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Nystrom homicide trial ends in hung jury, mistrial

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The jury trial for Chad Nystrom, the man accused of killing Richard "Dick" Isaacs in the spring of 2017, ended in a mistrial as the result of a hung jury on March 22.

According to 6th Judicial District Attorney Alex Lowe, a status/setting hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, at 4 p.m.

It will be held in Durango.

During a preliminary hearing in October of 2017, Nystrom entered a not-guilty plea to the charge of first-degree murder.

In the state of Colorado, first-degree murder is a class 1 felony.

Nystrom was also originally charged with tampering with a deceased body, but that charge was later dropped.

Charlotte Benally is charged with being an accessory to first-degree murder and has a jury trial scheduled for April.

Benally entered a not guilty-plea to the charges during a preliminary hearing in December of last year.

The shooting of Isaacs, 65, oc-

■ See Mistrial A8



SUN photos/Randi Pierce

Thanks to the United States Soccer Foundation and an anonymous local donor, every fourth-grader at Pagosa Springs Elementary School took a new soccer ball home with them Friday, just in time for spring break this week. Members of the Pagosa Rangers, part of Pagosa Youth Soccer, presented the balls to each student, as well as extras for the school.

Perpetrator in Fisher homicide identified

By Terri House
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) announced Tuesday that Michael Moats, now deceased, was the sole perpetrator of the homicide of Pagosa Springs resident and business owner Larry Fisher.

Fisher, 71, owner of the Ski and Bow Rack, was shot in the chest on March 11 while interrupting a burglary at his store. He was flown to St. Anthony's in Lakewood and passed away from his injuries the following morning.

According to a press release from PSPD Detective Scott Maxwell, on Monday, the department received the results of laboratory DNA testing of evidence in the murder.

A face mask was collected during the investigation of the crime scene at Ski and Bow Rack, located at 354 E. Pagosa St.

"From video surveillance footage at the scene, it was known that the mask had been worn by the person who shot Mr. Fisher," states the release.

According to Maxwell, Moats was identified as a person of inter-

■ See Homicide A8

January sales tax 19.5 percent ahead of last January

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Sales tax information for January 2018 has been released, with sales tax collections coming 19.5 percent higher than January of 2017.

The total sales tax collections in January for Archuleta County was \$720,249.66, according to a report issued on March 21 by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

The town and county each received \$360,124.83.

"The month of January 2018 was about 19.5% (\$117,632) higher than January of 2017. It should be noted that a single month is not a good indicator of overall trends, due in part to pay cycle variations and occasional late payments, which

can distort 'month to month' comparisons by material amounts," reads Walton's report. "It is unlikely that we will see any clear 2018 trends until we have accumulated 3 or 4 months of data, and reported a comparison of equivalent 'year-to-date' data."

Walton's report also points out that the "rate of growth" for sales tax peaked in 2015 and has been declining since.

The report explains that 2015's "sales growth" numbers were 18 percent ahead of 2014.

It adds that 2016's sales growth was 9 percent ahead of 2015, with 2017's sales growth being 7 percent ahead of 2016.

The report lists the following categories as being up for January 2018 compared to January 2017.

Revenue generated by accommodations and food service increased 6.8 percent, up \$6,651.

Retail increased 25.6 percent, or \$79,752.

Real estate and rentals increased 17.7 percent, or \$2,839.

Construction increased 45.6 percent, or \$3,931.

Manufacturing increased 13 percent, or \$3,312.

The following categories were down over the same period in 2016.

Information decreased 6.9 percent, or \$1,788.

The "other services" category was down 8.7 percent, or \$937.

Professional, scientific and technical services decreased 43.1 percent, or \$554.

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Colorado County Inc. interest in court case clarified

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Todd Starr, Archuleta County attorney, clarified the details surrounding the interest of Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) in an Archuleta County court case against Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson and State Court Administrator Christopher Ryan that has been filed with

the Colorado Supreme Court.

Starr explained at the Tuesday morning work session of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) that CCI would join the case if the Colorado Supreme Court took the case.

"CCI's interest also will be not so much, move back into Archuleta County, it will

■ See Case A8

Sheriff's Office grants tabled, weed board selected and roads to be redone

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Many items were discussed at the meeting of the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on March 20.

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) had two grants tabled, the Weed Advisory Board was selected and several road projects were approved.

Information on each item is listed below.

ACSO grants

The grants in question are court security grants, reimbursement grants awarded to Archuleta Coun-

ty for state for Sheriff's Office expenses in its obligation to provide court security, Bentley Henderson, Archuleta County administrator explained.

The decisions on the grants were postponed after Todd Starr, county attorney, explained that if any action was made by the BoCC on the grants, it could affect the case against Sixth Judicial Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson and State Court Administrator Christopher Ryan.

"Any action violates 172017-52, so I would like to see you table it until the next meeting. Let me go to the attorney general and try to

■ See County A8



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Kaya Knox, starring as Esmeralda, performs "Rhythm of the Tambourine" amidst her fellow cast members in Pagosa Springs High School's production of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" Saturday evening. The cast and crew presented the show for four performances last week.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

A lesson in forgiveness

Today, two families mourn for the loss of loved ones in recent tragedies.

The community mourns along with them.

The senseless murder of father, grandfather, friend, Pagosa Springs community member and businessman Larry Fisher has left so many asking, "Why?"

So many of us have searched for answers in this tragedy.

With Michael Moats, a son, a brother, a grandson, a friend, a Pagosa Springs community member and the perpetrator named by the Pagosa Springs Police Department in the murder of Larry Fisher, having taken his own life, we may never know the answers to all of our questions.

What we do know, due to the dedication and hard work of the Pagosa Springs Police Department, Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and Colorado Bureau of Investigations, is that based on case facts and evidence, investigators believe Michael was the sole perpetrator of the crime. No other suspects are being sought.

What we do know is that this community has experienced tremendous loss of two people who were loved by many.

We do know that the hearts of two families are forever broken. The grief of such a loss is imaginable only to those who have lived it.

It is our hope that both families can find peace and understanding. The list of people affected by this tragedy is long.

It is our hope that the community who mourns along with the families of those we've lost can also find peace and understanding.

In visiting with SUN staff on Tuesday, Larry's daughter, Brittany Bedtke, shared the following message: "Casey, Tracy, Bruno, myself and our spouses all share forgiveness for Michael." She also expressed her family's profound grief for Michael's family and their tremendous loss.

Larry's son, Casey Fisher, shared his thoughts on Tuesday night: "Sitting here tonight holding my daughter, thinking of life with and without my dad, my heart goes out to the Moats family. As we received closure to a point, they may never have closure.

"I pray God grants them peace, and serenity to deal with extremely horrible and difficult times. I also pray we as a community can surround them with love and support which has always made Pagosa the best place to grow up and an awesome community.

"We as a family would ask for prayers for all families and friends involved to find peace in the coming days, months, and years."

We believe that we can learn a lot from Larry's family members who have demonstrated tremendous grace and compassion in this time of unfathomable grief.

Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

What's your favorite thing about spring?



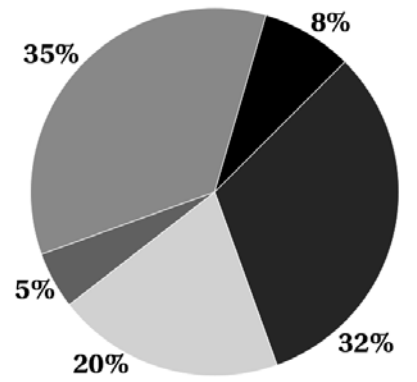
Mike Budde
"What's my favorite thing about spring? Gardening."



Dian Allen
"The flowers coming up and the singing birds."



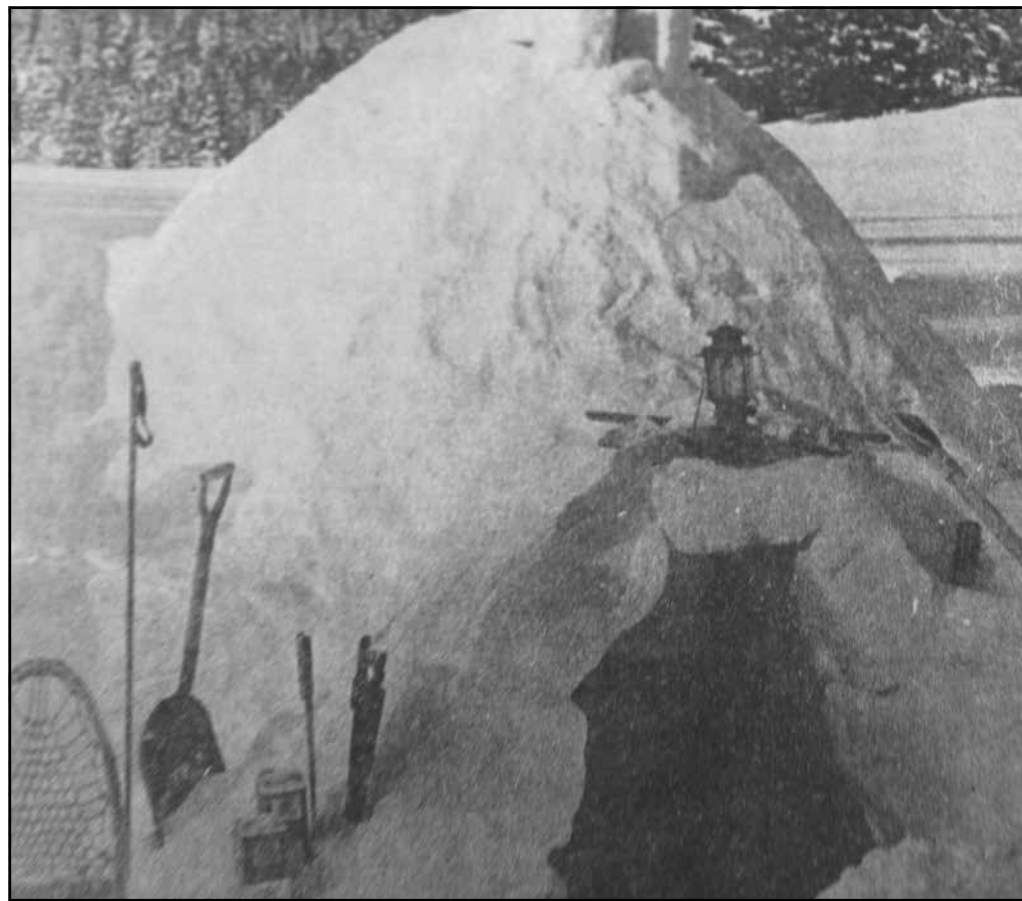
Rachel Brashears
"The horses come back from winter pastures."



Poll results (214 Votes)
Warmer temperatures. — 32 percent
Flowers. — 20 percent
Rafting/river recreation. — 5 percent
Longer days. — 35 percent
Spring rain/snow. — 8 percent

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LOOKING BACK



From the Jan. 9, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. ALL OF THE COMFORTS OF HOME — This igloo was home for some campers over the Christmas and New Year holiday. It was built in the flats on top of Wolf Creek Pass and 12 people camped there for about a week. In addition there were snow caves and snow houses built adjoining and served as sleeping rooms for the campers. The igloo protected the winter campers from a high wind there during the week, and also provided space for sleeping and eating.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 30, 1928

A public vote of thanks should be given to those who have been instrumental in keeping the highway dragged and drained the past winter from beyond Eight Mile hill to the light plant near Pagosa Springs, at their own personal expense. Those who have contributed to this good work are Jas. Jones, Lee Bishard, Grant Tyson and J.P. Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Van Pelt have commenced the construction of a 5 room cottage for their personal living quarters just south of Carlsbad Lodge on the Springs property. The office will also be maintained there and they hope to have the dwelling completed in about three weeks.

All the news for \$2.00 per year.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 2, 1943

Chipeta Campfire girls under the direction of Mrs. Ila Montroy, will make a house-to-house canvass of rayon, silk, and nylon hose, and books on Saturday. The books are to be given to the soldiers; the hose will be used for defense work.

Neighbors surprised W.R. Newby on his 77th birthday anniversary, Monday, with a party in the evening. L.B. Whetten showed some movies, and the ladies served refreshments.

Members of the Pag-Wo Club and their husbands enjoyed a bowling party at the bowling alley Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. James Walker of Arboles were in Pagosa Springs on business Tuesday, and were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Clark.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of March 28, 1968

One of the first duties of the new town board should be to proclaim a clean-up day for the town and then follow through on it. The melting of the snow has left some very unsightly messes in full view. Trash, garbage, and debris from a long winter have been exposed by the melting snow. Right now is certainly the time for property owners to start a clean-up program at home. It should not require a proclamation from anyone for people to realize that trash is ugly and detracts from property value, the appearance of the community, and the beauty of the area.

The annual firemen's ball held last Saturday night drew a large crowd for an evening of entertainment and dancing.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 1, 1993

For the fourth time in four months the county commissioners and their attorney Tuesday explained the circumstances and concerns related to the sale of over 700 Fairfield Pagosa lots on which the county holds quit claim deeds. U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert Fussell ordered Fairfield Communities Inc. to convey the lots to the county to help resolve unpaid property taxes as part of the company's reorganization plan. As was explained Tuesday, the county did not obtain tax liens on the parcels as done through normal delinquent tax procedures. Therefore, rather than sell the lots to the highest bidder with a minimum bid based on delinquent taxes, plus interest and penalties, the county wants to sell the lots at their accessed market value.

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Letters

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Cloture provision

Dear Editor:
The business of the U.S. Senate has been tied up long enough. The cloture provision in the Senate (also known as the filibuster provision or the nuclear option) is not a part of the Constitution of the United States but is simply a rule that was originally adopted by the Senate during the 1919 debate to pass the Treaty of Versailles which formally ended World War I.

Often put forward as a more collegial way for the Senate to do business, it has become a tool for the minority of the government to impede the agenda of the majority. To put it another way, it has become a way for the will of the American people, as expressed by their election of a majority for one party or the other, to stop legislation for which the people voted. Essentially, it allows the minority of Senators to control the majority.

The party that wins an election has received a mandate from the people to govern and to advance the agenda on which they were elected. This is true regardless of which party wins. The party that didn't win the election should not have a non-constitutional power to thwart the will of the people who elected the majority. Simply put elections do, in fact, have consequences. The self-imposed cloture rule has made the ability of the elected majority nearly impossible to do their job and govern.

Consider what would have occurred since President Trump's election had the cloture rule been

abandoned: The ten trillion dollar deficit program imposed against the will of the American people called Obamacare would have been eliminated. Federal court judicial appointments that seek to appoint judges that want to actually enforce the language of the U.S. Constitution would be in place. A balanced budget would likely have been adopted and the current practice of borrowing \$40 of every federal dollar spent might well have been curtailed. The obviously needed border wall would have been funded at least in part. The Obama decimated budget for national defense would have occurred without all of the attached, budget-busting domestic entitlement programs. These are but a small sampling of bills passed by the House of Representatives, but hung up in the Senate because of the non-constitutional cloture rule.

Objections are made by many that if the majority party elected becomes the minority at the next election, then the ability to obstruct the majority party would be disabled. That's exactly right. That's why elections matter. The rule is one man-one vote and majority rule. This isn't rocket science.

By the way, a pretty good case can be made that the imposition of the cloture rule in 1919 for the passage of the Treaty of Versailles was a pretty bad idea since that treaty was a primary cause of Hitler's rise to power and World War II. Perhaps its time to get rid of the minority rule in the U.S. Senate

Richard A. Bolland

Going to town

Dear Editor:
Just beside the site where the new work is taking place along the river this spring, between the bridge and Cotton Hole, is where I've been living for 6 years. They're creating a new park, putting in a spillway and rearranging boulders, walking and biking paths, mulch being spread. It wasn't until I saw the new swimming pool, which is how it should be described because it's huge (many like myself probably would first see it nonetheless as an irresistible fishing hole, dreamlike in proportions where 18" browns will at least every now and then doubtlessly be finding accommodations), that I started to warm to the idea that "they" are changing things, tampering with what has for generations been one of the best secret local spots in town. I had spent about a month watching in pain, consoling myself, grumbling that no matter what abomination they roll the relatively pristine woodland with this time, at least my son and I, who have known the

area like a back yard, will be able to remember how it was.

But this pessimism is waning, partly because the changes that are going in there are concomitant with so much else that is changing in this town and I simply want to be an exponent to redemption and new opportunity, not loss and doom. If it is a choice, it is definitely not a fair one. But maybe that is part of what makes it so exhilarating. Something magic expires, that doesn't mean remorse is obligatory. Like that last male white rhino, Sudan, who died last week, leaving the last two females with the dilemma of their remaining years, something beautiful cannot stop breaking your heart just because it is gone. And somehow, I think, it is this heartbreak, expressly because of its obduracy, that is most essential because it prepares the advent of something new. I'm not going to waste my time any more looking down at the river like a blockhead thinking Eden should have been spared. It is far too late in the game for that. We have to move the old boulders into the new places, clear the brush and the ancient trash from the Cottonwoods, build holes the way trout want, and invite the giants.

This town has been through so much over the last months, from the incredible job the police did recently foiling the bank heist just as the two nabobs thought they had the pass, to the heart-rending personal tragedies which have brought community together. The funeral that was recently held in our town for our deposed Secretary of State's father whose wife so graciously writes in this paper regularly, and knows that her son will only grow from what seems like insurmountable let-down and devastating odds. Like the rest of us, he has no choice. I do not mourn you Sudan, the last of your kind, nor you Rex Tillerson, conscientious servant who is from good people. These are the rites of spring.

Jonathan Dobson

County failed us

Dear Editor:
I have lived in Pagosa for forty years. Twenty-eight years ago, I bought my current home and property. I chose it because it's on a cul-de-sac, free from the noise and dust of through-traffic.

It was a lovely, quiet place to live, with respectful neighbors. Two years ago, an inconsiderate family moved in next door. They built a dirt bike and quad track. They let their dogs bark all day and all night. We explained that they were disturbing everyone around and needed to keep the noise

down. They did not — and do not — care. We and our neighbors are here for the peace and quiet a small cul-de-sac outside a mountain town can and should offer.

Driving around and around a track revving engines and spewing exhaust is the sort of behavior that belongs at motocross and quad tracks and rallies. It does not belong in any residential area, especially when the neighbors voice their distress over it.

In addition to the noise, we get dust and fumes from the vehicles and cannot sit outside or enjoy our property anymore. We can't open our windows for a breeze. Inside, we can't escape the noise.

We have made two years of calls to the sheriff's department. Why the sheriff refuses to issue tickets and enforce our county noise ordinance I don't know. I can tell you, we will be working to find that out. The county has failed us, and our mental and physical health is suffering for it.

Pete Peterson

Noise ordinance

Dear Editor:
I am shocked and dismayed to see "On Any Sunday In Pagosa," a video uploaded to YouTube. I find it highly discouraging to learn that county authorities are not enforcing our noise ordinances in spite of the fact that noise pollution has made life almost unlivable for people in some of our residential areas. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2BR6nMcySPs>.

Paul Roberts

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Cards of Thanks

Senior Center

The Pagosa Senior Center would like to thank Alice Bennett for all the caps she has crocheted and donated to our seniors.

Vorhies

Words are powerless to express my gratitude. I want to thank Wyndham Pagosa and friends for all the gifts and cards that I received. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

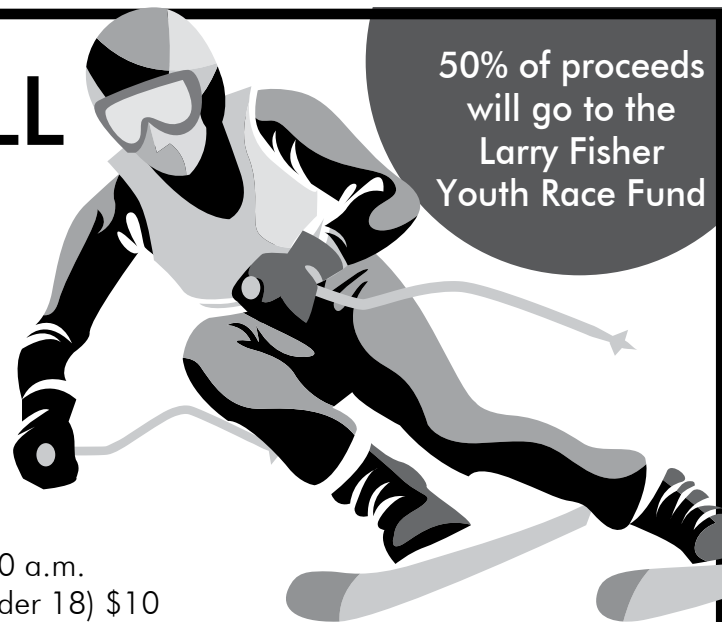
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Obituaries

Sharon Lucero

Sharon Lucero, a longtime Pagosa Springs resident and loving mother, passed away on March 27 at the age of 73.

She joined her husband, Jesus Lucero, and her son and grandson in heaven. Sharon left behind 13 sons, two daughters and several grandchildren.

A rosary will be held on Tuesday, April 3, at Pope John Paul Catholic Church in Pagosa Springs at 6 p.m.

Her funeral will be on Wednesday, April 4, at Pope John Paul Catholic Church at 10 a.m. and she will be buried at the side of her husband in the Trujillo cemetery that same day.

She will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

Betty Joanne Lamke

Betty Joanne Lamke, 91 years, of Ignacio, Colo., passed on Feb. 9 in Apache Junction, Ariz., due to pneumonia complications with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Betty was born May 12, 1926, in Noblesville, Ind., the only child to Herbert and Rachel (Goodnight) Tishner. In 1929, the family moved to Colorado. Betty graduated from Pagosa Springs High School and later attended Adams State University in Alamosa, where she met her

late husband, Orville Lamke.

While growing up in Pagosa Springs, Betty worked at the coffee shop owned by her parents, Elk Horn Café. Betty very much enjoyed talking and laughing with local friends and customers at the cafe.

Betty loved going on fishing trips to Mexico with her late husband, dad and mother. Each year, they would all travel to Apache Junction, Ariz., where they would stay during late fall and winter months, returning to Colorado in the spring.

In the early 1980s, Betty worked at Animas Veterinary Clinic of Durango as Dr. Melcher's right-hand vet assistant. Betty then spent time working for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe HUD rehab program. At the conclusion of the program, Betty was hired in the finance department, where she worked for nearly 20 years before retiring. During her retirement, Betty volunteered at the SUCAP Senior Center in Ignacio for a number of years, which afforded her the opportunity to help the organization and visit with her many friends.

Betty was preceded in death by



her father, Herbert Tishner; mother Rachel Tishner; and husband Orville Lamke. Betty had no children, but was a caring mom for many pets adopted from the Humane Society. Her pets were her children in life.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 31, at 10 a.m. at Hood Mortuary, 1261 East Third Ave., Durango, Colo.. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the La Plata County Humane Society.

Michael Wayne Spittler

A celebration of the life of Michael Wayne Spittler will be held on April 7 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts in Pagosa Springs.



Friends of Michael and his family are invited to come and share memories of his life.

Michael Wayne Spittler was born on July 18, 1987, in Tulsa, Okla., the son of David and Pam (Bradshaw) Spittler. The family moved to Pagosa Springs, Colo., in 1999. Michael graduated from Pagosa Springs High School in 2006 and studied political science at Fort Lewis College for two years.

Michael was passionate about many things.

He loved baseball, golf, hiking, fly-fishing, camping, kayaking and disc golf. He worked many summers as a raft guide and was passionate about sharing our river with friends, family and visitors to Pagosa Springs. He was passionate about our mountains. He worked many winters at Wolf Creek as a ski tech and loved skiing and snowboarding.

He was passionate about music and had a beautiful voice.

He loved Mexico and the Sea of Cortez.

He was passionate about his family and friends. He was blessed with many friendships and impacted many lives with his sweet spirit. He brightened a room with his smile, his energy, his attitude, his humor and just his presence. He was a loving, kind, peace-filled, free spirit with curiosity of all things seen and unseen.

He struggled for years with mental illness. He tried to deal with it as hard as he could and wrote to one good friend, "I'm learning to live with my crazy better and better each day." He met Chersti, who was the love of his life, who also shared that same struggle.

Michael was joined in death by his loving wife, Chersti (Berdahl) Spittler. He is survived by his parents, David and Pam, of Pagosa Springs; his sister, Sandy (Peter) Kane, of Denver; brothers Houston, of Norman, Okla.; Ryan (Lindsey), of Reno, Nev.; Aaron (Katie) Lauver, of Houston, Texas; aunts Christine McKinney and Mary Lynch, of Clarksville, Tenn.; Jeanne (Joe) Guerra, of Dallas, Texas; nieces and nephews Ben, Karis and Tommy Kane; Evelyn and Tommy Lauver; Seven Wall-Spittler; cousins Josh (Christina) and Andy (Amanda) Guerra and David (Christie) McKinney; along with many more cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), at www.nami.org.

From "Vincent" by Don McLean: "And when no hope was left in sight, On that starry, starry night, You took your life as lovers often do. But I could've told you, [Michael], this world was never meant for one as beautiful as you."

Trooper tips: Be accountable to distraction-free driving

By Trooper Gary Cutler
Special to The SUN

"I'm sorry, what was that? I was driving distracted."

"After all of these years, I'm surprised; I'm still surprised." I hear myself saying this more and more. After reading this you'll understand why.

I'm often approached by people who want to discuss driving problems they have personally observed. The biggest complaint by far is the topic of distracted driving. Distracted driving is not just the use of cellphones, but it will be the focus for this discussion.

Law enforcement has termed distracted driving as the new DUL. It is more prevalent than anything I have ever seen in my career. It used to be just the kids looking at their phones, whether it was texting, Facebook, Instagram or movies;

now I see it with all age groups.

Law enforcement has been very vocal about the dangers of using your phone while driving. But we can always use help. So, one theme you will see with my articles is the power you have to help with the message. Talk to others; let them know you are as tired of seeing this as much as cops are tired of it. Let them know how dangerous it is and what the consequences will be, which include serious injury crashes and in some cases, death.

Parents are the first line of defense and need to lead by example and can be achieved by never driving distracted. Also have a talk with your young driver about distractions and all of the responsibilities that come with driving. Have everyone in the family be held accountable to distraction-free driving.

I suggest you put the phones in your car's back seat, in the glove

box, even in the trunk. You should do whatever it takes to reduce the urge of picking up the phone while driving.

Some believe it's OK to look at their phone if they only do it at a stoplight; it's not. The times I see people do that they are there much longer than the red light lasted. I watched one gentleman looking at his phone for close to 20 seconds after the light was green. Fortunately, there weren't any other cars behind him at the time, because he wouldn't have known. The scary part of that is someone driving could have come up behind and hit him because he needed to see the sports scores right then. Besides the scores, he also got a ticket that day.

If you have to use the phone, whether to talk to someone or see what someone is doing on Facebook, you can pull onto the shoulder or, better yet, exit the roadway. You'll have a better chance of being around to tell friends and family what you saw when you're not in a hospital bed.

Think about this, if you are so busy looking at your phone you don't even see the state trooper next to you watching you do it, your focus is not where it needs to be — driving. I see it every day I patrol the road. Please don't be that person.

So, please use your phones where they are safe and won't cause a crash. It also reduces road rage. As always, safe travels.

Card of Thanks

Martinez

The family of Joseph, "Joe" and "Jody," Martinez would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the communities of Pagosa Springs, Dulce, N.M., and the extended Four Corners area for all of their prayers, love and support during the hard time after Joe's death. We cannot express enough how meaningful your cards,

flowers, phone calls, texts, meals and presence at his services meant to all of us. There are far too many to list, but each of you reminded us of what a loving community we live in and the impact Joe had on all he met. As Joe would often say, "We're glad you got to meet him!"

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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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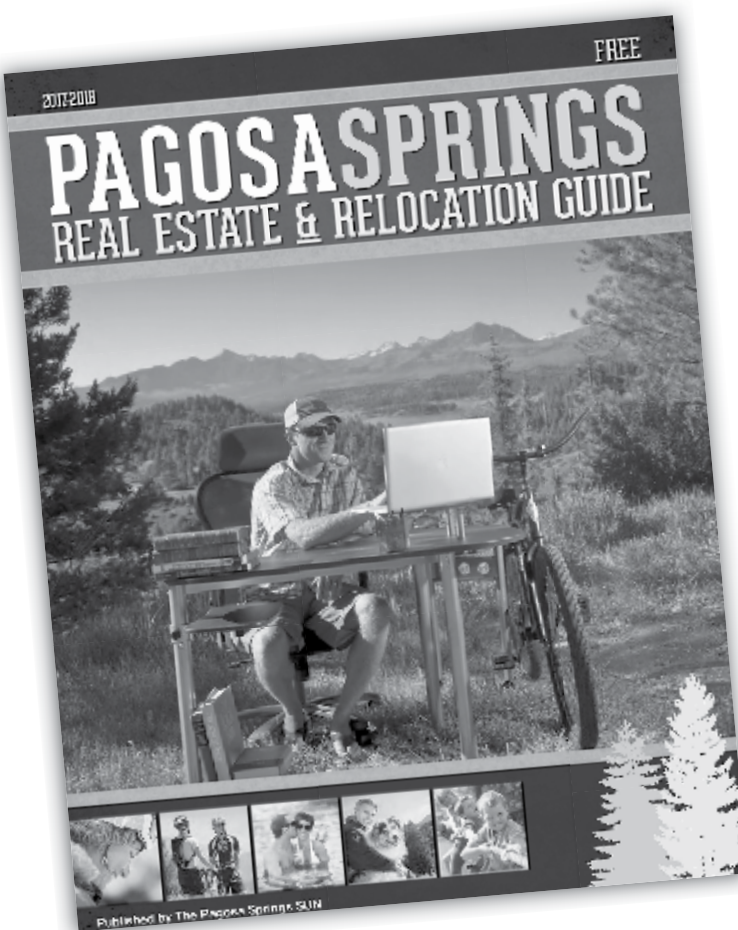
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Town to hold election April 3

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Town of Pagosa Springs Municipal Election will be held Tuesday, April 3, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Pagosa Springs Town Hall.

The election will be a mail-ballot election.

On the ballot are three district seats, the seat for mayor, and two ballot questions pertaining to the town's charter.

"On the ballot are the 3 district Town Council seats currently held by Clint Alley District 1, John Egan District 2 and Nicole DeMarco District 3," reads the town's website. "Also on the ballot is the seat for Mayor which is an at large seat." Ballots were mailed to voters on

March 12.

Two questions will also appear on the ballot, both pertaining to the town's charter.

The questions are:

- "Shall the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter be amended to remove all references to Town Council districts and provide for all members of the Town Council to be nominated and elected from the Town at large, as set forth in Ordinance No. 876 (Series 2018)?"

- "Shall the Town of Pagosa Springs Home Rule Charter be amended to impose term limits for the Mayor and members of the Town Council, as set forth in Ordinance No. 876 (Series 2018)?"

"If you do not receive your ballot please come to Town Hall to obtain

a replacement ballot," reads the website. "If you will not be in Town to receive your ballot by mail or to vote on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, please contact the Town Clerk, April Hessman, at 970-264-4151 x237."

If you do not receive your ballot please check with June Madrid, Archuleta County clerk, to ensure you are registered to vote, or go to Town Hall to obtain a replacement ballot. A valid ID is required.

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 Tuesday, 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.

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Unaffiliated voters: Don't spoil it, only mark one ballot

By Wayne Williams
Special to The SUN

Don't spoil it.

That's the message Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams will deliver to unaffiliated voters in a statewide campaign that launches Friday in Grand Junction and next week in Colorado Springs

and Denver.

Coloradans in 2016 approved a measure that allows unaffiliated voters to automatically participate in primary elections and without having to declare affiliation with either the Democratic or Republican parties. Unaffiliated voters can participate in only one party's primary. If voters know which bal-

lot they'd rather receive, they can go to www.GoVoteColorado.com and check a preference, otherwise they will receive both the Democratic and the Republican ballots in the mail.

That's where the "Don't spoil it" comes in.

"If a voter returns both the Republican and Democratic bal-

lots and marks up races in each one, neither ballot will count. That's the law," Williams said. "Our goal with this campaign is to let unaffiliated voters know they can participate in the primary election, that they can state a preference for a ballot and they should only mark one ballot if they get two."

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Monday, April 2

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors special meeting. Noon, 7 Parelli Way.

Tuesday, April 3

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

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

Wednesday, April 4

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

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.

Monday, April 9

San Juan Water Conservancy District board meeting. 7 p.m., 46 Eaton Drive, Unit 5.

Tuesday, April 10

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education notice of gathering (Pagosa Family School visit). 2:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School, 309 Lewis St.

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

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

Pagosa Springs High School auditorium, 800 S. 8th St.

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

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

Wednesday, April 11

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

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

Tuesday, April 17

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

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CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber working on local rewards program

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

As announced at our annual meeting this year, the Chamber is working on a local rewards program. We hope to have the program up and running in the community by the third quarter of this year.

The Chamber is partnering with Obsidian, a Durango-based company that has developed the Think Local Card program. There are many steps that need to be taken to make this program successful.

The first step was to choose an "iconic" photo of Pagosa Springs to use on the various material that is associated with the program. Congratulations to Phyllis Collier, whose photo was selected. We want to thank all of the people who took the time to send in their photos. It was such a difficult process since there are so many gorgeous vistas, vantage points and themes here in our community.

This local rewards program is designed to benefit our local shoppers, the businesses and the nonprofit agencies in our community. The card is a Discover prepaid card that provides cardholders a way to round up every purchase to the nearest \$0.25, \$0.50 or \$1 and donate that money to support the participating nonprofit of their choice.

Our next step is to engage our nonprofit agencies. Therefore, we will be hosting an informational meeting for interested nonprofit organizations on Thursday, April 5, from noon to 1 p.m., at First Southwest Bank, located at 249 Navajo Trail Drive. Amy Long from Obsidian will be there to share more information about the program. She will let you know how your organization can sign up and promote the Pagosa Think Local Card to your supporters. A light lunch will be provided. There

are no fees to enroll your nonprofit or to sign up for a card. All you have to do is encourage your supporters to sign up.

If you are interested in attending and finding out more about this important project, please RSVP by clicking on the link on the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com under the Calendar of Events for April 5. Nonprofits will also be receiving a special email. If you can't make it or have any questions, you can contact Long at along@thinklocalcard.com or (877) 387-6628, ext. 705.

Hanging Basket Program

The annual Hanging Basket Program sponsored by the Chamber is now in full swing. We have gotten off to a roaring start and the 16-inch baskets are almost sold out as of the writing of this article. There are still plenty of 12-inch baskets left, but don't wait too long.

The 12-inch baskets are specially designed for our program with a blend of flowers including geraniums, petunias, lobelia, greens and other types of plants and are on sale for \$30. Along with the flowers, you will also receive some fertilizer to start off your baskets and keep them growing.

The 12-inch baskets will be available for pick-up and delivery on May 25, just before the Memorial Day holiday weekend. The 16-inch baskets will not be available until the week after the Memorial Day holiday and the price of these show-stoppers is \$100. Flowers will be available for pick up at the Chamber. There is a small delivery fee for both 12-inch and 16-inch baskets.

If you are interested in ordering baskets, you can go to the Chamber's website at www.pagosachamber.com. On the homepage under Community and Chamber News under Recent Posts, there is a "flyer" that you can click on to order and

pay for your flowers.

You can also call us or stop by the Chamber and we can take your order and payment information. Don't miss your opportunity to order flowers this year and spruce up your business or home.

Membership news

Don't forget to sign up for the Data Analytics class to be held on April 17 at 1 p.m. at the Chamber. This lunch informational session will include topics such as: How do you make use of the data that you already collect through online platforms such as Go Daddy and Google Analytics? How are people finding you? If you route your inquiries to a booking engine, how do you know where people are originally finding you?

We get the data, but then we don't know what to do with it or how to utilize the data to improve our business. Dr. Robert Blaise, a new Small Business Development Center consultant, will be on hand to help us navigate some of the data waters. If you're like me, when someone mentions data, I glaze over. However, it is people like me who need to understand better how important data is to our businesses and make use of its value. To register for the class, visit the Chamber website and click on the calendar of events for April 17 and register. A light lunch will be served.

Our renewing member this week is Last Resort Campground.

Almost 25 years ago, I moved to Pagosa Springs with the sense of "community" being one of the main draws. After having attended the celebration of Larry Fisher, owner of Ski and Bow Rack, my sense of community was again reinforced. Thank you to all the businesses that contributed to the service and food. You are an amazing group of entrepreneurs and the Chamber is proud to be a part of the business community.

LPEA board awards \$10,000 to help fund new ambulance

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

In an effort to support rural community members and make good use of idle funds left abandoned by former member-customers of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) as unclaimed capital credits, the cooperative's board of directors has awarded \$10,000 to the Upper San

Juan Health Service District, which does business as Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

The Special Project Grant funds will be used to support the district's matching grant resources for purchase of a new medical emergency transport vehicle (ambulance) to serve residents of Archuleta County.

Capital credits are in essence

LPEA's margins or revenues remaining after all expenses have been paid. Annually, the electricity payments made by members in excess of the cost to provide their electric service is placed into a patronage capital account in each member's name. When the cooperative is able, capital credits are returned to members. The dollars become "unclaimed"

when LPEA cannot find members deserving of the refund. The board has determined that these unclaimed funds should be invested in the community and thus established the Educational/Special Project Grants program.

For additional information, contact LPEA at 247-5786 or visit www.lpea.coop.

County unemployment rate increases to 3.9 percent in February

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County increased to 3.9 percent in February, with 6,438 people in the labor force and 250 of those claiming unemployment.

In January, there were 6,397 people in the county's labor force, with 237, or 3.7 percent, claiming unemployment.

The total workforce gained 41 people over the month of February while the number of unemployed people increased by 13, causing the unemployment rate to increase to 3.9 percent.

In February 2017 there were 6,314 workers in the county, of which 231, or 3.7 percent, were unemployed. February 2018's rate is up .2 percent by comparison.

Looking at February 2018's employment situation for the rest of the state, Huerfano County had the highest unemployment rate for the month at 7.6 percent, while Kiowa and Summit counties had the lowest rate at 1.7 percent.

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate was unchanged from January to February at 3 percent.

The number of people actively participating in the labor force

increased 7,600 over the month to 3,041,700 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 7,800 to 2,949,500, causing the number of unemployed to decrease by 100.

The national unemployment rate was unchanged over the same period at 4.1 percent.

The unemployment rate, labor force, labor force participation, total employment and the number of unemployed are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from this survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

However, nonfarm payroll jobs estimates are based on a survey of business establishments and

government agencies, and are intended to measure the number of jobs, not the number of people employed.

The business establishment survey covers about seven times the number of households surveyed and is therefore considered a more reliable indicator of economic conditions.

Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by worksite and the other measuring persons employed and unemployed by household, estimates based on these surveys may provide seemingly conflicting results.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 63,400, with an

increase of 59,000 in the private sector and an increase of 4,400 in government.

The largest private-sector job gains were in construction, leisure and hospitality, and professional and business services.

Other data that is gathered by the survey of business establishments includes private-sector average weekly hours, average hourly earnings and average weekly earnings.

In February, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 32.9 to 33.3 hours, and average hourly earnings increased from \$27.44 to \$28.32.

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LEGISLATURE

The fight for rural broadband is not over

Somewhere in Colorado, a farmer can lose tens of thousands of dollars in one day, a broken hip can take a week to get the right diagnosis and children flock to schools at night. Not because they want to and not for after-school activities. They flock to the schools because they live in rural Colorado and the only Internet reliable enough to finish their work is at school. The stories prior also take place in rural Colorado; they, too, were caused by poor Internet.

We have been fighting in the Colorado General Assembly for the better part of a decade to help rural communities get broadband. What we have come forward with is not a handout, but rather a high-cost fund helping underserved areas. A fund that provides much-needed help to rural broadband providers in areas where the costs would be too high otherwise. That

is of course if 92 percent of it isn't going to a single company that already receives hundreds of millions in subsidies from the federal government.

The high-cost fund has been restricted by a company being granted the power to refuse other companies' bids if they believe they can serve an area. This power was granted after a lengthy court case and has since been used irresponsibly to consume much of the funds. In the end, the high-cost fund was not being used for its original purpose.

I come to you today to let you



Sen. Coram's Report

know that Senate District 6 and all of rural Colorado have scored a major victory. Senate Bill 2 has passed and is on its way to the governor as I type. This bill redefines what an underserved area is under the high-cost fund and will allow for funds to reach much-needed areas of Colorado.

This has not been easy. Companies have used large phone banks to call constituents and tell them that their phone bills will be going up. Immediately after, they transfer them to their legislator's office. This is done in an attempt to pressure legislators to vote against fixing the high-cost fund, a fund that's purpose was not to subsidize phone bills, but to provide much-needed funds to broadband infrastructure in rural areas.

This has done less to pressure legislators from doing the right thing and more to panic individuals

on fixed incomes.

The fight for rural broadband is not over, though. Rep. Catlin and Rep. McLachlan have introduced HB 1099, which would level the playing field. HB 1099 would change stipulation on how companies would be able to use their power to refuse bids if they can serve underserved areas. Instead of just refusing the project, the company refusing must propose a project that can be completed in the same amount of time and provide the same Internet speeds before they can refuse a project. They would no longer be able to refuse a bid, run a few wires out and call it service.

Rural Colorado and the Western Slope have gained some major victories this week. I will continue on the back of this momentum to make southwestern Colorado's voices heard.

Focusing on fairness, communication and opportunity for rural Colorado

People with broadband service get to fill out college applications at home, watch YouTube videos, email friends and research important topics.

Those without broadband service have to work in coffee shops, library parking lots or during lunch at work.

For people in urban areas, these problems may seem insignificant, but for those of us in rural areas, the lack of broadband can feel crippling.

So, we're doing something about it at the legislature this year. We've written three bills designed to alleviate the lack of service and bring rural Colorado into the 21st century. Each cleared their final hurdles in the House and Senate this week and await approval from the governor.

Under HB-1099, which I cospon-

sored with Rep. Marc Catlin, if a new provider bids to provide high-speed service for an unserved rural community, a company that is already active in the area and has the right of first refusal may either let the new company go ahead, or else they must match the speed and price the new company is offering. The bottom line? Unserved areas of Colorado get quality, affordable broadband. It's no surprise the



Rep. McLachlan's Report

bill received unanimous approval in the Senate.

This would be good for jobs and economic growth in our communities; 60 laid-off miners in western Colorado have found jobs putting in fiber optic lines. And, when they're done, small businesses can accept credit cards and home-based businesses can thrive. Finally.

SB-2, sponsored by Sen. Don Coram and by the House speaker and majority leader, is another major bipartisan effort and is a game-changer.

This bill transfers money from one use to another, modernizing communications in rural Colorado. Currently, most of the \$35 million brought in to the High Cost Sup-

port Mechanism each year goes to expanding landline service; SB-2 would phase that money into grants for broadband deployment.

It also requires providers receiving these grants to provide faster speeds. Communities with speeds of less than 10 megabits for downloading and 1 megabit for uploading would be prioritized, and grant recipients would have to provide speeds of at least 25 down and 3 up.

This is a good bipartisan bill that will have major benefits for rural areas. It passed with broad support.

Finally, I ran SB-104 with Rep. Yeulin Willett to allow the Broadband Deployment Board to apply to the FCC Remote Areas Fund. The fund is designed to be used in remote areas of the country and we want to make sure that includes our rural areas here in Colorado. We're not sure if the fund has enough money right now to meet the great needs, but we want to be prepared when it does.

I'm working hard to focus on a lofty goal: fairness, communication and opportunity for rural Colorado. These three bills will make a major impact for our community, and I'm excited to see the benefits they will bring for years to come.

Connect Colorado initiative will help Coloradans compete for \$600 million in new broadband funding for grants and loans

Special to The SUN

On March 23, Colo. U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet launched Connect Colorado, a new initiative to help connect every community in Colorado to high-speed, affordable, reliable broadband Internet.

The initiative's first priority is to help rural Colorado communities compete for \$600 million in new federal funding for broadband loans and grants, which was secured in the March 22 omnibus spending bill, by ensuring federal agencies provide timely answers to potential applicants.

"High-speed, reliable, affordable broadband is essential for our communities to thrive in the 21st century economy," Bennet said. "Colorado's local leaders, especially in rural areas, have been at the forefront of innovative approaches to deliver that caliber of service to their neighbors. We must do ev-

erything we can to build on their work, with the goal of delivering high-quality broadband to every community across Colorado."

On March 22, the Senate passed a bill to fund the government through Sept. 30, which included \$600 million for a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) rural broadband grant-loan pilot program targeted to areas that currently lack access to broadband service.

Bennet is pleased with this win for Colorado, but also recognizes that the application process for various federal broadband programs can be onerous and confusing—especially for smaller or newer providers. To address this concern, Connect Colorado will help ensure that federal agencies are responsive to questions that Colorado applicants may have throughout the process.

In his role on the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition

and Forestry, Bennet has fought for USDA rural broadband funding and will continue working to ensure federal funds are allocated in the most effective manner possible. Bennet is a co-sponsor of the Streamlining and Investing in Broadband Infrastructure Act, as well as the Broadband Connections for Rural Opportunities Act, both of which aim to expand broadband access in rural areas. He has also sent multiple letters to the Federal Communications Commission, urging it to make funding programs more transparent and ensure that smaller, rural providers that can offer high-quality service are given a fair chance to compete for federal funding.

If Coloradans have any questions about the initiative or would like to provide input on any of the federal government's broadband-related programs, please reach out to one of Bennet's regional offices or to broadband@bennet.senate.gov.

Hermosa Street construction set to begin Monday

By Scott Lewandowski

Special to The SUN

The Town of Pagosa Springs will be starting the construction on Hermosa Street and the Town Park area on Monday, April 2, and it will last until the end of June.

The project will repave a portion of Hermosa Street and provide sidewalks, curb and gutter near the Town Park area. During that time, Hermosa Street will be closed from Hot Springs Boulevard to the 3rd Street alley. The parking lots near Town Park will be closed for the duration of the project.

North 4th Street will also be paved as part of this project and will be done after school lets out in early June.

During construction, residents can still access Hermosa Street via 2nd Street off of U.S. 160. Parking will still be available at Mary Fisher Park. Pedestrians and bicyclists should follow the detours in and around the park.

The town appreciates your patience and cooperation during the project. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Lewandowski, special projects manager, at 264-4151, ext. 235.

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work an agreement that this won't be used against us in the litigation. By then, we'll have a result of the litigation, frankly," Starr said.

"We're in litigation, and I think we're going to have to — can we reschedule this for two weeks? I think we're going to have to," BoCC Chairman Steve Wadley said.

Henderson explained that the funds in the grants were "earmarked" for Archuleta County, but if the county waited too long they could be distributed elsewhere.

Commissioner Michael Whiting explained, "Losing our position in this litigation has far bigger

implications financially for us ... than this."

The grants were both individually tabled to the April 3 regularly scheduled meeting of the BoCC.

Rich Valdez, Archuleta County sheriff, asked later in the meeting if a time had been set up for discussing possible facilities options for the ACSO.

The commissioners then discussed and placed the ACSO facilities on the agenda for their regular meeting on April 3.

Weed Advisory Board

Several new candidates have been approved for the local Weed Advisory Board.

At the same meeting, four new applicants were approved for the five-member board.

Those who were approved were: Ann Shephardson, Larry Lynch, Lisa Jensen and Robin Young.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez was appointed to the board by a vote of two for and one abstention by the BoCC.

Requirements for the board, according to the agenda, are to be present at three different meetings every year, elect a chairman and secretary annually and review updates to the integrated pest management plan.

Gravel supply and

roadwork

County Engineer Bob Perry presented several road projects before the BoCC and received approval on the gravel contracts for 2018.

In 2017, the county used 20,000 tons of gravel, but this year would need only 14,000 tons, Perry explained.

"That's the equivalent of about 4 miles of gravel," Perry told the commissioners.

Perry explained the gravel would be used on specific sections of County Road 500 and Trails Boulevard.

A total of four bids were received, and Crossfire Aggregate Services LLC, with a bid of \$9.50 per ton, and CJ Gravel Products Inc., with a bid of \$9.75 a ton, were selected.

No minimum purchase was

guaranteed, Perry said.

Two different pits were suggested by Perry.

Perry suggested using whichever pit was closer to each project to help with ease and cost.

"They do have a program with the Forest Service," Perry explained, "And with BLM land that if we find land on the BLM that has gravel in it, they will work with us to let us establish a gravel pit on that land. As long as it is used strictly for county road purposes or county purposes."

The contracts for the gravel pits were approved under a motion not to exceed \$135,000.

Henderson explained that a project had been put together last fall for the paving of Backswing Drive and East Golf Place, but the bid was not accepted because of the price and projected timeline.

The new bid for 2018, however, according to Perry, "... was less than 1 percent over the engineers estimate, for a savings of \$134,000 over last year's bid."

Perry explained that the project will include the full-depth reconstruction of the short paved section of Backswing Drive and the paving of East Golf Place.

The work is anticipated to last 20-plus years, he noted.

East Golf, according to Perry, is a very heavily traveled road, having over 700 vehicles per day.

Strohecker Asphalt and Paving Inc. was awarded the bid with a price not to exceed \$728,609.

Strohecker was awarded the bid based upon a nearly \$97,000 difference between its bid and the highest bid.

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Case

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be as this affects statewide," Starr explained to the BoCC.

In a phone interview with The SUN, Chip Taylor, executive director of CCI, stated that CCI would join the case if it was taken up by the Colorado Supreme Court.

Taylor explained that Archuleta County is a member of the CCI and asked, "... would [CCI] consider filing an amicus brief in this case having to do with control and a determination of the adequacy of county buildings ...?"

"And what the board here determined was that if the Supreme Court picks up the case and is addressing the issue of custody and control of county buildings, there's definitely a statewide interest in that issue," Taylor said.

"So, we're kind of waiting to see whether or not the Supreme Court agrees to take it, and then if they do what the issue is, or issues are, that they will take it up on," Taylor told The SUN.

"So, we're kind of watching for this issue that Archuleta County

shares with all the counties about who determines the adequacy of county buildings," Taylor said.

At the BoCC work session on Tuesday, Starr explained that he had not received word as of yet, but possibly would be receiving an answer sometime after today.

The SUN incorrectly reported that the CCI had joined the case last week in the story "Colorado Counties Inc. joins county lawsuit."

The SUN regrets the error.
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Homicide

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est in the case early in the investigation.

"On 03-13-18, Michael consented to an interview with investigators and was released following the interview," states the release. "Mr. Moats voluntarily provided a DNA sample to investigators. At the time, there was not probable cause to arrest Mr. Moats."

On March 14, the mask recovered at the scene and the known DNA standards from Moats were submitted to the Colorado Bureau of Investigations (CBI) Laboratory for comparison.

That same morning, a search warrant was executed by investigators from the PSPD, Archuleta

County Sheriff's Office and CBI agents at a residence in Archuleta County where Moats had been staying.

"During the search, several items of evidence were recovered, including a handgun that was consistent with the weapon used in the murder," states the release.

"Within minutes of completing the search at the residence, investigators were notified of the apparent suicide of a person in New Mexico, who was believed to be Michael Moats. The identity of the deceased was subsequently confirmed as Mr. Moats, by the New Mexico State Police," continued the release.

Two additional search warrants on vehicles were then executed by

investigators and additional evidence was recovered.

"The test results received from the Colorado Bureau of Investigations Laboratory on 03-26-18, indicated that DNA was found on the mask which, matched the known DNA sample from Michael Moats," Maxwell's release states. "The results indicated that the probability of selecting an individual at random from the population having the same profile is, 'Approximately 1 in 3.7 octillion.'"

"Based on case facts and evidence, investigators believe that Michael Moats was the sole perpetrator of this crime. No other suspects are being sought in connection with the investigation."

PSSGID conveying town shop parcel, lagoon parcel to town

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council and the Pagosa Springs Sanitation and General Improvement District (PSSGID) held a joint meeting on March 22 where the PSSGID conveyed two different parcels to the town.

The two parcels are the town shop parcel and the lagoon parcel, both located off of South 5th Street.

The PSSGID board and town council both consist of the same members and in this joint meeting the members were just seen as wearing different hats.

The members of both boards would first wear the PSSGID hats to authorize the conveyance of a parcel to the town, and then switch to their town council hats, at which time they approved acquisition of

the parcel.

The boards first discussed the town shop parcel.

"This conveyance should have occurred per the 1996 operations agreement between the town and the GID; however, it was never completed," reads agenda documentation used at the meeting.

PSSGID board member Clint Alley moved to approve Ordinance 14 for the PSSGID, which authorized conveyance of the town shop parcel.

Alley's motion passed unanimously.

Town council member Mat deGraaf moved to approve Ordinance 881, which authorized the town acquiring the town shop parcel. That motion passed unanimously.

The meeting then turned to the lagoon parcel.

"This 26.5 acre parcel is zoned as Parks and Open Space and is

intended for as a future extension of Yamaguchi Park for parks and recreational facilities," reads agenda documentation.

Wearing a PSSGID hat again, Alley moved to approve Ordinance 15 for the PSSGID, which authorized conveyance of the lagoon parcel.

That motion passed 4-1, with deGraaf explaining that he didn't think it was right for the PSSGID to give the parcel away.

Then, wearing town council hats again, council member David Schanzenbaker moved to approve Ordinance 882, which authorized the town to acquire the lagoon parcel.

deGraaf seconded that motion, and it passed unanimously. Because all items approved were ordinances, they will need to be read and approved a second time at another meeting.

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Man gets throat cut, subdues attacker

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) arrested a man after he allegedly attacked another man with a knife, giving the victim serious injuries to his neck on March 21.

According to ACSO Undersheriff Tonya Hamilton, 56-year-old David Gardner was arrested on charges of first-degree assault.

The victim, 64-year-old Ralph Raimo, was taken to Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) by PSMC EMS and is believed to have been flown to a larger hospital.

The incident occurred around 10:30 p.m., with Hamilton reporting that the two men were socializing

at Raimo's house located off Chipmunk Lane.

Raimo reported that he told Gardner he was going to bed, and that Gardner pulled a folding knife out and allegedly cut Raimo's neck.

Hamilton explained that a fight ensued, and that Raimo disarmed and subdued Gardner before calling 911.

According to Hamilton, Gardner was arrested, taken to PSMC for medical clearance and then taken to the La Plata County Jail.

She added that Gardner was released the following day on a \$5,000 bond.

Alcohol use is suspected in the incident.
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Click It or Ticket enforcement: 1,306 people cited last year

Special to The SUN

According to a 2017 study by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the counties with the lowest seat belt use in Colorado were all rural: La Plata (74 percent), Montezuma (74.4 percent), Cheyenne (75.2 percent) and Mesa (75.5 percent).

To encourage drivers in rural regions to buckle up, CDOT, the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and local law enforcement agencies are conducting Click It or Ticket (CIOT) seat belt enforcement in rural counties through April 1.

Last year, 1,306 seat belt citations were issued in rural communities across Colorado during the CIOT campaign. Seat belts are the most effective way to prevent serious injury and death in motor vehicle crashes.

"Unrestrained crash fatalities account for more than half of the motor vehicle occupant fatalities in Colorado," said Darrell Lingk, director of the Office of Transportation Safety at CDOT. "This Click It or Ticket rural enforcement is a reminder that buckling up saves lives. Our goal is to decrease fatalities this year and seat belt use will be a key factor to achieve this."

In 2017, Colorado's seat belt use rate was 84 percent, ranking Colorado 36th in the nation in seat belt use. Last year, 211 unbuckled drivers and passengers were killed in crashes in Colorado — a 14 percent increase from 2016, according to preliminary data. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that 58 lives could be saved every

year if Colorado had 100 percent seat belt use.

"Seat belt use is always important, especially in rural communities where the closest hospital may be miles away from the crash," said Col. Matthew Packard, chief of the CSP. "Seat belts give you the best chance to survive a serious crash. We encourage people to buckle up every time they enter a vehicle."

Fines for not buckling up start at \$65, and parents or caregivers caught with an improperly restrained child can receive a minimum fine of \$82.

Colorado's seat belt laws

- **Adults** — Colorado has a secondary enforcement law for adult drivers and front-seat passengers. Drivers can be ticketed for violating the seat belt law if they are stopped for another traffic violation.

- **Teens** — Colorado's Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) law requires all drivers under 18 and their passengers, no matter what their age, to wear seat belts. This is a primary enforcement, meaning teens can be pulled over simply for not wearing a seat belt or having passengers without seat belts.

- **Children** — Colorado's Child Passenger Safety law is a primary enforcement, meaning the driver can be stopped and ticketed if an officer sees an unrestrained or improperly restrained child under age 16 in the vehicle.

For more information about seat belt safety and enforcement citation numbers, visit SeatBeltsColorado.com.

Mistrial

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curred in May of 2017 in the Aspen Springs subdivision.

In a press release issued in May of 2017, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) states, "The Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ASO) announced this evening that at approximately 10:26 a.m. Archuleta County Dispatch received a call from the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) advising that they had been contacted by an individual in Archuleta County reporting that he had shot at and possibly fatally wounded a man. ASO deputies and CSP troopers responded to the scene and confirmed that the individual was deceased."

An arrest narrative obtained by The SUN outlines the alleged events that led up to the shooting.

"NYSTROM apparently told CSP dispatchers that he shot and killed his neighbor," reads the arrest narrative. "The dispatcher told me that no law enforcement was on scene yet, and it had not been verified, but the deceased would be found in the scrub oak brush in the

backyard ..."

The narrative states that the shooting occurred on May 13, 2017, during a get-together on Nystrom's property in Aspen Springs, and that, following the shooting of Isaacs, Nystrom drove to Grand Junction with Benally.

The two stayed in Grand Junction for a night before returning to Pagosa Springs, then called in the shooting.

The narrative goes on to state that, following the shooting, one of the witnesses told ACSO Detective Sgt. Warren Brown that Nystrom and Benally were outside behind the house near the fire pit when Nystrom allegedly shouted out that there was a man with a gun and told the witnesses to run, with one witness explaining that they ran to the opposite side of the house and heard numerous gunshots.

Statements included in the narrative from witnesses at the get-together allege that Isaacs was in the bushes behind Nystrom's house, roughly 50 to 60 yards away, and also allege that Isaacs may have had something in his left hand

that looked like a shotgun.

Archuleta County Coroner Dan Keuning previously explained that he pronounced Isaacs dead at 12:23 p.m. on May 14, and that the approximate time of death was between 4:30 and 6 p.m. on May 13.

He described the manner of death as homicide, and that the cause was multiple gunshot wounds to the head, neck, chest and abdomen.

Nystrom was originally arrested on a charge of second-degree murder, and Benally was originally arrested on the charge of being an accessory to the crime of second-degree murder, a spokesperson from the ACSO previously told The SUN.

During a prior hearing, Lowe stated that Nystrom had fired 15 shots, with five of them hitting Isaacs.

Benally has a pre-trial readiness conference scheduled for Tuesday at 9 a.m., with a jury trial scheduled to begin April 16 at 8:30 a.m.

The trial is scheduled to last four days.

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Schedule set for firefighter's procession, memorial service

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The schedule has been released for the April 2 memorial service for Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) firefighter and board member Ed Ainsworth.

Ainsworth passed away on March 14 in his home.

"Firefighter Ainsworth joined the Pagosa Fire Protection District on January 1, 2011 and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2016 where he was Treasurer," reads a release from the PFPD, adding, "A memorial service will be held to honor FF Ainsworth's life and dedication to the Pagosa Fire Protection District."

The press release states, "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. Light refreshments will be offered after the service."

The memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse, located at 230 Port Ave.

A release from PFPD Chief Randy Larson explains the schedule for the procession and memorial.

At approximately 11:30 a.m., the procession will arrive in Durango to pick up Ainsworth's remains.

At noon, the procession will leave Durango for Pagosa Springs, with the Durango Police Department escorting the procession out of Durango.

The procession is scheduled to arrive in

Bayfield at 12:40 p.m., where it will take Bayfield Parkway through town.

At roughly 1 p.m., the procession will meet members of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) at the Archuleta County line, where the ACSO will lead the procession.

The procession will later meet with the Pagosa Springs Police Department, as well.

At roughly 1:30 p.m., the procession will drive by PFPD Fire Station No. 1.

The procession is scheduled to arrive at the PLPOA Clubhouse at 1:45 p.m., with the memorial beginning at 2 p.m.

Larson added that there won't be a procession after the memorial service.

Ainsworth's wife, Deb Ainsworth, has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the PFPD.

Woman in stable condition after being ejected from SUV

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to several vehicular accidents over the week, including an incident where a woman was ejected from her vehicle onto the roadway.

On Sunday, Aili M. Johnson, 30, was ejected from her vehicle and was later flown to the University of New Mexico (UNM), where she is in stable condition.

According to Thad McKain with the PFPD, the incident occurred near mile marker 24 on U.S. 84 around 10:49 p.m.

A spokesperson for CSP explained that Johnson was headed southbound on U.S. 84 when she swerved to avoid leaving the roadway on the right side.

She crossed the roadway for roughly 169 feet before striking an embankment.

Her vehicle, a SUV, proceeded to spin twice, when she was ejected from her vehicle.

The CSP spokesperson explained that Johnson wasn't wearing a seat belt, and came to rest on the roadway.

Her vehicle came to rest in a ditch.

McKain added that when PFPD units arrived to the scene, Johnson was conscious.

The CSP spokesperson added

that Johnson was transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) by PSMC EMS, and was later flown to UNM.

McKain commended the different entities that worked on the incident.

He explained that the PFPD, EMS, CSP and the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office all worked extremely well together.

Semi rollover

The PFPD also responded to a semi truck rolling over on Wolf Creek Pass.

According to Capt. Will Clark with the PFPD, the incident occurred on March 22 at 5:56 a.m.

He added that the rollover occurred at mile marker 160 on U.S. 160, on the hairpin curve adjacent to the overlook.

He explained that the truck may have been going too fast, and added that the truck was hauling beer.

He explained that the driver had self-extricated by the time the PFPD arrived to the scene, and that the driver was not transported to a hospital.

"When we got up there, we found no fluids leaking from the truck, which was a pleasant surprise," Clark said. "We stayed on scene and did traffic control to assist CSP"

Two fire engines, a command vehicle and a rescue vehicle all responded to the scene.

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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 19 — Warrant arrest, Aspen Village Drive.

March 19 — Improper registration, registration rescinded, canceled, or used for another, expired license plates, Bastille Drive.

March 19 — Menacing-felony-aggravated-weapon, U.S. 160.

March 19 — Found property, Eagle Drive.

March 20 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.

March 20 — Violation of restraining order, County Road 600.

March 20 — Theft, Trophy Lake Place.

March 20 — County warrant, County Road 600.

March 21 — Agency assist, Woodsman Drive.

March 21 — Information only, County Road 600.

March 21 — First-degree assault-aggravated-weapon, Chipmunk Lane.

March 22 — Two counts county warrants, U.S. 84.

March 23 — County warrant, Pines Drive.

March 24 — Violation of restraining order, County Road 500.

March 24 — Animal complaint, Kristina Court.

March 25 — Animals running at large, Dichoso Street.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

March 20 — Interference with staff/faculty/students, South 8th Street.

March 21 — Information only, Aspen Village Drive.

March 21 — Agency assist, Chipmunk Lane.

March 22 — Arrest/local warrant, U.S. 160.

March 23 — Information only, South 8th Street.

March 23 — Information only, Archuleta County.

March 24 — Careless driving, East Pagosa Street.

March 24 — Theft, Trophy Lake Place.

March 24 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

March 25 — Found property, East Pagosa Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Brett Van Winkle

March 14 — Daniel Martinez, failed to yield, three points, fines and costs — \$116.

March 14 — John Rivera, careless driving/disobeyed traffic device, eight points, fines and costs — \$246.

March 14 — Eric Petersen, shoplifting,

six months unsupervised probation, fines and costs — \$295.76 (\$85 suspended).

March 15 — Christopher Blas, animal running at large prohibited, fines and costs — \$75.

March 15 — Michael Heilhecker, animal running at large prohibited, six months unsupervised probation, fines and costs — \$145 (\$110 suspended).

March 15 — Breanna Kirsop, shoplifting, six months unsupervised probation, fines and costs — \$367.26.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

March 14 — Mathew T. Robieson, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$274.50.

March 16 — Samuel M. Uli, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$193.50.

March 21 — Cecelia A. Paciaroni, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

March 21 — Warren Douglas Goodman, notice-primary body color, stop lamps-defective, tires-unsafe, obstructed view-windshield, fines and costs — \$203.50.

March 21 — Rosetta D. Cata, driver's license-not on person, fines and costs — \$60.50.

March 21 — Joseph A. Cervantes, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

March 21 — Sue L. Ross, failure to

display proof of insurance, fines and costs — \$519.50 (\$250 suspended).

March 21 — Jason D. Bane, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$82.50.

March 21 — Daniel Perry Britten, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.

March 22 — Erik Jon St. Laurent, public indecency-expose genitals, three years probation, fines and costs — \$1,911.

March 23 — Eugenie Couvillon Holman, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$120.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

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Outdoors

Chimney Rock National Monument Volunteer Training Days April 13-14

By Nadia Werby
Special to The SUN

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA) invites community members to join us for the free annual Chimney Rock National Monument Volunteer Training Days on April 13 and 14. CRIA offers a great, in-depth training program in a fun environment to anyone interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers.

After the two-day training, new volunteers will receive extended training with veteran volunteers at

the site until they are comfortable in their new positions. Another perk of becoming a volunteer at Chimney Rock National Monument includes outings to other archaeological sites. This year's field trip will be to Hovenweep National Monument, about three hours from Pagosa.

On April 13, we'll meet at the PLPOA Clubhouse (230 Port Ave.) at 8:30 a.m. for presentations about the different positions and special events at Chimney Rock, then carpool to the monument after lunch, weather permitting, for a tour of

the Pueblo Trail to the Great House beneath the pinnacles. Lunch will be provided. Anyone planning to attend must call the CRIA office at 731-7133 to register by end of the day Friday, March 30.

On April 14, we'll again meet at the PLPOA Clubhouse at 8:30 a.m. to check in. The program will begin at 9 a.m. As on Friday, lunch and snacks will be provided. In addition to the video premier of "Chimney Rock: Ancient Heritage, Living Connections," the day will include updates for 2018 from the CRIA office and the Forest Service

as well as recognition of volunteers' contributions in 2017. If weather permits, volunteers may carpool to the monument that afternoon for a tour of both trails, accompanied by our Native American guests.

CRIA is a nonprofit organization which operates the interpretive program at Chimney Rock National Monument under a participating agreement with the USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest. For more information about the Chimney Rock 2018 season of events, please visit www.chimney-rockco.org.

2018 Colorado fishing licenses available now, valid April 1

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) reminds anglers that it's time to get ready for another season of fishing. Coloradans and nonresident visitors can purchase a 2018 annual fishing license now either online, at your local CPW office or at any of our hundreds of authorized sales agents statewide.

An annual license is valid beginning April 1 through March 31, 2019. CPW provides a range of options for anglers, including both the annual fishing license and one-day fishing licenses as well as educational opportunities for those new to angling.

"Colorado provides outstanding fishing across the state with an amazing diversity of species ranging from cutthroat trout and kokanee to walleye and bluegill," said Doug Krieger, CPW's aquatic section manager. "Fishing is a great activity to share with family and friends, and the perfect chance to get outside and enjoy Colorado's natural resources."

When planning your next angling trip, be sure to download CPW Fishing, the agency's free official mobile fishing app. Available on the AppStore or Google Play store, CPW Fishing allows anglers to fully explore the state's waters. Whether searching for a new destination or checking weather conditions at a

favorite location, the app allows discovery of over 1,300 fishing locations in Colorado.

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CPW stocks 90 million fish annually into waters throughout Colorado in order to ensure quality angling opportunities. CPW does not receive general tax dollars and fishing license fees support

all statewide hatchery and fish-stocking operations.

Up-to-date regulations and pricing for annual, daily and multi-day licenses can be found in the 2018 Colorado Fishing Brochure. For individuals ages 18 through 64, a \$10 Habitat Stamp is required with the first license purchase for the year. Youth under age 16 can fish for free and CPW provides opportunities throughout the season to learn how to fish. Check the calendar on the CPW website for upcoming clinics.

To learn more about fishing in Colorado, including 37 prime angling locations within Colorado state parks, visit our website at cpw.state.co.us.

EXTENSION VIEWPOINTS

One man's weed: Weeds and grazing management

By Robin Young
SUN Columnist

The saying goes that "one man's junk is another man's treasure." The same can be said for weeds and grazing managers. Here is a "duh" statement: Weeds are plants and grazing animals eat plants.

Plants are classified into three general categories: grasses, forbs and shrubs. Plants in all three of those categories may be classified as a weed. Animals are also classified into three categories by the plants they eat: cattle (grasses), sheep (broadleaf plants — most weeds) and goats (shrubs). Abaye, et al state in their paper, "Quality of a weed or forage has no value if the animal will not eat it."

Various attributes affect palatability, or if an animal will eat it or not. Spines, hairs, maturity, taste, etc. all determine the palatability of a specific plant or plant species. Stage of maturity of the plant and the species of animals being asked to consume that plant make a huge difference. Goats will eat many things other species do not and cattle will consume plants not desired by other species.

Grazing management is very important when trying to control weeds, either in pasture or cropland. It has been found that season-long grazing actually has increased the population of some noxious weed species. High intensity/low-frequency grazing over a period of several years gave the greatest control of noxious weeds from defoliation and trampling, especially with many of

the perennial or biennial species such as Canada thistle, Russian knapweed, etc. These plants are just like other perennials, if you don't feed the roots by allowing the green above ground portion to grow, eventually the roots are starved and die.

Grazing management of these species can be referred back to guerrilla warfare tactics — hit them hard, hit them fast and get out. When the plants reappear and reach a grazing height for the animal species of choice — hit them again — hard and fast. Eventually, over a period of time, the roots will die and the plant species will decrease in population density, allowing more desirable species to move in, or they will disappear altogether.

Similar results can be achieved with grazing of annual species — kochia, Russian thistle, etc. — but timing may be more important. These plants need to be grazed early in their growth cycle to prevent the development a mature seed heads. Smaller plants have smaller seed heads and fewer seeds are produced to repopulate. Also, these plants tend to have a high palatability level early in their growth cycle, which decreases as the plants mature due to increased cellulose levels in the stems. Again, high-intensity/low-frequency practices work well to keep these plant species grazed down and not reach the reproductive stages.

One thing landowners need to be aware of when grazing for weed control is if there are toxins in the weeds that will affect the animals being grazed. These toxins may vary

with the stage of development of the plant, either increasing or decreasing as the plants mature.

Burrill and Hart state that, "Animals rarely die from over ingestion of plants with toxins provided they have a variety of forages to eat."

It has been found that the most trouble with poisonous plants occurs when and after other desirable species have been grazed out or overgrazed and all that is left is the toxic species of plant. Even though the nutritional analysis of a specific plant species may be in a range to meet the nutritional requirements of the animal species, it does not mean the species can or will survive by solely eating nothing but that species of plant. Animals are just like humans and prefer a variety in their diet, but they also (just like humans) like to eat foods familiar to them. If a new noxious weed moves in, animals may not eat it readily, if at all, because they are not familiar with it. Animals learn to eat by grazing alongside their mothers and through individual experience — either positive or negative.

Most plant species we consider weeds do have a fairly high nutritional level, but other factors contribute as well if they are actually nutritious for the animals in our care. Always remember: "Quality of a weed or forage has no value if the animal will not eat it."

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Education

School safety addressed at community engagement meetings

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The topic of local school safety was again discussed at the most recent community engagement meeting.

Held by members of the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE), the noon meeting began with Superintendent Linda Reed giving an overview of security measures and protocols being taken in facilities.

All of these measures and protocols were previously reported on in the March 15 issue of the SUN.

"Things have changed as far as school safety is concerned," Reed said.

Later, Reed noted that ASD is doing all it can with the resources that they have.

Following Reed's overview of the various security protocols in ASD, the session was open to questions from the audience.

Public comment

The first question from an audience member pertained to what would be the most ideal security situation at Pagosa Springs Elementary School (PSES).

"What I would like is to have every single one of those entrances re-done and secured so that once students are inside, those doors can't be opened from the outside," Reed responded.

This idea, referred to as a controlled front entrance, was elaborated on more by ASD Director of Information Technology Jesse Morehouse.

"There's are a lot of different options available. A lot of different technology that you could employ and one of the challenges is trying to weigh what is appropriate for a school of our size and what could we afford," Morehouse explained.

In ASD schools, the implementation of perimeter security around the buildings was an idea that made sense to Morehouse.

Utilizing a sensor on all the non-main doors, which would alert staff if doors in the buildings were propped open was also brought up by Morehouse.

For the main doors, having a system in which the front doors could be controlled to limit access to people hoping to enter the school, Morehouse added later.

"That seems like, from the balance between cost and the level of security we get probably a really good balancing point for us," Morehouse said.

The doors in the schools would also be replaced with sturdier alternatives, Morehouse noted.

Another community member asked a question pertaining to volunteer resource officers, with the proper training, serving at ASD facilities.

"The problem with volunteers is that they are volunteers," Reed responded.

Reed also added that the training involved in becoming a school resource officer is intense.

However, a group called Dads on Guard have been at Pagosa Springs Middle School, Reed explained.

"I think the idea of volunteers is an attractive idea. And I certainly would be open to looking at what programs that exist out there that have been successful," BOE member Brooks Lindner added.

However, volunteer situations can sometimes not be the most ideal situation, Lindner mentioned.

"Given the serious nature of this, of what it is, I might be reluctant to just go with volunteers," Lindner said.

A system of some type that allows controlled access on doors will

be installed at some point for all of the ASD buildings, Morehouse added later.

"I'm curious about how many cameras are actually in already and functioning?" an audience member asked.

"We have just about 30 that are functional right now," Morehouse responded.

This amount is also due to the number of cameras that ASD has had to replace, Reed added.

More cameras are planning to be added, as well, Reed noted.

"I would like our community to rally," one audience member added.

Another comment made by a citizen pertained to the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012.

"Just so we remember, Sandy Hook was one of the state-of-the-art facilities and we saw what happened. So, if we're putting all of our hope in the basket of facilities we're kidding ourselves," they said.

Having community representation at county commissioner and town council meetings is important, they went on to say.

"It's a dollar thing. It's money. What's more important than the safety of our kids and our staff?" they added.

Another comment was made about how the general populace of Pagosa Springs does not know exactly what is wrong with PSES.

"I don't think enough people in the community know that. I think maybe you've been playing it too nice," they explained.

Addressing the facilities issue will not solve all the problems ASD faces, but facilities are a big part of it, Lindner explained.

"We have an opportunity to work collaboratively with the town and with the county. We all have

needs, the county needs a new jail, the town has needs," Lindner said.

ASD has been having conversations with both of those entities on how to repurpose community assets for the net benefit of the community, Lindner noted.

"In regard to our facilities, we made a big move last week. We offered the county a free building, we said we would gift them our elementary school," Lindner said. "Now they have an opportunity to make a decision on how they are going to help in this effort. And, it's my understanding that they have ways that they could handle their jail that can wait a little bit."

Additional comments

At the 6 p.m. meeting, community member Bob Scott, who noted he was on a task force for ASD in 2012 and 2013, went on to explain that this task force identified issues with the school in terms of safety.

In a follow-up interview on Tuesday, Scott explained, in his opinion, that he felt that ASD has not addressed the issues that were raised in the report of the earlier task force.

"Granted, it's all new players on the board and Linda Reed, so it's kind of water under the bridge, but my point to Linda was, just, you know, we need dedicated resource officers there at the schools," Scott explained.

The idea of dedicated school resource officers was one discussed by the task force Scott was a part of.

"I think the county, the town and the school need to be totally focused on ensuring that our schools and our children are safe," Scott said. "And I think all of the hoo-ha with the jail and courthouse and new school, you know, has eclipsed intelligent discussion and analysis of school safety."

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Testing, testing ... just around the corner

Do you remember the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS)? Yikes, was it that long ago? ITBS, developed in 1935 by the University of Iowa, was administered as a tool for improving kindergarten through eighth-grade education. Students took tests at each grade level to determine how they were learning.

In 2017, Iowa's new testing program, Next Generation Iowa Assessments (NGIA), was rolled out. Nearly all of the school districts in Iowa currently use this assessment tool. Many other states are also using Iowa's tests. Over the years, other tests have been developed by different testing companies and Colorado, it seems, has tried more than a few.

Colorado has changed tests over time in attempts to align with the Colorado State Standards. There have been ongoing concerns with the time it takes to administer tests and turnaround time, but these times have improved.

Here is a review of the latest progression of testing in Colorado:

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) test was replaced, in 2017, in favor of the Colorado Measurements of Academic Standards

(CMAS) tests in math and English language arts (AKA reading, writing and arithmetic). These tests are 90 minutes shorter than previous tests. CMAS tests are given every year from third through ninth grades. Social studies, which encompasses, history, geography, civics and economics, is administered on a sampling basis with schools participating once every three years. Science tests are taken in grades five, eight and 10.

The college entrance exam, the SAT, is taken in 11th grade, with the preliminary tests PSAT 9 and PSAT 10 given in ninth and 10th grades, respectively. The meaning of the acronym SAT is complicated. Originally, it stood for Scholastic Aptitude Test. Then the name changed to Scholastic Assessment Test. In 1997, the people who created the test announced that the acronym SAT no longer stands for anything.



Joyce Rankin
State Board of Education

This year, testing will take place from April 9-27.

The SAT can be used for college admission and is known as a "high-stakes" test. Students try to get the highest score possible, and there are strict protocols for test administration: students must sit at least 4 feet apart; if students talk during the test, they will be dismissed and not receive scores, and students arriving after the exam begins are not admitted.

Last month, the New York Post

reported cheating by 200 students at a Bronx high school. Students broke every rule set forth by proctors of the exams. For such a high-stakes test, it is imperative that strict protocol rules are followed.

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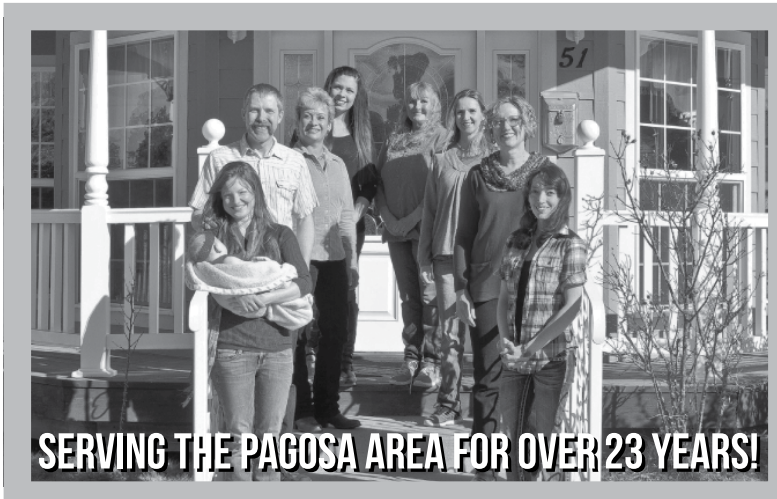
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Personalized learning opportunities presented to school board

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Before its regular meeting on March 13, the Archuleta School District (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) held a work session in order to hear a presentation made by staff members of Pagosa Springs Middle School (PSMS).

The presentation focused on how personalized learning is implemented at PSMS.

PSMS Principal Chris Hinger began the presentation by giving two descriptions of personalized learning.

"Students can demonstrate learning progress and achievement in multiple ways through differentiated assessments, personalized learning options, and alternative learning pathways," Hinger said.

Personalized learning also allows students to make decisions about their learning, Hinger added later.

"I'm going to preface this a little bit, I don't think all of what we do is personalized. I'm not going to tell you that. Our eighth-grade teachers see 150 students that come through their class a day. There is no way that we can be totally personalized," Hinger clarified.

However, PSMS can embed opportunities for students to make

choices to choose ways to learn things, Hinger explained.

PSMS Gifted Ed Coordinator Carrie Steadman then discussed advanced learning plans (ALP) for gifted students.

Advanced learning plans

Once a student is identified as gifted, they are assigned strength areas in things such as reading, writing and math, Steadman explained.

These project-based ALPs are student-centered, personalized to each gifted student and empower students to advocate for their needs, Steadman explained further.

The process starts with students determining an interest area based on empathy and then selecting a mentor teacher to support them, Steadman added.

PSMS Social Studies Teacher Missy Shaw also added that she has seen more ownership and support from students.

"I have two groups of students designing their own projects. They're extremely motivated and driven," Shaw said.

An example of an ALP in action was a student at PSMS who created a vermicomposting ALP project.

Vermicomposting is the process of composting using various species of worms.

The student, whose strength area was identified as reading, and whose favorite class was science, identified their passion as environmental issues and vermicomposting.

Ultimately, that student designed worm bins, created informational flyers and led a student club.

Shaw then took over the presentation to discuss her experiences with personalized learning.

Pros and cons

In her experience, Shaw explained that a lot of time is used planning lessons.

Classroom management is different under this method, due to students having a lot of freedom, Shaw added.

"All the students are doing different things and so it really creates a completely different environment, in a lot of good ways, but in a lot of challenging ways, also," Shaw further explained.

Another challenge involved some students struggling to advocate for themselves, Shaw added.

"This gave them choices, but then they had a really hard time asking for help when they got stuck," Shaw said.

Some of the positives within this process involved student engage-

ment, creativity and students being held accountable for mastering direct instruction, Shaw noted.

This process also created a lot more accountability on the student's part, Shaw added later.

Shaw later noted that it was very important that her students were interested and engaged in what they were learning about.

Art classroom

PSMS Art Teacher Julie Ogier closed out the presentation with a brief discussion on personalized learning in art.

Ogier described that, in her classroom, she wants to shift her student's motivations from extrinsic to intrinsic.

By following three principles — artists follow studio habits of mind, the child is the artist and the art classroom is the child's studio — Ogier is able to incorporate personalized learning ideas into the art classroom.

"When you allow the child to be the artist, they have an opportunity to really express themselves in an authentic way," Ogier said.

Utilizing these principles allows for the students to create authentic art, but also addresses the needs of the whole child, Ogier added later.

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Planning commission recommends adopting 2018 comprehensive plan

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on Tuesday, the Pagosa Springs Planning Commission voted to recommend adopting the town's 2018 comprehensive plan to town council.

"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."

Chris Hawkins of Alpine Planning LLC presented a summary of the updated plan to the planning commission.

He explained that there were 13 themes incorporated into the plan, each with its own vision statement.

These themes are:

- Natural environment.
- Alternative energy.
- Community identity.
- Heritage and historic preservation.
- Arts.
- Housing.
- Transportation and mobility.
- Land use.
- Supporting economic vibrancy
- Childhood development and lifelong learning.
- Infrastructure.
- Government.
- Intergovernmental cooperation and coordination.

In addition to a vision statement, each theme has several goals associated with it, Hawkins said.

Town Planning Director James Dickhoff ex-

plained to the council and the audience that the plan would likely be good for the next 10 years, at which point it may be revised.

Planning Commission Chairman Peter Adams said he had no problems with the content of the plan, but asked that a table of contents be included in the plan, and that the maps in the back of the plan be made larger.

Board member Michael Frederick moved to approve recommending adoption of the plan to town council, with member Peter Hurley seconding the motion.

The motion then passed unanimously. A press release from the town explains that a copy of the plan can be found on the town's website and also at the Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library and the Ross Aragon Community Center.

The council will consider adopting the 2018 comprehensive plan during its April 19 meeting.

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Town awards contract for Pavement Assessment and Maintenance Plan

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs Town Council voted to awarded a contract for its Pavement Assessment and Maintenance Plan during its regular meeting on March 22.

The study will produce a long-term rehab and maintenance plan for the town's roads.

Pagosa Springs Special Projects

Los Pinos Fire Protection District election canceled

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The May election for the Los Pinos Fire Protection District has been canceled due to the fact that there were no more candidates for director than number of offices to be filled.

Therefore, James Brown and Mark Williams have been elected as directors.

Both will serve four-year terms ending in May of 2022.

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Manager Scott Lewandowski presented the item to the council.

"The Town last conducted a road condition study in 2009 as part of an SGM Capital Improvement Plan Inventory and Assessment plan. The SGM study utilized a PASER rating system developed by the University of Wisconsin that rates the roads conditions on a scale one to ten where one is the worst and ten is the best," reads agenda documentation used at the meeting. "The PASER rating system utilizes a visual assessment of the fifteen (15) miles of paved roads, which can be subjective. At the time, the average rating of Town Streets was a '7'."

The documentation used at the meeting goes on to outline capital improvements the town has already made.

Lewis Street, South 8th Street, Piedra Road and Majestic Road have all been rebuilt, whereas South 10th Street and Trinity Lane both received asphalt overlays.

"The proposed 2018 Pavement Assessment and Maintenance Plan will utilize core testing methodology which will provide more data than a visual assessment. It will give the organization a better understanding of what's below the surface throughout the road network,"

reads the agenda documentation. "The intent of the study is to understand prior maintenance work, take inventory of sidewalk, curb, and gutter and evaluate the current conditions of all Town roads and analyze the current conditions through core geotechnical testing and additional material testing. The additional testing will analyze depths, moisture content, gradation, density, and asphalt concrete content."

The documentation goes on to explain that town staff has worked with the contractor to use 50 cores throughout 15 miles of paved road.

"Staff went out to bid with inaccurate information for the road mileage; the Town has 15 miles of paved road and not 8 originally indicated within the bid," reads agenda documentation. "Staff revisited the mileage with SGM staff and confirmed it was fifteen (15) miles of paved road. The increased mileage does increase costs for the overall project in the areas of data collection, data analysis, and street maintenance and rehab plan."

The documentation goes on to explain that \$25,000 was budgeted for the study, but that the lowest bid came in from Bohannon Huston at \$96,144.

Documentation explains that

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Sports

BASEBALL

Pirates look to continue winning ways against Bayfield Tuesday

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team continued its hot start last weekend, defeating the 4A Mitchell Marauders 12-1 on Saturday, March 24.

Not only was the game a return to winning for the Pirates, who are now 5-1, it was a step up from last year, when the team fell 3-1 to the Marauders on their home field in Colorado Springs.

"So, we beat Mitchell," coach Jim Fait said. "That's a good thing."

Fait said the Pirates went into the game cognizant of last year's game against Mitchell, but also with confidence that they could get the job done.

"I think we were confident, but not over-confident," he said, adding that he believes the Pirates had already faced tougher competition this season in Sargent.

Mitchell took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but Pagosa's pitcher, Shane Miller, would allow little in the way of offense the remainder of the game.

Pagosa, on the other hand, tallied three runs in the top of the first, six in the second and three in the third to end the game after four and a half innings with an 11-run lead.

Mitchell put four pitchers on the mound throughout the contest, with Fait noting he knew there were problems with their pitcher from the start.

"I knew after 33 pitches he was done," Fait said of the Marauders' first pitcher, who gave up the three first-inning runs to the Pirates.

The Pirates' runs came on a



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Keaton Laverty looks to avoid the tag while sliding into third on his triple Saturday. The Pirates beat the Mitchell Marauders 12-1 in the game. Laverty had two RBIs in the game.

mix of hits, passed balls and wild pitches throughout the game.

"My guys were head up" the coach said. "They were getting their secondaries and leads."

Several Pirates aided offensively in the game, with the team combining for 12 runs on three hits with five RBIs.

Fait highlighted the performances at the plate of PJ Bailey, Hunter Bailey and Keaton Laverty.

Six Pirates scored runs in the game, including three scored by

PJ Bailey. Hunter Bailey, DJ Day, Eric Huddleston and Laverty each scored two runs, and Tanner Evans scored one.

In terms of hits, Pagosa was led by a 4-for-4 performance by PJ Bailey that included a double, followed by a 2-for-3 day from Huddleston and a hit each by Laverty (a triple), Hunter Bailey and Evans.

Pagosa also drew six walks in the game, including two each by Hunter Bailey, Evans and Day.

Only two Pirates racked up RBIs in the game, with Hunter Bailey bringing three runs around and Laverty bringing two around.

Hunter Bailey also notched a sacrifice fly in the game, as did Jesse Laverty.

Now, PJ Bailey holds a .632 average on the season, followed by Keaton Laverty with a .529 average and Hunter Bailey with a .500 average. Too, four other Pirates who have played in at least four games are hitting above .300.

Miller pitched a complete game for Pagosa — his first complete game of the season.

"He did really well," Fait said. "He was locating that ball really, really good."

Miller allowed one run on three hits while striking out 10.

"He didn't walk anybody, which was great," Fait said, noting that Miller was putting his fastball down at the batters' knees and that it seems like his velocity was up.

"We played well," the coach summed up.

The game scheduled for the pre-

vious day, March 23, against Sierra High School was postponed and is set to be played at 11 a.m. on April 14 on the Pirates' home field.

Following this week's spring break, the Pirates will be back in action at home Tuesday afternoon in the form of a home doubleheader against the Bayfield Wolverines.

Bayfield held a 3-2 record after a Tuesday loss, but was slated to play Wednesday and today at the Greenway Festival in Phoenix, Ariz. The results of those games were not available by press time Wednesday.

Last year, the Pirates dropped both games to the Wolverines, with the Wolverines going on to host and lost at the regional/district level of the postseason.

But, like the game against Mitchell, Fait believes the team has the opportunity to win — especially with a good crowd cheering the team on.

"I think if we can get hitting and can get a crowd behind us," Fait said, the Pirates can record wins.

Fait said the team will be going into the doubleheader with fresh pitching arms thanks to this week's spring break, leaving him confident in the team's pitching and catching.

"Keeping our pitching going, playing error-free ball and hitting the ball — those three things and I think we'll be OK," he said.

Action for the doubleheader is set to begin at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, with the second game following at around 5 p.m.

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Fourth-graders set to have a ball over spring break

By Todd Starr
Special to The SUN

Every fourth-grade student at the Pagosa Springs Elementary School received a free soccer ball last Friday.

The gifts were made possible through the generosity of the United States Soccer Foundation and an anonymous local donor.

The foundation's website declares, "We are committed to helping young people in underserved communities across the country. Our programs help children embrace an active and healthy lifestyle while nurturing their personal growth through trained coach-mentors. We partner with local communities to create cost-effective, long-term initiatives that meet each community's youth-de-

velopment needs and provide safe environments where kids thrive."

The balls were delivered to the school by representatives of Pagosa Youth Soccer Association, whose mission is, "... to foster the physical, mental and emotional growth and development of Pagosa Springs area youth through the sport of soccer."

The foundation declares it is "... committed to helping young people embrace an active and healthy lifestyle, using soccer to cultivate critical life skills that pave the path to a better future."

The soccer balls were delivered by members of the Pagosa Rangers team, giving those student athletes an opportunity to learn the value of contribution to community. The event truly brought to life the mission of both organizations.

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Pirates to return from spring break with games against Panthers and Spartans

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Currently sitting in second place in Region 5 of the 3A classification, the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team will split time at home and on the road for its next two games.

Starting at home at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Pagosa (1-3 overall, 0-1 in league play) will face off against a league opponent, the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers (2-2 overall, 0-2 in league play).

The Panthers' two wins came against the Ignacio Bobcats on March 8 and March 13.

Cortez defeated Ignacio 8-0 in both matchups.

The Panthers fell to Crested

Butte 2-0 on March 16 and 6-0 to Telluride on March 20.

Cortez currently sits in third place in the 3A Region 5 standings. Since 2009, Pagosa is 2-6 overall in eight games against Cortez.

In those eight games, the Pirates have been outscored in total 25-10.

Just two days later, the Pirates will hit the road to take on the Salida Spartans (3-1 overall, 0-0 in league play) at 4 p.m. on Thursday. Salida's lone loss on the season came in its home-opener against Canon City by a score of 5-2.

The Spartans, as of March 27, are currently on a three-game win streak, defeating James Irwin, Evangelical Christian and Del Norte.

In that three-game stretch, Sal-

da has outscored its opponents 9-0.

Since 2009, the Pirates have played the Spartans five times.

Pagosa owns a 2-3 record against Salida in those games and has been outscored 17-7 collectively.

In an interview on March 21, coach Scott Galabota noted that the team has been growing in confidence since the season started.

"I think that's going to come with a little bit more experience. And I think we've been gaining that in pieces and I'm hoping that it's all going to start coming together more," he said.

Galabota hopes that with the gained confidence, the team can worry less about what it is doing and play at a higher level.

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TRACK

Pirates to return to action at John Tate Invitational April 6 and 7

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track team did not participate in any meets over the last week due to spring break and will continue the break from action over the next week, with the Pirates' next meet scheduled to be the John Tate Invitational in Alamosa on April 6 and 7.

In an email to SUN staff, coach Connie O'Donnell wrote that she has seen the team progress throughout the season so far.

"I have seen progress, mostly

because we could get on the track and actually do field events and hurdles," wrote O'Donnell. "We changed the way we practice field events and have a specific time frame assigned to an event so that athletes can get a lot of attention while they are practicing."

She went on to write that she's a huge fan of the team's morale and attitude.

"I still love the attitude of the team," wrote O'Donnell. "We have a bunch of raw talent and so many with a good work ethic."

She added that this season, the

Pirates would be unable to run sprint relays due to a lack of athletes on the team.

O'Donnell wrote that certain athletes, such as Keena Murphy, have the ability to possibly break the records they've set in the past.

"Athletes always come back from spring break a little out of shape, but hopefully this group of kids will come back ready with a good attitude," wrote O'Donnell.

The scheduled times for when the John Tate Invitational will begin have yet to be announced.

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73 racers turnout for spring break Fun Race

By Julie Martinez
Special to The SUN

Wolf Creek Ski Area hosted the fourth Fun Race this past Saturday, March 24. We had a great spring break turnout of 73 racers from as far away as Nova Scotia, with some tight races. Most categories were dominated by local residents.

Chris Foti, of Pagosa Springs, made the fastest time overall of 23.86 seconds.

In the Boys 6-8, Noah Bellina placed second with a time of 30.91 and Ward Halterman placed third with a time of 38.72.

Nigel Rutter placed first in the Boys 9-11 with a time of 26.79, and Nash Rutter placed second with a time of 29.53.

In the Boys 12-14, Noah Rutter placed first with a time of 25.17, Timothy Hittle placed second with a time of 25.56, and Sawyer Blakemore placed third with a time of 27.18.

Jeb Thompson placed first in the Boys 15-17 with a time of 25.95, Tad Hittle placed second with a time of 26.34, and Mason Blakemore placed third with a time of 26.99.

Michael Schmidt placed first in the Boys 18-20 with a time of 36.64.

In the Men 26-30, Foti placed first with a time of 23.86.

Jared Halterman placed second in the Men 36-40 with a time of 23.06.

In the Men 41-50, Charles Rutter placed first with a time of 24.51, Eric Hittle placed second with a time of 26.75 and An Filipiak placed third with a time of 28.00.

Buzz Lesberke placed first in the Men 51-60 with a time of 24.42, Rick Caroselli placed second with a time of 25.01, and Bodi Redd placed third with a time of 26.49.

In the Men 60-70, Phil Klumm placed first with a time of 27.19, Jeff Carr placed second with a time of 29.17, and Chris Horley placed third with a time of 30.15.

Klaus Neubert placed first in the Men 71-plus with a time of 28.86 and Herman Ator placed second with a time of 32.50.

Naomi Rutter placed first in the Girls 3-5 with a time of 78.84. Isabelle Ratliffe placed first in the Girls 6-8 with a time of 33.60.

In the Girls 9-11, Adelyn Hittle placed second with a time of 32.75.

Kimtla Penn placed first in the Girls 12-14 with a time of 25.44 and Haku Caroselli placed second with a time of 31.89.

Kailey Carr placed first in the Women 21-25 with a time of 30.99.

In the Women 41-50, Ruhe Rutter placed first with a time of 31.15.

Cathy Lemon placed first in the Women 51-60 with a time of 27.71, and Leslie Dawson placed third with a time of 30.55.

TOWN RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Gymnastics, soccer, tee-ball, open gym and painting offered

By Darren Lewis
SUN Columnist

The Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for gymnastics ages 3 and up.

There are two separate sessions being offered. You may sign up for one or both. The first session is April 2-25 and the second is April 30-May 23. Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the middle school.

The cost is \$35 for the session one day a week and \$70 for two days a week.

Adult soccer

The Recreation Department is accepting registrations for adult soccer teams through April 18.

The team registration fee is \$150 and an early-bird registration through April 9 is \$100.

Adult soccer games will be held during the month of May every Tuesday and Thursday evening.

You may register your team for play at the Ross Aragon Community Center. Please feel free to contact the recreation office with any questions, 264-4151, ext. 232.

Tee-ball

The recreation department is accepting tee-ball registrations through April 23. The cost is \$35

and includes a hat and jersey.

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

Community Center open Saturday

The Community Center will be open Saturday, March 31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for open gym.

Please call the Community Center with any questions, 264-4152, ext. 521.

Open paint sessions

This will be a free open session for artists to bring their own supplies and work on their current projects. Sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. through April 19.

Ideas and techniques can be shared and discussed in an atmosphere of social time. Sessions will be facilitated by local watercolor artist Jeanie Lemmo. No sign up is necessary, just bring your supplies and come have fun.

Lemmo can be reached at 731-1590.

To register for programs online, visit the Parks and Recreation Department page at www.townofpagosaspings.com.

For more information, call the recreation office at 264-4151, ext. 232.



Photo courtesy Retro Metro Kids-Safe Routes To School

The Retro Metro Kids-Safe Routes To School Bike Swap will be held on April 21 at Pagosa Springs Elementary School. Bring your used gear and shop for some great deals.

Bring your used gear to the Retro Metro Kids-Safe Routes To School bike swap

By April Rossetti
Special to The SUN

Do you have a bicycle hanging around collecting dust that you don't want anymore? Are you looking to purchase a bicycle or gear at an affordable price so that you can get outside and do some pedaling?

If your answer was "yes" to either of those questions, come out to the Retro Metro Kids (RMK)-Safe Routes To School Bike Swap on April 21 at Pagosa Springs Elementary School.

What?

Bike and gear swap (sale) open to the public. All gear that is bike related is welcome. No electric or motorized bikes, please.

When?

Gear check-in: April 20 from 1:30 to 6 p.m.

Bike swap (sale): April 21 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Unsold gear pick-up: April 21, from 2:30 to 6 p.m.

Where?

Pagosa Springs Elementary School, 141 S. 10th St.

Who?

RMK is Archuleta School District's Safe Routes To School Program that is designed to provide opportunities for children to learn how to walk and bike safely. This first-ever RMK-SRTS bike swap is an opportunity for community members to purchase and/or sell affordable used bikes and/or gear to promote healthy lifestyles in Pagosa Springs.

How?

Bring your new and used gear to Pagosa Springs Elementary School on April 20 from 1:30 to 6 p.m. Fill out a form and equipment tags, choose a price for your equipment, then place it on the floor for the

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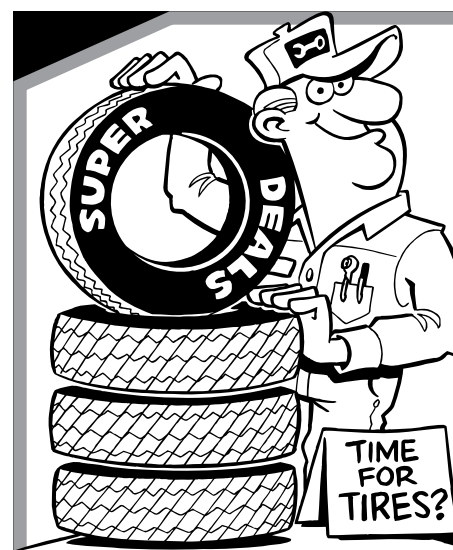
Visit the swap on April 21 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to shop yourself.

Pick up any of your unsold gear from the swap on April 21 from 2:30 to 6 p.m.

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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 Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, 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

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Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Individual and/or Interval Ownership for Eagle's Loft Condominiums, recorded on July 29, 1983, in Book 200, page 834, Reception No. 117700, 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: Eagle's Loft 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. Vigli, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054
Association Assessments Due to: Eagle's Loft 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.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE INTEREST

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will, at 10 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association thereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

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

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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed January 12, 2018. Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

Exhibit A
Detail Listing of Judgment Calculations

As of November 13, 2017

SCOTT R GEORGE AND MYRIAH H GEORGE

Building Number: 6

Lot (Unit) Number: 6

Lot (Unit) Week(s) Number: 12

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

Matter Amount

Unpaid Assessments: \$1,760.40

Costs: \$270.00

See Public Notices A15



Continued from A15

Unpaid Assessments: \$2,054.97
Costs: \$172.69
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,227.66
VALERIE COPLIN
Building Number: 2
Lot (Unit) Number: 7507
Unit Week Number: 19
in that property which is described as a parcel of land being a portion of Parcel B, Third Replat of South Village Lake, recorded as Reception No. 130304, in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Archuleta County, Colorado, that property on which is located two (2) two-story buildings containing four units per building, which are designated, respectively, as Building 1, Units 7501, 7502, 7503 and 7504; and Building 2, Units 7505, 7506, 7507, and 7508 as per Plat File No. 331 A-E, Reception No. 0168713, and which are subject to that certain Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership dated December 30, 1988, recorded January 6, 1989 at Reception No. 0160495, Book 239, Page 2 and Second Amendment to Declaration of Condominium and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums recorded January 16, 1990, at Reception No. 0168714, Book 280, Page 213, with the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado, at such time as the final as-built plat has been recorded.

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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
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Building Number: 5

Lot (Unit) Number: 7520
Unit Week Number: 18
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Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,054.97
Costs: \$140.19
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,195.16
MICHAEL RYAN
Building Number: 3

Lot (Unit) Number: 7511
Unit Week Number: 47
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DOUBLE T RANCH, LLC
Building Number: 6

Lot (Unit) Number: 7525
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Total: \$3,238.23
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Building Number: 4

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Costs: \$427.69
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GLEN A SINGLETARY
Building Number: 005D
Lot (Unit) Number: 7522
Unit Week Number: 42
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Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Teal Landings Property
Owner's Association, Inc.,
Plaintiff

v.
Sue E. Stubbs, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2017CV30065
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 Landings Condominium, recorded on August 10, 2000, Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landings Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651 and any further supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado. The property is described as Village Pointe Phase III as recorded in Plat Filed No. 238A-F under Reception No. 179324 in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder for Archuleta County, Colorado and is subject to that Second Supplemental Declaration and Third Amendment to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Village Pointe Condominiums Phase III recorded November 21, 1990, Reception No. 176323, Book 315, Page 350. Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Unit Weeks in the described Units in Village Point Townhouses in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

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Wesley E White,
Nita J White,
Val R Jolley, P.C,
Charles A Warner,
Denise Warner,
Janet Herbert,
Merlin Herbert,
Marilyn Herbert,
Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landings 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 Landings 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 Landings Property Owners Association, Inc.
Debtor(s) & Amount Due: See attached Exhibit "A"
Type of Sale: Judicial Foreclosure Sale of Timeshare Interest being conducted pursuant to the power of sale granted by the Declaration, the Colorado Property Code, and the Colorado Common Ownership Act
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION.
The covenants of said Declaration have been violated as follows: failure to make payments for assessments when the indebtedness was due and owing and the legal holder of the indebtedness has accelerated the same and declared the same immediately fully due and payable.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF TIMESHARE

WHEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, will, at 10 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, in the Office of the Archuleta County Sheriff, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property described above, and all interest of said Grantor and the heirs and assigns of said Grantor therein, subject to the provisions of the Declaration permitting the Association hereunder to have the bid credited to the Debt up to the amount of the unpaid Debt secured by the Declaration at the time of sale, for the purpose of paying the judgment amount entered herein, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication: [March 8, 2018]
Last Publication: [April 5, 2018]
Name of Publication: [Pagosa Springs Sun]

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Samuel S. Vigil, Reg. No. 40454, 437 6th Street, Las Animas, CO 81054.

INTENT TO CURE OR REDEEM, as provided by the aforementioned laws, must be directed to or conducted at the Sheriff's Department for Archuleta County, Civil Division, 449 San Juan Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, 81147.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
This Sheriff's Notice of Sale is signed January 12, 2018. Tonya Hamilton, Undersheriff, Archuleta County, Colorado
By: /s/ Tonya Hamilton

Exhibit A
Detail Listing of Judgment Calculations
As of November 13, 2017

JANET HERBERT AND MERLIN HERBERT
Building Number: 11
Lot (Unit) Number: 1111-1116, 1121, 1124-1126
UDI Points: 504,000
of the Teal Landings Condominium Phase One- as built Building 11, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20102922, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landings Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20007580, First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landings Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landings Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Undivided Ownership Interest Unit Weeks in the hereafter described Units Teal Landings Condominium in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$6,458.39
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 Landings Condominium Phase Two- as built Building 12, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception No. 20105850, subject to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landings Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landings Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20102923, Third Amendment to Declaration of Condominium for Teal Landings Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20009604, Second Amendment to Declaration of Teal Landings Condominium recorded as Reception Number 20105651 and any further supplemental Plats or Declarations thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

Together with a vested remainder over in fee simple absolute, as tenant in common with the other owners of all Undivided Ownership Interest Unit Weeks in the hereafter described Units Teal Landings Condominium in that percentage interest determined and established by said Declaration for the above described real estate.

Matter Amount
Unpaid Assessments: \$2,420.59
Costs: \$183.75
Attorneys Fees: \$1,000.00
Total: \$3,604.34

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Court Address: 449 San Juan Street, P.O. Box 148
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Tel. 970.264.2400
Elk Run Property
Owner's Association, Inc.,
Plaintiff

v.
Timeshare Alternative LLC, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2017CV30088
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 Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Elk Run Townhouses recorded June 26, 1986, under Reception No. 140481, 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):
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CHAD ADAMS
HELEN L HARRISS
GERALD D TURNER
NEDRA S TURNER
LARRY DEAN LARGER
JACKIEDEAN SMITH TRUSTEE
WILMA M SMITH, TRUSTEE
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Evidence of Debt: Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval

Housing partners group asks again for fiscal sponsorship from CDC

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

Representatives of the group formerly known as Pagosa Area Housing Solutions, now known as the Pagosa Housing Partners (PHP), attended the March 14 meeting of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) to again discuss the idea of the CDC providing fiscal sponsorship to PHP.

In a February CDC meeting, it was explained that the PHP's mission is to expand opportunities and choices for housing within our

community.

PHP representative Lynne Vickerstaff explained to the board that PHP will be officially formed once the CDC agrees to be its fiscal sponsor.

"I know a little about housing groups and the accounting side and the reporting side, and I guess I'd like to hear from you guys what your expectation of a fiscal agent is because that's pretty extensive and a big responsibility to be the fiscal agent for a housing organization," CDC board member Sherry Waner said.

"From our perspective, it's more of a consulting partnership, busi-

ness plan-type concept. It's not monitoring that's something that the housing authority does," Vickerstaff said.

PHP representative Jo Suomala added that project building would not be apart of CDC's fiscal sponsorship.

"It's developing details to a plan and helping devise information to move the housing situation forward," Vickerstaff added.

The fiscal sponsorship would be for the scope of that particular project, Vickerstaff noted.

"And then what is the expectation for what we're going to do?"

Waner asked.

"So, a lot of what we're hoping to do is grant funding and things like that. Gathering funding to put towards projects. Not that we'll actually be forming the projects, but to help people with their projects," Suomala explained.

The tracking of the grants, as well as the other accounting work, would be done by the CDC, Vickerstaff mentioned.

"My feeling is, from our last discussion, they said it was like a 7 percent fee for us to go through you guys. And that, on 70,000, is about \$4,900 so, that really affected our budget of what we submitted," Vickerstaff said.

It's a lot of work to be a fiscal agent, Waner noted.

CDC President Jason Cox explained that the CDC would like to help PHP, but a clearly defined scope of services is still needed from PHP.

"That way, you get what you need and what you're paying for. And we don't overstretch our resources," Cox said.

The scope of what PHP is looking for is mainly administrative expenses, Vickerstaff responded.

"Whether we have a consultant that we pay from the outside, that's one idea, have a consultant, and then some people in the community that actually work on the ground to learn from the consultant," Vickerstaff said.

Waner then questioned why the PHP has not completed a 501(c)(3) yet.

"To file for a 501(c)(3), until we even know if we're going to have an RFP or not is kind of a waste of funds," Vickerstaff said.

"If you guys will handle the bookkeeping, and we're basically there to review, because, ultimately, we're liable as a fiscal agent to ensure that everything is kosher and meets legality and the statutory requirements and everything else," Cox said. "Then I think as long as we have a number that makes sense, we have a clearly defined scope, we can move forward. Now, at this point I don't know that we're ready to say exactly what that scope is."

Cox noted that he would be comfortable, if the board was comfortable, to move forward assuming that more information would be provided.

"Our goal is not to depend on

you guys. It's to be independent as soon as possible," Suomala said.

PHP does not want to be a burden on the CDC, Suomala added later.

"Here's what I propose, for timeliness, I think that the board still needs to formally engage in this," Cox said. "I don't want to call a special meeting. We do have a provision in our bylaws and our policies to allow for electronic approval of decisions."

Cox further explained that, moving forward, the CDC would like a proposal that it can review and more clarification on the scope of work from the PHP.

"Circulate it among our board and approve the scope of services with an amount in there. Would that be acceptable to your organization?" Cox asked.

Some sort of approval could be crafted if the PHP approaches the CDC before its May meeting, Cox added.

"Review a scope of work and a cost structure to that and then circulate it among the board electronically for comment and approval or disapproval," Cox said.

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PFPD responds to two structure fires

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to a pair of structure fires over the course of the week.

According to Capt. Will Clark with the PFPD, one fire occurred around 6:20 p.m. last Friday off of Hills Circle.

"We actually did a really good job of catching that and keeping it from getting terribly bad," Clark said. "The house definitely wasn't livable that night, due to the fact that they had no electricity or propane, because we shut both of those down."

Clark added that the occupant was lucky he wasn't injured in the fire, and was standing out front of the residence when PFPD units arrived.

He explained that the PFPD launched an offensive attack, sending a crew with a water line into the residence.

He said it is believed that the fire began in the laundry room, though the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Clark stated that the fire extended into the attic, and the PFPD had to pull some of the structure's ceiling in order to extinguish those parts of the fire.

He stated that parts of the structure sustained moderate smoke damage.

The PFPD was dispatched at 6:18 p.m., with the first unit arriving at 6:29 p.m.

The fire was under control at 7:21 p.m., with the PFPD clearing the scene at 8:18 p.m.

Construction fire

The PFPD also responded to a structure fire at a construction site on Monday afternoon.

According to PFPD Capt. David Montoya, the fire was off of Grenadier Place and began as a result of a person trying to give wood a burnt

finish with a blow torch.

Montoya said that the building was under construction, due to a fire that the PFPD had responded to earlier in the year.

The attempt to give wood a burnt appearance resulted in the wood getting too hot and catching fire.

"By the time we'd gotten on scene the construction workers had knocked down the flame themselves," Montoya said. "We did have to cut open some siding to finish getting the smolder out."

He said that the structure sustained "very little" smoke damage.

The PFPD was dispatched at 1:17 p.m., arriving to the scene less than 10 minutes later.

They dispatched two engines and three support vehicles, with 12 total personnel responding to the fire.

The PFPD cleared the scene at 2:26 p.m.

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San Juan Water Conservancy District discusses budget audit, consultant RFPs

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The 2017 budget, along with an analysis of two requests for proposals (RFP), were discussed at a special meeting held by the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) on Monday.

Budget

SJWCD board president John Porco began the meeting by discussing the issues with the 2017 budget.

At the end of 2017, SJWCD was, as Porco described, "very substantially over budget."

Ultimately, SJWCD will have to revise the budget, Porco explained.

The district was over its budget \$40,913, according to Porco.

"We have to somehow come up with why we were \$40,000 over budget," Porco said.

Porco then read through the budget in order to point out line items that led to SJWCD being over budget.

"We should also make clear that it's not that we ran out of money," Porco said.

"We have a quote, savings account," SJWCD board member Al Pfister added.

One of the larger items that contributed to the district being over budget was water rights defense.

Specifically, the water rights defense line item totaled at \$28,580.

In the budget, SJWCD had \$10,000 originally allocated for water rights defense, Porco noted.

"There were, essentially, legal expenses that were higher than we anticipated," Porco said.

The San Juan River Headwaters Project general fund came in at \$35,276 over budget.

"These were all accounts that were kind of set up by Rod [Proffitt] with the auditors previously," Denise Rue-Pastin, who provides administrative support to the district, explained.

"A lot of it was Holsinger [Kent, SJWCD's legal counsel], some of

it was payments to Rod [Proffitt] before we canceled the contract," Porco explained.

Another line item discussed contained legal and Colorado Open Records Act requests, Porco noted.

Those expenses went over about \$8,000, Porco stated later.

Because the district will not have time to adjust its budget, the board moved to approve a resolution for an audit exemption for fiscal year 2017.

The motion to approve the resolution for exemption from audit passed unanimously per a vote from the board.

Consultant RFP discussion

The next item on the agenda for the district was a discussion on two separate consultant RFPs, one drafted by Pfister, the other by Porco.

Porco began by noting that within Pfister's RFP, the amount of hours for the consultant was "kind of low."

Pfister's RFP states that, "The SJWCD anticipates this contract to average approximately 25 hours per month, subject to annual funding availability."

The number was reduced to 25 hours due to consideration of available budget funds, Pfister explained.

Porco also suggested that, within the finalized RFP, a paragraph should be added how the consultant is compensated.

Also, it should be included that the consultant is not an employee of the district, Porco added.

"So, basically I would like to add somewhere in that paragraph or elsewhere, not an employee, no benefits, compensation on an hourly basis and the contractor/consultant will not be required to work exclusively with the district," Porco explained.

SJWCD board member Doug Secrist and Porco both agreed that within the finalized RFP it should state that the applicant should have

"basic computer skills including knowledge of social media."

A sentence that states the applicant has a "significant working knowledge of water and wastewater facilities and operations" was a point of contention for Porco.

One idea presented was removing the word "significant" from the sentence.

"I would strongly recommend we strike wastewater. We have nothing whatever to do with wastewater," Porco said.

Secrist advocated for leaving wastewater within the final RFP because wastewater is tied closely to Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District and SJWCD would like to have a candidate to relate to that other district.

One of the final topics discussed relating to both RFPs dealt with language in Pfister's document.

One of the additional questions within Pfister's RFP stated: "Has your entity been convicted of any other Federal, State or local violations?"

"One thing that I am really opposed to is your thing about the felony criminal," Porco said. "We addressed this before we were going to hire a general manager. We addressed it repeatedly."

"You can't say that somebody's not qualified because they may have had a felony conviction in the past unless it is somehow directly related to the work at hand," Porco said.

"Unless they robbed a bank or convicted of embezzlement, yeah, that would be relevant," Porco added later.

Pfister noted that he did not feel that it was discriminatory; the district would merely be asking if the applicant had a criminal record.

Knowing that information upfront would eliminate a lot of extra work for SJWCD, Pfister noted.

Porco noted that, with the revisions made to the RFP, a finalized version would be approved at the next SJWCD meeting on April 9.

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To honor the memory of Floyd & Virginia Bramwell

Marvel Bramwell, daughter of the late Floyd and Virginia Bramwell, Natives of Pagosa Springs Colorado, retired March 17th after 50 years of nursing service. Her siblings and their families include the late Connie Bramwell-Kirkham, Douglas Bramwell of Bloomfield, NM and Gary Bramwell of Pagosa Springs.

Marvel began her nurse's training in Durango, graduating and getting licensed in 1968. She has continued her education with earning a Bachelors in Nursing, graduating Cum Laude; Bachelors in Art; and Masters in Social Work. She is licensed as a Therapist and is Certified as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor. She has enjoyed being adventurous and worked in many places including on the Navajo Nation and at the Top of the World in Barrow, Alaska, helping design and coordinate six high tech health clinics in the Alaskan Arctic.



Jake from Indiana and Hattie (Fisk) Bramwell from Kansas with first 4 of 10 children at timber camp, lower Blanco.

Officer for Archuleta County after they moved to Colorado. The original of this certificate is with Gary and Faye Bramwell.

The Bramwells came to the New World around the 1800s and one group founded the city of Bramwell, West Virginia in 1888.

Marvel's paternal grandfather, Jake Bramwell came from Indiana as a young boy on his own, working as a teamster moving granite in from the surrounding mountains to build the current Colorado State Capital building. He rode into Pagosa Springs and began working in the timber companies and married Hattie Fisk from Kansas, homesteading south of Pagosa Springs.

Floyd and Virginia were lifetime ranchers, Colorado Outfitters and Guides and in the early days, Floyd was Pagosa Springs Marshall, foreman for the Red Ryder Ranch, worked for Colorado State roads and the Town of Pagosa. Virginia was a substitute teacher in the Pagosa Springs school system and worked in the Colorado Welfare Department.

In his youth, Floyd won the local All Around Cowboy trophy twice against stiff competition. He gave the trophy to his grandson Forest Bramwell. Virginia, after completing high school in the old school building still standing, attended college in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was the local leader in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and sang in all the community choir programs. Floyd and Virginia meet in grade school, married in 1940 and remained sweethearts to the end of their lives.

Marvel celebrated her 70th birthday last August with some 25 local friends. She enjoys maintaining close ties with family and friends from her Colorado roots. She plans to stay in Oregon and just enjoy the Northwest.



Family history

Marvel's maternal grandparents, Cadmus M. Smith and Jennie Norlin-Smith and daughter, Esther Smith — later Amyx, moved from Kansas to homestead in the Blanco Basin. The Amyx family came from Beaumont County Kentucky. The David and Melissa (Amyx) Pronovcher homestead is still standing and now with the Forest Service on the Lower Blanco.

Jennie's family came from Sweden and are from the Royal family in the 1700s. The remains of the Visingsborg Castle still stands in Sweden. When this Norlin family moved to America, they began contributing ... Her uncle, Dr. George Norlin was President if the University of Colorado — Boulder for some 25 years. Jennie was elected as the first Humane



Jennie, CM Smith and only child Esther from Kansas starting up on homestead in Blanco Basin. Esther is my maternal grandmother. Cabin burned down after it was sold.

Below is part of a letter from a Veteran who sent it to his Congressman.

"Dear Mrs. Krumberger:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend and recognize Mrs. Marvel Bramwell, a Registered Nurse employed with the Portland V.A. Hospital. She is currently assigned as an assistant to my primary mental health provider, Dr. Gerald Block.

I am a 67 year old disabled U.S. Marine Corps era Vietnam Veteran, and for the past five years I have been treated by Dr. Block, who counsels and provides me with medications for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and depression.

Nurse Bramwell has been an integral part of my treatment, and just as importantly has assisted me in overcoming issues with regard to my mental health. She has regularly contacted me by telephone in between my appointments with Dr. Block, to ascertain my current state of mind. As she says, "I am calling to check and see how you are doing."

In this regard Nurse Bramwell has been a life saver because of the professional manner in which she addresses my current psychological problems in addition to my numerous health issues. Ms. Bramwell speaks with a kind understanding tone that wholeheartedly and genuinely cares about me and wants to assist me. The calming affect she has on me is no less than amazing, by making me feel more confident about myself in dealing with day to day issues.

It is my wish that this letter of commendation and recognition be placed in Ms. Bramwell's personnel file, and that her exemplary service be acknowledged in a manner deemed appropriate for her contribution not only me but to all veterans.

In my view, Nurse Bramwell is a valuable asset to the Department of Veteran Affairs, and why the staff at the VA Medical Center in Portland "makes the system work so well."

Sincerely,

Snowpack remains constant, forecast for sunny weather and cloudy Easter

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

According to the National Resources Conservation Service, the local median snowpack for the areas containing the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan Basins, has stayed at 55 percent of Wednesday's median snowpack.

This percentage is the same

since the quick increase last month. In late February, the snowpack rose from a mere 34 percent to the current state of 55 percent.

Wednesday's median snowpack for Wolf Creek Pass was 74 percent of average snowpack.

The current seven-day weather forecast from the National Weather Service for Pagosa Springs calls for sunny weather for the rest of the week, turning to partly cloudy

weather on Easter Sunday.

The forecast for Wolf Creek Pass calls for mostly sunny weather for the rest of the week, turning to partly cloudy on Easter Sunday.

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ARTS & LIFE

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars

Unveiling of the celebrity dancers April 19



Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning

March 29, 2018

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars to benefit Seeds of Learning

By Dee McPeck
Special to The PREVIEW

Get out your fancy duds and mark your calendar to attend the new event of the summer, Dancing with the Pagosa Stars. On July 14, local Pagosa Celebrities will slip into their costumes and dance their hearts out, competing to raise critically needed funds for Seeds of Learning.

These generous celebrities are all people that are recognized as leaders in our community. They will partner with professional coaches to present a dazzling night of dancing and fun. You will be able to buy tickets to support your favorite dancer and vote as many times as you want, with each vote costing \$1. The celebrity raising the most money from ticket sales and voting will get bragging rights and take home the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy at the end of the night.

The identities of the chosen celebrities are under wraps for now, but their professional coaches, who will teach them a dance and make them look great,

are being spotlighted on the Dancing With The Pagosa Stars Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Dancingstarspagosa/>. Our professional coaches include Casey Rumberger and Angela Wirth from Pagosa Springs; Sharina Ramsay-Adams, Aisylin Lowe, George Yeager and Connor Elliott from Durango; and Paul Thompson from Bayfield.

Stay up to date on all the event activity at the Dancing With The Pagosa Stars Facebook page.

We are also extremely pleased to welcome two amazing directors and choreographers who are working hard to make this night special. Ali Whitman is a national award-winning director/choreographer who brings over 30 years of expertise. She is a highly sought-after industry professional who has recently moved to Pagosa Springs from the San Diego area. Her productions have won major awards in the San Diego and Inland Empire areas and we are thrilled to have her help recruiting coaches, working with dance pairs and managing all the show details at the event.

■ See Dancing on next page

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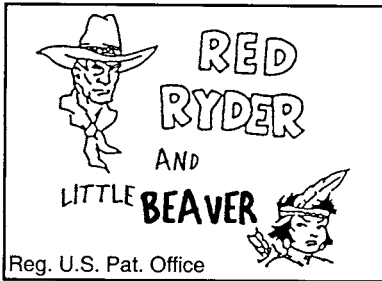
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 La Taqueria San Juans: Live Music, 6 p.m.

Sunday
 La Taqueria San Juans: Live Music, 11 a.m.

Wednesday
 La Taqueria San Juans: Live Music, 6 p.m.
 Riff Raff Brewing Company: Alexa Rose, 6 p.m.



This week will be the last Red Ryder and Little Beaver comic strip printed in The Pagosa Springs SUN. The SUN thanks longtime Pagosa Springs supporter Mrs. Shirley Slesinger Lasswell for the privilege of being the only newspaper in the United States to publish the 'Red Ryder and Little Beaver' comic strip. The ongoing adventures of Red Ryder and Little Beaver which began appearing in the Preview section with the December 26, 1996, edition of the SUN first ran in major daily newspapers across America from December 25, 1938 through December 4, 1963. Drawn by the late Fred Harman, the comic strips are under the registered copyright restrictions of Red Ryder Enterprises, Inc.

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By Fred Harman





Photo courtesy Cynthia Cobden

The winners of the 2018 Pinewood Derby were, from left to right, Cole Taylor, Daniel Reitz and Stanton Tully.

Dancing

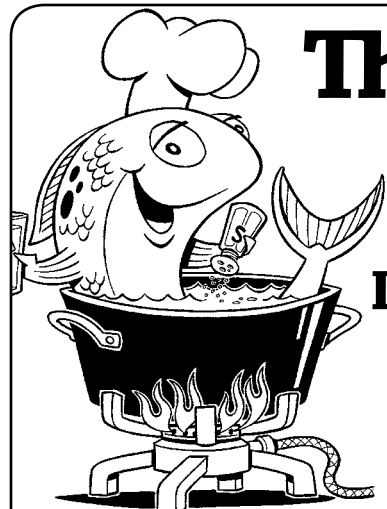
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Leslie Carlson has organized the successful Dancing with the Durango Stars for several years, which will be held again on May 5 this year in Durango.

Carlson has been a professional dance instructor for over 20 years. She was formally trained under the tutelage of world-renowned dance and choreography professionals at Arthur Murray Dance Studios. Carlson is versed in teaching a large variety of diverse social dance styles, from dramatic Latin dance variations to swing, waltz and ballroom, country/western and more. Funds raised from this new

event will help Seeds replace critical federal and local government funding that has been lost. Over 80 percent of the children at Seeds cannot afford to pay full tuition to attend school. The future of at-risk 2 1/2- to 5-year-olds lies in the hands of generous individual donors and local businesses.

Look for the unveiling of the celebrity dancers on April 19 in The Pagosa SUN and on Facebook. More details about this incredible evening will follow. Mark your calendar for July 14 to support your favorite Pagosa celebrity and help educate Pagosa's most vulnerable preschool children all at the same time.



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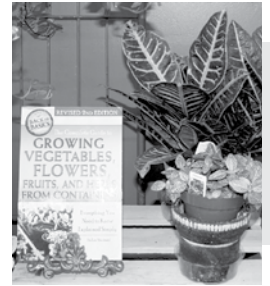


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'I wish I had a goat like that'

By Hank Slikker
Special to The PREVIEW

On June 2, 1974, Candelaria Villanueva boarded a Philippines' inter-island ship, the Aloha, bound for Manila. About 15 kilometers into her trip, the ship caught fire and sank. After floating for 12 hours in her life jacket, a giant sea turtle suddenly came up underneath her and lifted her to the surface to keep her alive. She hung on to the turtle for two days until a Navy search and rescue team on board the RPS Kalantia spotted her and threw her a lifeline. As if to reassure itself of Villanueva's safety, when she grabbed the life ring, the turtle circled several times and disappeared. Besides the giant turtle, Villanueva said a small turtle crawled onto her back and bit her gently whenever she began to doze off (News of the World, 28, July 1974; Knoxville [Tennessee] News-Sentinel 24 June 1974).

On June 21, 2005, the Associated Press ran a story from Ethiopia about three lions that rescued a 12-year-old girl from kidnappers. Seven men abducted the girl in order to force her into marriage. The men held her for a week and beat her repeatedly until the lions showed up and chased them away. The lions protected her for a half day until the police and family found her. Police Sgt. Wondimu Wenaju said, "They stood guard until police and family found her and then they just left her like a gift" (Associated Press in Addis Ababa, 21 Jun 2005).

On March 29, 2012, the New York Daily News reported a story of a momma bear that rescued a wildlife enthusiast from serious or perhaps fatal injuries. As Robert Biggs sat observing a bear playing with her two cubs, a mountain lion suddenly attacked him from behind. As he struggled to escape,

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the momma bear rushed to his aid and attacked the lion. After a brief but savage struggle, the lion ran off, and the bear returned to its cubs as though Biggs wasn't even there.

Had these stories not been reported in respected media, they would probably fit better in Grimm's fairy tales.

To be sure, wild and sometimes savage animals do not normally behave like caring humans, and these reports suggest a relationship between humans and wild animals that are more like my relationship with my cat. But could it be that the turtle, the lion and the bear displayed the out-workings of a long-dormant divine DNA? After all, doesn't Genesis say that God created all air, sea and land creatures? If we believe that, then it's not much of a stretch to say that these animals behaved like the God who made them.


You might be wondering, "what's your point?" I bring up stories because they remind me of Easter. They have precedent in the Old Testament when God used an animal to save his people from certain death. As the book of Leviticus reports, on the most sacred of religious days, God commanded the priest of the people to take an innocent goat and lay upon it all the sins of the people. Then, it says, the priest

had someone lead the goat into the wilderness carrying away the sins of the people, perhaps to lead him out of God's sight. The priest named the innocent animal "the goat of sending away," or the scapegoat, as an innocent being bore the sins of the guilty (see Leviticus 16).

Viewing Easter Sunday from a distance, 600 years before Christ Isaiah the prophet spoke of the coming Savior Jesus as archetypal of the goat; as one who "bore the sins of many," since "the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him" (Isaiah 53:6, 12). Even later, Jesus' cousin, John the Baptizer, would call Him "the lamb of God who takes [carries] away the sins of the world" (John 1:29).

An innocent animal and Easter, the day of crucifixion and a scapegoat — only God can think up a relationship like that. To be honest, I've never thought an animal could be so valuable and so special. Apparently, God did.

Not long ago, I met an old friend at a local restaurant tavern to reminisce old times. After a while, our conversation led to theological things and, specifically, regarding God's involvement with the human race. When "rescue" came to forefront I told him about the sin-bearing goat. It wasn't long after that my friend butted in and said, "Man, I wish I had a goat like that!"

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UUs to reflect on death and resurrection

By Avalon Haykus
Special to The PREVIEW

Spring is about resurrection. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. The Passover story recounts the “resurrection” of the Jewish people as they escape slavery in Egypt and begin a new life, governed by the laws of a transcendent God. The earth, itself, celebrates the resurrection of the natural world after winter’s slumber.

Might these holidays also remind us of the potential within ourselves to be born anew? How many of us have stories to share about a profound life experience which has left us transformed? Is it reasonable to believe there could be enough of a shift in global consciousness to save our world?

Jesus teaches that love is the answer. The commandments given by God to Moses on Mt. Sinai emphasize the importance of law in creating a just society. And, long before Judeo-Christian values spread across the globe, pagan rituals pointed to the importance of honoring Mother Earth, recognizing our dependence on healthy food, clean water and fresh air to

sustain our lives.

What values might we agree upon that can promote the realization of love, law and honoring nature? Unitarian Universalism is a living tradition which draws its values from many sources: the direct experience of transcending mystery and wonder, words and deeds of prophetic women and men, wisdom from the world’s religions, Jewish and Christian teachings, humanist teachings and the teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life.

Come celebrate with us this Sunday to hear our message of hope: a hope that invites us to awaken and recognize we are one. Spring — a time of resurrection and renewal — calls upon each of us to work toward this understanding with renewed vigor and strength.

Avalon Haykus has a master’s degree in psychology from Antioch University. She has lived in Pagosa for 23 years and has been a member of the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for the last 22, serving as lay minister, steering committee president, worship committee chair and youth religious exploration teacher. She

has been married to her husband, Peter, for 35 years. He and their daughter and granddaughters, who also reside in Pagosa Springs, are the light of her life.

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Pontius Pilate: A man not unlike us

By Jon Duncan
Special to The PREVIEW

That Pontius Pilate is a historical figure cannot be denied — even to those who would try to discredit the biblical account, for his name has been found in at least one archaeological discovery.

Marcus Pontius Pilate was the fifth Roman governor of Judea, Samaria and Idumæa; he was a successful general, an outstanding leader and friend of Caesar. He was a middle class Roman soldier who rose to prominence in the Roman Empire by marriage to the 14-year-old granddaughter of Augustus Caesar and he ruled in Judea from AD 26-36.

The writings of Josephus, Philo, Tacitus and others portray Pilate as a ruthless and cruel ruler who cared little for the beliefs or religious convictions of the people he ruled. He routinely murdered Jews without so much as even the appearance of a trial.

Luke 13 refers to an event where Pilate mingled the blood of the Samaritans with their sacrifices, and it was this event — or one like it — that ultimately cost Pilate his job. He was deposed and sent to Rome to answer to the Emperor Tiberius for his actions. But, long before his reign ended, Pilate found himself in an unenviable predicament: he was being blackmailed into authorizing a murder he did not believe was justified and it bothered him much more than murders usually did. Normally, Pilate would not have cared — this peasant carpenter was a Jew and Pilate hated Jews.

But, this time was different; there was something about Jesus that made him stand out from the rest. Maybe it was that there was no fear in his eyes, no anger or bitterness in his words; maybe it was that he seemed to understand the entire trial even better than Pilate did; maybe it was that he seemed to be in total control.

Pilate's wife sent a message to her husband about a dream that she had the night before and begged him not to get involved. She believed Jesus was innocent and was troubled that her husband's involvement would be disastrous.

Even though Pilate tried multiple times to set Jesus free, he was blocked by the Jews at every turn. Once he tried by offering the choice

A Matter of Faith

Pilate attempted to satisfy their bloodthirsty greed by having Jesus scourged, but they were unwilling to back down in their demands for crucifixion.

of freedom to the mob for Jesus or the most notorious murderer of their day, but even then the mob chose to see Jesus die, even if it meant a convicted murderer would go free.

Pilate attempted to satisfy their bloodthirsty greed by having Jesus scourged, but they were unwilling to back down in their demands for crucifixion. It was when the Sanhedrin threatened to report Pilate to Caesar — and they had done that before — that he finally gave in and washed his hands of the whole affair, sending Jesus to his death. We are left with the impression that Pilate had been forced to act against his will, against his better judgment. We do not know whether Pilate was simply antagonizing the Jews he detested or whether he believed in the innocence of Jesus. Regardless of his motives, Pilate's name will forever be connected to the crucifixion of Jesus; in spite of all of his other accomplishments in life, Pilate will suffer the ignominy of being blackmailed by the Jewish leaders into crucifying a man that he found to be innocent.

What happened to Pilate after his encounter with Jesus? There is no information available concerning the thoughts of Pilate in the years following the crucifixion of Jesus, but eventually Pilate would be relieved of his duties and ordered to stand before Caesar.

One tradition of Pilate's final days states that he was banished to France, where he eventually took his own life before Emperor Caligula could have him executed.

But, there is another tradition that is worth mentioning: Tertullian, a Christian writer of the early first century, believed that Pilate's interaction with Jesus eventually led to his salvation. Though impossible to know for certain — and doubted by the majority of biblical scholars — it at least offers an explanation for Pilate's attempts to set Jesus free. Was he just attempting to infuriate the Jews he hated so much, or did he believe his wife and begin to believe that Jesus truly was the Son of God? What an intriguing thought: One of the most ruthless characters in all of the Easter story finding forgiveness and redemption, finding life in the face of death.

Though it might sound extreme, isn't that really the heart of the Gospel — that we, deserving of death for our failures to keep God's law, have found life through the death and resurrection of Jesus on our behalf? Our sins have condemned us just as much as Pilate's sins condemned him; in that regard, we find that Pilate was a man not unlike us.

The much more important question is this: Will your life, like Pilate's, end in belief or unbelief? Will you accept Jesus as God's provision for your sin or will you reject his claims and offer of salvation? In Pilate's own words the question has been asked: "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" This is the question that every man must answer for himself. The answer to this question will determine where we spend eternity. Answer thoughtfully and carefully.

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PCNT announces Easter service

By Janie Garms
Special to The PREVIEW

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Please join us in this exploration of the role we play and the access we have to the wisdom of God. We can all activate the circle of wisdom and feel fulfillment of communication with our soul. We arise in consciousness to live our full potential.

Following service will be a potluck, so bring a fun Easter dish.

Class

On Monday, April 2, at 6 p.m., join in for the "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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Spring Lifelong Learning Lecture Series to begin 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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Hand-drumming class continues April 3

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, April 3, at noon.

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

“What most of us turn to music for is an emotional experience,” writes Daniel J. Levitin in his popular book, “This Is Your Brain on Music: The Science of a Human Obsession.” “So much of the research on musical expertise has looked for accomplishment in the wrong place, in the facility of fingers rather than the expressiveness of emotion.”

In contradistinction to a strict pedagogical approach to learning music, participants in the drumming class beat a direct path to expression of feeling and creative imagination. Unencumbered by pressures of professionalism, the class centers on a philosophy that most people are naturally musical, and that having fun is the fastest way to the benefits

of music.

“Many people tell me they love music listening, but their music lessons ‘didn’t take,’” writes Levitin. “I think they’re being too hard on themselves. The chasm between musical experts and everyday musicians that has grown so wide in our culture makes people feel discouraged, and for some reason this is uniquely so with music ... And although many people say that music lessons didn’t take, cognitive neuroscientists have found otherwise in their laboratories. Even just a small exposure to music lessons as a child creates neural circuits for music processing that are enhanced and more efficient than for those who lack training.”

Levitin’s writes about recent findings in cognitive neuroscience of music. His book reveals how significant music can be in our lives.

The premise of the drumming class is that almost anyone can access and utilize the emotionally expressive and creative possibilities available through music.

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.

April 6 talk to benefit Veterans Memorial Park

By James Van Liere
Special to The PREVIEW

On the evening of April 6, Jim Van Liere will talk about working with Christo and his wife, Jean Claude, on the Running Fence Art Project in northern California. The program will take place at the PLPOA Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave., with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the program starting at 7 p.m.

Van Liere, who was the field engineer for the project, will show a 55-minute documentary film about this most unusual art project. The presentation is a benefit to raise funds for the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County.

In addition to the talk and the

movie, the latest drawings and information will be available showing the overall layout of the park and the first phase of construction, hopefully to start this spring.

Van Liere will also be displaying the drawings used in the fence’s construction, a sample of the fabric, a typical anchor and other paraphernalia. There will be a question-and-answer period after the show, and refreshments will be available. All donations will be greatly appreciated and will be directly applied to the construction of the Veterans Memorial Park project.

For those not familiar with Christo, he is an artist who is mostly known for his “wrapping” art projects, such as the coast of Australia and the

Reichstag in Germany. In February of 2005, Christo did “The Gates” in Central Park in New York City. His one other project in Colorado is the Valley or Rifle Gap Curtain in 1972, with his current Colorado endeavor being the “Over the River” project between Salida and Canyon City.

If you have never heard of Christo and his artwork, then this is an excellent opportunity to learn more about him. If you have heard about Christo, then this is your chance to learn more about how his projects are developed and funded. This is a great way to help the Veterans Memorial Park and enjoy a very informative evening.

Homemakers to present the history of the Fred Harman Museum

By Tozi Rubin
Special to The PREVIEW

Susan Yalom is a docent at the Fred Harman Art Museum and a member of the museum board. She invites all area women to join the Mountain View Homemakers at 11:30 a.m. on April 12 at the Methodist Church on Lewis Street.

We socialize before we enjoy a potluck lunch provided by members. First-time visitors are not expected to bring food.

Yalom’s talk will begin after lunch.

Mountain View Homemakers is a 50-year-old monthly gathering of women who are interested in making their lives, the lives of their families, and our community more

enjoyable and more informed. The meetings include lunch and a speaker or activity. This is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends in the community.

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Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership plans sixth film festival

By Sally High
Special to The PREVIEW

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) announces Pagosa's sixth Environmental Film Festival April 13 and 14.

The Liberty Theatre and Farrago Market Café are the locations of the 2018 Colorado Environmental Film Festival (CEFF) Caravan. All proceeds benefit the GGP's ongoing educational programs.

Ten films are scheduled for the Liberty Theatre on April 14. Two film shorts will be previewed by Pagosa Springs High School students on April 13. On the evening of April 13, GGP supporters will gather at Farrago for a premiere night celebration and receive an advance viewing of two film shorts.

The GGP site in Centennial Park remains busy with seven school classes in the Education Dome each week. Adult volunteers care for the food grown in the dome every day. In addition, GGP is beginning construction of two more greenhouses and landscaping of the east garden.

Funds for the construction of the Community Garden and Innovation domes come from the Colorado Water Plan and the Colorado Garden Foundation. Funding for the land-

scaped garden, east of the Education Dome, is granted by Pagosa's Noon Rotary.

GGP's Film Festival provides an opportunity for the Pagosa community to share first-run films and support GGP's educational programming. GGP's Environmental Film Fest kicks off our new year of educational programming.

GGP's mission is to educate the community in sustainable agricultural practices by producing food year-round using local renewable energy.

2018 is the sixth year the GGP has produced a CEFF Caravan, bringing award-winning environmental documentaries to Pagosa Springs. GGP's films fill one full day and are chosen from Colorado's annual three-day Environmental Film Festival.

Premiere night at Farrago Market Cafe, April 13, is from 6 to 9 p.m. Each \$50 ticket includes exclusive viewing of two films, GGP membership, an all-access wristband for Saturday's films and wrap party, and an hors d'oeuvres buffet. Current members pay \$25.

The GGP Film Festival at Liberty Theatre is April 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday's tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Saturday tickets include a wrap party at Farrago that evening.

Tickets for premiere night, Sat-

urday's films and the wrap party are available at www.pagosagreen.org/filmfestival, the Education Dome on Tuesdays and Saturdays, Exit Realty, Chamber of Commerce, or at the door of Farrago or the Liberty Theatre.

The 2018 films, selected for Pagosa, center around two themes: water and local food production. Here's the schedule of Saturday's films. Showtimes are approximate.

- 10-10:10 a.m.: "Duranium."
- 10:10-10:30 a.m.: "Melting Away," CEFF Best Youth Film.
- 10:30-10:35 a.m.: "Water."
- 10:35-10:55 a.m.: "End of Snow."
- 11-11:30 a.m.: "The Salmon Forest," CEFF Best Short Film.
- 11:40-noon: "Walk on the Mountain" CEFF Spirit of Activism.
- Noon-12:30 p.m.: "Life on the Gila."
- 12:30-12:40 p.m.: "Duranium."
- 12:40-12:50 p.m.: "Growing VEGI."
- 1-2:10 p.m.: "A River's Last Chance," CEFF Best Feature Film.
- 2:10-2:40 p.m.: "The Salmon Forest," CEFF Best Short Film.
- 2:45-3:05 p.m.: "Walk on the Mountain," CEFF Spirit of Activism.
- 3:05-3:25 p.m.: "End of Snow."
- 3:25-3:45 p.m.: "Melting Away," CEFF Best Youth Film.
- 3:45-3:55 p.m.: "Growing VEGI."
- 3:55-5 p.m.: "How We Grow," CEFF Best of Fest.

Class of 1978 40-year reunion planned

By Debbie Fultz
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs High School class of 1978 is planning their 40-year reunion for July 3 and 4 this year.

We are planning a dinner on the evening of July 3 and riding on a float in the parade on July 4. We are also working on T-shirts. Please plan to join us for an evening of reminiscing and fun.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Danny Archuleta, Anthony Branson, Manuel Campuzano, Lynn Culpepper, Amy Espinosa, Dawn Goodyear, Stan Hanson, Mary Ann Jaramillo, Ruth Marquez, Mark Martinez, Paul Martinez,

Teresa Rivas, David Roddy, Kristin Sable, Ricky Trujillo, Jimmy Troxell, Roddy Wood and Ernie Valdez, please contact them and share this information with them.

More information will be forthcoming. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Debbie at deborahfultz@gmail.com, Jamie at (405)659-4248 or jamiemorrell78@yahoo.com, or Marie at 903-2473.

As always, the class of 1978 welcomes all classmates, whether you graduated with us or were a part of our class at one time or another. We also welcome friends from other classes. Our teachers are also invited and encouraged to attend.

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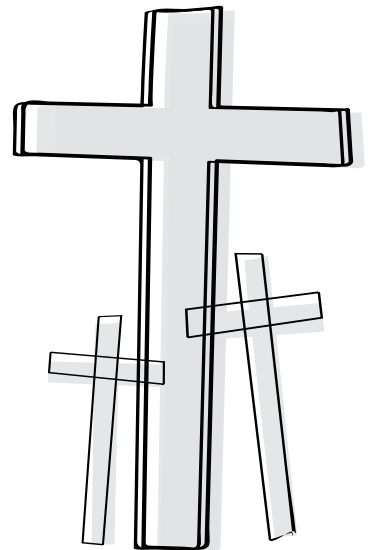
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Earth Week in Pagosa Springs is shaping up, with the week surrounding Earth Day, April 22, set to feature several events throughout the community.

Southwest Organization for Sustainability planning Earth Week celebration

By Pauline Benetti
Special to The PREVIEW

The Earth Week calendar is shaping up as we plan the 2018 Earth Day celebration.

The Southwest Organization for Sustainability (SOS) has been in overdrive encouraging individuals, organizations and businesses to come forth with the event or activity that they would like to sponsor during this week.

In addition, SOS is organizing an Earth Day Fair to take place at the PLPOA Clubhouse on April 21, and a March for Science and community potluck to begin and end at the GGP amphitheater on April 22. Other activities during the week will include: a Lifelong Learning Series talk at the library, environmental films at the Liberty Theatre, neighborhood cleanups, a hike, a garden show, a disc golf tournament, plant giveaways — and this is just the beginning. More events and details will be forthcoming. The final schedule of events will be published on www.sospagosa.org.

The 2017 week was an astounding success, with folks coming out to all activities and we want this

year to be even bigger. It is we the people who must stand up in the face of the monumental task of ensuring that our planet remains a healthy home for all of us now and forever. This is a call, then, to all of Pagosa Springs — whether individual, school, class, organization, business — to take a stance.

How would you like to celebrate Earth Day? What form would that take? Your contact person is Holly Metzler at pagosa100percent@gmail.com or at 946-0037.

April 22 will be the 48th celebration of Earth Day, which began in 1970 with a demonstration by 20 million Americans and has resulted in the passing of legislation. The Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species acts all came out of this effort, legislation which today is in danger of revocation.

In 1990, Earth Day went global with 200 million people in 141 countries participating. Today, more than 1 billion people from 192 countries participate and the need has never been greater. Check www.earthday.org for more details.

Our motivation for this Earth

Day celebration is found in these words by Margaret Mead: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

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Go beyond the tests at 9Health Fair April 28

By Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

Evidence shows that you can lower your life insurance costs by providing information as to your good health.

A local business owner, member of the Chamber of Commerce, volunteer and part of the managing team of Pagosa's 9Health Fair was successful in obtaining life insurance and dropping her insurance premiums by 60 percent. Here's how she did it.

Last year, she had the battery of tests offered at our 9Health Fair. The cost of the blood work (only \$35) was much lower than through her health care provider. The results turned out to be excellent. As a parent with a family, she carries term life insurance at a million dollars of coverage. She decided to look for better prices. She submitted her health fair test results with her annual physical. She is now paying a monthly premium that is 39 percent of what she was formerly paying for the same coverage.

For this hardworking, successful, local community- and family minded entrepreneur, this was a boon to her efforts.

Blood tests and screenings are not just for identification of potential health problems. You can use the

information for many other benefits, including your peace of mind.

Come to Pagosa Springs High School on April 28 any time from 7 to 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 more checked 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. Lifesaving blood tests are a great way to ward off potential problems. Arrive with your friends or meet them there.

Contributions and local business support are needed and greatly appreciated.

Want to volunteer?

If you have a working brain and a good attitude, you'll be perfect. Special skills? You could contribute in a particular capacity. Contact Constance: text/call (813) 373-8004 or email 7LawsofHealth@gmail.com.

Pagosa Springs Historical Museum to open for season May 16

By Frank Zellner
Special to The PREVIEW

The summer season for the Pagosa Springs Historical Museum will begin May 16.

The museum is celebrating this year's opening with a hot dog and hamburger barbecue to be held in the museum parking lot. All are welcome to attend this event from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on May 19.

The museum has long been a popular attraction for both the local residents and visitors from all over the country. The artifacts featured in the museum reflect the rich history of the Pagosa Springs valley. Through the years and continuing today, generous residents have donated their family heirlooms, furniture, documents and precious historical items.

These articles are beautifully

displayed for the visitors' enjoyment. Also available is a collection of beautiful quilts, handcrafted by our local quilt makers.

Loretta Ross, president of the board of directors, encourages all to visit the museum on an annual basis as the venue is always enhanced by new donations.

Ross said, "We are so grateful for the citizens and various business entities for their support of the museum over the years. Without you, this wonderful community treasure would not be possible."

The Pagosa Springs Historical Museum is a nonprofit agency dedicated to preserving the area's history and showcasing thousands of artifacts for the enjoyment of all who visit the museum.

As with any nonprofit agency, local volunteers are essential in maintaining the quality of its

services. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer at the museum, please drop by the museum and obtain the details for this opportunity.

We are fortunate to have long-time historian and curator Ann Oldham on hand at the museum. She is always delighted to enlighten the visitors about the articles on display.

The museum is located at 96 Pagosa St. (1st Street and U.S. 160) and is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. There is no admission price, but donations are always welcome.

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Thingamajig Theatre tickets on sale for exciting 2018 summer season

By Cynda Green
Special to The PREVIEW

Tickets are now available for Thingamajig Theatre Company's 2018 summer repertory season.

Thingamajig is a professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) theater company in residence at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts.

The five-musical summer season includes "Legally Blonde" (opening June 15-16), "West Side Story" (opening June 22-23), "Thoroughly Modern Millie" (opening July 6-7), "Little Shop of Horrors" (opening July 13-14) and "ThingamaWHO's Pinkalicious the Musical" (opening July 7).

Last Saturday, Thingamajig held a wine and cheese event for current season subscribers. Artistic director Tim Moore introduced the 2018 summer cast via short film on a sheet that hung from the set of the final winter show, "Proof." Proof is a powerful, not-to-be-missed drama.

The featured vocal performances — including Tony and Maria ("West Side Story") — were perfection. Moore explained that this summer is a triple-threat summer (dancing, singing and acting) and the cast is accomplished at all three.

Current patrons will be happy to hear that several actors are returning from last year. To name a few: Heather McCall (Elle Woods in "Legally Blonde"), Dan Morrison (Riff in "West Side Story"), Hannah Zilber (Audrey in "Little Shop of Horrors") and Tyler Price (Audrey II in "Little Shop of Horrors").

Local actors Ivy King and Andy Donlan have also been cast in this summer's repertory offering.

Due to last year's demand for summer season opening night



Photo courtesy Cynda Green

Tim Moore, Thingamajig Theatre Company's artistic director, enthusiastically introduces the summer season cast via film.

tickets, Thingamajig will feature an opening weekend — two champagne openings and post-show
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Walk for Moms May 12 in support of Aspire

By Marcy Mitchell
Special to The PREVIEW

Prenatal care and parenting education provider Aspire (formerly THRIVE) invites Pagosa Springs community members to sign up for its new Walk for Moms event on May 12 from 9 a.m. to noon, starting at the Aspire office and going to Yamaguchi Park and back.

Participants can register online at www.aspirepagosa.org/upcoming-events.

Moms = Superheroes. Honor the champion in your life by sponsoring young moms in our community through the event. Walk for Moms will benefit the free prenatal clinic, medical services and education/classes offered by Aspire.

Registration for the event is free. All participants will receive a "goodie bag" filled by event sponsors with a complimentary event T-shirt for those who raise \$100 or more. Additional prizes will be given for teams and individuals who raise higher amounts. Furthermore, we will also have prizes for "best superhero" dressed teams, most pledges raised and best promoter through social media.

Check-in/registration starts at 9 a.m. at Aspire. The awards ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. and then the walkathon starts at 10 a.m. The route follows the sidewalk from Aspire to Yamaguchi Park and back. Various stations and fun pit stops will be set up along the path for supporters to watch and sponsors to distribute water and other items.

"We are so excited to celebrate moms and recognize the importance they make in our lives," said Marcy Mitchell, Aspire executive director. "With the help of Pagosa area businesses and local participants, we anticipate raising money to provide free prenatal care and education programs for young women in Archuleta County."

Following the event, participants are invited to a complimentary lunch and open house at Aspire, 602 S. 8th St., from 11 a.m. until noon.

For more information or to register or donate online, please visit <http://aspirepagosa.org/upcoming-events>.

About Aspire Medical Services and Education

Based in Pagosa Springs, Aspire (formerly known as THRIVE) provides free prenatal care, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STI/STD testing and treatment as well as prenatal and parenting education, childbirth edu-

cation classes and a baby boutique.

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Like fine wine: He's still the one

Sweet Al is still the one. On April Fools Day, I married a salesman and I have asked myself many times, "What was I thinking?" I was as sober as a country preacher when I said, "I do." My Sweet Al was selling the sizzle and I couldn't say, "No." He was all I wanted and still do.

He's the one who holds my affection and holds my hand. Never a day goes by he doesn't tell me he loves me. As we have grown older, we have mellowed. Kind of crazy, like fine wine in two old wine bottles with torn wrappers, and we seem to be getting better with age.

I remember the days of "crushing grapes." We were young, trying to make our marriage work. We have had friends whose marriages didn't work.

An article written by Karen Ahn caught my eye. "Make Crappy Wine Taste Good and Good Wine Taste Better Without Any Special Tools. You can learn how to do it at home. It'll make just about any wine, including Two-Buck Chuck, taste much, much better."

Wow! It sounds like her tips could be applied to just about any marriage that needs a little excitement. It's like a metaphor for making crappy marriages better. The wife marries Two-Buck Chuck and complains about her marriage. She wants a divorce. Instead of giving up hope and throwing in the bar towel, she should first try some of Karen's tips.

Karen writes, "Making wine better doesn't require buying extra gadgets even if the Home Shopping Network tells you to do so. Letting wine breathe makes it taste better. Exposing your wine to a lot of air reduces that harsh note as well."

Looking back on our marriage, Sweet Al and I didn't have money

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



to buy fancy or the latest gadgets. We had to makeshift and use what we had. There were times we swallowed sour grapes, which put our teeth on edge.

I surmised in making marriages better, young lovebirds need fresh air and ideas. As far as old birds, the article states, "If you have a very delicate older wine, you probably don't want it to aerate for too long or its singular aromas might literally turn into thin air."

Oh, no. I'm not ready to let my old lovebird go into thin air. I better keep him under wraps. I still need Sweet Al by my side.

"Do you need to buy a fancy aerator to do the job? Nope. You can aerate wine at home by using a blender."

Holy smokes. If you don't own a fancy aerator, a blender will do. Who would have thunk.

Old lovebirds will probably have a lot of sediment. She tells how to handle it in older wine. "Eliminate any sediment (aka fine grit) that might have settled at the bottom of the bottle. In other words, don't up-end that thing and shake it to get the last few drops out."

That tells me that we need to leave the fine grit at the bottom of the bottle and don't up-end it. Don't shake things up; leave things alone.

She continues, "About half an hour before you plan to drink the wine, get out a pretty decanter or a plain ol' glass pitcher." Is she saying, fancy up your marriage with a Hallmark or a Redbox movie and

snuggle up to Two-Buck Chuck? I think she is.

If the wine is very young and harsh, let the decanter and the semi-full wine bottle sit for a while — 20 to 30 minutes on average or even an hour if the wine is really young and harsh. Exposing the wine to air might flatten out its taste.

Young lovebirds could use this tip. Hostile words need to flatten out. When things are too explosive, take a time-out. Don't regret the words said in anger. They will come back to bite, over and over again.

Karen gave another tip about high-speed blenders. The motor runs so swiftly that it can warm up the wine and ruin the delicate balance of flavors.

Maybe Al and I are doing it right. These days we are slowing down. We're not running the old blender at high speed any more and we're enjoying the delicate balance of flavors. We have either become wiser or just too tired to move any faster.

In the middle of the night, in his sleep, I hear Al giving his canned sales talk. He's still selling the sizzle and making old women flutter. I smile and let him sleep. I can't believe we've made it 58 years. It makes me want to pour a glass of wine and ponder it. My Sweet Al could probably use one, too.

Final brushstroke: There you have it. Tricks and tips on how to make Two-Buck Chuck taste better, and your marriage even better. After this serious, intense study, you won't need marriage counseling, just a blender and a glass of wine that's been aerated.

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Meet your library's new development officer

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

We are pleased to announce that Cindi Galabota has been hired effective April 4 for our new half-time development officer position. She will be responsible for grant writing, fundraising and cultivating relationships.

"This role is one that the board and I have been talking about for several months," said Meg Wempe, library director. "We are excited to be able to open up this opportunity for our library and, in turn, our community — and Cindi's experience and qualifications make her

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an ideal match for the job."

For the past 20 years, Galabota has worked in both the nonprofit and for-profit worlds, but she said, "My passion remains in nonprofit development."

Here in Pagosa Springs, she has been executive director of Habitat for Humanity and the Chamber

of Commerce. Previously, she worked for the REACH alternative education program in Bayfield, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and the Lincoln Park Zoo. Most recently, she was employed by First Southwest Bank in Pagosa. She has a BA from Ohio Wesleyan

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Bird of the Week



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This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the common merganser.

Common mergansers are large, elegant ducks found year-round in the rivers and lakes in Pagosa Country. They are a little more shy than mallards, but fairly tolerant of the presence of humans. You may see a male and female pair along the river downtown, but you have an even better chance of spotting a small flock of them in the lakes around town. A mainstay, but always a delight to see, these striking birds are worth watching out for.

There is a big difference in coloring between male and female common mergansers. Males have stunning white bodies with flashy, emerald green heads and dark backs. The females have a crest on their cinnamon-colored head, a gray body and white throat patch. Both males and females have a bright red beak and feet. In flight, they are distinguished by their long necks and slender beaks.

Common mergansers dive and swim underwater in search of fish and aquatic invertebrates (such as dragonflies, mayflies, beetles and water striders). Local fly fishermen take the presence of common mergansers to mean good fishing because these ducks eat the same prey trout do. For more information on local bird watching events, visit www.weminucheadubon.org and www.facebook.com/weminucheadubon/.

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University.

“I am very excited about stepping back into the nonprofit world,” Galabota said. “I am especially pleased to work for the library because all my life I have gone to libraries and appreciated their great value.”

Please join us in welcoming Galabota to our library family.

Lifelong Learning Lectures start next week

Mark your calendars for the free spring Lifelong Learning Lecture series every Thursday at 5 p.m. from April 5 through May 17.

The first talk is by local author Marika Tatsumoto on how to write middle-grade books. She will guide you through the process of attracting parents, teachers and librarians to your work and writing stories that will capture and entertain kids.

Reading with therapy dogs tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, March 30, from 11 a.m. to noon, youngsters from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to share their favorite books with Bacchus, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories, at a free Paws to Read session. This is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, March 30, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session where you can enjoy video gaming on Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family.

Teen gaming

Free teen gaming happens on Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for teens in the seventh-12th grades. Enjoy Xbox 360 Kinect, Wii and snacks.

Teen role-playing

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

Spanish instruction

Join us for this free basic course next Wednesday, April 4, from 4 to 5 p.m. to improve your ability to speak and understand Spanish. We will go over expressions using the verb tener. No registration is required.

Teen advisory board

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

Tech sessions

Drop in with your technology



Photo courtesy Carole Howard

Cindi Galabota has been hired as the new development officer for the Ruby Sisson Memorial Library, effective April 4. She will be responsible for grant writing, fundraising and cultivating relationships.

questions on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Note there will be no Tech Time on April 5.

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 29, we will go over the basics of Google Photos and how it can be used to store or back up your digital photos. Note there will be no computer class April 5.

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.

Academy Award DVDs

“Call Me By Your Name” was a nominee for best picture. “Ferdinand” was a nominee for best animated feature. “I, Tonya” had three nominations including best actress

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Other DVDs

“The Handmaid’s Tale” is season one. “What Happened, Miss Simone?” is the story of Nina Simone’s life and career as a pianist, singer songwriter, activist, wife and mother.

CDs

“Vigilante Dawn” by Marcus Galloway is a Ralph Compton western. “Flintlock A Time for Vultures” by William W. and J.A. Johnston is a western.

How-to and self help

“Amsterdam” by Audrey Sykes is a Moon travel guide. “Win Bigly” by Scott Adams looks at persuasion tools that can work in any setting. “Retirement Reinvention” by career counselor Robin Ryan offers tips on how to find joy in retirement. “Brain Food” by Dr. Lisa Mosconi, a neuroscientist and nutritionist, details the dietary needs of the brain.

Other nonfiction

“Broad Band” by Claire L Evans is the untold story of the women who made the Internet. “Tomorrow Will Be Different” by Sarah McBride is a memoir of the first transgender person to speak at a political convention.

Mysteries and suspense

“Bone Music” by Christopher Rice features a woman brought up by two serial killers who murdered her parents. “The Kremlin Conspiracy” by Joel C. Rosenberg features a Russian lawyer and a U.S. Secret Service agent. “The Third Victim” by Phillip Margolian begins with the escape of a kidnap victim. “Auntie Poldi and the Sivilian Lions” by Mario Giordano features a 60-year-old sleuth. “Lake Silence” by Anne Bishop is a World of the Others fantasy thriller.

Other novels

“Green Sun” by Kent Anderson features a Vietnam vet turned po-

liceman in Oakland, Calif., in 1983. “Burn Bright” by Patricia Briggs is an Alpha and Omega werewolf story. “High Voltage” by Karen Marie Moning is a fantasy.

Large print

“Raspberry Danish Murder” by Joanne Fluke is a Hannah Swenson mystery. “The Darling Dahlias and the Unlucky Clover” by Susan Wittig Albert is a mystery. “Closer Than You Know” by Brad Parks begins with a plant of cocaine in a young mother’s home.

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Quotable quote

“Follow your passion. Whatever you’re doing, do your best at all times and make it as correct as possible. Work as if someone is watching you. Then you’ll be prepared when an opportunity presents itself. And you’ll have the answers.” — Katherine Johnson, one of the brilliant black female NASA mathematicians depicted in the movie “Hidden Figures,” who was recently honored when NASA recently named a research center after her.

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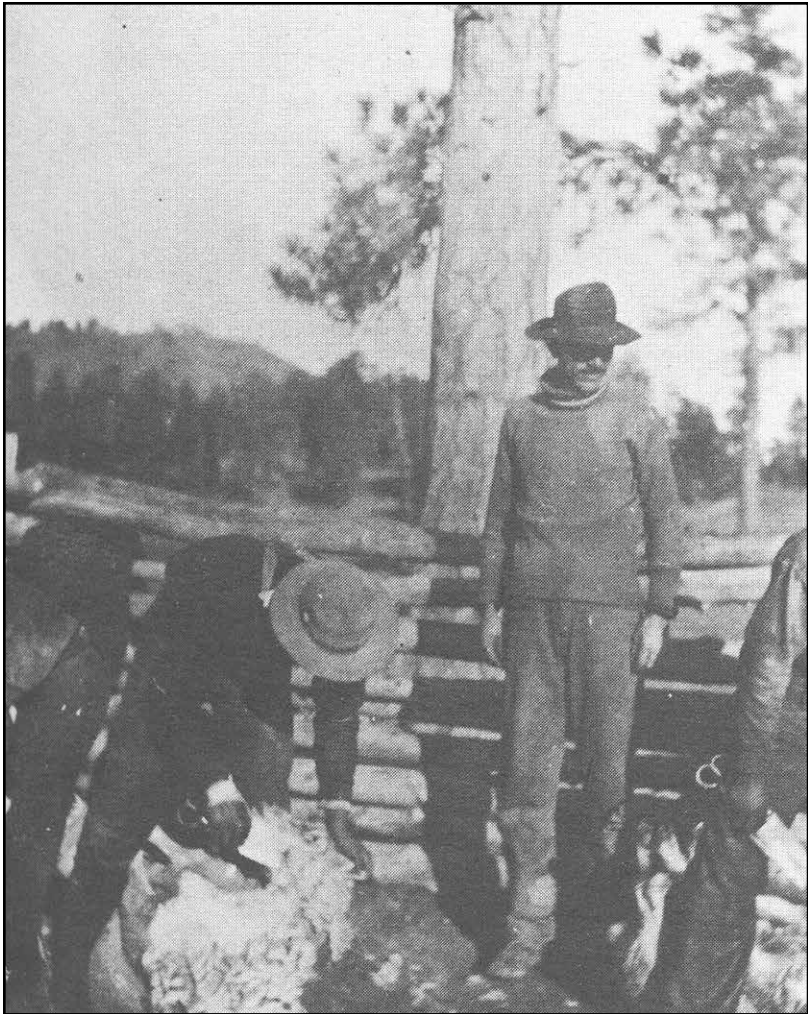
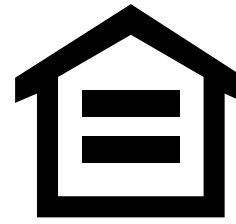


Photo courtesy John M. Motter
Judge J. T. Martinez is shown here overseeing the shearing of his sheep. This Martinez family played a significant role in the history of Archuleta County and is the source of the name of Martinez Creek. They owned a ranch on upper Martinez Creek. Sheep also played a significant role in our early history.

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The people behind the names: the Archuletas

We are exploring the source and meaning of the name of the county we live in, Archuleta County.

The territory of Colorado was created in 1861, replacing the Jefferson Territory, which had been created in 1859, shortly after gold had been discovered in "them thar mountains." Colorado was created mostly from parts of Kansas, Utah, Nebraska and New Mexico.

When originally created, the territory of Colorado had 17 counties. The name of one of those counties, Guadalupe County, was soon changed to Conejos County. Conejos County covered much of southwestern Colorado. Archuleta County was created from Conejos County in 1885. It was named for Antonio D. Archuleta, who was instrumental in motivating the state legislature to create Archuleta County.

Last week, we described the origin of the Archuleta surname back in the 10th century in the part of northern Spain in the Pyrenees Mountains. Today's column will explore the genealogy of the Archuleta family in the San Luis Valley and some of their activities in the early days of Archuleta County.

Manuel and Ruperta (Gomez) Archuleta, of Conejos County, had four sons: José Marcelino Jr. (J.M.), Presiliano (Pres.), Donaciano (Don), Delfido and a daughter, Reuben, who married Gasper Ortiz. In 1877, J.M. received a govern-



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

ment contract to supply meat to the Jicarilla Apaches. He moved to what is now Edith, where he had the first homestead, flour mill and the Sunny Brook Saloon. J.M. had married Genevieve Gomez in 1877 at Conejos. Following her death, he married Eduvigez Salazar at Parkview, now Los Ojos, N.M.

Their son, Lionel M., married Ruben (Miss Ruby) Gomez on Sept. 17, 1928, at St. Francis Church in Lumberton, N.M. Their daughter, Margaret, married David A. Daugaard, of Copenhagen, Denmark, on March 14, 1934.

The Colorado Tavern on Pagosa Street in Pagosa Springs had been opened by Dominick and Angelo Dellabetta in 1937. Four years later, the Archuletas purchased the tavern and renamed it La Cantina. During the early 1900s, J.M. Archuleta established Archuleta Mercantile on main street where the Liberty Theatre is today.

Margaret's Uncle Don, mentioned earlier in this column, is the man who created Archuleta County.

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8	4	6	1	7	5	2	3	9
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ANSWER:

Mark your calendar: Next health and wellness event April 25

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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 April 25.

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

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San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Transfer and discharge rights

By Kay Kaylor

I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes as the part-time long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life. In past columns, I've referred to the revised nursing home regulations that include new

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The Archuleta family located on the Conejos River in Conejos County 1856. Antonio, son of José Manuel Archuleta, was born there on Sept. 2, 1855. From 1865 until 1869, he attended school at the Conejos home. From 1870-1874, he attended school in Denver. Shortly after he turned 21 years old, he was nominated by the Republican Party and elected to the Colorado Legislature in 1876, serving two terms as the representative of Conejos and Costilla counties. In 1883, he was elected to the state Senate and in 1883 introduced the bill to create a new county from the western portion of Conejos County.

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Senior News

transfer and discharge rules.

A discharge or transfer of a resident may be voluntary or involuntary, and a transfer may be to a hospital, often temporarily, or to another facility. The Long Term Care Community Coalition, another national nonprofit advocacy organization, just released an issue alert on transfer and discharge requirements (available on its website, nursinghome411.org). One of the more frequent complaints made to state ombudsmen is the violation of these regulations, even to the point of discharging residents to homeless shelters.

Licensed nursing homes may only involuntarily transfer or discharge residents under limited conditions: for the resident's welfare, if the resident no longer needs the services, if the resident endangers the health or safety of others, if the resident fails to pay or have Medicaid or Medicare pay for services, or if the home closes.

With limited exceptions, the home must give 30 days written notice with its own specific requirements. Residents have the right to appeal, and a transfer or discharge cannot occur while the appeal is pending.

Finally, the home must meet documentation rules and prepare the resident in a manner the resident can understand to ensure an orderly transfer or discharge.

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

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Students at a Curtains Up Pagosa workshop in preparation for auditions. Auditions for “Children of Eden” are set for April 13.

‘Children of Eden’ auditions set for April 13

By Dale Johnson
Special to The PREVIEW

Save the date: April 13, is when Curtains Up Pagosa (CUP) will be holding auditions for its summer production of “Children of Eden.”

“Eden” is a Stephen Schwartz musical, one that he considers his favorite for the universal themes of family, children and choices that bind us all together. The excuse for the story is Genesis — both the first book and the story of Noah’s ark. But audiences immediately experience that the relationships between Father, Adam and Eve have more to do with earthly families, their immediate challenges and their generational legacies.

CUP is now in its 29th year of producing professional level shows for our community. Thousands of community folks and students have performed on our home stage

at the high school and become part of our CUP family.

Our audition process is welcoming and fun. We are seeking performers from 8-98 to fill our large cast needs and are excited to see our veteran actors and meet new ones. “Eden” is a powerful, beautiful musical, and we want to full our stage with our neighbors and friends and families.

Auditions will be held on April 13 from 2 to 8 p.m. in the music room at Pagosa Springs High School on South 8th Street. Come anytime during those hours. Please prepare one verse of a Broadway tune of your choice and bring your sheet music; an accompanist will be provided. A script read and group dance will be part of the audition process. Go to curtainsup-pagosa.org or our Facebook page. Questions? Call Director Dale Johnson at 946-1500. Come experience the magic of the theater with us.

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Thursday, March 29 — Shredded beef gyro, spinach/Mandarin salad, eggplant gratin, milk and salad bar.

Friday, March 30 — Sliced ham with pineapple sauce, broccoli and red peppers, baked sweet potato, milk and salad bar.

Monday, April 2 — Beef chicken-fried steak, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, shredded Brussels sprouts, dinner roll, milk and salad bar.

Tuesday, April 3 — Chicken spaghetti, spinach with mushroom sauté, green peas, milk, salad bar and Key lime pie.

Wednesday, April 4 — Salmon tacos, black bean with mango salsa, milk, baked tomato Provençal, milk, salad bar and pineapple

orange cake.

Thursday, April 5 — Pork baked ziti, roasted cauliflower soup, glazed carrots, focaccia bread, 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.

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Holy Week and 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

- **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.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

- **Maundy Thursday, March 29:** 6:30 p.m.
- **Good Friday, March 30:** Chief Service, noon.
- Tenebrae Service, 7 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 1:** Sunrise Service, 7 a.m.
- Easter Breakfast, 8:15 a.m..
- Easter Day Service, 10 a.m.

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.

Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

- **Easter Sunday, April 1:** "Reflections on Death and Resurrection" with Avalon Haykus, 10:30 a.m.

Restoration Fellowship Church

- **Good Friday, March 30:** Passover Meal, 6:30-8 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday, April 1:** Worship Service, 10 a.m.

St. Patrick's Episcopal 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

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

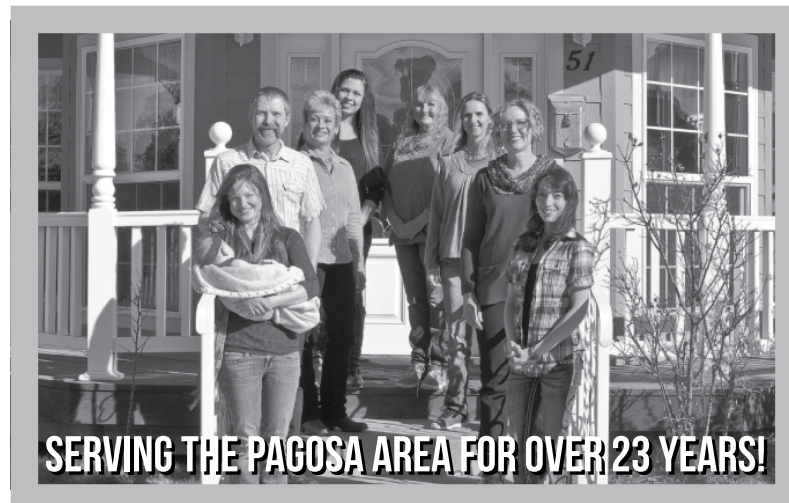


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By David Bruzese
Special to The PREVIEW

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Effectively managing prediabetes can help prevent diabetes. In fact, studies have shown that the risk of developing type 2 diabetes can be significantly reduced through weight loss and exercise, which have been shown to be more effective in managing prediabetes than medication

alone.

Anyone identified as having prediabetes is invited to attend a free class by Sheena Carswell, CNS, BC-ADM, and Marge Morris, RD, CDE. Attendees will learn how to manage prediabetes and help prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes.

The class will be held April 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. in suite 140 of the medical office building at Mercy Regional Medical Center.

To register, please call (970) 764-3415.



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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.

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 Bacchus, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Hunter Education Class: Regular Class. 6-9 p.m., Community Center. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

Saturday, March 31

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

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Give a hand?
- 5 Soccer's Solo
- 9 Vane direction
- 13 Kind of cavity
- 15 Heavenly glow
- 16 Plumlike fruit
- 17 Speak one's mind
- 18 Hoarder's pride
- 20 Some business write-offs
- 22 After this
- 23 Scrabble 10-pointer
- 24 Lecherous look
- 26 Cotton machine
- 27 Like a romantic evening, maybe
- 30 Lights-out tune
- 33 Wrangler's rope
- 36 ___ and clear
- 38 Conk
- 39 December voter
- 41 Kind of park
- 43 Part of NIMBY
- 44 Cooking fat
- 46 Degrees in a right angle
- 47 Letter opener
- 49 Sully
- 51 Fall behind
- 53 Part of some hammers
- 54 Ancient greeting
- 57 Small upright piano
- 60 Adherence to the law
- 63 Rented property
- 65 Naples staple
- 66 Voice below soprano
- 67 Bronson flick, "The ___ That Men Do"
- 68 Knock follower
- 69 Abound
- 70 Make simpler
- 71 Pucker-producing

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- 4 Widespread, as a disease
- 5 Shake a leg
- 6 Beat in the marketplace
- 7 Major-leaguer
- 8 Inventory unit
- 9 Vivaciousness
- 10 Able to be transferred
- 11 "Star Wars" captain
- 12 Summer job seeker, often
- 14 Wranglers alternative
- 19 Frat party item
- 21 Obscure
- 25 Urban unrest
- 28 Mare's meal
- 29 Kind of point
- 31 Whitman, for one
- 32 Light on one's feet
- 33 Advance
- 34 Cream ingredient
- 35 Strike back
- 37 Oration station
- 40 Cut the crop
- 42 Asthma reliever
- 45 Garden structure
- 48 1996 Mel Gibson film
- 50 Tailor's tool
- 52 Ten C-notes
- 55 Western scene
- 56 Perfumer's compound
- 57 Trellis piece
- 58 Soccer legend
- 59 Prayer pronoun
- 61 Donkey Kong, for one
- 62 Selling place
- 64 Female gametes

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Display advertising: Noon, Monday

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

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

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Obituaries: Noon, Tuesday
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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.

Hunter Education Class: Youth Class. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Range Day. Students must attend to receive a hunter education card. For more information, contact Don Volger at 264-2197.

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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lency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Guest Speaker. 11 a.m., Senior Center. Guest speaker from Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

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

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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

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.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

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.

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Wednesday, April 4

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.

Free Screenings. 10-11 a.m., Senior Center. San Juan Basin Public Health screenings on total cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure checks, referrals and translations for Spanish speakers.

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

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

Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

Spanish Instruction. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us in this basic course to improve your ability to speak and understand Spanish. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing role-playing game. 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 grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group. 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

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, April 5

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

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

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.

Teen Advisory Board. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For youth in the 7th-12th grades. Bring your fun and innovative ideas to help us plan teen programs. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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.

Lifelong Learning Lecture. 5 p.m., Sisson Library. Mariko Tatumoto, 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. 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 Outdoor Club meeting. 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Program speakers Fred Ellis, assistant fire management officer for the USFS Pagosa Ranger District, and Aaron Kimple, program director at Mountain Studies Institute and coordinator for San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership, will discuss the Pagosa Ranger District prescribed fire program. Light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Guests welcome. Go to www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org for more information.

Friday, April 6

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.

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.

Talk by Jim Van Liere for Veterans Memorial Park. 6 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Jim Van Liere will talk about working with Christo and his wife, Jean Claude, on the Running Fence Art Project in northern California. There will be a 55-minute documentary film about this most unusual art project. The presentation is a benefit to raise funds for the Veterans Memorial Park of Archuleta County.

Saturday, April 7

Paws to Read. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Sisson Library. For kids in K-5th grades. Come and share your favorite book with Hondo, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Sunday, April 8

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

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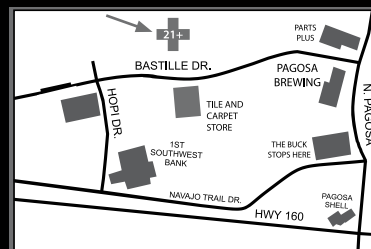
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Monday April 9

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.

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.

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

CPR Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension Office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

Tuesday, April 10

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

Archuleta County Republican Women. 5:30 p.m., Mary Stokes' home, 250 Vista San Juan St. A meet, greet, listen to speakers Cynthia Coffman, Colorado attorney general who is a governor candidate, and Pagosa Springs Police Chief Bill Rockensock, who will be talking about school safety. Appetizer and refreshment beginning at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary. 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

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.

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Wednesday, April 11

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

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

American Legion Post 108. 6 p.m., 287 Hermosa St. Veterans group meeting.

First Aid Certification Training. 6-10 p.m., CSU Extension office. Anyone needing to receive or renew certification can register by calling 264-5931.

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, April 12

Mountain View Homemakers. 11:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. The story of the Fred Harman Art Museum. All area women are invited. Buffet lunch provided by members. For information, call Tozi at 731-3360.

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.

Lifelong Learning Lecture. 5 p.m., Sisson Library. 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 environment values. 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, April 13

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

CRIA Volunteer Training Days. 8:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Presentation about the different positions and special events at Chimney Rock,

then carpool to the monument after lunch, weather permitting, for a tour of the Pueblo Trail to the Great House. Lunch will be provided. Anyone planning to attend must call the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association office at 731-7133 to register by the end of day on Friday, March 30.

Independent Living Skills Classes. 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.

Tai Chi. 11 a.m.-noon, Community

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Curtains Up Pagosa Auditions. 2-8 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School music room. Auditions for the upcoming production of "Children of Eden." A song, script read and group dance will be part of the audition process. Go to curtainsuppagosa.org or the group's Facebook page or call Dale Johnson at 946-1500 for more information.

Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown. 5:30-9 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran School gymnasium, 56 Meadows Drive. The High Rollers will be playing their boot-stompin' tracks for your entertainment. We will also have a brisket dinner with beans, tater salad, rolls and dessert. Dance the night away or bid on the many silent auction items for sale. Call Pennie DeClark at 903-3242 for more information.

Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Environmental Film Festival. 6-9 p.m., Farrago Market Cafe. Each \$50 ticket includes exclusive viewing of two films, GGP membership, an all-access wristband for Saturday's films and wrap party, and anhors d'oeuvres buffet. Current members pay \$25.

Saturday, April 14

CRIA Volunteer Training Days. 8:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. The program will begin at 9 a.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided. In addition to the video premier of "Chimney Rock: Ancient Heritage, Living Connections," the day will include updates for 2018 from the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association office and the Forest Service as well as recognition of volunteers' contributions in 2017. Weather permitting, volunteers may carpool to the monument that afternoon for a tour of both trails, accompanied by our Native American guests.

Fundamentals of Buddhism: A Practice and study with Debra Quayle. 10 a.m., Pagosa Universalist Unitarian Fellowship, Suite B-15, 70 Greenbriar Drive. All are welcome.

GGP Environmental Film Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Liberty Theatre. Saturday's tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Tickets include wrap party at Farrago that evening. Tickets for premiere night, Saturday's films and the wrap party are available at www.pagosagreen.org

org/film festival, the Education Dome on Tuesdays and Saturdays, Exit Realty, the Chamber of Commerce, or at the door of Farrago or the Liberty Theatre.

Sunday, April 15

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, April 16

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.

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center. Submit your calendar items to editor@pagosasun.com; mail them to The Pagosa Springs SUN, P.O. Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147; or deliver them to The SUN office by noon Monday.

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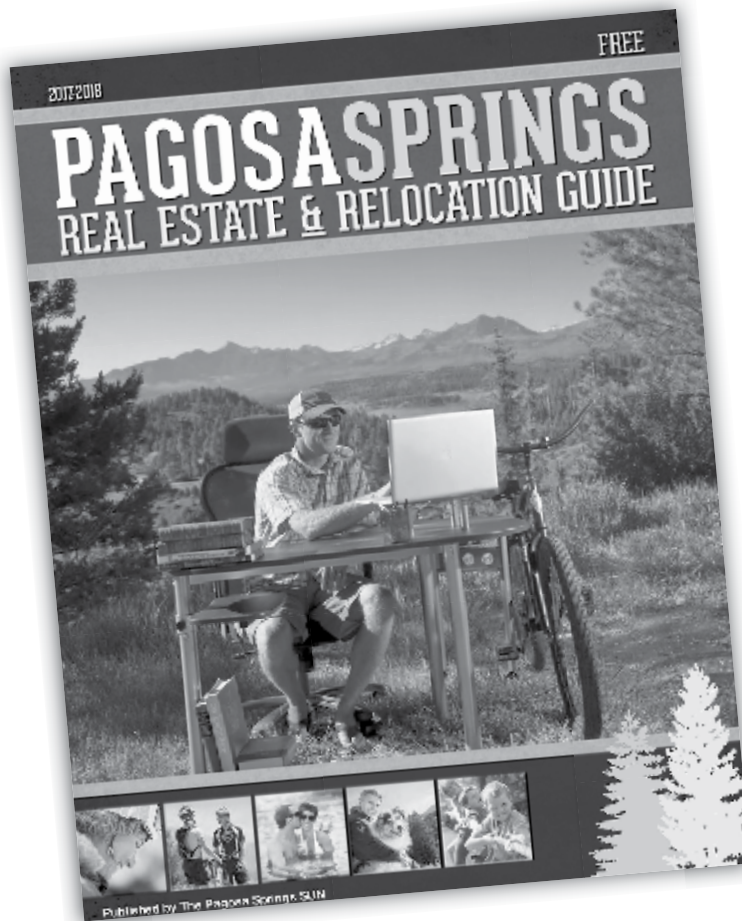
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AL-ANON meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Saturday, 10:30a.m., 234 N. 2nd Street (CR200/ Snowball Road), www.al-anon-co.org.

A.A. PAGOSA SPRINGS GROUP. 234 N. 2nd St./CR 200- Snowball Rd. Sunday 10a.m. (OD); Monday noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (C-BB); Tuesday noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (CM); Wednesday 7:30a.m. (OD), noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (OD); Thursday noon (OD), 5:30p.m. (ON); Friday noon (OD), 7p.m. (OD); Saturday 7:30a.m. (OD), 5:30p.m. (OD). (Last Friday of the month 6p.m. potluck, 7p.m. birthday speaker meeting.) Questions, contact (970)245-9649, aa-westerncolorado.org or aadistrict18.org, or call Ed K. 946-2606 or Val V. 264-2685 or Ellen C. (214)566-5921.

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SEASONAL WEED AND PEST TECHNICIAN. Archuleta County Colorado is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Seasonal Weed and Pest Tech. Visit www.archuletacounty.org for job details. This is a full-time seasonal position. Wage \$14.47/ hour. Submit application and resume to Human Resources, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, fax (970)264-1879 or email to rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

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SMOKEN MOES IS LOOKING for kitchen help and waitstaff. Apply in person at 68 Bastille Dr.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Be a Volunteer Victim Advocate. Looking to make a difference in the community? Rise is currently seeking candidates interested in giving back to the community by volunteering your valuable time to make a difference in someone's life. For more information, contact Rise Above Violence office (970)264-1129.

LABORERS NEEDED. GOOD PAY. Full-time, (970)403-2228.

NOW HIRING KITCHEN ASSISTANT manager. Previous cooking experience, knife skills, quality and quantity control, ordering, works well with others, cares about healthy food choices. Also hiring team associates for deli area. Apply at Old Town Market and Deli, 920 San Juan St.

ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosaschools.com under District/ Job Openings tab. 5th Grade Math Teacher, High School Asst. Track Coach for Jumping, Bus Driver, Sub Teachers, Sub Bus Drivers and Sub Custodial. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

GENTLEMAN WITH DISABILITY NEEDS help cleaning out 400 sq. ft. storage. Fair wage and trade for services. (970)880-0891.

RIVER POINTE COFFEE HOUSE is hiring a Baker. Willing to train. Starting part time with full-time hours by summer. Bring resume to 445 San Juan St.

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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER is looking for friendly, customer service oriented Volunteers. Our volunteers greet and assist patients with way finding and information from our front entrance. Applications may be picked up at the volunteer desk (next to registration). Applications may be submitted to jodi.scarpa@psmedicalcenter.org or returned to the volunteer desk.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITIONS AVAILABLE full time. Flexible schedules and competitive wages. Apply at Pine Ridge Extended Care, 119 Bastille Dr.

HELP WANTED

LA TAQUERIA SAN JUANS seeks motivated food and beverage professional to assist managers in daily operations. Bartending, cocktail and food serving experience a plus. Pick up an application at La Taqueria, 135 County Center Dr., Suite A.

KIP'S GRILL AND CANTINA is now hiring all positions for our busy summer season. Please apply in person.

PART-TIME RECORDS TECHNICIAN. Archuleta County Sheriff's office is accepting applications for the position of part-time Records Technician. Visit www.archuletacounty.org for wage and position description, submit a Sheriff's Office application and resume to rsmith@archuletacounty.org, by fax (970)264-1879. Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

BUILDING OFFICIAL: The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire a Building Official to perform a variety of work in plan review and analysis, inspection and enforcement of building codes. Salary range is \$58,000 to \$65,000 annual DOE plus benefits. Information on position description, application, and deadline can be obtained on the Town website at www.pagosaprimedicalcenter.org.

BOOKKEEPER NEEDED PART TIME, afternoons 1-5p.m., Monday - Friday. Must be above average in QuickBooks, primarily payroll and bookkeeping. Email jjhaccounting@hotmail.com. (970)264-5330.

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DO YOU LIKE TO FIX THINGS? Do you like to travel? Do you like to be your own boss? We have a great opportunity and openings this Spring in the Growing Dome Maintenance Department. This could be a fabulous summer job for the right person. You will need a dependable truck, driver's license and tools, be comfortable with heights, be reliable and professional. Email resumes to employment@growingspaces.com or stop by 1868B Majestic Dr. for an application.

FULL-TIME POSITION: 40-HOUR WEEK BOOKKEEPER with Excel and payroll skills. We will train. Benefits: paid vacation, paid holidays. Salary based on experience. Hiring immediately. Come to office to fill out application, 2283 Eagle Dr., or call Colorado Dream Homes Inc. at (970)731-3071.

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Office Hours: Monday — Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Classified Deadline: Tuesday 10 a.m.

HELP WANTED

HUMANE SOCIETY OF PAGOSA SPRINGS. Thrift Store Help 5 days/ week (may include Saturday and/or Sunday). Includes helping with pickups and deliveries of furniture and other donated items; in-store duties include stocking inventory, customer service, cash register and cleaning; frequent lifting- all successful applicants must be able to lift repetitively without limitation. Must be a team player and willing to be cross-trained. Must have transportation, valid driver's license and Social Security Card. Pre-employment background check is required. Applications available only at the Humane Society Thrift Store (279 Pagosa Street). NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE.

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THE BACKYARD IS LOOKING for a solid bartender/ server and a solid line cook. Also a dishwasher. They may be either solid or liquid. Evening shifts required. Apply in person. 2045 Eagle Drive.

GARDEN CENTER ASSOCIATE. Ponderosa Lumber is seeking a temporary customer services oriented individual for our garden center. Knowledge of gardening is helpful but not necessary. Responsibilities include: Inbound phone calls, customer services and stocking. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR. Archuleta County Colorado is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Public Works Director. Visit www.archuletacounty.org for job details. This is a full-time, exempt position with excellent benefits. Minimum starting salary \$73,798 DOQ and experience. Submit application and resume to Human Resources, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 801147, fax (970)264-1879 or email to rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (PART TIME). Archuleta County is accepting applications for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. For job information, description and print application, visit www.archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

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\$500 NEW HIRE BONUS- SUPERVISORS starting at \$13/ hour. The Springs Resort & Spa is looking for motivated individuals to be available to work holidays and weekends. Please send your resume to HR@pagosahotspings.com or you can stop by and pick up an application in the administration office. Benefits- medical insurance. Perks -free soaking, discounts in the spa and hotel. We are offering a \$500 new hire bonus!

HIRING HONEST AND DEPENDABLE Housekeepers. Pay rate is \$10 per hour to start. Apply in person at the San Juan Motel and Cabins, 191 E. Pagosa Street. No phone calls, please.

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PARALEGAL/EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT to the Board of County Commissioners. Archuleta County Colorado is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Paralegal/ Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners. Visit www.archuletacounty.org for job details. This is a full-time, non-exempt position with excellent benefits. Minimum starting salary \$49,067 DOQ and experience. Submit application and resume to Human Resources, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, fax (970)264-1879 or email to rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM: Looking for a summer job in Pagosa Springs? The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking to hire full- and part-time staff for its 2018 Summer Youth Program that will run for 11 weeks beginning in June. Staff will work collaboratively to implement the program and create a positive learning experience for youth in Pagosa through the exploration of Pagosa's outdoors, arts and crafts, and other recreational activities. For more information on the positions open and to apply, please go to www.pagosasprings.co.gov or pick up an application at the Town Hall located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and pass the qualifying screening. The Town is an equal opportunity employer.

LOCAL RANCH LOOKING for a wrangler/ laborer for the summer of 2018 May- October. Job description includes fence work, pasture irrigation, cattle knowledge, lawn maintenance, some heavy equipment experience a bonus. Horse experience beneficial. Email pagosadave@gmail.com or call (970)946-3584 for information.

IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR CDL truck drivers with minimum of 1 year experience-experienced in forestry equipment helpful. Must pass drug test. Local driving only. Home at night. Send resume to: PO Box 4490, Pagosa Springs, CO 81157 or email pagosaland@pagosa.net.

PAGOSA IS GROWING AND SO ARE WE! Pagosa Glass is hiring a full-time glazier. As a glazier, you will cut, fit, install and remove glass. We are seeking a highly motivated individual that is familiar with construction methods, materials and tools, possess leadership qualities, and is looking to grow with our business. Must possess valid driver's license. Pagosa Glass will consider resumes for junior level installers and will train the right person to grow within the company in terms of skill, pay and responsibility. Applications can be picked up at 2115 Eagle Drive, Monday-Thursday, 7:30a.m.-5p.m.

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EXCAVATION COMPANY LOOKING TO HIRE Qualified Operators of Heavy Equipment- loader, dozer, excavator, etc. Experience required. Must have a valid driver's license, CDL preferred, but not required. Please contact (970)759-2074 or email coloradorock08@gmail.com.

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COLORADO ROCK & DIRT EXCAVATION is seeking experience Class A CDL Drivers. Experience driving end dumps, side dumps, belly dumps. Please contact Tracy at 970-759-2074 or email resume to coloradorock08@gmail.com.

PONDEROSA LUMBER IS HIRING a full-time yard associate. Wage is based on experience. Duties include loading/ unloading trucks, helping customers and providing inventory support. Lumber yard experience is a plus. Please apply in person at 2435 Eagle Drive in Pagosa Springs.

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PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER has openings for **Nutritional Services Workers** to prepare and cook food for hospital patients, staff and visitors. Must have a flexible schedule and be willing to work nights and weekends. We are looking to fill 2 full-time positions. Applications and resumes must be submitted to mitzi.bowman@psmedicalcenter.org or faxed to (970)731-0907. Pagosa Springs Medical Center is an EEO employer.

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Scene ... at Pagosa Springs High School’s production of “The Hunchback of Notre Dame.” The musical explores the theme of redemption, the question of “What makes a monster and what makes a man?” and was performed by the high-schoolers last week.

