain holder
- 31 Relating to form
- 33 Coastal navigation aid
- 34 Send to the canvas

- 35 Crowning point
- 37 40 winks
- 38 Bahrain big shot
- 39 Nothing at all
- 44 Mold again
- 45 Thinly spread
- 46 See red
- 47 Fragrant oil
- 48 English county
- 49 Golf strokes

- 51 Talk too much
- 53 Nervous swallow
- 55 Confined, with "up"
- 56 Blab
- 57 One's partner
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Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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4-H coloring contest winners announced

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

A coloring contest was held for our local 4-H'ers to educate them on noxious weeds and nuisance plants.

They were presented with information from Ethan Proud, the Archuleta County Weed and Pest Control supervisor and asked to participate by coloring a weed of their choice.

The winners are Chance Ramirez, who colored houndstongue, and Korban Lee, who colored a Gambel oak. Each winner will receive a \$25 gift card.

Congratulations, Chance and Korban.

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CPR and first aid classes

CPR and first aid certification classes are now being offered monthly by the CSU Extension office on the second Monday and

Wednesday of each month from 6 to 10 pm. 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.

More about CSU Extension

CSU Extension is your local university community connection for research-based information about natural resource management; living well through raising kids, eating right and spending smart; gardening and commercial horticulture; the latest agricultural production technologies; and community development.

Extension 4-H and youth development programs reach more than 100,000 young people annually.

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Hall, Lewis Street. Adults tickets are \$12, plates for children under 12 are \$6, and plates for seniors 65 and over are \$11. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #7560.

Hunter Education Class: Youth Class. 6-9 p.m., Community Center. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

Pagosa Springs High School Presents: 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Saturday, March 24

Hunter Education Class: Youth Class. 8-11 a.m., Community Center. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

Pagosa Fire Protection District Pancake Breakfast. 8 a.m.-noon, Station 1, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd. Meet the candidates for the board of directors election and receive information on the mill levy request. Donations will

be accepted, but not required. Call 731-4191 for more information.

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Center. Any event conflicts which would not allow a Saturday open gym will be posted in advance on the town's website, Facebook page and newspaper. Call 264-4152, ext. 521 for more information.

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

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

Crafting Club. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center. Join us for creativity, crafting and sharing

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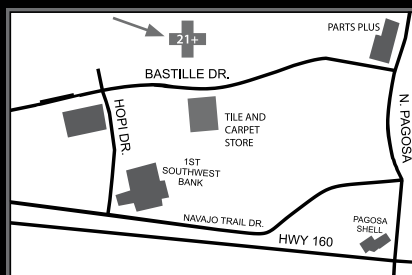
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ideas. This will be a time to bring your creativity, projects in progress, supplies and ideas to spend some time being crafty and connect with others who enjoy all aspects of creativity, too.

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. For kids 6-12 years old. We've got the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Pagosa Springs High School Presents: 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame.' 7 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Sunday, March 25

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

Monday, March 26

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

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

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners are welcome at 9:15 a.m., advanced group at

10:15 a.m. Call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Caregiver Support Group. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association.

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

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Empowerment Pizza Party. 3-5 p.m., Senior Center Community Cafe. Learn about the new Medicare cards and Senior Medical Patrol and then enjoy pizza, salad and dessert. Call Kay to make a reservation at 264-0501, ext. 1.

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

Hunter Education Class: Regular Class. 6-9 p.m., Community Center. For more information,

contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

Tuesday, March 27

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

WHIPS (Women Helping in Pagosa Springs). 11:30 a.m., The Backyard at Pagosa. All are welcome to join us. Please RSVP to 946-1895 so we can let our host restaurant be prepared.

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, email banjocrazy@centurytel.net or call 731-3117.

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Legal advertising: 5 p.m., Friday

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(500 word maximum, email to editor@pagosasun.com)

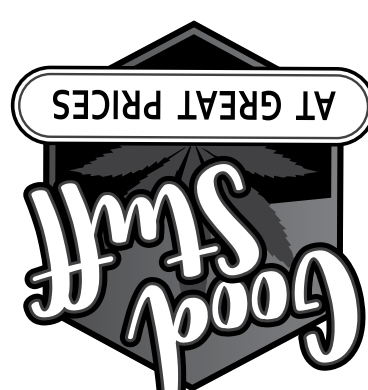
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(We accommodate obituaries after this if at all possible.)

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Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.
Hand and Foot. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Paws to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Come and share your favorite book with Hondo, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn the waltz. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, March 28

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

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

Free Blood Pressure Checks. 10:30 a.m., Senior Center.

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

Do It Yourself: No-Sew Apron. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. This apron is suitable for both men and women. They are great to have around when someone offers to help with the dishes, and they make wonderful housewarming gifts. A kitchen towel, cotton string and some inexpensive hardware can be easily converted into a practical and durable apron. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Board Games. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For tweens and teens in 4th-12th grade. Join us to play a variety of board games and tabletop games. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Spanish Conversation. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. This information meet-up allows you to increase fluency by speaking with other Spanish language learners and speakers. All are welcome, from beginners to native Spanish speakers. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Hunter Education Class: Regular Class. 6-9 p.m., Community Center. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

Spring Break Family Movie Night. 6:30 p.m., Liberty Theatre. Come out for a fun family movie, "Hop," during spring break. Ticket sales support Pagosa Peak Open School. Funds will be used for: place-based projects including the school garden project, outdoor field study and alternative classroom equipment. Admission is \$7 — tickets enter you for a chance to win several door prizes.

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

Thursday, March 29

Medicare 101 Class. 10:30 a.m., Sisson Library. Learn about the Medicare Parts A to D and Medicare Advantage plans. For more information and to reserve a spot, call San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging, 264-0501, ext. 1.

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

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

Computer Basics: Google Photos. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Learn the basics of Google Photos and how it can be used to back up or store your digital photos. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Open Paint Sessions. 1-4 p.m., Community Center. Ideas and techniques can be shared and discussed in an atmosphere of social time. Sessions will be facilitated by local watercolor artist Jeanie Lemmo. Call 731-1590 for more information.

Tech Time. 2 p.m.-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the

library at 264-2209 for further information.

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

Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.

Friday, March 30

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

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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

Paws to Read. 2-3 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Come and share your favorite book with Bacchus, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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Hunter Education Class: Internet Conclusion Class. 9-10:30 a.m. Range day. Students must attend to receive a hunter education card. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

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

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Hunter Education Class: Regular Class. Noon-1:30 p.m. Range day. Students must attend to receive a hunter education card. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

Mt. Allison Grange Easter Supper. 5 p.m., Mt. Allison Grange Hall. The menu is the usual delicious meal. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for children, and under 6 are free. In addition, after the supper, we are having an Easter play. Come enjoy an evening of fun and great food. Contact Shirley at 883-2483 for more information.

Monday, April 2

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

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

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Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve

health, strength and balance. **Yoga.** 4-5 p.m., Community Center.

Tuesday, April 3

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

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

Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACECmanager@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday, April 4

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are

available if you don't have one. **FlowYoga Class.** 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

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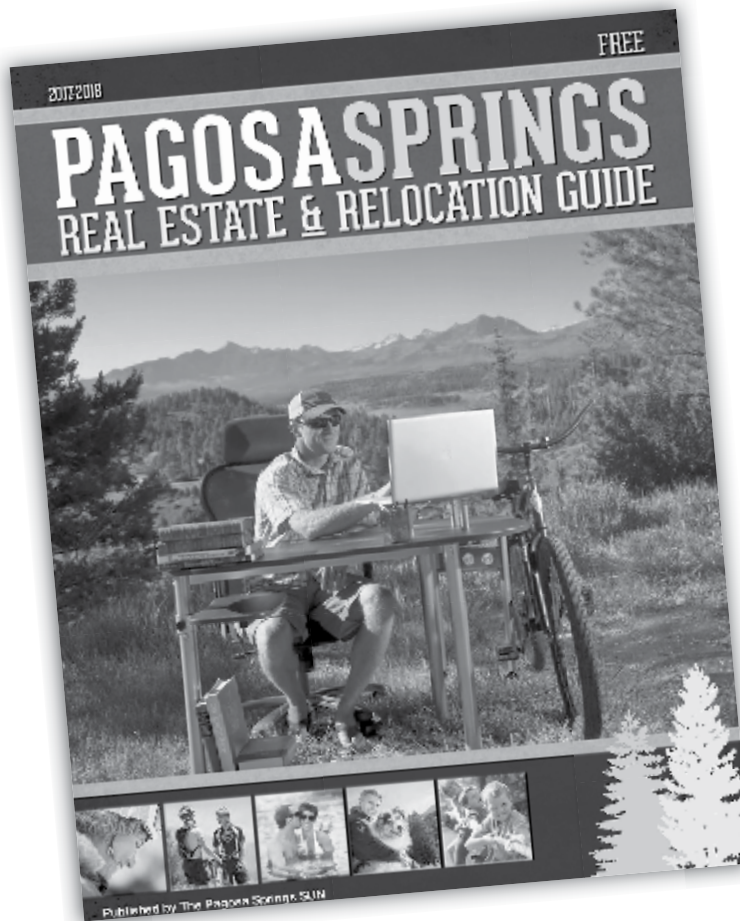
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