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Benally charges dropped, Nystrom retrial yet to be scheduled

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer



Benally

Charges against Charlotte Benally, who was originally charged with being an accessory to first-degree murder in the death of Richard "Dick" Isaacs in the spring of 2017, have been dropped.

A retrial date for Chad Nystrom, the man accused of killing Isaacs, has yet to be scheduled.



Nystrom

"There is a setting hearing on

■ See Charges A8

PLPOA looking at acquiring golf course

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA) is looking into the possible acquisition of the Pagosa Springs Golf Club, according to a statement sent to the association's property owners on March 23 and posted on the PLPOA website.

However, no such acquisition can take place without a vote of the association's ownership.

At its meeting on March 8, the PLPOA Board of Directors approved sending out a statement to property owners, which notes the board intends to carry out its "due diligence" into the acquisition.

"A very unique opportunity has come up for the very first time in the PLPOA's existence, to potentially acquire the property for the benefit of its members and the

community as a whole," the statement explains.

Allen Roth, PLPOA's general manager, explained in an interview with The SUN that the opportunity came about when the golf club's owner approached the PLPOA board of directors about the possibility.

Roth noted that the offer was "also kind of a gesture in that the golf course was at one time part of the Pagosa Lakes community" and a question about if PLPOA would like it to be again.

As the statement released explains, "Originally developed in 1972 the association was to include the golf course and other recreational amenities. Throughout the years the property, on which currently sits the Pagosa Springs Golf Club, has changed hands several

■ See Golf A8



Photo courtesy Lili Pearson

A great blue heron perches atop a nest. Great blue herons are waders, typically seen along coastlines, in marshes or near the shores of ponds or streams. They are expert fishers. Herons snare their aquatic prey by walking slowly, or standing still for long periods of time and waiting for fish to come within range of their long necks and blade-like bills.

National Guard training in area: Helicopter activity today

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Archuleta County emergency personnel will be conducting several exercises and procedures with the National Guard today.

A lot of helicopter activity can be expected in the area throughout the day.

According to Archuleta County Deputy Director of Emergency

Management Christina Kraetsch, 10 different exercises with helicopters will take place.

Three of those 10 exercises will be based around search and rescue activities, with Kraetsch explaining two Lakota helicopters and one Black Hawk helicopter will be utilized.

One of the helicopters will use

■ See Helicopter A8

BoCC tables grants, votes down acquisition of facilities for sheriff's office

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) tabled two grants and voted down the acquisition of administration facilities for the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) at its regular meeting on April 3.

Tensions between ACSO personnel and the BoCC rose at the end of the meeting when two grants for the ACSO were tabled for a second time.

The grants in question are court

security grants, reimbursement grants awarded to Archuleta County for Sheriff's Office expenses in its obligation to provide court security, explained County Administrator Bentley Henderson at the BoCC's March 20 meeting.

The grants had been tabled until April 3 due to a concern of Archuleta County Attorney Todd Starr that the grants would be used against the BoCC in the case against Sixth Judicial Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson and State Court Ad-

■ See Sheriff A8



Photo courtesy Michelle Lynn Clark

Former Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) Chief Warren Gram and PFPD Captain/Fleet Manager Will Clark stand at attention as Deputy Chief Karn Macht carries the remains of PFPD firefighter and board member Ed Ainsworth for Monday's memorial service. Ainsworth's wife, Deb Ainsworth, was escorted into the ceremony by PFPD Chief Randy Larson. Prior to the service, local firefighters accompanied Ainsworth's wife from Durango with a procession of fire apparatus. Archuleta County Sheriff's Office led the procession beginning at the county line, with Pagosa Springs Police Department joining.

■ See Election A8

Town election results: measures pass, Volger retains mayor seat

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The unofficial results for the Town of Pagosa Springs election have been posted on the town's website.

The election was a mail-ballot election and was held on Tuesday. Both questions on the ballot passed.

The first question was whether or not to remove town council districts, with 163 people voting for the measure and 56 people voting against it.

The second question, which pertained to adding term limits to town council seats, passed, with

■ See Election A8

Local candidates named for June primary

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

The primary ballots are shaping up, with Archuleta County Clerk and Recorder June Madrid recently releasing a list of local candidates who will appear on the ballot for each party.

The ballot will not be finalized, however, until the state finalizes the list of candidates for state- and federal-level positions.

The primary election is scheduled for June 26 and will take place via mail ballot.

Local candidates

The majority of the local can-

didates slated to appear on the June 26 ballots will appear on the Republican ballot.

For Archuleta County commissioner, District 3, Alvin Schaaf will appear on the ballot.

For county clerk and recorder, Kristy Archuleta will appear on the ballot.

County treasurer is the only contested race in the primary, with Elsa White and Samantha Armistead both appearing on the ballot.

For county assessor, Natalie Woodruff is on the ballot.

Richard Valdez is on the ballot

■ See Candidates A8



SUN photo/Chris Mannara

Parishioners make their way up Put Hill on Good Friday, bearing the cross from Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in downtown to Pope John Paul II Catholic Church on South Pagosa Boulevard. Stations of the Cross and a service followed their arrival.

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Celebrating 70 years of San Juan Basin Public Health

The theme for Public Health Week 2018 (April 2-8), Changing Our Future Together, is an interesting one, given that San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is celebrating its 70th anniversary by looking back over the agency's history in the region.

An anniversary party at 4 p.m. on April 12 at the Ross Aragon Community Center will highlight notable public health events in the region over the past seven decades. What amazed us as we researched SJBPH's history were the parallels in services that the agency provided over the decades with those provided today.

A feature of the 70th anniversary party will be a "Then and Now" presentation examining those parallels and highlighting how the agency has adapted to the public health needs of the day.

Some examples of SJBPH's Then and Now timeline:

1947: Over 1,000 vaccines given to local schoolchildren for diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and smallpox. Polio and influenza are common and feared diseases at this time.

Now: Many of the diseases experienced by schoolchildren in earlier decades have largely been eliminated through effective vaccination programs. SJBPH provided over 1,900 vaccines to children and adults in 2017.

1948: 92 restaurant inspections, 30 dairy barns and eight milk-processing plants inspected.

Now: While SJBPH no longer inspects dairy barns or milk-processing plants, over 260 retail food inspections were conducted by the agency in 2017. SJBPH also provides food-handling and safety classes.

1956: San Juan Basin Health Unit (SJBHU, the organization's original name), provides the only local polio vaccines to schoolchildren.

Now: By 1957, the incidence of polio in the United States had fallen by 85-90 percent, with current day eradication almost achieved.

1973: Truck crashes on Wolf Creek Pass, dumping 5,000 pounds of detergent chemicals into the San Juan River. SJBHU alerts the public and begins testing water for safety and ultimately determines that the contamination is thoroughly diluted by spring runoff with no long-term effects on the environment.

Now: SJBPH responded to the Gold King Mine spill in the Animas River in August of 2015, evaluating public health risk for river users.

1975: Public alerts issued by SJBHU about rabies prevention after a Pagosa Springs girl is bitten by a skunk.

Now: SJBPH closely monitors for rabies in the region and coordinates with partners including veterinarians, health care providers, municipalities and others to share information about rabies prevention.

2002: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announces that the Rocky Mountain Region has the highest suicide rate in the country.

Now: With a regional suicide rate still above the state and national average, SJBPH's positive youth development and suicide prevention efforts are important as ever. The Thriving Youth Programs focus on empowering youth to make healthier choices and increase resilience in their lives. The Suicide Prevention Program is working to decrease the rates of suicide mortality and attempts for all individuals in Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan counties.

The examination of parallels between past and current day services provided by SJBPH reveals an agency that has been both responsive to the public health needs of local residents as well as forward-thinking in its focus on prevention.

The agency's current-day mission is to protect human and environmental health and inspire well-being in the communities we serve. SJBPH's look back in history reinforces the relevance of this year's Public Health Week theme, Changing the Future Together.

Claire Ninde

WHADDYA THINK?

What do you plan on doing with your tax refund?



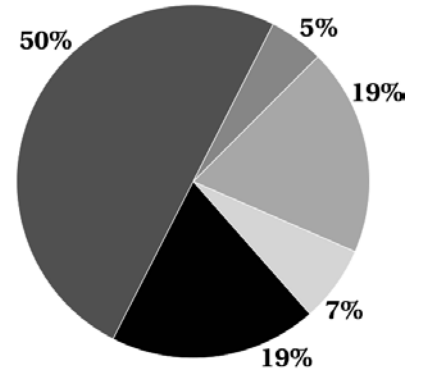
Chris Chavez
"No refund. I don't get a refund. I'm a farmer."



Alyssa Gallegos
"For my wedding."



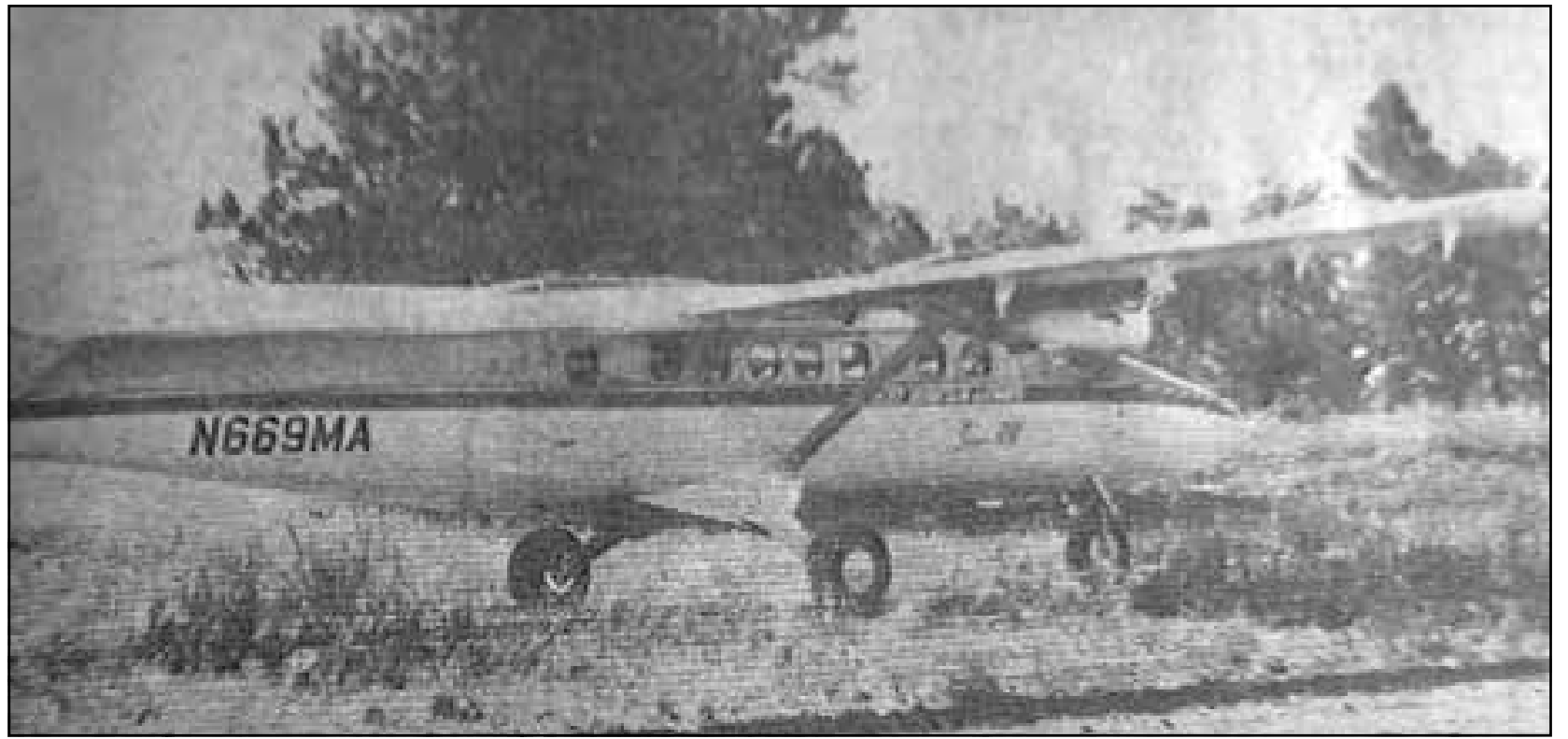
Pam Burgess
"It's already gone."



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Splurge on a purchase or vacation. — 7 percent
Put the money in savings. — 19 percent
I do not receive a tax refund. — 50 percent
Other. — 5 percent

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LOOKING BACK



From the October 15, 1970, Pagosa Springs SUN. LANDING — A Twin Otter Commuter plane, carrying 20 passengers and crew, landed at Stevens Field west of Pagosa Springs Tuesday of this week. This is the first time that a commercial airliner has ever landed here. The plane was carrying sales personnel and prospective buyers for Navajo Trail Corp. The aircraft had no difficulty in landing or takeoff and is especially designed for short and rough runways.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 6, 1928

The interior of the Liberty theatre is being re-decorated, new lighting fixtures added, and other improvements made.

Eugene Groves, architect of the new Archuleta county courthouse, will arrive this evening from Denver to meet with the board of county commissioners, at which time it is expected that the contract will be let for the construction of the new edifice.

Frank Devereaux shipped two carloads of potatoes this week at a very good price — realized about nine hundred dollars above expenses.

Olin and Irwin Crowley, Francis Mote and Virginia Ford returned on Sunday to the Fort Lewis school after a week's vacation at their respective homes.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 9, 1943

Some government lion hunters and a pack of hounds were hunting Saturday and Sunday up the river near the Burster ranch, but the lion is still up there.

The Town Board met in regular session Monday night and made the appointments for the coming year and also filled the vacancy on the board created by the death of the late E.M. Fortney. Leonard M. Johnson was elected to fill the unexpired term.

C.D. Thayer, Harry Speelman and Earl L. Lattin took the county machinery to plow out the Upper Piedra road Monday. They got nearly to the Dunagan ranch by Monday night, and on Tuesday hoped to make it the rest of the way. Some of the road is dry, while the snow in the cuts is several feet deep, with ice a foot thick underneath.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 4, 1968

Dick Boyce, president of the Wolf Creek Ski Development Corporation, announced this week that an order had been placed for a new 3100-foot long ski lift for the Wolf Creek ski area. The new equipment is expected to be delivered by the first of July and be in operation next winter. Mr. Boyce said that the new facility will provide a ski area more than three times the present ski area and is in addition to present facilities. The lift, a Pomalift, will be placed above and to the south of the present long lift. It will then go to the top of the Continental Divide above a large open snow basin. From the upper terminus it will be possible for skiers to have a choice of packed runs, cleared trails through the timber, or skiing across a wide open area of deep powder snow.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 8, 1993

Freshman Sen. Sam Cassidy of Pagosa Springs will assume the responsibilities of Senate Minority Leader next month. Cassidy, 43, will replace Sen. Larry Trujillo, D-Pueblo, as Senate Minority Leader when Trujillo becomes vice-chairman of the Colorado Pardons and Parole Board in early May. With Cassidy being unopposed for the Senate Minority Leader position, his 15 fellow Senate Democrats elected him unanimously during a party caucus at noon Tuesday.

Colorado Division of Wildlife officers received calls from angry residents and motorists last Friday; the calls concerned piles of coyote carcasses at the entrance to the Left Hand Canyon Road, next to the Blanco Basin Road, approximately 3 1/2 miles east of U.S. 84.

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Letters

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Moats apology

Dear Editor:
To the family and friends of Larry Fisher.

We are devastated that a member of our family has brought so much grief and sorrow upon you.

We were hoping and praying that Michael was not involved in the recent burglary/homicide, but the evidence has shown otherwise.

We are a law-abiding family and never saw "the dark side" of Michael. About two years ago, Michael

was kicked in the face by a horse and suffered a serious concussion. Then a year later, he was diagnosed with cancer. Don't get me wrong, I'm not trying to make excuses for his actions. I don't know if these things affected his thinking or not. I just would like to know the "Why Of It All"; but I will never have the answer.

We are just so so sorry and heart-broken that Michael has brought so much grief and heartache to all of you. Know that you are in our thoughts and daily prayers.

From the family of
Michael Moats
Written by Roy Moats

'Hats off' to SUN

Dear Editor:

By reading the Pagosa Springs Sun most folks would know that the Pagosa Springs schools have excellent athletic programs, as evidenced by the reported success of the Pirate teams in basketball, wrestling, baseball, volleyball, soccer, etc. Hopefully, most folks would also know that the Pagosa Springs schools have equally impressive records in academic pursuits because the Sun likewise gives balanced exposure to the academic excellence of the students of the Archuleta School District.

One need only read the March 22 edition as an example of balanced reporting of sports and academics. The sports section covers the success of students and teams in several sports. Not to be outdone, the Education section of the paper covers the new high school debate program, Americana Project students, Rotarians support of local and foreign educational endeavors, etc. And the newspaper even informs readers about recent events at the charter Pagosa Peak Open School. Moreover, the March 22 Sun edition gives front page exposure to regional science fair winner River Johnson, a Pagosa Springs 7th grader. Page A18 follows up with the details of Johnson's fascinating science project that earned him a trip to the state science fair competition. The article on page A18 also lists the regional science fair accomplishments of other

Pagosa Springs Middle School participants, including 8th grader Nell Taylor's first place award in Environmental Sciences.

As a former educator and school board member, I say "hats off" to the Pagosa Springs Sun staff for a job well done.

Billy Booth

Vacation rentals

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you in support of continuing responsible short term vacation rentals in Archuleta County. I am a Colorado native (61 years old) and a City Planner and have been coming to Pagosa Springs with my family since I was two years old. My father (deceased) was an avid fly fisherman and our family vacations consisted of backpacking and fishing the streams of Colorado. My parents discovered Pagosa when it was still a sleepy little town at the bottom of the highway 160 pass. The old school song about the truckers running down 160 was something my dad whistled and sang often as we would drive over the pass into town. My parents bought lots in the San Juan River Village long ago when it was first subdivided. Their dream was to retire to the area (it's our favorite place in all of Colorado). My husband and I bought the lots from our parents about 20 years ago because it is our "Little Place of Heaven" and we wanted to carry on the family presence. We have owned and short term rented our home in the San Juan River Village for about 15 years with no problems. We live out of state, but always visit our family sanctuary two to three times a year. We have lots of friends in the area and think of Pagosa as our home. We could only afford to purchase our place because we were able to offset our costs by renting our home to skiers, hunters and the many Texans who come yearly to Pagosa to beat the summer heat. We established a web site to manage rentals long ago before VRBO, TripAdvisor, and Air BNB existed. We manage our rentals ourselves, with the help of local property oversight residents and we always

talk to our renters and have had no problems from our neighbors/residents in the neighborhood. We love Pagosa and hope the County Board will not eliminate the short term rental option rather than help fix problems caused by irresponsible renters. Several years ago when the local property management companies and out of state owners were not managing renters well, we rallied property owners in our neighborhood to fix the problems caused by renters who were acting irresponsibly. So we understand the problems short term rentals, not well managed can cause. We explore the County Board to consider an option to continue allowing short term rentals for the good of the local economy and for home values Countywide, and instead of eliminating the short term rentals, to help with regulations to manage the rentals to be responsible and not a nuisance to fulltime residents. We know from our 15 year experience that properly managed rentals can peacefully co-exist with full time residents.

Colleen and Howdy Doan

'Entitlement'

Dear Editor:

I am constantly alarmed when I hear or see the word "entitlement" used to inappropriately describe services provided by our government which the public has paid for through years and years of paying taxes. According to the dictionary "entitlement" is "the belief that one is inherently deserving of privileges

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or special treatment". This is specifically not the case when it comes to services such as Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid. The public has been paying into the system (call it investing in the system) its entire working life. Social Security is the 'dividends' we derive through those years of investment.

But every time the word 'entitlement' is used by the press, people and especially elected officials feel these are undeserved privileges being given to the public at no cost when in truth we've been paying for those benefits all along.

So please, when you think of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, think of them as earned benefits. That is truly what they are.
John Egan

Time to heal

Dear Editor:

This morning I decided to look for a newspaper outlet in Pagosa. I was thinking about our trip to Wolf Creek in February that did not go well. We were staying in South Fork. Our second day to try to get up to the ski resort, my husband decided to not put on the chains. That was nearly a fatal mistake. On our way up just west of the first tunnel he lost control, we crossed the road and landed in a snowbank.

Thank God. A young man in a white Ford 4x4 pickup immediately stopped and pulled us out. He was headed east when this happened. He said he and his friend were going fishing. I hugged him and thanked him for helping us, but I did not get his name. The "what if" of that morning shook us so bad we cut our trip short and came home really disappointed. We are in our 60s so this was probably our last ski trip. Even though we live in Texas, my husband is from Colorado and we have made many, many trips to Colorado to see his parents and ski. He has never had a problem driving in the snow until this year.

I hope the young man who helped us on Feb 24th will see this and after reading your article this morning I wanted you to know about this "good" outcome. You are in our prayers.

Brian and Denise Fischer

School security

Dear Editor:

Following the attack in Oklahoma City, at the cost of 168 lives, changes were quickly made to security at federal buildings. At the federal courthouses in Brownsville and McAllen, Texas, adjacent parking areas were cordoned off and other security measures were added.

After the World Trade Center, airports and airplanes came under security procedures which have, so far, prevented similar incidents.

Columbine High School was attacked in 1999. Twelve students and one teacher died. Since that attack, what changes have been made to school security? Virtually nothing.

In the recent Florida attack in Florida, the attacker entered with a rifle. How was he able to do that? I would like to think that if someone tried to enter our schools with a rifle, that person would be stopped. Who would do it?

A wide variety of "solutions" have been proposed. If I were a teacher, I would not carry a firearm.

Many of the under 21 school attackers have been able to acquire legally-purchased firearms that were improperly stored and readily available. Are your guns safely secured? Relative to the life of a child, a gun safe is an inexpensive purchase.

Stronger measures to identify possible shooters have been suggested. Are we really going to identify likely shooters? Are our children going to be subjected to a battery of psychological tests because someone believes they are strange or different and, if they are, will it really accomplish the desired goal? And what stigma will be attached to those kids who are singled out for this testing and how long will that affect their lives?

Will having a police officer on duty help? Maybe. Not if the officer is at the other end of the campus.

Several years back, the number of bank robberies in Los Angeles rose to two a day. In response, banks added security to their entrances. You had to enter an area where there was a metal detector and a second door, which was locked. If you set off the metal detector, you were locked in and the police were summoned.

We need preventive measures to keep the "bad guys" out of our schools.

So, what has our local school board done to protect our students? Talked to law enforcement, who don't have to ask in advance if they will show up if called. Acquired some sort of buzzer. Applied for some grants. It appears that they have done virtually nothing.

We can make our schools safe. We should welcome our children home at the end of the day and not be planning their funerals. Expensive! Not compared to the value of our children's lives.

Call the school administrators and board members today and insist that they quit talking and do something.

Our children did something. What did you do?
Bill Hubbard

PLPOA tax status

Dear Editor:

PLPOA has received written guidance from their legal counsel regarding its tax status. The following excerpts are from that letter. The full letter is available on PLPOA's website.

"The allegation that PLPOA was incorporated as an IRC Section 501(c)(7) tax exempt corporation in 1972 and is, therefore, prohibited from performing its obligations in the Declaration appears to stem

from a lack of understanding that corporate law is different than tax law. Pursuant to the first paragraph of the Articles of Incorporation, PLPOA was incorporated under the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Act (since revised into the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act ("CRNCA")). Corporations are incorporated pursuant to the state's corporate law. An entity's tax status is solely governed by tax law, not corporate law. The CRNCA does not provide any sort of basis for how a nonprofit corporation is taxed or not taxed. Furthermore, the allegation that PLPOA's Articles of Incorporation require PLPOA to be taxed under a particular provision of the Internal Revenue Service code is simply incorrect.

These incorrect allegations have led to incorrect conclusions that PLPOA cannot exercise the authority set out in its governing documents. The primary governing documents, in order of importance, are:

Declaration of Restrictions, recorded on June 24, 1970, and its associated, recorded supplemental declarations. These documents bind the real estate.

Articles of Incorporation, filed March 14, 1972. This document establishes PLPOA as a nonprofit corporation.

Bylaws, as amended through July 25, 2015.

If there were a conflict between the Declaration and the Articles of Incorporation regarding PLPOA's obligations and responsibilities (and we do not believe there is a conflict that would be relevant to this matter), then the Declaration would control. In other words, if one were to read the Articles of Incorporation as requiring PLPOA to be taxed as a 501(c)(7) entity, which would preclude PLPOA from fulfilling its responsibilities in the Declaration, then the Declaration establishing the duties would control.

[...]
"The Declaration, not the tax code, sets out the purposes for which PLPOA is created. PLPOA is required to fulfill the responsibilities set forth in the Declaration and other governing documents; it cannot decide to ignore those responsibilities in order to file its taxes under one section of the Internal Revenue Code rather than the appropriate section. Therefore we have no reason to believe that PLPOA is acting in violation of tax laws or that it lacks authority to continue to perform architectural review and other ECC functions, enforce the terms of the Declaration, and provide other services that promote the community. We do not believe that PLPOA is a social club as described in the tax code, nor that it ever was."

The assertions made by Jeffrey and Charlotte Maier here and to the Board of Directors that PLPOA is a 501(c)(7) are clearly erroneous. Furthermore, allegations made by

them regarding PLPOA operating "in violation of federal law" or not having authority to enforce covenants are unequivocally false.
Albert Jenab

Sheriff failed us

Dear Editor:

It is with interest I read Pete Peterson's Letter to the Editor dated March 29, 2018 "County Failed Us". Their sentiments match mine.

June 24, 2016: Archuleta County Small Claims Court: On April 26, 2016, I filed a Notice, Claim and Summons to appear with the Archuleta County Court, Small Claims Division, against the Defendant, a resident of Pagosa Springs for theft; theft of cash and personal items. The court date was June 24, 2016. The judge ruled in my favor as plaintiff and awarded damages. For some reason the burden of collection fell on my shoulders. So, I have done all legally possible to retrieve the items plus the cash. The very last filing I pursued was Notice of Non-Compliance and Pattern Interrogatories Under C.R.C. delivered by the Sheriff's Office. Once again the Defendant did not respond. Because of this, a court date was issued and Defendant failed to appear. Why has the Defendant not been arrested by the Sheriff's Department for failure to appear? Why no bench warrant?

March 2017: I called the Sheriff's Office to report a theft from my home; my report was followed with a return phone call from an Archuleta County Deputy. The Deputy had no plans of coming to my home to talk with me. I had to ask him to come to my house to speak in person. A rare coin collection valued at \$20,000 and a shotgun was stolen from my house. I provided the Deputy with a list of names of those who had been in my home, how to locate them, place of employment, but the Department has never followed up with any potential suspects. No one was ever contacted. Ever. No notice of the theft appeared in the newspaper? If the notice had at least been posted in the Pagosa Sun, its possible someone in our small town would notice someone attempting to sell not only the rare coins, but a shotgun? According to

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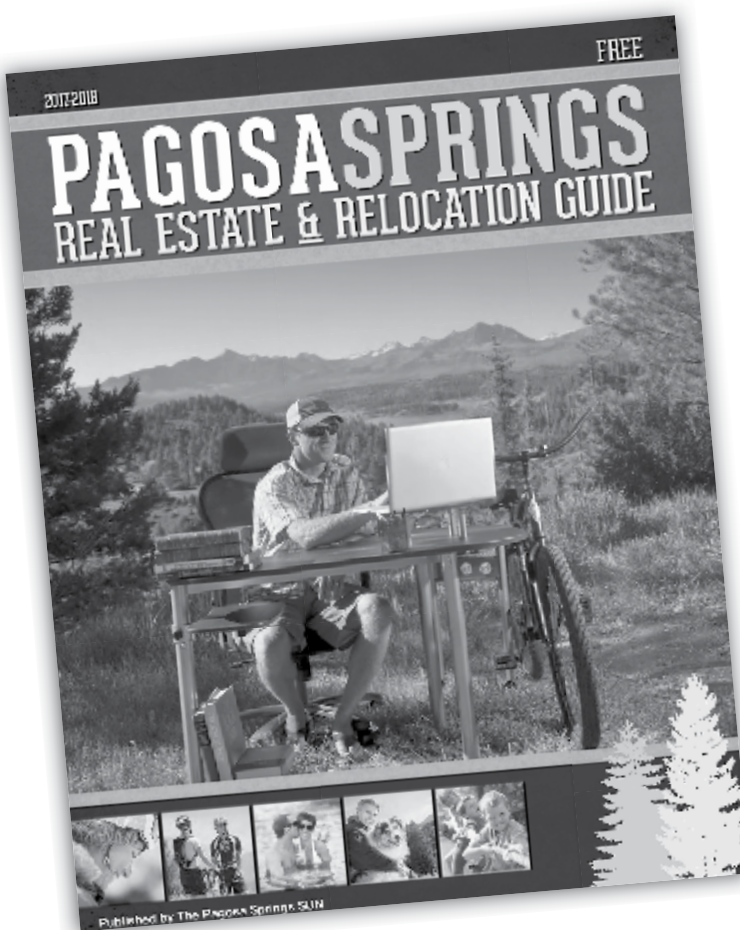
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Obituaries

Jody (Joan) Hott

Jody (Joan) Hott passed away March 31 at Pine Ridge in Pagosa Springs surrounded by her family and friends.

She is survived by her sons, Sid and Rex; ex-husband R.D.; grandson Dale; and great-grandchildren.

She has been a member of the Pagosa Springs community since she was 21. She helped to start the Quodlibet Handbell Choir and has been active in the Russ Hill Bazaar at the United Methodist Church and Thrift Store.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service to be held at the Community United Methodist Church on April 12 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Quodlibet Handbell Choir in her memory is appreciated.



Sharon Marie Lucero

Sharon Marie Lucero, a longtime resident of Pagosa Springs, joined her husband, Jesus Lucero, and son in heaven on March 27 at the age of 73. She was born on Feb. 25, 1945, in Wisconsin, but at the age of 15, she moved to Pagosa Springs with her family. Soon after moving to Pagosa, she met her husband and soul mate, Jesus. They were married on May 23, 1961, at the age of 16.

Sharon and Jesus had 16 children together: Thomas Lucero, Tony and Paula Lucero, Mike and Silvia Lucero, Kenny Lucero, Bob and Amanda Lucero, Ronald and Jennifer Lucero, David and Mary Ann Lucero, Jolene and Federico Marinelarena, Joey and Christine Lucero, Tommy and Ramona Lucero, Mark and Erika Lucero, Bradley and Gretchen Lucero, Matthew Lucero, Danny and Cecilia Lucero, Dominic and Lucy Lucero, Jennifer and Noel Montes, and several grandchildren and great-

grandchildren.

She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She loved to be outdoors and spent all of her time with family. She loved watching her grandchildren play and grow. She loved going cruising and listening to her favorite Spanish songs. She also enjoyed eating out with family at local restaurants.

After her husband's death in 2012, she became the only foundation of the Lucero family and made sure everyone was in a good and happy place.

Sharon never complained and always put the emotions and health of everyone around her before her own. She always had good intentions toward everyone, even strangers.

Everyone around her loved her for her humble heart and for her caring personality.

Sharon will be greatly missed and loved by her family and friends. Rest in peace.

Marice Maples

Marice Maples passed away

March 29 at her home in Pagosa Springs. Marice was born in Fort Worth, Texas, to Joseph Wesley Maples and Alice Rogers Maples. She graduated from high school in Albany, Calif., and attended Texas Women's University. Alice owned and operated the Lodge at Platoro, in Platoro, Colo., in the heart of the South San Juans. She moved to Pagosa Springs with her son in 2010. Marice loved the San Juan mountains and enjoyed the scenic vistas around Pagosa Springs. She enjoyed attending bluegrass festivals and especially loved the Big Blues Bender in Las Vegas.

Marice is survived by her son, Daniel Lindsey, daughter Cynthia Paul, three grandchildren and many friends. She died from living and she lived until she died. She will be missed deeply by those who loved her.



Letters

Continued from A4
Colorado Statutes, this constitutes a Class 3 Felony. What is wrong with this picture?

As private citizens, we matter; whether it is home invasions, residents who are fed up with disrespectful neighbors (2 years?), breaking and entering, you get my drift. Stop putting so much focus on drivers not wearing seat belts; driving five miles over the speed limit; dogs not leashed properly.

Is the Department sending a message to the criminal and disruptive elements in Pagosa that it's okay to commit crimes; basically do whatever you please in our town because nothing will be done about it anyway?

As a side note, my husband was a cop for 30 years in Colorado and I have always supported and will continue to do so, the Police and Sheriff Department and our Firefighters. To the Archuleta County Sheriff's Department: Please support us as well.
Darlene Ponczek

Choir needed

Dear Editor:
This weeks Review has an announcement for upcoming auditions for Curtain Up Pagosa's production of "Children of Eden" at the High School music room on April 13th from 2:00 to 8:00 pm. For those who might be interested in doing this sort of thing for the first time, but are a bit reticent to try it, don't

be, us veterans are a close family and welcome new comers with open arms. If you want to get a copy of the video, or the sound trak, contact me, Doug, ps.dougroberts@gmail.com and I'll give you the Dropbox internet addresses to download them.

Now for the primary reason for this letter. The production has a lot of songs needing a choir. This is not often needed for our stage group. You will not have to sing a solo, speak lines, or dance at the audition. Come to the High School music room on the date/time listed above and sign in. That's all. Simple. We need all voices—soprano, alto, tenor and bass. It will be just like any other choir concert you may have been in. Special request: There is one song we could really use a Jazz Ensemble, if you have experience here we would love to have you come and join us. Remember the date and time, and we look forward to meeting you.
Doug Roberts

for guidance, the writer warns us in this way: "Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy. Without holiness, no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many." ... Yes, that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. (Hebrews 12:14 ... ("defile?" ... to degrade, tarnish, destroy, ruin).
It is believed that the writer of this book was addressing Jews who had converted to Christianity but were being tempted to revert back to their old beliefs. Most who show courage to stand up against today's "newly planted root" are devoted to the guidance found in the New Testament of the Holy Bible — love, service, sacrifice, faith and hope. See you in church?
Keep the faith and know, as always, that you are loved.
Patty Tillerson

Cards of Thanks

Fisher family

The family of Larry Fisher would like to take this time to thank the community for their generous outpouring of love and support. Thank you to everyone who sent cards, brought food and flowers, along with your prayers and sympathy. A big thank you goes out to EMS, PSMC, PSPD and ACSO for their exceptional response, dedication and care. We would also like to thank Pagosa Rotary, Marconi's, Pagosa Brewing, Kip's, Peak Deli, Subway, Pagosa Baking Company, Center-

point and Grace Church, along with so many more individuals for their many contributions and support. Our community has touched and blessed our lives in so many ways; we are forever grateful.

The Fishers, Bedtkes, Petersons and the entire staff of Ski and Bow Rack

Senior Center

The Pagosa Springs Senior Center would like to thank Jeanette Baker for her generous donation during the Festival of Trees and in honor of Douglas J. Ingram.

Divided nation

Dear Editor:
This divided nation. My heart aches for all who have sacrificed so much to build our nation as one that defines itself as "goodness for all." All races and nationalities have fought and sacrificed for respectful cultural values that have defined our free society. Today, these values are being undercut by leadership that is arrogant and totally lacking in ability to honor the goodness of its people. Turning to the Book of Hebrews

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Business

CHAMBER NEWS

Important business training and consultation opportunities

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

In the next couple of weeks, the Chamber will be hosting several

important business trainings and meetings that your organization should be taking advantage of.

On April 13, Dr. Robert Blaise, the new local Small Business Develop-

ment Center (SBDC) consultant, will be on hand at the Chamber to help you start, expand or work through any business issues.

Blaise has over 25 years of business management and holds a bachelor's degree in information technology, a master of business administration and a doctorate of philosophy in business management with a specialization in strategy and innovation. His expertise includes electronic commerce (e-commerce) and data analysis.

Blaise feels that business mentoring is a two-way street.

"It is not the consultant's role to merely direct; the client is an equal partner in the process, with the consultant facilitating the client's ability to think for themselves rather than being told what to think to become an autonomous entrepreneur," he said.

The monthly free sessions will begin on April 13 and will be held at the Chamber conference room. Interested clients can book a noon to 1:30 p.m. or 1:30 to 3 p.m. appointment on the second Friday of every month. If these two sessions are filled, an additional 3 to 4:30 p.m. session can be added. Interested parties can contact the SBDC office at 247-7009 to book an appointment.

The Chamber and the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation encourage individuals or businesses to utilize this rich resource that the SBDC makes available to our communities. Questions can also be directed to the Chamber offices at 264-2360.

On April 17, Blaise will also conduct a data analytics class. The class will be held on April 17 at 1 p.m. in the Chamber conference room. A light lunch will be provided. The class will be held a little later than the regular lunch hour so that perhaps more businesses can attend. The cost of this class is \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers.

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. Put your analytics to use. Attend this informative business marketing tool class.

Sign up for the class on the Chamber's website at www.pagosachamber.com.

Today, Thursday, April 5, we are hosting the nonprofit organizations at a Think Local Reward Card program lunch. 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 \$.25, \$.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. A light lunch will be provided.

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. 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 can't make it or have any questions, you can contact Amy at along@thinklocalcard.com or (877) 387-6628, ext. 705.

Membership news

This month's Maximizing Your Membership class will be held on April 17. This free breakfast class will help you utilize your Chamber benefits better and show you which benefits you can take advantage of more strategically.

We have two new members to announce this week: Paradise Ranch Events and H&H Marketing.

Our renewing members include BeeHive Homes of Pagosa, Monroe Chiropractic, Mulberry Home Services, Pagosa Bar, Southwest Property Trust, Tequila's Mexican Restaurant and Winslow on the Shire.

Biz Beat



Dr. Ana Sancho Sama is the owner of a new psychotherapy practice in Pagosa Springs. She graduated from the University Complutense in Madrid, Spain, and completed her doctoral degree in counseling psychology at the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

Sancho is a licensed psychologist in the states of Missouri and Colorado and is a certified Enneagram teacher. She has 25 years of experience and is bilingual (Spanish and English). While in Kansas city for 27 years, Sancho worked in outpatient and inpatient settings, in public schools and taught graduate courses at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

She offers psychotherapy, workshops and supervision services in a confidential and nonjudgmental environment. Clinically, Sancho embraces developmental and health perspectives to access a deeper self-understanding and love/work relationships and a greater sense of freedom. Sancho embraces diversity and integrates the highest level of professional and ethical standards. She offers a free consultation and can be reached at 264-1986.

CDC discusses next steps for broadband coordinator

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

With the process to find a broadband coordinator delayed, board members of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) briefly discussed what the next steps should be at a work session on Wednesday.

CDC board member Neal Johnson noted that a friend had reached out to him about applying for the broadband coordinator position.

Johnson's friend, however, ran into issues finding the request for proposal (RFP) for the position.

"It's because the RFP is closed. We haven't put it back out again. It closed in February," CDC administrator Mary Jo Coulehan explained.

A question was then raised by Johnson on if the RFP should be released to the public again.

"Well, we haven't made that decision. So, because we haven't made that decision, we have not posted it," Coulehan said.

The CDC board has had conversation pertaining to the RFP about adjusting the language, narrowing the scope of work and then putting it back out again, Coulehan explained.

"We could continue to look for people," Coulehan stated.

Johnson responded that he did not realize that the RFP was closed and thought the position was "open until filled."

The idea of resubmitting the RFP to the public was brought up by Johnson for the CDC to consider at its next board meeting.

This proposition could also be discussed at the CDC's April work session on April 12.

"I think we need to discuss it. We don't really seem to be making a lot of progress right now," Johnson said. "But it strikes me that the coordinator is absolutely key to making this happen."

One of the things that the CDC needs to do regarding the RFP is possibly narrow down what exactly they are looking for from applicants, Coulehan explained.

"We put an RFP out there, it was pretty broad. And now, with the responses, do we need to narrow the scope?" Coulehan asked. "And I think it's up to this group [CDC] or the broadband subcommittee to identify that scope of service."

A suggestion was made by Johnson that the CDC ask the broadband subcommittee to look at the RFP again and make a recommendation to the CDC board at its next regular meeting.

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LEGISLATURE

Police chief, attorney general to speak at ACRW meeting

By Sandy Artzberger
Special to The SUN

On April 10, the Archuleta County Republican Women's (ACRW) meeting will be an early evening meeting held at Mary Stoke's home at 250 Vista San Juan (across from St. Patrick's). It will be an informal "meet, greet, listen" to our two speakers.

Chief of Police William Rockensock will be talking about present and future plans for keeping our school children safe.

Cynthia Coffman, state attorney general, is

running for governor and will be talking about her goals if elected.

At 5:30 p.m., snacks, refreshments and conversation begins, with the meeting officially starting at 6 p.m.

Rockensock has been an officer in Pagosa Springs for 21 years and chief of police for more than nine of those years. Known for going the extra mile to "get things right" and for promoting continuing officer's training are assets that will be reflected in his school safety program speech.

Coffman took office in January 2015, focusing on community outreach, consumer protection,

and protecting public safety and Colorado's sovereignty. Her career in Colorado began in 1997 and has involved both private and government positions. Part of the government career has included in March 2005 being appointed chief deputy attorney general serving until 2015. She has received many acclamations and awards such as Best Public Sector Lawyer 2012; 2016 Roll Call named Coffman one of the most influential women in state politics. Coffman now is running as a Republican governor candidate for 2018.

All are welcome to come.

We must care for every veteran suffering from Agent Orange exposure

We are fortunate to have a large population of veterans living in Colorado's Third Congressional district, many of whom served in the Vietnam War. During this brutal war, many of these brave Coloradans fell victim to a terror they could have never foreseen: a toxic herbicide called Agent Orange.

Throughout the course of the Vietnam War, the United States military sprayed 18 million to 20 million gallons of herbicides. Agent Orange was the most common herbicide used, with 11 million to 12 million gallons sprayed throughout the entirety of the war to eliminate foliage and crops that hid and fed the Viet Cong troops. While Agent Orange served its intended purpose, there were unintended consequences that would impact the lives of millions for decades to come.

A few years after the war, scientists discovered that a chemical in Agent Orange called dioxin is extremely lethal to humans. By the time of their discovery, the courageous soldiers who served during the Vietnam War were potentially

exposed to this dangerous chemical.

Upon their return home, many of the Vietnam veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange began to develop serious health problems, like cancer, as well as psychological and neurological disorders. But the harmful effects did not just stop with that generation, because dioxin does not only affect the individual exposed. Dioxin can also alter DNA, which is why many children of Vietnam veterans are born with severe deformities or birth defects like spina bifida.

In response to the vast number of veterans and their families suffering from Agent Orange exposure, President George H. W. Bush signed the Agent Orange Act into law in 1991, which mandated that



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diseases associated with Agent Orange be treated as the result of wartime service. However, in my time serving Colorado's Third Congressional District, I have heard too many cases of Coloradan Vietnam-era veterans who are suffering from Agent Orange exposure but have still not received the care that is owed to them.

It is relatively unknown that many veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War actually served in Thailand. Even though these individuals show symptoms of exposure, they still do not immediately qualify for the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Agent Orange treatment benefits, all because they did not serve in recognized locations or careers during their service in Thailand. Current protocols dictate that in order to receive these benefits, veterans must first go through an appeals process that takes five to seven years on average. During that drawn-out period, their ailments often become drastically worse due to lack of treatment.

Since 2011, my office has worked

on 100 cases for Vietnam veterans who were stationed in Thailand during the war. Most of their cases started in the early 2000s and remained open for years. This is inexcusable, which is why I am supporting an important piece of legislation that would give veterans who served in Thailand during the Vietnam War the opportunity to prove their exposure to herbicide agents like Agent Orange and not languish in a lengthy bureaucratic process while their conditions worsen.

Nothing is more disheartening than hearing the stories of the Vietnam veterans who have been denied or made to wait years for the Agent Orange exposure treatment they need. I will continue to work to ensure Colorado's Vietnam veterans have access to the care they have earned.

If you or someone you know is having an issue receiving their VA benefits, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or a member of my staff. We can be reached in Pueblo at (719) 542-1073 or Grand Junction at (970) 241-2499.

Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

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 De-

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

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

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting and Board of Trustees of the Pagosa Fire Protection District Firemen's Pension Fund regular meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa 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.

Thursday, April 12
Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation strategic planning session. 11 a.m.,

First Southwest Bank conference room, 249 Navajo Trail Drive.

Tuesday, April 17

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 18

Upper San Juan Library District board meeting. 4 p.m., Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library, 811 San Juan St.

Thursday, April 19
Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District regular meeting. 5 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

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

Friday, April 20

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors regular meeting. 4 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

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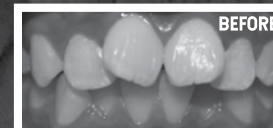
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Multi-agency pursuit reveals cache of weapons, suspected meth and heroin, electronic and financial devices

By Colorado State Patrol
Special to The SUN

On March 31, just before 6 p.m., two vehicles and their occupants were reported as vandalizing property on Wolf Creek Pass. At 6:19 p.m., the vehicles were observed by the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) west of Del Norte. The two vehicles, a black 2016 Jeep Wrangler SUV and a white 2012 Mitsubishi sedan, then accelerated with speeds over 100 miles per hour. Troopers pursued eastbound toward Del Norte. The pursuit was called off at 6:20 p.m., before it reached the town of Del Norte.

Although they weren't being pursued anymore, the drivers continued to endanger the public with aggressive and reckless driving, taking traffic head-on at a high rate of speed. The vehicles then turned onto Colo. 112 and were pursued by the Rio Grande Sheriff's Office

(RGSO). The Jeep drove into the oncoming lane, running cars off the road, including a CSP car that was driving on Colo. 112. Tire deflation devices were setup on Colo. 112 by the RGSO, and the vehicles turned off the highway onto a county road. They then separated, with the Mitsubishi going east on Saguache County Road B and the Jeep continuing north on county roads being pursued by the RGSO.

Tire deflation devices were successfully deployed on the Mazda, by the Center Police Department, and then stopped by RGSO deputies just north of the town of Center.

The occupants brandished a weapon upon stopping, but no shots were exchanged. They subsequently gave up peacefully.

The occupants of the Jeep later carjacked a silver Toyota SUV by gunpoint south of Villa Grove, and then led deputies on a pursuit into

Chaffee County on U.S. 285 before changing directions at a roadblock set up by Chaffee County deputies just prior to Poncha Springs. They then rammed a RGSO vehicle and drove back into Saguache County.

Troopers attempted to perform a maneuver to cause the vehicle to spin out and stop, but the suspect continued to evade attempts. The suspect finally lost control in an attempt to avoid the troopers and rolled the stolen vehicle off the right side of the roadway.

The suspects in the Mazda, Nicholas Vitali, 28, of Broomfield, and Nichole Lee, 28, of Westminster, were taken into custody. The suspects that started in the Jeep, Anthony Longo, 26, of Denver, and Ashleigh Ankele, 27, of Denver, were transported for medical care to Salida and Colorado Springs, but were eventually taken into custody.

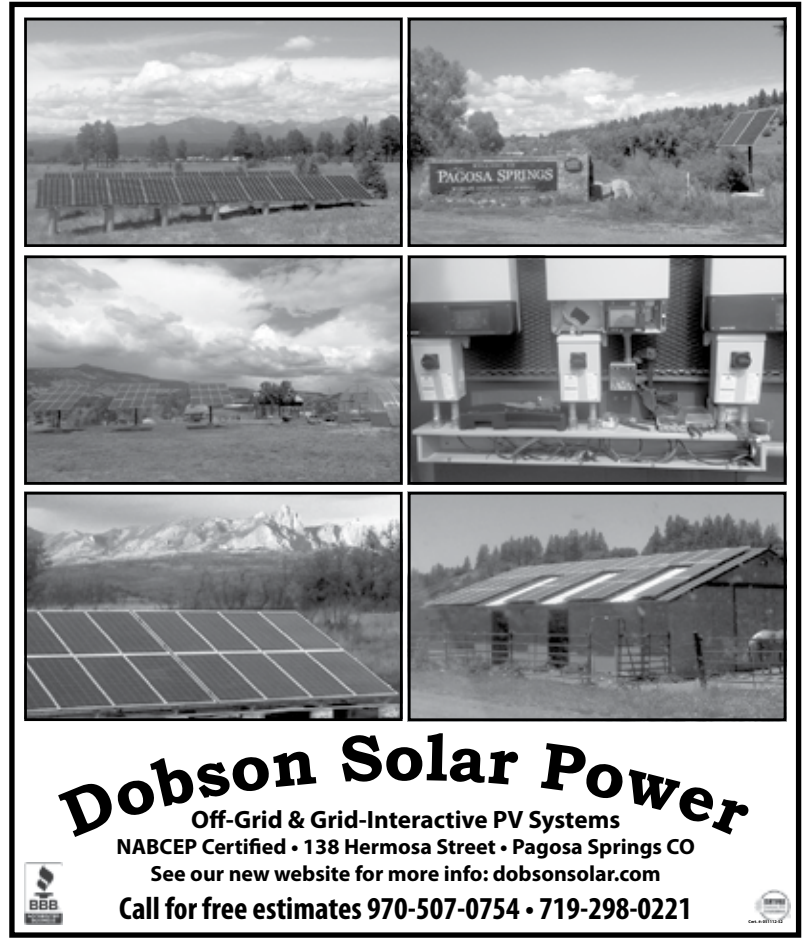
Additional investigation revealed

that the vehicles were stolen. Search of those vehicles revealed a cache of weapons, suspected methamphetamine and heroin, and multiple electronic and financial devices.

All suspects will be charged with numerous felonies, including charges related to the weapons, stolen vehicles, eluding, armed carjacking and drugs. The suspects already had numerous warrants for vehicular eluding, aggravated motor vehicle theft, theft, burglary, ID theft, criminal mischief, trespass, possession of dangerous drugs, obstruction of a peace officer, unauthorized use of a financial transaction device and failing to appear for the offenses.

The investigation is ongoing and will likely result in more charges.

Anyone who was run off the road, witnessed the reckless driving, knows of vandalism on Wolf Creek Pass, or has any additional information on the suspects is asked to call the CSP in Alamosa at (719) 589-5807.



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The Blotter

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

March 26 — Second-degree burglary, tampering with a utility meter, first-degree criminal trespass-other intent, Hurt Lane.

March 27 — First-degree criminal tampering, criminal attempt to commit felony, third-degree criminal trespass, criminal mischief, harassment by phone or computer, Juniper Court.

March 27 — Information only, County Road 600.

March 27 — Identity theft-uses financial device, East Morning Glory Drive.

March 28 — Animals/nuisance, Carino Place.

March 28 — Criminal mischief, Mosswood Drive.

March 29 — Identity theft-uses financial device, unauthorized use of financial transaction device, domestic violence, theft, Fireside Street.

March 29 — Death by natural devices, East Golf Place.

March 30 — Violation of bail bond condition-felony, County Road 700.

March 30 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.

March 30 — Trespass warning, Oak Drive.

March 30 — Drove vehicle without valid driver license, illegal possession or consumption of ethyl alcohol and/or marijuana by a minor, Hot Springs Boulevard.

April 1 — Drove vehicle without insurance, failed to display valid registration, improper registration, registration rescinded, canceled or used for another, drove vehicle when license suspended, operated vehicle with improper/unsafe tires, glass in vehicle did not permit normal vision, U.S. 160.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

March 26 — Violation/restraining order/resisting arrest, South 8th Street.

March 26 — Warrant arrest, South 8th Street.

March 26 — Theft, South 8th Street.

March 26 — Animal/running at large, Hermosa Street.

March 26 — Runaway, North 5th Street.

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March 27 — Information only, East Pagosa Street.

March 28 — Criminal trespass, North 1st Street.

March 28 — Criminal trespass/criminal mischief, North 1st Street.

March 28 — Criminal trespass/criminal mischief, North 1st Street.

March 31 — DUI, careless driving, Hot Springs Boulevard.

March 31 — Third-degree assault, Bienvenido Circle.

April 1 — Second-degree burglary, Loma Street.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge D. Brett Van Winkle
No report.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

March 8 — Scott Alan Sabinski, assault 3-know/reckless cause injury, five years probation, fines and costs — \$3,264.50.

March 28 — Robert Gerald Thomas, resisting arrest, six months jail, fines and costs — \$199.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson
No report.

PFPD, Archuleta County respond to yurt fire at Tara Mandala

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) and Archuleta County emergency personnel responded to a yurt on fire last Wednesday, March 28.

According to PFPD Capt. David Montoya, the incident occurred at Tara Mandala, located off of U.S. Forest Service Road 649.

Call 811 before digging projects

Special to The SUN

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC), a division of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), reminds all Colorado residents to always contact 811 at least three business days before any digging project.

By dialing 811, homeowners and contractors are connected to Colorado 811, the local one-call center, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the requested digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, paint or both.

Every nine minutes, an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first contacting 811. Striking a single utility line can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. Installing a mailbox, building a deck and planting a tree or garden are all examples of digging projects that should only begin after contacting 811.

The depth of utility lines can vary for a number of reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects and uneven surfaces. Utility lines need to be properly marked because even when digging only a few inches, the risk of striking an underground utility line still exists.

Colorado 811 encourages all residents to visit www.co811.org for more information about digging safely.

The PFPD was dispatched at 6:20 p.m. and arrived at 6:42 p.m.

He explained that the yurt was a complete loss, and that the fire is believed to have started due to a smoldering log that was placed in a cardboard box.

He stated that a person staying in the yurt had previously had a fire in the woodstove.

The person believed the fire was out, and removed a log from the fireplace and placed it into a cardboard box.

However, it is believed the log was still smoldering, which started the fire.

PFPD units arrived, did an initial

size-up, and then started suppressing the fire with water.

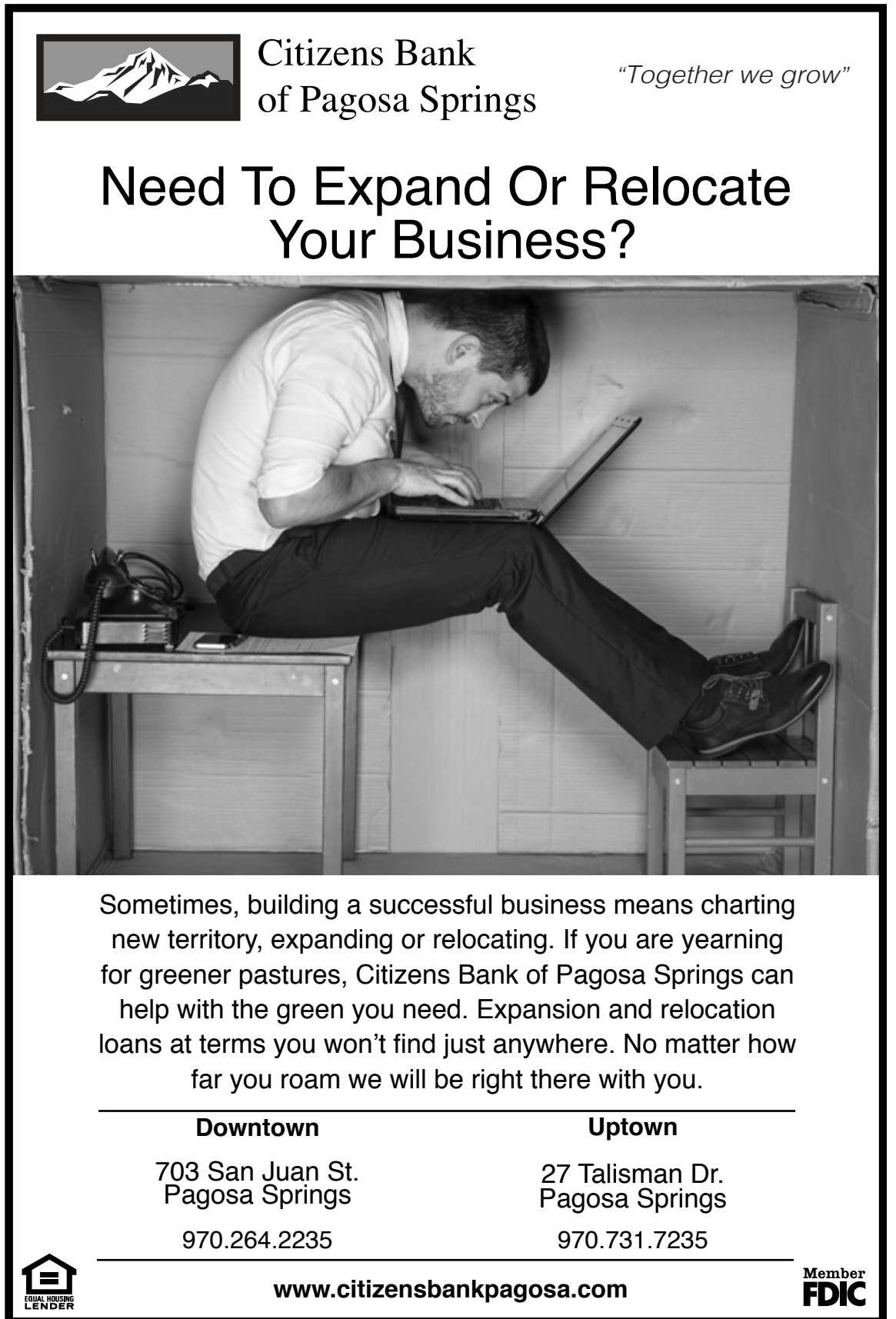
The fire was officially deemed under control at 7:28 p.m., though Montoya pointed out the fire was suppressed earlier than that.

The PFPD dispatched an engine, four tender vehicles, three command vehicles and a suppression apparatus.

Montoya explained that two of the four tender vehicles were later stood down.

A total of 15 PFPD personnel responded to the fire, with 11 of those personnel being volunteers and four being paid staff.

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Education

Kids Count report sheds light on Archuleta County

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A Colorado Children's Campaign (CCC) 2018 Kids Count in Colorado! report was released on March 21 for various counties across the state, including Archuleta County.

The report provides pertinent information relating to education and family economics, among other things.

According to the CCC website, the report examines child well-being trends for the past 25 years.

The report includes data on every county in Colorado ranging from population to child and maternal health.

The data report for Archuleta County reveals that the total child population (under the age of 18) for 2016 was 2,411 people, compared to the 1,259,653 total child population for the state of Colorado.

In 2016, 32.8 percent of the births in Archuleta County were to single mothers, compared to 22.8 percent for the state of Colorado.

Of the births in 2016 in Archuleta County, 13 percent of those women did not have a high school diploma or GED.

In the state of Colorado, 11.7 percent of the 2016 births were by women who did not have a high school diploma or GED.

Archuleta County recorded 25.4

percent teen births (aged 15-19) as compared to the state's 17.8 percent.

Archuleta County also saw 52 percent of its student populace qualify for free or reduced lunch in 2017.

The state of Colorado had 41.7 percent qualify for the same lunch benefits.

Median household income for Archuleta County came in at just under \$52,000, while in Colorado as a whole, household income comes in around \$65,000.

In 2016, 22 percent of children residing in Archuleta County were in poverty, compared to 13.4 percent in the entire state.

In regard to education, Archuleta County saw 1,660 students enrolled in pre-K through grade 12 and 95 percent of kindergartners were enrolled in a full-day program.

The state of Colorado had 78.4 percent of kindergartners enrolled in a full-day program.

The 2017 high school graduation rate for Archuleta County was 84.2 percent, compared to 79 percent for the state.

However, only 22.7 percent of fourth-grade students in Archuleta County met or exceeded expectations in English language arts (ELA).

Comparatively, 44.1 percent of fourth-grade students in the state of Colorado met or exceeded expectations in ELA.

In other subjects covered in the

Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) test, Archuleta County students fell below 30 percent in each category.

In CMAS math, 21.6 percent of Archuleta County students met or exceeded expectations, while the entire state had 32.8 percent of its students meet or exceed expectations.

Archuleta County also had 27.1 and 26.6 percent of its students meet or exceed expectations in ELA and science on the CMAS, respectively.

The state reported 42.3 percent and 30.8 of students meeting or exceeding expectations in ELA and science on the CMAS test, respectively.

Superintendent's thoughts

Archuleta School District (ASD) Superintendent Linda Reed explained in an interview on Tuesday that all of the factors that comprise vulnerable families — family and economic supports, and child and maternal health — have an impact on the education statistics listed in the Kids Count report.

"So if you look at all of the categories under vulnerable families, we exceed the state, which is not a good thing," Reed said.

"The percentage, or the children qualifying for free or reduced priced lunch, that's an indication of pov-

erty," Reed added later.

In 2016, 17.3 percent of births were by women who smoked during pregnancy in Archuleta County, which Reed explained, among other things, has an impact on kids.

"All of those things have an impact on student learning. And the correlation is pretty direct between student learning and test scores," Reed said.

Speaking on full-day kindergarten, Reed explained that the state of Colorado does not fund a full-day program.

"We have several grant funds that we use to pay for that, and so we do have a very minimal tuition that we ask," she said.

That tuition has come down significantly since she entered the district, she explained.

If ASD were able to provide a full-day kindergarten program through a mill levy override, which Reed noted the ASD board of education might pursue, then 100 percent of its students could be enrolled in that program.

The high graduation rate is due to ASD providing programs such as counseling services and the vocational program to keep kids in school.

"If we get kids in kindergarten and we're able to keep them through high school, chances are they're going to graduate," Reed said.

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Laverty selected to 2018 class of Daniels scholars

By Bruce Wilmsen
Special to The SUN

The Daniels Fund has announced the names of 238 high school seniors from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming whose exceptional character, leadership and commitment to the community have earned them a place in the Daniels Scholarship Program.

One of the 2018 Daniels Scholars is Jesse Hunter Laverty, who

attends Pagosa Springs High School.

A total of 2,250 students applied for the Daniels Scholarship Program this year. Of the 238 students selected as 2018 Daniels Scholars, 146 are from Colorado, 30 are from New Mexico, 26 are from Utah and 36 are from Wyoming.

Daniels Scholars may attend any accredited nonprofit college or university in the United States, and the program covers the expenses

that remain after all other scholarships and financial aid have been applied.

"These young people have demonstrated the character, leadership and commitment to serving their communities that define a Daniels Scholar," said Linda Childers, president and CEO of the Daniels Fund. "Our goal is to help each of these scholars succeed in college and ultimately become independent, successful in a rewarding ca-

reer, and actively engaged in their community."

With this year's announcement, more than 3,950 students have received the Daniels Scholarship. At any given time, nearly 1,000 Daniels Scholars are attending more than 200 colleges and universities throughout the United States. Since 2000, more than \$170 million in scholarships has been awarded through the Daniels Scholarship Program.

Motivated high school seniors graduating in 2019 are encouraged to visit DanielsFund.org this fall to apply online for the Daniels Scholarship Program.

The Daniels Fund, established by cable television pioneer Bill Daniels, is a private charitable foundation dedicated to making life better for the people of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming through its grants program, scholarship program and ethics initiative. Visit DanielsFund.org to learn more.

Applications now available for Rotary Youth Leadership Award

By Roberta Tolan
Special to The SUN

The Pagosa Springs Noon Rotary Club is seeking nominations for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) scholarships.

RYLA is a program that provides professional leadership training for students who will be sophomores, juniors and seniors in the fall of 2018. The four-day leadership retreat will be held June 22-25 at the Colorado Mountain College Spring Valley Campus in Glenwood Springs.

The RYLA retreat weekend provides a series of professionally developed presentations and hands-on activities that take participants through a process of

assessing their personal leadership characteristics. It will also help participants develop an understanding of the ethics of leadership and setting personal goals.

Students can apply for the scholarship, and community members may also nominate students they feel show leadership potential. Information and nomination forms are available by contacting the Pagosa Springs RYLA coordinators below on or before April 23. Students will be interviewed by the club and scholarship recipients selected in April.

Expenses for the training will be completely covered by the Pagosa Noon Rotary Club, and transportation to and from the event will be provided. For more information, contact Roberta Tolan at 731-0419 or rtolan3@gmail.com, or Cindi Galabota at 903-9860.

Storm spotter training class offered

By James Pringle
Special to The SUN

If you are interested in severe weather, come to a free storm spotter training class provided by the National Weather Service (NWS) in Pagosa Springs on Wednesday, April 11, starting at 6 p.m. at the

Archuleta County Extension office, 344 U.S. 84, at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds.

The course is also offered in Durango on Thursday, April 12, starting at 6 p.m. at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave., in the Pine Room in the County Extension building. At

Durango, an optional one-hour advanced training will follow basic training.

Basic storm spotter training is about two hours and starts at 6 p.m.

For more information about the NWS storm spotter program and the upcoming classes, go to www.weather.gov/gjt/spotter.

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Recent Colorado death sheds light on National Work Zone Awareness Week

Special to The SUN

This year, National Work Zone Awareness Week (observed next week) is even more meaningful to the employees of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) because of the loss of one of their own.

CDOT Maintenance Operator Nolan Olson died earlier this year after he sustained injuries from being struck by a vehicle while working on a U.S. highway in Pagosa Springs.

Olson's death sheds light on the importance of slowing down and giving undivided attention while driving through work zones.

The crash incident occurred on Feb. 2, when Olson, a member of the Pagosa Springs maintenance patrol, was filling potholes on U.S. 160.

Olson was severely injured and transported to a Denver-area hospital, where he received treatment for more than a week. Olson succumbed to his injuries and died on Feb. 11.

Everybody is responsible

Each year in the spring, National Work Zone Awareness Week is held to bring attention to safety in work zones. This year, the week will be

celebrated April 9-13.

CDOT joins DOTs across the country supporting the awareness message and hosting events to honor those lost.

"This year's national theme is, Work Zone Safety: Everybody's Responsibility," said Kyle Lester, CDOT director of maintenance. "It truly is everyone's responsibility. Our workers are trained to watch out for oncoming traffic. In turn, we ask the traveling public to be ever diligent when coming up on work zones. Give the road your full attention: don't be on your cellphones; look out for other vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians; and please, watch for our flaggers and workers."

Sobering statistics

In 2017, there were 15 work zone fatalities in Colorado. This was more than double the deaths which occurred over the past several years. These fatalities included workers from the private sector who work in road construction zones. (No CDOT employees were killed in 2017.)

Nationally, more than 750 people were killed in work zones in 2016 (two years ago). This includes total fatalities of all drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, as well as construc-

tion workers.

- In 2016, 143 workers were killed in road construction zones across the country;
- Four out of five work zone fatalities are motorists;
- One work zone fatality occurs nationwide every 15 hours;
- Nationwide, one work zone injury occurs every 14 minutes.

Remembrance day

CDOT hosts a Remembrance Day in each region to remember those who lost their lives in the line of duty. CDOT has lost a total of 60 lives in work zone areas since 1929, with the most recent fatality happening earlier this year, when Olson was killed.

To view information about CDOT's Remembrance Day, visit the webpage: <https://www.codot.gov/about/employee-memorial/in-memory>.

Wear orange

In honor of National Work Zone Safety Week, CDOT asks the public to go orange. Join state employees by wearing orange on Wednesday, April 11, Go Orange Day.

All roadway safety professionals across the country are encouraged to wear orange on this day to support work zone safety while also

honoring the families of those who lost their lives in work zones.

Driving tips

CDOT urges drivers to always drive with care, especially when traveling through work areas. Use these safe-driving tips when traveling through cone zones. The public is also reminded that in Colorado fines are doubled for infractions in a work zone.

Be patient and stay calm: Work zones aren't there to personally inconvenience you. Remember — the work zone crew members are working to fix and improve the road and make your future drive better.

Expect the unexpected: Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people may be working on or near the road.

Don't tailgate: Keep a safe distance between your car and the car ahead of you. The most common crash in a highway work zone is a rear-end collision, so leave two car lengths between you and the car in front of you.

These are just a few of the many suggestions recommended for motorists. For more tips, visit: <https://www.codot.gov/programs/cone-zone/safe-driving-tips.html>.

BoCC approves road and fleet improvements

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved several road and fleet improvements at its regular meeting on April 3.

More information on these actions are listed below.

Road improvements

The BoCC approved a contract for a resurfacing project of Butte and Monument avenues.

The bid approved was for Strohecker Asphalt and Paving in an amount not to exceed \$519,912.50.

This bid was suggested by Bob Perry, the Archuleta County engineer, due to a nearly \$28,000 price difference between the high bid and low bid.

According to Perry, in August of 2017 the bid for the resurfacing

project of Backswing Drive and East Golf Place was rejected, and it was decided not to bid for Butte and Monument at that time.

In early 2018, Perry continued, a bid was sent out which would include full-depth reconstruction of Monument and Butte including all road base, drains, ditches, pavement and more.

These roads, according to Perry, should last 20 years plus if properly maintained.

"The areas we have target in 2018 are those areas of high [average daily traffic] and/or high visibility," Bentley Henderson, Archuleta County administrator, said.

Henderson also mentioned that Perry had labeled these specific roads as in need of attention.

Fleet improvements

The BoCC also approved the purchasing of two new vehicles to replace

older vehicles in the county fleet.

Michael Torres, the Archuleta County fleet manager, approached the board with his intentions of purchasing two vehicles to replace older units, both of which were over 20 years old.

The first vehicle approved is a 2019 Kenworth T880 pull truck for a price of \$125,516.

The Kenworth T880 will replace unit 123, Torres said.

The lifespan of the truck, according to Torres, was very long due to the vehicle only being used six months out of the year.

Unit 123, according to Torres, is a 1996 model and that unit 123's repairs have exceeded \$146,000.

"Could've bought a new truck by now," Torres said.

The second vehicle approved is a plow truck to replace a 1998 International 4900 plow truck, unit 068.

Torres described several options

to the BoCC of both Kenworth and Western Star plow trucks.

Torres explained that buying a 2019 Western Star 4700 was more practical since they would build it to specifications, where buying other vehicles would cause higher costs on outfitting the vehicle to what is needed by the county.

The Western Star plow truck would also be equipped with four-wheel drive, sanders and equipped with all parts for county needs, Torres explained.

The BoCC approved the purchase of a midrange plow truck at \$193,382. avery@pagosasun.com

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Tips for updating Form W-4 after doing a paycheck checkup

By Karen Connelly
Special to The SUN

With recent tax law changes, the IRS urges taxpayers to look into whether they need to adjust their paycheck withholding and submit a new Form W-4 to their employer.

Taxpayers can use the updated Withholding Calculator on IRS.gov to do a quick "paycheck checkup" to check that they're not having too little or too much tax withheld at work.

Taxpayers who use the calculator and determine that they need to change their withholding must fill out a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate. Employees will submit the completed Form W-4 to their employers.

Here are a few things for taxpayers to remember about updating Form W-4:

- The Withholding Calculator will help determine if they should complete a new Form W-4.
- The calculator will provide users the information to put on a new Form W-4.
- Taxpayers who use the calculator to check their withholding

will save time because they don't need to complete the Form W-4 worksheets. The calculator does the worksheet calculations.

• As a general rule, the fewer withholding allowances a taxpayer enters on Form W-4, the higher their tax withholding. Entering "0" or "1" on line 5 of the W-4 instructs an employer to withhold more tax. Entering a larger number means less tax withholding, resulting in a smaller tax refund or potentially a tax bill or penalty.

• Taxpayers who complete new Form W-4s should submit it to their

employers as soon as possible. With withholding occurring throughout the year, it's better to take this step sooner, rather than later.

People who have too much tax withheld will get less money in their regular paycheck. If those taxpayers change their withholding and enter more allowances on Form W-4, they'll get more money in their paychecks throughout the year. Employees who have too little withheld are not paying enough taxes throughout the year, and they may face an unexpected tax bill or penalty when they file next year.

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Sports

SOCCER

Pirates shut out Panthers, take on Salida today

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A week away from the pitch did not slow the Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team down one bit as they defeated the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers at home on Tuesday by a score of 1-0.

Throughout the first half, the Pirates had a number of close opportunities to score on Cortez, including a shot by Halie Severs that hit off the post.

With the game knotted up at zero, Morgan Thompson found the back of the net for Pagosa off of a pass from Nicole Bartz with 32 minutes remaining in the second half to give Pagosa a 1-0 lead over Cortez.

The Pirates would go on to maintain that one-goal advantage and defeat the Panthers 1-0.

Pirate goalie Diana Scott recorded her second straight shutout of the season while also saving 13 shots.

Pagosa recorded 22 shots for the game, with Alyssa Lewis leading the team with seven.

Thompson added five shots, while Bri Linzalone added four more.

Severs and Alannah Gallegos added two shots apiece, while Isabelle Pajak and Sarah Ross added one each.

"I think the game went really well," coach Scott Galabota said after the game.

Galabota reinforced the idea of moving together as a team, but also to attack the net when they had possession.

Attacking 50/50 balls, such as balls in the air and goal kicks, was also noted by Galabota as something the team did well against Cortez.

"We won more than half of those, and I think they did really well," Galabota said.

With windy conditions persisting throughout the game, Galabota explained it was hard early on to gauge the strength of the team's passes.



SUN photo/Randi Pierce

Lady Pirate Alyssa Lewis muscled her way between two Montezuma-Cortez Panthers during their matchup on Tuesday. Lewis recorded seven shots on goal for the game and Pagosa went on to defeat Cortez 1-0.

"But I think that we got it figured out and we started connecting some passes throughout the game," he explained.

Thompson was nominated by Galabota as the player of the game.

Explaining further, Galabota stated that Thompson consistently won possession of balls in the air and anticipated plays.

"That kind of vision and movement off the ball is what's so critical for allowing us to maintain possession with good passes," he said. "Morgan was really showing that vision and movement today."

With the win, Pagosa moves to 2-3 overall on the season and 1-1 in league play.

The Pirates sit in third place in the Region 5 standings for the 3A classification.

For its next contest, Pagosa will

travel today to take on the Salida Spartans (4-1 overall, 1-0 in league play).

Varsity action for the game against Salida is slated for 4 p.m.

Salida comes into this game riding a four-game win streak and has outscored opponents 16-1 during the streak.

The Spartans currently sit in second place in the 3A classification Region 2 standings.

Against Salida, Galabota noted he would like to see the team move together as it has been the last couple of games.

Patience and trust were also factors Galabota would like to see

emphasized against the Spartans.

"We set up a lot of good things. And it's easy to get down when you do something right and it doesn't turn into a goal, but that's how soccer is," he said.

The team still "trusted the system" against Cortez and each other, even when some of the scoring opportunities were not converted, he noted.

Working on finishing those plays is something the team will have to work on, he added later.

"We need to get a little tighter when we're in their box with our shots," he said.

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TRACK

Pirates to participate in Abel Velasquez Invitational Saturday

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School Pirate track team will travel to Ignacio this Saturday to participate in the Abel Velasquez Invitational.

Originally, the Pirates were going to travel to Alamosa to participate in the John Tate Invitational, but the Pirates have chosen to go to Ignacio instead.

"We decided to go to the smaller meet. It's closer, and we can enter more people into an event," said coach Connie O'Donnell.

"At the John Tate (Invitational) you can only enter two athletes and that made it kind of hard."

She explained that, at the Abel Velasquez Invitational, six athletes can be entered into an event.

O'Donnell went on to explain that, even though the team had just returned from spring break, she was feeling good about the team.

"There's always kids that didn't do anything, and they'll struggle, but hopefully they'll get back into it," O'Donnell commented.

She added that, throughout the week, the team would be focusing on improving intensity over endurance.

"That's just what we're focusing on for this week," O'Donnell said. "It's not necessarily because it's

■ See Track A13

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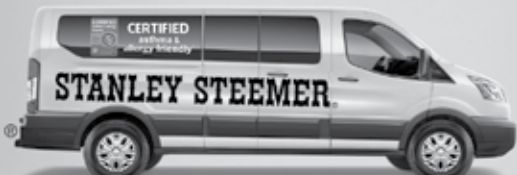
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BASEBALL



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Pirate catcher Grant Aucoin applies the tag in the second game of Tuesday afternoon's doubleheader against the Bayfield Wolverines. Pagosa dropped both games to the Wolverines and will now look to even their conference record with a Saturday home doubleheader against Alamosa.

After rough Tuesday, Pirates look to maroon Alamosa

By Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Tuesday was a rough day on the diamond for the Pagosa Springs High School Pirate baseball team, with the team dropping both halves of a home doubleheader to the Bayfield Wolverines.

The Wolverines preyed on the Pirates 18-2 and 10-1 in the games, leaving Pagosa with an 0-2 conference record and 5-3 overall mark.

"The focus wasn't there yesterday, and it showed in hitting and on the field," coach Jim Fait said Wednesday.

Fait explained the team only had seven players at the optional prac-

tices over spring break, adding, "It seemed like we were rusty."

Bayfield scored two runs in the second inning of the first game, with Pagosa then keeping the Wolverines scoreless until the fifth.

It was in the fifth inning that the Wolverines took advantage of a combination of factors to bring 16 runs around.

"Shane didn't walk anybody until that last guy when we pulled him out at about 60 pitches, I believe it was," Fait said. "So, I mean, it was a 3-0 game and he did a good job, but when the coaches got together, they felt like we better make a change at that point, and, you know, sometimes that works out and sometimes

it doesn't."

Pagosa bounced back to score a pair of runs in the bottom of the inning, but it was too little, too late, and the Pirates turned their attention to the second game of the day, hoping to split the doubleheader.

The Pirates notched only two hits in game one, with those hits coming from Liam Doctor and Jesse Laverty,

who knocked a double.

Grant Aucoin hit a sacrifice fly in the game, and Hunter Bailey was hit by a pitch twice.

A platoon of five Pirate pitchers allowed 18 runs on 16 Bayfield hits while striking out three.

The plan to split the doubleheader didn't work out for the Pi-

■ See Baseball A14

Track

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right after spring break, but it kind of helps."

O'Donnell added that the Pirates wouldn't be able to participate in sprint relays throughout the season due to a lack of athletes.

She also gave kudos to Paul

Farrah, who was the only Pirate who showed up to the optional practices throughout the Pirates' spring break.

The Abel Velasquez Invitational will be held at Ignacio High School, with action beginning at 9 a.m.

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Triple Impact Student-Athlete of the Week

Paden Bailey
Baseball



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Comments from coach: "I would like to nominate Paden Bailey as the triple impact player of the week. He is an excellent student in the classroom and in the game of baseball. He wants to continually learn more and helps his teammates to better understand the game. He understands all aspects of baseball and does an excellent

job communication to Coaches. He is currently hitting .632 and went 4-4 versus Mitchell last weekend. His on base percentage is at .667 and he has attempted 4 stolen bases and has stolen them all. As a pitcher, he has 6 strikeouts in 3 innings and has excellent control. He has 5 RBI's on the year and plays an excellent third base, with a rocket for an arm."

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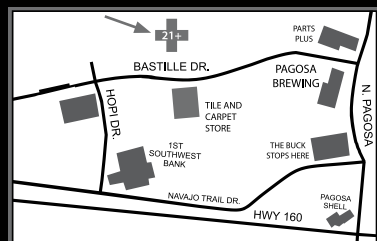
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Church resigns from PAWSD board

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) Board of Directors has a vacancy following Mike Church's resignation from the board.

Church resigned because he recently sold property he owned that was located within the PAWSD district.

"A director must be an elector. Since I no longer can vote in PAWSD elections my board seat is vacated due to bylaw requirements. My last property in PAWSD closed March 27, 2018 and that is the date on which I became ineligible to be a board member," Church wrote in an email to the remaining PAWSD board members and The SUN.

Later in his email, Church commended the board for its work during his tenure.

"Thank you all for the direction we set PAWSD in reflecting the customer comes first through conservative fiscal policy and ending greedy special interests from abusing tax payers a sadly common practice in politics throughout our country," Church wrote.

To fill Church's vacancy, PAWSD may appoint an individual in a public session, PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey wrote in a follow-up email to The SUN.

The director appointed to Church's vacant seat will serve until the next regular election, Ramsey added later.

The vacancy will then be filled via an election for the remainder

of the vacated term, Ramsey explained.

Church's term on the board was set to end in 2020.

"The appointment must occur by official action of the Board at a properly convened meeting and must be recorded in the minutes of the Board Meeting," Ramsey explained regarding the process to replace Church. "A notice of appointment will then be delivered to the person appointed, and the notice along with the mailing address of the person appointed must be filed with the Division of Local Governments."

The topic of the vacant board seat is scheduled to be addressed at PAWSD's April 19 board meeting, which is set to begin at 5 p.m.

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Proposals sought for community-wide housing program

By Cindy Schultz
Special to The SUN

Pagosa Springs, like many small Colorado towns, is challenged with a lack of housing for working families and individuals.

While several rural and mountain towns and communities around the state, including Durango and La Plata County, have addressed this same issue, Pagosa Springs has partnered with Archuleta County in taking action steps to tackle this problem.

Both the Town of Pagosa Springs

and Archuleta County have recognized this as a growing concern for some time and in 2016 put together a work group to address the issue and provide recommendations on some immediate-term solutions.

While several innovative suggestions came from that group, including policy and regulatory changes, both the town and county realized the scope to facilitate long-term and community-wide change is beyond current capacity.

A handful of local leaders close to the issue in both the town and county headed to Glenwood

Springs in 2017 to attend the Community Builders Housing Institute along with other Colorado communities. One of the goals from that intensive workshop was to develop a plan to address the long-term housing needs of both entities, and to seek expertise and capacity for this endeavor.

A housing advisory committee has met regularly to define the goals and priorities for such an outside entity and is in the final stages of crafting a request for proposals (RFP). The RFP is available on the town's website at www.pagosaprices.co.gov.

The purpose of the RFP: "Archuleta County and the Town of Pagosa Springs are soliciting proposals from qualified firms, groups or individuals to coordinate the creation and implementation of a comprehensive, community-wide housing program, coordinate with development partners, serve as the central point of contact for housing policy and implementation for the community with the intent of acquiring, managing, developing and funding a variety of housing choices."

For more information, contact Bentley Henderson at 264-8300 or bhenderson@archuletacounty.org.

Program about Running Fence Art Project to help fund Veterans Memorial Park

By James Van Liere
Special to The SUN

On Thursday, March 29, the first call for bids for Phase 1 of the Veterans Memorial Park was issued in The Pagosa Springs SUN.

Phase 1 of the project consists of constructing a portion of the parking lot on the Veterans Memorial Park parcel near Lake Vista in Archuleta County. The work potentially includes concrete curb and gutter, sidewalks and partial asphalt parking lot surfacing, but may be limited to a gravel parking lot due to budgetary constraints. The project also involves some underground drainage structures and a detention pond.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. on April 10 at the Davis Engineering Services office. The bid opening is scheduled for April 19 at 2 p.m. at the same office.

Because of limited funds available for construction, the project is broken down into various phases.

To help pay for the creation of the park and commence construction of Phase 1, Jim Van Liere will present a program on Friday evening, April 6, 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

BoCC approves weight exemption to haul lumber out of Archuleta County

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved a weight limit exception on certain county roads for the purpose of hauling lumber to a mill in Montrose at the board's regular meeting on April 3.

Norm Birtcher, a representative of Montrose Forest Products, discussed the possibility of using these county roads with the BoCC at the board's work session on March 27.

Bentley Henderson, the Archuleta County administrator, explained that Montrose Forest Products had contacted Archuleta County over the possibility of using county roads to haul lumber out of Archuleta County to the mill in Montrose.

Henderson explained that the U.S. Forest Service had designated about 15,000 acres of pine available for harvest in an area west of the Piedra to the La Plata County line.

"Right out of the box, it looks like between [5,000] to 7,000 are accessible by roads, and OK for harvest," Henderson explained.

"There's very little county road that has to be accessed," Birtcher said.

"The only place we have considered as economical that would involve a county road ... is approximately three-tenths of a mile of County Road 166 that would have to be crossed," Birtcher explained.

"That would be the only county road in Archuleta County that would have to be considered," Birtcher told the BoCC.

"The Forest Service was quick to point out that the lion's share of these roads are Forest Service roads," Henderson added.

In an email to The SUN, Henderson explained that locations under consideration are located north and south of U.S. 160, west of the Piedra River.

The trucks would be filled to the maximum Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) capacity of 97,000 pounds to help account for the distance of travel from Archuleta County to the mill in Montrose, Birtcher explained.

Henderson further explained that special permits were needed for the project from CDOT to get on to the highways and some level of agreement from the Forest Service.

"We're talking about a 97,000 pound [vehicle]. Just to put that in context, a fully loaded belly dump tractor trailer is about 80,000 pounds. So, we're talking a little bit more than that," Henderson explained.

Henderson explained information that was provided on the project was collected from Travis Burch, a forester with the Forest Service and manager of timber and fuels.

The chair of the BoCC, Steve Wadley, commented that this program was a good way to limit fire fuels.

According to Birtcher, the Forest Service approached the mill about continuing operations and expanding to help with beetle kill and fire mitigation in other areas of the state, such as the Pagosa Springs area.

The mill is planning to make over \$20 million in operation improvements to allow the mill to continue operations, Birtcher said.

The mill was originally created to remove beetle kill trees around Montrose, and was to be closed at the end of the project, Birtcher explained to the BoCC, but with the possibility of moving to fire mitigation trees and improvements the mill may continue operations in the future.

The weight limit exemption was approved at the meeting. Wadley explained that the matter had been previously discussed during work sessions.

"We're trying to get fuels out of the forest, to reduce the risk of forest fires in our county, and that's why the board is contemplating this action, to provide fire safety to the community," Wadley said.

"I have to agree with [Wadley]. That was my main decision ... that it was going to help with mitigation of our forest to help prevent ... a large fire," Commissioner Ronnie Maez said.

Henderson explained this decision was in regard to the first phase harvest that Montrose Forest Products would be pursuing, and if the company would like to move on or use other roads, it must consult with the BoCC.

"Surely there is a benefit in managing these forests west of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County ... given that we're talking about a half a mile of county roads, roughly, that was a factor here," Whiting explained.

Whiting explained that the reason they had broken the project up into phases was for the BoCC to say that they liked what was done, and that the reward of fire mitigation was high, and that the impact to the county roads were low.

"The impact to the forest is large," Whiting said.

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Cattlemen's Banquet tickets now available

Special to The SUN

The La Plata-Archuleta Cattlemen's Banquet tickets are now available.

This year, the banquet will be held on April 21 at the Sky Ute Event Center.

Tickets are available at the Basin Co-op, just south of Durango, Valley Feed and Supply in Gem Village, Wells Fargo Bank in Ignacio and the

Bank of Colorado in Pagosa Springs.

The banquet will feature a prime rib buffet, a silent auction, a live auction of a CowBelle Brand quilt and dancing to a live band. The banquet is an annual event for the Cattlemen's Association. The cattlemen organized in 1950 and have held a banquet each spring since that time.

For more information, call Barbara at 247-2816.

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A Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown

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Photo courtesy Our Savior Lutheran School

The High Rollers will be back in Pagosa on April 13 to provide entertainment at Our Savior Lutheran School's annual A Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown. In addition to live music and dancing, the event is slated to include mouth-watering brisket dinner and a silent auction. Tickets are available now.

Get ready for A Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown with The High Rollers April 13

By Pennie DeClark
Special to The PREVIEW

Are you looking for something fun to do next Friday night? Has it been a while since you have had the opportunity to swing your honey around the dance floor?

Come with all your friends to help raise money for Our Savior Lutheran School, enjoy some mouth-watering brisket, dance with The High Rollers and bid on our amazing items in our silent auction. A cash bar with beer and wine will be available for those who would like to purchase and we will have nonalcoholic beverages for those who don't.

If you are not familiar with The High Rollers, this is the perfect event to get to know them.

The High Rollers embody an array of musical talents. Originally conceived by bassist and songwriter Andy Janowsky (whose mother taught at Our Savior Lutheran School for many years), the five-piece High Rollers include Clay Lowder on drums; Jeff Johnson on fiddle, banjo and guitar; Darren Stroud on lead guitar; and Ryan McCurry on piano and Hammond organ. All of the band members are vocalists, thus

harmony styling plays a significant role in their musical arrangements.

All proceeds from this event go toward the operation of Our Savior Lutheran School, a nonprofit organization that does not receive any federal funding. We currently offer three preschool classes, kindergarten through sixth grade and are excited to announce the addition of seventh grade next year. This event is our main fundraiser that helps us keep tuition costs down while growing, and to continue to provide an excellent Classical Curriculum in a loving, Christ-centered environment to the children of Pagosa Springs.

The Colorado Guys and Gals Country Hoedown will be held at 56 Meadows Drive in the Lutheran School gymnasium from 6 to 9 p.m. (cocktails start at 5:30 p.m.) next Friday, April 13.

Dress is country fancy and all are guaranteed to have a stompin' good time. Tickets are \$40 per person now and are selling fast; any remaining tickets will be sold at the door for \$45, so don't wait — get them now. Tickets can be purchased at the Lutheran Church office (731-4668 or 731-3512) or by contacting Pennie DeClark (903-3242). We can't wait to see you there.



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Genealogical Society to host Farmington researcher Saturday

By Cora Broderson
Special to The PREVIEW

The merging of two kingdoms would one day prove advantageous for the beginning of a world power. In 1478, King Ferdinand of the kingdom of Aragon married his second cousin, Queen Isabella, of the kingdom of Castile.

Their five children's arranged marriages would further solidify the strength derived from the original two kingdoms eventually called Spain.

In 1497, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, devout Roman Catholics, along with their alliances, were able to defeat the last Moorish stronghold in Granada. At that time, a decree ordered that all Moors and Jews remaining in Spain would be allowed four months to convert to the Roman Catholic church or otherwise must leave the country. The Spanish Inquisition was a period of time with an intense, harsh and unfair investigation regulated by the Catholic church.

The duration of those years was when Christopher Columbus sailed across the ocean to the New World. Many of his crew members were of Jewish descent, giving these Jewish citizens a way to avoid the horrific consequence taking place during the Spanish Inquisition trials. Nevertheless, this Jewish populous felt the need to keep its Jewish heritage a secret and, consequently, were named

Spanish Crypto-Jews.

Rebecca Atencio Hunter, Ph.D., from Farmington, N.M., was educated through the University of New Mexico. She became fascinated in the concept of genealogy research when one of her cousins, Lucille, shared with Atencio Hunter the information she had been able to collect. It included Atencio Hunter's father's paternal side on Atienza-Atencio that was most appealing to her.

Atencio Hunter had been seeking confirmation about family members through DNA testings. When her youngest brother's Y-DNA returned, his results connected the family to the other results found through the Atencios. Atencio Hunter's research has enabled her to discover the area where the Atencio family originated in Spain, and DNA results revealed the family are descendants of Spanish Crypto-Jews.

On Saturday, April 7, Atencio Hunter will share the steps that helped her in unraveling secrets in the family to find necessary facts in discovering her roots.

Meetings of the Archuleta County Genealogical Society, where Atencio Hunter will be guest speaker, are held at the Community United Methodist Church on Lewis Street every other month.

The next meeting is scheduled this Saturday, April 7, at 11 a.m. Visitors are always welcomed and encouraged.

Community Prayer Room announces Friday prayer gathering

Special to The PREVIEW

In light of the events in our beloved town, Pagosa Springs, over the past month, you and your congregation are invited to the Community Prayer Room located at 755 San Juan St., next to Hometown Food Market, on Friday, April 6, from 5 to 10 p.m.

You are welcome to come any time in between those times and stay for however long you are led to. Everyone is welcome to join us and pray for our town and we are inviting all to take part in this. It will be a time of unity in prayer and focused on seeking the Lord.

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Photo courtesy Doug Combs

Milky Way over New Mexico. Doug Combs will be the featured speaker at this month's Pagosa Springs Photography Club meeting. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11.

Next Photography Club meeting Wednesday

By Gregg Heid
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Photography Club will hold its April meeting on Wednesday, April 11, at the Community United Methodist Church, 434 Lewis St.

Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Longtime photographers and those just starting out are welcome.

The Photography Club normally meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room of the Methodist Church.

The April Photography Club meeting will feature Doug Combs, a software engineer and developer. The rest of the time, he is a married father of two who enjoys hiking,

snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and exploring the countryside with cameras in tow.

Although the majority of his work is landscape and nature photography, he enjoys cityscapes and sports photography, as well. With retirement only a few years away, he and his wife, Miyuki, are ready for extensive travels throughout North America and perhaps internationally. He shoots with Canon 5D Mark II and Canon 7D digital cameras and a various assortment of lenses.

Combs will discuss the Light-

room catalog, exporting from the catalog to various file formats such as .jpg, .tiff, .psd and .dng. Additionally, he will show how to export from initial catalogs made on a notebook computer, which he does often while out of town to a master catalog on an external drive. Finally, he will show a free Windows backup utility called SyncToy that is very useful for synchronizing backups across multiple internal and/or external drives in order to gain redundant backup copies of your photos.

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Saturday Viewing Line Up
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Melting Away - CEFF Best Youth Film
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Walk on the Mountain - CEFF Spirit of Activism
A River's Last Chance - CEFF Best Feature Film
The Salmon Forest - CEFF Best Short Film

Includes Wrap Party @ Farrago Market Cafe, 6-9 pm

Tickets available @ pagosagreen.org, Exit Realty, the GGP education dome mid-days on Tuesdays and Saturdays, Chamber of Commerce and the door

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Photo courtesy Bob Howard

Friends of Sally and Tom Bish, front center, gathered to celebrate her 70th birthday on March 31 at the home of Julie and Gary Nowland. In keeping with the '70s theme, the house was decorated in disco, guests wore psychedelic and hippie clothes, and several performed songs and dances from the 1970s. Sadly for the many friends of Sally and Tom in Pagosa Springs, the party also served as a farewell, because the Bishes are moving to Las Cruces, N.M., in late May.

San Juan Basin Archaeological Society will meet Wednesday in Durango

By Jill Tripp
Special to The PREVIEW

The public is invited to the next meeting of the San Juan Basin Archaeological Society, to be held on Wednesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College.

Charles DiFerdinando will speak about the 1917-1918 flu epidemic and how the Durango-Silverton train helped it spread. A social will be held before the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

DiFerdinando is a fifth-generation Durango native who has been involved with the La Plata County Historical Society since almost its inception. He did building research for the Main Avenue Historic District and wrote the National Register Nomination for the East Third Avenue Boulevard Historic District.

DiFerdinando worked at the Animas Museum and rebuilt the Joy Cabin, the oldest building in Durango.

For more information, see sjbas.org.

Photography

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Members may bring up to 10 images on a flash drive to share with the group. Those of you who do landscape or nature photography are encouraged to bring exam-

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Photo courtesy Tomas Zuccareno

“How We Grow,” a Colorado-produced feature film, won Best of Fest in its debut showing at the 2018 Colorado Environmental Film Festival. The film documents the local food movement in the Roaring Fork Valley and will be shown at the Liberty Theatre on April 14 at 3:55 p.m. For more information and tickets, visit www.pagosagreen.org/filmfestival.

Environmental Film Festival to present powerful documentaries, benefit Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

By Sally High
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa’s sixth Environmental Film Festival celebrates the construction of the Community Garden Dome and Innovation Dome in Centennial Park.

Join the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) to share relevant films and to celebrate this grassroots success story.

The GGP will present the sixth Environmental Film Festival in Pagosa Springs on April 13 and 14. All proceeds benefit the GGP’s educational programming in 2018. For details and tickets, visit www.pagosagreen.org.

The historic Liberty Theatre and Farrago Market Café will host GGP supporters for 10 films from the 2018 Colorado Environmental Film Festival (CEFF) Caravan.

Water is a major theme of Pagosa’s community conversation, the GGP’s educational efforts and the 2018 Film Fest.

“Melting Away,” an impressive professional-quality documentary, won Best Youth Film at 2018 CEFF. The Colorado-produced short, created by an 18-year-old skier, tracks snow coverage for the past 100 years and examines the future of Colorado’s ski industry.

At least 15 major film festivals have shown “The End of Snow”

since its release in 2017. The impactful documentary short delivers a compelling message about Rocky Mountain snow science. Now it’s coming to Pagosa.

“Life on the Gila” tells the story of Grant County, N.M.’s wild Gila River, one of the last undeveloped waterways in the southwest United States. “A River’s Last Chance,” about northern California’s mighty Eel River, won Best Feature Film at this year’s CEFF.

The festival begins with premiere night at Farrago. With a \$50 ticket to premiere night, guests receive a 2018 GGP membership, exclusive advance viewing of films, a scrumptious hors d’oeuvres buffet and an all-access wristband for Saturday’s films and the wrap party on Saturday night. GGP supporters who already have their 2018 memberships pay only \$25 for an all-access wristband Friday night. Space is limited at Farrago, so get your tickets now.

Saturday brings a full day of films to the Liberty Theatre and a wrap party at Farrago that night. To get in, you need a wristband. Saturday wristbands are \$10 for GGP members and \$15 for non-members. Memberships are only \$25 at www.pagosagreen.org. All proceeds benefit GGP’s educational programming.

Tickets are available at the Education Dome on Tuesdays and

Saturdays at mid-day, the Chamber of Commerce and Exit Realty. Of course, www.pagosagreen.org/filmfestival is an easy way to get your tickets and reserve your seat.

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It's time to tango with The Austin Piazzolla Quintet

By Sally Neel
Special to The PREVIEW

It's time to tango. On April 16 at 7 p.m., The Austin Piazzolla Quintet (APQ) returns to play at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

This is the third time this professional ensemble has come to Pagosa Springs, and if you missed the first two performances, you will not want to miss this one. This is certainly an exciting and impressive musical group. Tickets are only \$15 and can be purchased at the door.

The APQ specializes in the music of the late Argentine composer Astor Piazzolla, as well as original nuevo tango compositions. Founded by James Anderson (violin), the APQ has been performing to captivated audiences since 2009. With Jonathan Geer (piano), Mike Maddux (accordion, bandoneon), Tony Rogers (cello) and Phil Spencer (bass), all from diverse musical backgrounds, the band continues the tradition of nuevo tango through exciting live shows that feature unique arrangements of Piazzolla's groundbreaking works, breathtaking original compositions and fiery improvisation.

The Denver Post calls this group "The best tango band in Texas."

"The Austin Piazzolla Quintet



Photo courtesy Heidi Tanner

Mark your calendar to attend The Austin Piazzolla Quintet concert at St. Patrick's on April 16 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Prepare to tango.

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The Americana Project class at Pagosa Springs High School will host its spring concert on April 17, with members of the class set to open for Anna Tivel and Jeffrey Martin.

Americana Project concert to feature Anna Tivel and Jeffrey Martin

By Bob Hemenger
Special to The PREVIEW

The Americana Project spring concert will be held April 17 at the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

The evening show will include opening acts from the students of the Americana Project class. National touring singer/songwriter artists Anna Tivel and Jeffrey Martin will be the very special featured guests.

Tivel and Martin are traveling from Portland, Ore., to join our community for an evening of deep, soulful, expressive and emotionally powered original music. Students at the high school will get to spend the morning working with them on songwriting and performance technique, as well as attending a full school assembly concert.

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The seventh annual Band-O-Rama concert will be held on April 21 at 7 p.m. at Pagosa Springs High School. Admission is free, though donations will be accepted with gratitude.

Seventh annual Band-O-Rama set for April 21

By Heidi Tanner
Special to The PREVIEW

The seventh annual Band-O-Rama is just around the corner. This year's concert will be held on April 21 at 7 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

The Band-O-Rama concert is hosted by the Pagosa Springs Community Band and features our middle school and high school bands along with our own band.

The Band-O-Rama concert was the brainchild of alto sax player Bill Gottschalk, a founding member of the Pagosa Springs Community Band and a retired music educator from Texas. One of the missions of the Community Band is to promote music education in our schools and the Band-O-Rama concert is our primary vehicle to fulfill this goal.

The evening is filled with a variety of concert band and jazz band music as each band performs a short set of its own pieces. The grand finale of the evening is our combined band number, where all the bands are on stage together playing a patriotic number to conclude the concert. At this point, the high school auditorium's stage is filled to the brim with musicians and the auditorium itself is booming with the sound of 100-plus concert band instruments. This year, our combined band finale

piece will be John Philip Sousa's "The Thunderer," a famous march that all will recognize and enjoy.

The Community Band will be led during our set by three conductors. First is Larry Elginer, a music educator from the Los Angeles area who retired to Pagosa Springs some years ago and has been conducting our band for several seasons.

Second is Malinda Burnett, a graduate of Fort Lewis College who has also conducted our band for many years and serves as the music director at Pagosa Springs Middle School.

Our third conductor, Dan Burch, is the music director of Pagosa Springs High School and has acted as a guest conductor for our group in the past.

All three conductors join our group playing in their respective sections, which are trumpet for Elginer, saxophone for Burnett and trombone for Burch when they are not leading the band on the podium. Of course, Burch and Burnett will be leading their respective school bands during the evening as well as the Community Band, making for a busy evening for our music educators.

The Community Band and all the members of our student bands look forward to playing for you at Band-O-Rama on April 21. This is a free concert, though donations will

be accepted with gratitude and a receipt can be provided to you for tax purposes.

Proceeds collected from this concert are shared equally between the Community Band, the Pagosa Springs Middle School Music Department and the Pagosa Springs High School Music Department. Your donations will help to build a stronger music education program in our Pagosa schools.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and we look forward to seeing you at 7 p.m. on April 21 in the high school auditorium. The doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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Don't let stress bring you down: Visit the 9Health Fair April 28

By Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

Stress is a disease monger. Pay attention. You can master it. Check the markers on April 28 from 7 to 11 a.m. at the 9Health Fair at Pagosa Springs High School.

The power of unmanaged, long-term stress is greater than previously known or anticipated. Did you know that untreated chronic stress can result in serious health conditions including anxiety, insomnia, muscle pain, high blood pressure, heart disease and a weakened immune system?

A healthy immune system is critical. It reduces our ability to ward off viral and bacterial infections like the flu, the common cold or pneumonia. A weakened immune system depresses the effect of vaccines. The American Psychological Association and American Institute of Stress are excellent sources for more information.

Chronic stress consequences are serious. Research shows that 77 percent of Americans

have physical problems caused by stress and 73 percent experience psychological symptoms. Anxiety and depression are dramatic and life-threatening. People who suffer from these are at twice the risk for heart disease than others.

I don't want to be a victim, and I doubt that you do either.

So, where do we start? Get a battery of tests and screenings to identify your current state of health. Come to the high school on April 28 from 7 to 11 a.m.

Your health is important and there is so much you can learn. You can 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.

The key to managing stress is recognizing its effects and making lifestyle changes, which can be challenging. Start with an intention to take charge of the concerns that stress you out, including the mental chatter. You are in charge and can take one small step to reduce stress and

improve your emotional health.

Some suggestions include: mindful focus on positive feelings or events, present moment awareness, a healthy diet and increase in activity such as a daily walk. Physical activity increases your body's production of feel-good endorphins, neurotransmitters in the brain that reduce depression and anxiety.

We know how important it is to get blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, triglycerides and other evaluations so that we can stay apprised of markers that help inform us of our health status. Education, instruction and learning are also important.

We also need local business support, and contributions great and small are of utmost importance and appreciated.

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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.

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Pagosa Rotary Club's annual Kentucky Derby Party is set for May 5 from 2 to 6 p.m. Tickets are available now.

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Tickets available now for Rotary's Kentucky Derby Party

By Lisa Scott
Special to The PREVIEW

It's Derby time. Mark it down: May 5 from 2 to 6 p.m. That's when Pagosa Springs' absolutely best party will be held at the magnificent Keyah Grande Lodge. It's the annual Kentucky Derby Party hosted by the Pagosa Rotary Club.

Called "the most exciting two minutes in sports," the running of the Kentucky Derby will be simulcast live from Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. Partygoers will partake in live music, everybody in a colorful outfit and hat, mint juleps and buffet lunch. Other fun includes real wagering just like at Churchill Downs, gathering around the big-screen TV with 200 other merry-makers, singing "My Old Kentucky Home" as the horses are led onto the track, and then lots of hootin' and hollerin' as the thoroughbreds race around the track.

It's a great way to welcome the coming of spring here in the mountains. The claim of "A good time will be had by all!" is an understatement. Ask anyone who has attended any of the past Kentucky Derby parties. Just seeing Keyah Grande and fellow Pagosans decked out in their most colorful, occasionally outrageous and creative finery might be reason enough to come.

Another reason to participate

is that proceeds from the Kentucky Derby Party fund the Pagosa Rotary Club's many community projects, such as the \$20,000 in college scholarships given annually to graduating seniors from Archuleta County, the local Feed the Children program, teacher mini-grants, dictionaries given to every third-grader, sending high school students to leadership camps and many other worthwhile projects.

Come to the party. It's a total "feel good" way to spend a Saturday afternoon in May. Tickets are \$45 each and can be purchased from any Rotarian or at Exit Realty. Put it in your calendar now: May 5.

With over 24,000 clubs and 1.2 million members worldwide, Rotary International is a service organization with the goal of bringing together dedicated individuals to exchange ideas, build relationships, take action and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Exemplifying the Rotary motto of Service Above Self, the local Rotary clubs provide support for local and international project that improve the lives of others.

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Sexual assault awareness month: Raising community awareness in the wake of #MeToo

By Ashley Wilson
Special to The PREVIEW

With so many stories coming to the surface in the fall of last year and the national coverage of the #MeToo movement, it is time to bring the focus home.

It is easy to say that sexual assault happens to someone else, somewhere else, but the reality is it happens here in our beautiful little mountain town. It happens to people you likely know: Your friend, your sister, your sales clerk, your waitress. Men, women; young, old: Sexual assault spans the gap.

So, no matter what you feel about the national #MeToo movement, the reality is that sexual assault affects every member of our community, directly or indirectly, and it is time that we use our voices to make sure victims know that they are supported.

April is sexual assault awareness month and the 2018 theme is "Embrace Your Voice: Your voice is necessary in this conversation."

Following are some national statistics:

- Every 98 seconds another American is sexually assaulted.

- From 2009-2013, Child Protective Services agencies substantiated, or found strong evidence to indicate that, 63,000 children a year were victims of sexual abuse.

- One in three women and one in six men experienced some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime.

- One in five women will be raped at some point in their lives.

- One in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives.

In 2017, Rise Above Violence served nine women and 12 children who were victims of sexual abuse, along with their families and friends who are also affected by such violence. But we know that sexual assault is under-reported and that there are many more suffering in our community.

This month is a good time to remember that sexual assault can happen to anyone and that our voices have the power to heal or hurt. Our voices accuse, our voices support, our voices condemn, our voices lift up, our voices shame,

our voices can bring relief. Your voice has power; use it to support victims.

Teal is the color of sexual assault awareness month. You will see teal ribbons lining main street this month as a symbol of the efforts to prevent and educate the community about this important issue. Join with Rise in offering a collective voice that says sexual assault is not acceptable in our community. If you are looking for ways to help, join us:

- By wearing teal to show support all month long.

- On April 25, at noon, at the bell tower for the Denim Day Walk.

- On April 27, at 6 p.m., at Cross-fit Pagosa for The Original Push-Up Challenge.

Rise is a nonprofit organization which promotes the belief that all people have the right to live free from violence. Rise provides 24-hour support and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or other forms of violence, serving over 350 victims each year. Rise also works to eliminate violence through education for youth and our community.

All programs and services are free and confidential including emergency prevention education and empowerment programs. Visit www.riseaboveviolence.org for more information or call 264-9075 to talk to an advocate today. If you want to be part of the team to help those in our community, volunteers for advocacy are always needed and welcomed.

Experience the benefits of music at Tuesday session

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 10, at noon.

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

Through hand drumming, body percussion, air drumming, singing and playing instruments from around the world, participants explore an expansive range of musical expression.

Innate to human beings, music has existed in myriad forms in every known culture throughout the world. Like language, music is a form of communication that belongs to everyone. Throughout the ages, music has played a powerful role in community life, healing, spirituality, education and

entertainment.

Through recent scientific observations, the magnetism and potency of music have been coming to light. Thanks to neuroimaging, a relatively new discipline within medicine, neuroscience and psychology, the phenomenal powers of music are being verified through technologies that image the structure of the nervous system.

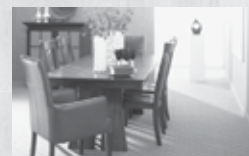
This new scientific understanding, that music engages just about every region of the human brain, sounds a clarion call to explore ways we can enhance our lives through music.

The drumming class provides an innovative and easily accessible approach to the benefits of music.

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

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Walking through one's life

I braced myself and snuck up on the situation. I knew I would face resistance from my Sweet Al when I told him I was going to get rid of some of his things.

I made arrangements with Lisa, "The Organizer aka Marriage Therapist." She would help me sort through Al's closets, his man cave and my office, all of which occupy the loft of our log home.

My office space is one-fourth of the loft. I have a Canadian goose flying above my desk as I type this article. On the wall is a bear hide and thrown over the railing is a big coyote blanket. Pictures of ducks and elk hang to my right side, mounts of ducks and pheasants are positioned on the all-consuming divider on my left. They remind me I'm living in Al's world as I work in mine.

My Sweet Al lives in his hunting memories and has a story for every little trinket. I type my stories as dust gathers on his knickknacks. The carved ducks, trophy mounts, hides, antlers and everything that represents hunting and fishing need attention. He isn't dusting them and I'm tired of looking at them. Lord, deliver us and save our marriage. I need Lisa.

Two days before "the day," I talked to Al like a Dutch uncle. I was selling, but he wasn't buying. He didn't need all that memorabilia or the big divider in the middle of the room. They were taking up space and needed to go away.

Our son offered his two cents. Get rid of all that furniture. I echoed his sentiments. That's what I've been saying. Then Stephen saw how hurt his dad was because he didn't know where he would display all of his things. Our son changed his mind and took Al's side.

"Be nice to Daddy. He has a right to have his things in his own home. Leave the divider where it is."

Al inherited his mother's love for memories and things. She hung on to everything until her death and then it was all passed down to Sweet Al. It's in his DNA. But what man needs 40 Hawaiian shirts, 30 pairs of tennis shoes, 10 leather jackets and totes of hunting gear when he doesn't hunt anymore? His paraphernalia takes up two overflow closets in the loft.

I defended my side of the story. "I was just trying to make sense of all of this junk so Lisa would know what to do with it and where to start."

The morning she came, there was still tension in the air and division loomed bigger than the big bookshelf divider consuming the room. Al was hovering around like the goose over my desk and he wasn't landing. He waited around until he saw what we were going to do with his stuff.

Artist's Lane

Betty Slade



She said, "Let's pray. We need God in the middle of this." I thought, "God doesn't want to be in the middle of this mess. He's left the building."

She took pictures of the "before" and she studied our upstairs room. Then her gaze landed on an antique wooden door in the corner next to my desk. She asked, "What's in there?"

"Oh, it's my writings, books, art stuff and office supplies. It's all organized; we don't need to worry about that."

"Let me look." As she opened the door and panned the 6-by-8-foot room, she said, "This is where we need to start. God is moving us to this place first. Let's drop the notion about working on Al's things and work on your area."

"Really? You've got to be kidding."

As she pulled things out of my supply closet, she said, "You sit there and I will bring things to you. You sort."

I began sorting. Boxes of books I had written, half-done creative

ideas, note cards, inventory, designs, art supplies and 10 years of newspaper articles. I sorted through my life one item at a time.

I said to her, "I had some good ideas once. I need to keep these things so I won't forget them. People won't believe I did all of this. These projects represent my life, I can't throw them away."

She wasn't listening to my whining. "Keep a couple of magazines, calendars and brochures from your gallery. We will have one tote for your art and gallery things, one tote for family keepsakes and one for photos."

So, I sorted through my life and my creative ideas. I remembered writing in an article years ago, "What do you do with all your brilliant ideas under a bed or in the closet?" Apparently, I did the latter.

She was on a mission and I was on memory lane. My stuff was in a safe place hidden behind a closed door until she prayed. Then God threw open the door and Lisa, the organizer, began to organize. She wasn't here to play favorites.

"It's all my projects. I need to remember my great ideas. They are who I am. Look at this cute brochure I made for a family reunion once. 'Cheaper by the dozen' with 12 people in the same bed, outlining our scheduled weekend. Isn't

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UUs to learn about liberation theology

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

Kath Burns, a hospice chaplain in Minnesota for 20 years, will be our guest speaker at Sunday's gathering of the Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Raised as a Roman Catholic, ordained in the United Church of Christ, Burns was introduced to liberation theology's "preferential option for the poor" in high school and college. She continues to be inspired by the parable of the good Samaritan that guides her as to how she should live her life as a human, as a person of faith and as an ordained clergy person.

For the past several years, Burns has been involved with San Lucas Mission in Guatemala. The work of the mission supports several programs such as education, health care, construction and coffee that provide a source of income for

both families and the mission. The work of the mission is grounded in liberation theology.

We will hear how the first two principles of Unitarian Universalism (the inherent worth and dignity of every person and justice, equity and compassion in human relations) and liberation theology cross paths in the spirit of Burns' life.

Our Fellowship is about belonging and, through this sense of belonging, we each grow spiritually. We are a Welcoming Congregation; we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all, and all are invited to our monthly Soup Fellowship on April 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fellowship.

This month, the event will be enlivened by the performance of a "playlet" in which Mother Earth brings suit against the people of the earth for their criminal treatment of her. Both the play and the annual

trash cleanup in the streets around the Fellowship are planned as part of Pagosa community's week-long celebration of Earth Day.

Our service begins at 10:30 a.m. and, following that, we invite our visitors to share refreshments and conversation. Every third Sunday, our service includes children's religious explorations. All youngsters ages 5-12 are welcome and there are no prerequisites. Parents need only show up with their offspring(s).

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

For further information, visit pagosauu.org or call 731-7900.

Pagosa Community of New Thought to hold healing circle service

By **Janie Garms**
Special to The PREVIEW

Along our life path, we will receive the teachers, mentors and messages we need when we need them. We need only pay attention

and welcome their arrivals.

On Sunday, April 8, our service will take us on a healing journey, a healing circle that all attendees can participate in. People all over the planet are waking up. We know there is more and we are here to

find it.

Discover the healing potential of your mind and body. Awakening is a natural occurrence because we are guided by an inner guidance system.

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Lane

■ continued from previous page it cute?"

She glanced over at it and said, "Don't stay there too long. We've got work to do." Ten black bags later full of trash, boxes of books going to the bookstore and things with no reason or purpose went out the front door.

I told her there was an article here to write. I was worried about Al's things and God was nailing me to the wall with my things. We were both carrying way too much baggage.

It reminded me of a devotion we had that morning. It was about the Alpha and the Omega. Jonathan Cahn wrote, "God is the Alpha, the Beginning of all things and the Reason why all things exist. God is the Omega, the End of all things and the Purpose for which all things exist."

Then he wrote, "God is the Reason and the Purpose for everything we do. We are just in between and are the vessels through which His love, His power, His purposes, His Spirit, His life, and His blessings flow."

When we realize the Reason and Purpose for being here, all keepsakes will only be reminders that we have passed through.

In each piece of paper, and 33 ring notebooks breaming over with Bible study lessons, I saw my life unfold. A stack of Bibles with writings and notes in every color of ink on every page showed 50 years of my walk with God.

I said, "Allison wants my Bibles. I must keep them for her. The Bible studies will go in the fire. I've taught them and the knowledge I obtained by the Holy Spirit will remain in me. It's God's promise. I don't have to hold on to them, His Word is holding on to me."

The organizer is coming back next week. We will tackle Al's two closets. I've got a week to convince him that he has only two feet and he can only wear one pair of tennis shoes at a time. Let someone else enjoy his Hawaiian shirts; they may never go to Hawaii. The large divider of shelves will remain in the middle of the room. Some things are non-negotiable.

Final brushstroke: All these things are not the end to themselves. They carry a warm thank you or a reminder of a time we passed by. Hopefully we have left a witness of God's love in a story or article. God is the beginning and the end, and our lives are just traveling vessels passing through. It

would be nice if we weren't loaded down with so much paraphernalia and inspiration, but we are who we are.

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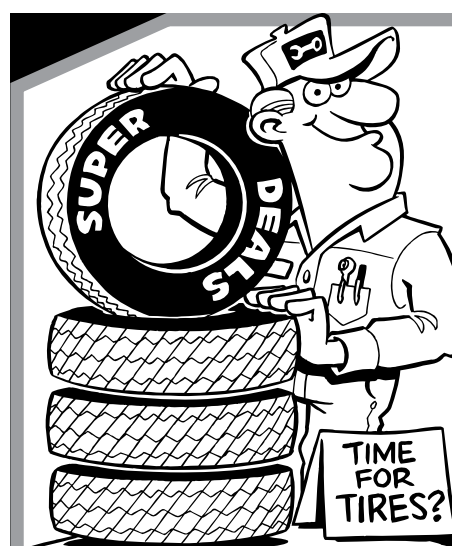
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More than one way to skin an orange

By Jan Davis
Special to The PREVIEW

Billy hurried in the back door after school and plopped his backpack on the bench. His eyes focused on the kitchen table, where his mother left after-school snacks. Today, a large bowl of fruit sat in the center of the round oak table. The afternoon sun cast a beam across the fruit and beckoned him. Red, shiny apples, plump grapes and bright yellow bananas were some of his choices. He surveyed his options.

At the top of the pile rested a large orange. Billy reached for the orange and rushed outside to relish every bite. He rubbed the orange on his cheek and felt the rough texture caused by the little pitted areas. It reminded him of the acne scars on his uncle's face.

He tried to copy his mom's refined technique and began to peel away the top and bottom. The tangy smell tickled his nose and his

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mouth watered in anticipation. He forgot about perfection and began to tear the skin loose with small bites through clinched teeth.

With the rind gone, he used his short fingernails to pick off as much of the white inner layer as possible. The sticky nectar ran down his fingers and squirted in his face as his fingers dug in. It was not unusual for Billy to wind up with as much juice on his clothing as in his stomach.

He didn't understand how some oranges were sweet and others sour. He took his first bite and a syrupy smile lit up his face with the lip-smacking flavor of today's treat.

He loved to squirt the juice into his mouth with his finger or bite a small hole in the tip and suck the juice out. He relished every yummy mouthful.

The finished orange was worth the hassle of cleanup. Billy's mother left a garden hose hooked up at the side of the house. He washed his hands and face and, with a satisfied grin on his face, the child headed inside. The juice stains that ran down his shirt and onto his shorts guaranteed a bath would soon follow.

Billy enjoyed more than an orange that day. He appreciated the freedom of choice, practiced his orange-skinning skills and discovered the taste of success.

Because of Jesus, life is to be savored every day.

"You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours." — Psalms 128:2 (NIV).

I love you, but Jesus loves you more.

Service

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The people behind the names: the Archuletas

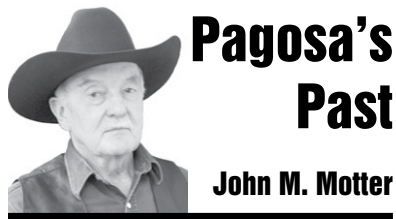
We continue writing about the source of Archuleta County's name and the family for whom it is named.

To summarize, in 1883, Antonio Donaciano (Don) Archuleta, after having served two terms in the Colorado House of Representatives representing Conejos and



Photo courtesy John M. Motter

A leading citizen in Pagosa Country's formative years was Eudolphus M. "Doc" Taylor, who served the county, town and courts as a clerk, loaned money, raised sheep and put a bullet hole in a gent he figured was inappropriately messing with his daughter, Hattie, a winsome lass.



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

Costilla counties, was elected to serve in the state Senate representing Conejos County. In 1884, Don introduced a bill to form Archuleta County from Conejos County. The bill passed and the new county was created in 1885.

After a short debate, the county was named for Don's brother, Jose Marcelino (J.M.), who had established residence in what was to become Archuleta County in 1877 at a location on the Navajo River that has become known today as Edith. J.M. was likely the first settler at Edith.

Following the creation of the new county and after the first election, a war of "ballots and bullets" for political control of Archuleta County erupted, a conflict that lasted for many years.

Pending election of county officers, Colorado Gov. Benjamin Harrison Eaton appointed county officers to serve temporarily. The election was scheduled for the fall of 1886. They would begin performing the duties for which they were elected after being sworn in in January of 1887. At least that was the way, according to state law, such things were supposed to happen.

In 1885, following creation of the county, Eaton appointed J.M. Archuleta Jr., Algernon S. Dutton and Jud Hallet as commissioners; F.A. Byrne as superintendent of schools; E.M. Taylor as county clerk and recorder; J.P. Archuleta as county assessor; Isaac Cade as county treasurer; William Dyke as county sheriff; and J.H. Voorhees as county judge.

I don't know who made the recommendations for these appointees, but they seem to be a fair representation of various com-

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munity interests such as ranchers, business folks, Byrne was an educator, and Taylor was well-educated and well-off. The two Archuletas represented the Hispanic population concentrated along the New Mexico border at the south edge of the county. They were well-to-do with businesses, cattle, sheep and horses.

And, so, the business of organizing a county began. Sarah Bowling purchased a liquor license costing \$160 and lasting for three months. A system of roads was adopted and arrangements made for their maintenance. It takes money to make things happen and it takes time to create, levy and collect taxes. In those days, heavy levees were placed on saloons, a good place to start gathering money, my guess.

I don't know where the first

county officers did business. In July of 1886, they rented a meeting place from a man named Devereux and, on July 20, 1886, they paid C.D. Scase \$310 for a building moved to Lot 31, Block 6, on San Juan Street below Reservoir Hill.

The story of creating a county gets more exciting next week when we start referring to "ballots and bullets." Remember the name C.D. Scase and the building on San Juan Street. Even Pinkerton detective Charlie Siringo slipped into town incognito before things settled down.

Mountain View Homemakers cancel April 12 meeting

By Tozi Rubin
Special to The PREVIEW

Due to an unavoidable conflict, the April Mountain View Homemakers meeting originally scheduled for April 12 has been canceled.

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National Library Week and spring Lifelong Learning Lectures start today

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

As we join American libraries in commemorating National Library Week April 8-14 — and the 60th anniversary of this observance — it seems appropriate to reflect on the wide variety of free fun and educational activities available to you and your families at your Ruby Sisson Library. You can learn about them every week in this “Library News” column.

One example: The ever-popular free spring Lifelong Learning Lecture series starts today, April 5, and continues every Thursday until May 17 with outstanding talks from 5 to 6:30 p.m. for seven weeks.

Today, Thursday, April 5, is a presentation 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.

April 12 will feature climate change awareness advocate Susan Atkinson describing effective ways to reduce your carbon footprint. On April 19, Anthony Garcia from the U.S. Forest Service will tell the story of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, with emphasis on herds living in the mountains surrounding Pagosa Springs. April 26 will bring Robin Young, who will lead a wildfire preparedness workshop to help you reduce your risk of wildfire and loss.

May presentations include Town Manager Andrea Phillips talking about local government and the town's recent and future major projects on May 3, San Juan Basic Public Health (SJBPH) discussing proper nutrition and healthy eating on a budget on May 10, and Andrew Guilliford, professor of history and environmental science at Fort Lewis College, reviewing the history of killing wolves in Colorado and the possibility of bringing them back to our wilderness on May 17.

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We hope you will join us for these interesting and informative presentations. For more details about all the talks, please pick up a brochure at your library.

Free books for 4-year-olds

Be sure to read this “Library News” column next week to learn how to get a free book for your 4-year-old youngster. We will have copies in English and Spanish.

Teen advisory board today

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

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, April 6, 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.

Reading with a therapy dog

On Saturday, April 7, from 11 a.m. to noon, youngsters from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to share their favorite books with Hondo, a therapy dog who loves listening to stories, at a free Paws to Read session. This is a great way for beginning readers to build confidence.

SATs study break with therapy dog

Teens studying for the SATs can come on Monday, April 9, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. to hang out, play games

and relax with Hondo, a therapy dog.

Health screenings

Staff from SJBPH will be on hand Monday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon to provide free health screenings to check cholesterol, blood glucose and blood pressure, and provide health coaching.

Please fast for nine hours prior to your screening for most accurate results. Questions? Call SJBPH at 264-2409, ext. 214.

Book club for adults

Our free book club for adults meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. to discuss alternating fiction and nonfiction titles.

On April 10, we will discuss “Hidden Figures” by Margot Lee **See Library on next page**

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Teen gaming

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

Teen writers group

Join us next Wednesday, April 11, from 4 to 5 p.m. for our free teen writers meeting for seventh-through 12th-graders. This group's interests include stories, poetry, graphic novels and fan fiction.

Tech sessions

Drop in with your technology questions on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Note there will be no Tech Time today, 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. Note there will be no computer class today, April 5.

April 12 will focus on Internet searching, April 19 covers saving and finding files, and April 26 covers Transparent Language Online, which is packed full of pronunciation, speech, grammar, writing and vocabulary lessons accessible from your computer, smartphone or tablet.

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

Please note there will be no storytimes on Saturday, April 7, or Wednesday, April 11.

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

Please note that both storytimes are now open to babies, toddlers and youngsters of all ages to make it easier for parents to attend with their children depending on their busy schedules rather than the age of their little ones.

Activities calendars

To be sure you don't miss any of the free activities available to you and your families at your library,

we encourage you to pick up a copy of the events calendar each month. There are three versions — kids, tweens/teens and adults.

Resources for contractors

We now have two 2006 International Residential Code books, one for reference and one for check-out, as well as the 2006 one- and two-family dwellings code book. We also have the 2006 "Building Code Illustrated/second edition" to help you understand the other two books.

There are newer versions, such as the 2015 edition that we purchased a couple of years ago. But we recently learned from some patrons that it is the 2006 code that Archuleta County uses for inspections.

After confirming this information with the county, our director, Meg Wempe, thought it would be helpful to have the code books with the information being inspected here.

"It is learning from patrons about their needs that we are better able to serve our community," Wempe said.

Other nonfiction

"The Island That Disappeared" by Tom Feiling reveals the lost history of the Mayflower's sister ship and its rival Puritan colony. "From the Left" by Bill Press is a memoir by this talk-show host and political commentator. "Birds of the Photo Ark" is a National Geographic photographic guide to more than 300 species of birds. "Odd Girl Out" by Laura James is the memoir of a successful autistic woman. "Where There's Hope" by Elizabeth Smart is a memoir describing how a woman overcame trauma, with guiding principles for others.

Academy Award DVDs

"The Shape of Water" had 12 nominations and won four Academy Awards, including best picture and best director. "I, Tonya" had three nominations, including best actress and best supporting actress. "Lady Bird" had five nominations, including best picture, best director, best actress and best supporting actress. "Abacus," a documentary about a Chinese immigrant bank-owning family, owners of the only bank prosecuted after the 2008 financial crisis, was nominated in the documentary feature category.

CDs

"The Disappeared" by C.J. Box features Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett. "As You Wish" by Jude Deveraux is the story of three very different women who meet one fateful summer. "Sweet Vengeance" by Fern Michaels follows a woman seeking justice for herself and other families. "Death of an Honest Man" by M.C. Beaton is a Scottish Sgt.

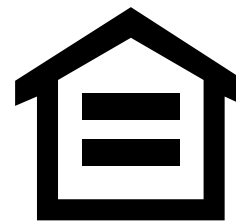
Hamish Macbeth mystery.

Mysteries and thrillers

"Crimson Lake" by Candice Fox features two people accused of murder, one convicted. "Agent in Place" by Mark Greaney is a Gray Man thriller set in the Middle East. "Barbed Wire Heart" by Tess Sharpe follows a daughter of a drug lord. "Accidental Heroes" by Danielle Steel is a thriller set on a flight from New York to San Francisco.

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Seniors' 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.

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San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: Update and younger residents

By Kay Kaylor

As the part-time long-term care ombudsman for Archuleta County, I advocate for residents at Pine Ridge and BeeHive Homes. Federal and state laws protect residents to promote quality of care and quality of life. Pine Ridge had a health department survey March 19-22, and I will report the results when they are official. BeeHive Homes

has a new administrator, Angela Gallegos, and the number of residents is increasing.

Pine Ridge joins other extended care homes with an average of 15 percent of residents younger than age 65 (2013), a growing but rarely recognized population with higher care and supervision needs. In a 2009 study of eight Texas nursing homes, most younger residents were men with significant physical and mental health deficits who spent most of their time alone or watching television. A majority had never been married or were divorced or separated. Other studies cited state that younger residents live with more varied medical conditions and a greater proportion tends to be obese.

Residents in the 2009 study wanted a variety of relevant recreational activities, such as more outings and more meaningful relationships with family, staff and other residents. The younger residents felt trapped and depressed, partly from overwhelming changes that occurred earlier in life. They

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Other novels

"Girls Burn Brighter" by Shobha Rao, set in India and America, features two heroines with an extraordinary bond. "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones tells of a young Southern couple whose lives are ripped apart by a crime. "Alternate Side" by Anna Quindlen follows a New York City neighborhood after a terrible incident. "The Italian Teacher" by Tom Rachman is about the son of a great painter striving to create his own legacy.

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Wolf Creek Ski Area announces poster contest winners

Special to The PREVIEW

For over 17 years, Wolf Creek Ski Area has sponsored the annual Safety Poster Contest. Local elementary through high school age students, especially those participating in this year's School Group Program, were invited to enter.

School kids submitted their artwork depicting the Responsibility Code. The contest had a good turnout and posters were displayed in the Base Camp building. Wolf Creek guests and employees enjoyed viewing the posters and voted for the winners.

Students did an excellent job drawing, painting and illustrating the Responsibility Code. The contest was divided between two divisions: kindergarten through fifth grade and sixth grade through 12th grade. Prizes include lift tickets, lessons and rentals.

Elementary division winners

First place — Sienna Rose, Valor Academy, Pagosa Springs.

Second place — Bella Werby, Pagosa Peak Open School, Pagosa Springs.

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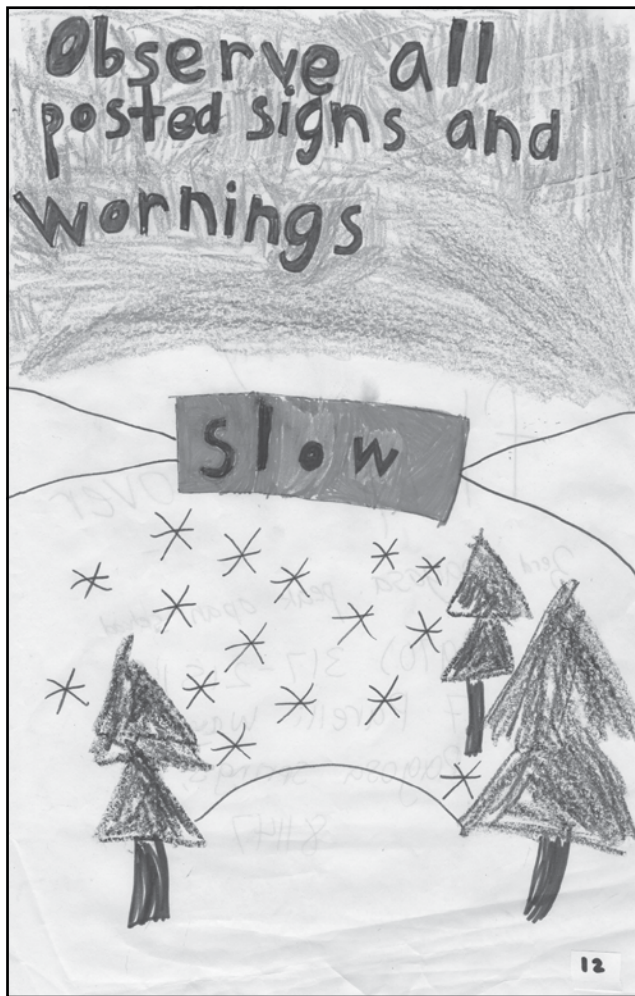


Photo courtesy Wolf Creek Ski Area

Bella Werby of Pagosa Peak Open School is in third grade. Her poster took the silver in the elementary division of the Safety Poster Contest at Wolf Creek Ski Area.

Senior

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tended to be less patient and more demanding with interests of their generation.

Staff believed nursing facilities were not designed for younger residents, resulting in unmet psychosocial and recreational needs. Among obvious strategies suggested was to provide more community-based alternatives to nursing home placement.

For further information, you may call me at 403-2164 or send an email to ombudsman2@sjbaaa.org.

Memberships

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

Menu

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

The guest fee for those 59 and under is \$10 and children 10 years and under can eat for \$5 each. Access to the salad bar is only \$6 for those under 60.

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

Thursday, April 5 — Pork baked ziti, roasted cauliflower soup, glazed carrots, focaccia bread, milk

and salad bar.

Friday, April 6 — Turkey sausage soup, green peas, milk, salad bar and brownie.

Monday, April 9 — Chicken Parmesan, whole-wheat penne pasta with marinara sauce, spinach, yellow squash casserole, milk, salad bar and lemon dessert.

Tuesday, April 10 — Crunchy baked catfish with Dijon mustard sauce and/or tarter sauce, scalloped sweet potatoes with apples, stir-fried Chinese mustard greens, milk, salad bar and peanut butter cookie.

Wednesday, April 11 — Pork zuppa Toscana, eggplant medley,

focaccia bread, milk and salad bar.

Thursday, April 12 — Turkey potpie, Brussels sprouts, milk, salad bar and carrot cake.

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

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

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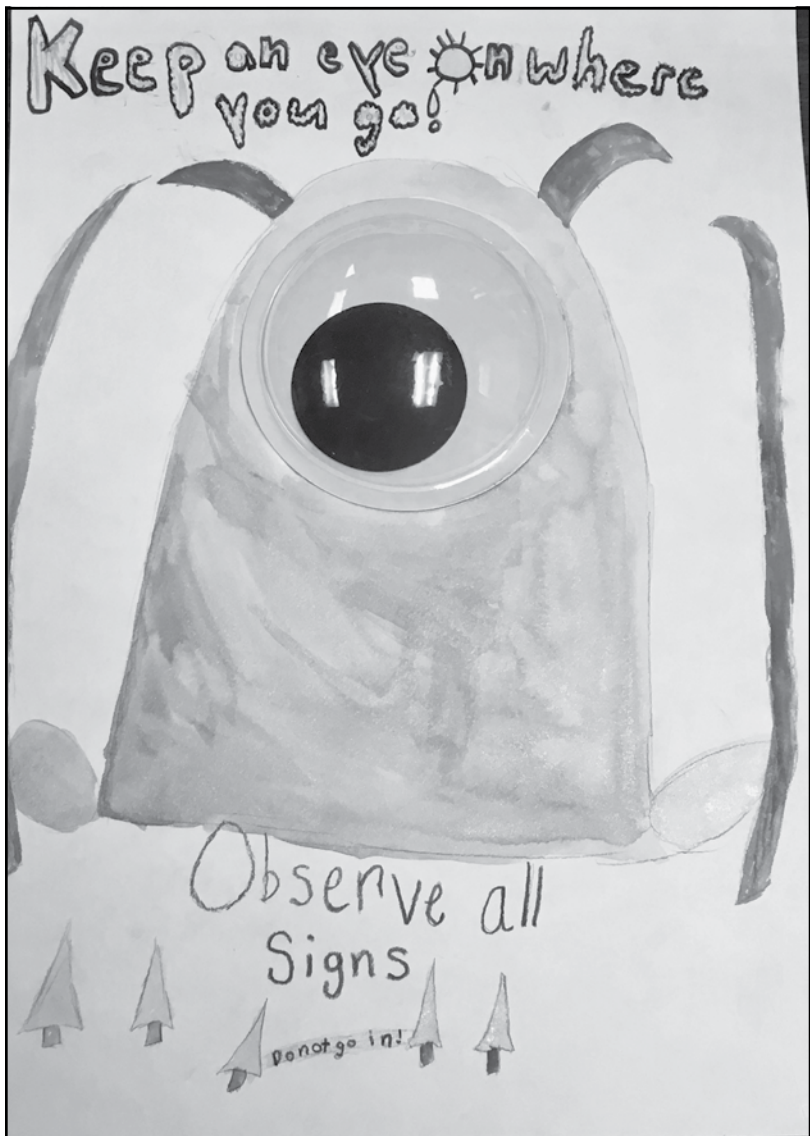


Photo courtesy Wolf Creek Ski Area
Sienna Rose of Valor Academy took first place in the elementary division of Wolf Creek Ski Area's annual competition with her poster depicting the Responsibility Code. She is in fifth grade.

Poster

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Third place — Yasmin Santiago, Bill Metz Elementary, Monte Vista.

Middle/high school division winners

First place — Evelyn Rose, Valor Academy, Pagosa Springs.

Wolf Creek Ski Area would like to thank all who participated in the contest and all the children and chaperones who took part in the School Group Program this year.

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

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.

PSHS Volleyball Program Coed 4s. 6-8 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Open gym during the month of April. Tuesday and Thursday nights. All skill levels welcome. You may come as a team or individual. Must be in high school or older to play. There is a \$5 admission each night, and all proceeds support the Pirate Volleyball Program.

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 Part-

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nership, 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.

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.

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.

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.

Community Prayer. 5-10 p.m., Community Prayer Room, 755 San Juan St. You are welcome to come anytime between 5 and 10 p.m. and stay for however long you are led to. Everyone is welcome to join us and pray for our town and we are inviting all to take part in this. It will be a time of unity in prayer and focused on seeking the Lord.

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

Open Gym. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 264-4152, ext. 521 for more information.

Pagosa Piecemakers Quilt Guild. 10 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Meetings are for new or experienced quilters. Upcoming classes include beginning hand embroidery, piecing skill building, art quilting and fabric bags. Coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. Additional information can be found on Facebook, or contact us at pagosapiecemakers@gmail.com.

Archuleta County Genealogical Society. 11 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. Rebecca Attencio Hunter will share the steps that helped her in unraveling secrets in the family to find necessary facts in discovering roots.

Paws to Read. 11 a.m.-noon, 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.

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.

Free Health Screenings. 9 a.m.-noon, Ruby Sisson Library. Staff from San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) will be on hand for free health screenings that will check cholesterol, blood glucose and blood pressure, and they will provide health coaching. SJBPH encourages participants to be fasting for nine hours prior to your screening to get the most accurate results. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Line Dancing. 9:15-11:30 a.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Beginners at 9:15 a.m., Advanced group at 10:15 a.m. Call Beverly for information at 264-2064.

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B,

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Snide remark
- 5 Waikiki wiggle
- 9 Small sample
- 14 Burn soother
- 15 Part of CPU
- 16 Rack up, as debt
- 17 Fireplace fodder
- 18 Unwritten reminder
- 20 Vile smile
- 22 NAREB member
- 23 See eye to eye
- 24 Staircase part
- 25 School session
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- 41 Turn red, maybe
- 42 Full range
- 43 Phony sort
- 45 Mideast bigwig
- 46 Tropical tuber
- 47 In the ___ of (amongst)
- 51 More than a few
- 53 Geologic period
- 54 Haitian, for one
- 57 Folklore fiend
- 58 "Not ___!"
- 59 Knowing about
- 60 Feudal estate
- 61 Gabbana's partner
- 62 Must-have
- 63 Pedal pushers

- 3 Daltrey of The Who
- 4 Be suitable for, old-style
- 5 Droning sound
- 6 Precise
- 7 Family history
- 8 Reach, as a goal
- 9 Pinball error
- 10 Mark up
- 11 Golfer's tally
- 12 Egyptian boy king
- 13 Before, to a sonneteer
- 19 "Is that ___?"
- 21 Pragmatic one
- 26 Threadbare
- 27 Bullwinkle, e.g.
- 29 Fabric fuzz
- 30 Halloween wear
- 31 Policeman's shield
- 32 At right angles to ship's keel
- 33 Ouster

- 35 Brazilian soccer legend
- 37 Water pill
- 38 Barren
- 40 Glacial deposit
- 43 Presidential grant
- 44 Sucker deal
- 46 Gymnast's goal
- 48 Stray calf
- 49 Rock fragments
- 50 Shrinkage, to a retailer
- 52 Wall climber
- 54 Bunch of bills
- 55 It may be inflated
- 56 Sign of approval

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Volunteers take on historic effort to sign the Continental Divide Trail

By Amanda Wheelock
Special to The PREVIEW

It can be hard to find your way along the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT), which runs from Mexico to Canada along the spine of the Rocky Mountains. The trail is completely unmarked in some sections and, in others, blown-down trees and bleaching from the sun have made the existing trail markers, or “blazes,” difficult to spot. But, this year, in honor of the trail’s 40th anniversary, the Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC) is trying to change that.

“The CDT is an incredible natural and recreational resource owned by all Americans,” said Teresa Martinez, executive director of the CDTC. “By making sure the trail is well-signed, we hope to encourage more people to explore the CDT and the beautiful Rocky Mountain landscapes it traverses.”

Blazing a trail that is 3,100 miles in length is an enormous undertaking and while the CDT has been marked in various ways throughout its 40-year history, it has never been completely and consistently signed from end to end.

To tackle this historic project, the CDTC is recruiting volunteers from across the country to take part in a project called “Blaze the CDT.” Throughout 2018, these volunteers will install thousands of blue-and-white signs along approximately 750 miles of trail. Thanks to efforts by the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, youth conservation corps and volunteer trail adopters,

over 2,000 miles have already been properly signed.

Less well-known than its bi-coastal cousins, the Appalachian Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail, the CDT was designated by Congress as a National Scenic Trail in 1978. As it winds its way along the crest of the Continental Divide, the CDT passes through alpine meadows, desert canyons, quaking aspen forests and imposing mountain ranges, making for a truly beautiful journey through some of America’s most dramatic and rugged terrain.

Despite decades of work by dedicated volunteers, land management agencies and other trail supporters, the CDT is still incomplete. Over 180 miles of the trail are still in need of federal protection and hundreds more are in need of critical maintenance. That’s just one reason why the CDT was named as one of 15 national priority areas by the U.S. Forest Service earlier this year.

2018 is not only an important year for the CDT, but for all of America’s trails, as it marks the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System Act. The National Trails System provides outdoor recreation opportunities, promotes natural resource preservation and public access, and encourages the appreciation of America’s history and cultural diversity. Since its creation in 1968, over 81,000 miles of trails have been included in the National Trails System.

To learn more about Blaze the CDT and the CDT, visit www.continentaldividetrail.org/blaze-the-CDT/.

About the CDT

The CDT is one of the world’s premiere long-distance trails, stretching 3,100 miles from Mexico to Canada along the Continental Divide. Designated by Congress in 1978, the CDT is the highest, most challenging and most remote of the 11 National Scenic Trails.

It provides recreational opportunities ranging from hiking to horseback riding to hunting for thousands of visitors each year.

About the CDTC

The CDTC was founded in 2012 by volunteers and recreationists hoping to provide a unified voice for the trail. Working hand in hand with the Forest Service and other federal land management agencies, the CDTC is a nonprofit organization supporting stewardship of the CDT.

The mission of the CDTC is to complete, promote and protect the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, a world-class national resource. For more information, please visit continentaldividetrail.org.

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D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

The International 101 Session — New Data and International Strategic Plan. 10-11:30 a.m., The Springs EcoLuxe meeting room. A presentation geared towards tourism partners interested in learning more about international tourism and Colorado markets. Pastries and coffee will be provided. Please RSVP to Pam Hotchkiss at visitorcenter@visitpagosasprings.com.

Qigong. 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Maintain and improve health, strength and balance.

Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests?

Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

SAT Study Break. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in 9th-12th grades. Take a break from studying. Stop by the library for snacks, games and to hang out with Hondo the therapy dog. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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.

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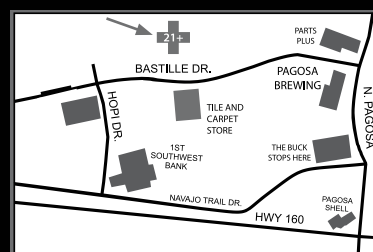
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Weed season is upon us

By Robin Young
PREVIEW Columnist

Weed season is upon us. For the next several months, you will see articles written by our county weed and pest manager, Ethan Proud, about weeds and how to control them. Noxious weeds are a problem for landowners because they can displace native vegetation, can be harmful to livestock and even change the soil composition, making it impossible for anything else to grow.

Please learn what these plants are and how to control them.

Noxious weed of the month: Black henbane

Black henbane has yet to be reported in Archuleta County, but is present in Colorado.

It is a List B species and reproduces only by seed and exhibits a biennial growth pattern (rosette first year, flowers and dies in the second year). Each plant can produce up to 500,000 seeds, which are viable in the soil for as many as five years.

Flowers are five-petaled, yellow or creamy brown colored, with purple veins. After going to fruit, the plant dies and all that remains is a "skeleton" of stems lined with pods that drop seeds. Whether controlling henbane with chemical or mechanical means (pulling the plants is a very effective con-



Photo courtesy CSU Extension

Black henbane has yet to be reported in Archuleta County, but is present in Colorado, and is considered a noxious weed. Flowers are five-petaled, yellow or creamy brown colored, with purple veins. Henbane belongs in the Solanaceae family and is highly poisonous.

trol method), dead plants should always be bagged and burned or disposed of at a landfill.

Henbane belongs in the Solanaceae family and is highly poisonous containing the alkaloids hyoscamine, hyoscyne and atropine, which are responsible for the traditional image of a witch riding a broom.

Henbane has a foul, pungent odor and is rarely eaten by animals, but when consumed, it is fatal. Handling the plant without gloves may result in the compounds being absorbed through the skin and poisoning through absorption. When controlling black henbane, it is important to always wear gloves and long sleeves to avoid dermal exposure.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests. For further information, please contact the Weed and Pest Department at 264-6773.

Extension open house

On April 17, CSU Extension will host an open house. Come meet the CSU Extension director, Robin Young, and learn what Extension

has to offer.

The open house will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Extension office, located at 344 U.S. 84 (at the fairgrounds).

Seed potato orders

Orders are now being taken for Colorado-certified seed potatoes from the San Luis Valley. There are red, white, blue and pink varieties for \$1 per pound.

They will be ready to pick up May 9-11. Please call the CSU Extension office to place your order.

CPR and first aid classes

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

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

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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.

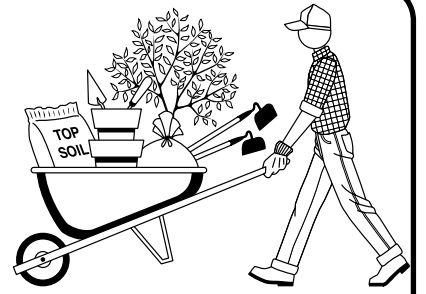
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A difference in culture

By Daris Howard
Special to The PREVIEW

I was 19 years old and living in New York when I first met Juan. His family had come to the United States from South America, and he was proud of his heritage. He was a pleasant young man and a joker. But one thing he especially liked to do was to challenge the rest of us to see who could eat the hottest, spiciest foods.

Juan would eat a hot pepper and say, "Where I live, we eat chili peppers like you eat M&Ms."

Of course, living in Buffalo, New York, the most famous spicy food was Buffalo Chicken Wings. Juan issued a challenge to the rest of us, claiming he could eat hotter chicken wings than anyone, and he dared us to prove otherwise. In our group of a dozen young men, four decided to take the challenge.

There were a few places in Buffalo, all of which claimed to be the restaurant that first made chicken wings. Juan told the challengers to choose whichever one they wanted.

One of the challengers, Donaldson, chose the restaurant based on the hotness factor. This restaurant claimed to have chicken wings from super-super mild to what they called "hot death." On a day off from work, the 12 of us went there to eat and watch the challenge.

Though most of us didn't plan to be part of the competition, we thought we would see how far up the hotness scale we could go. We started by ordering a platter of the super-super mild. We each ate one. They were barely spicy, and I liked them. We ordered a super mild

next. This burned slightly for me, and some of our group went no hotter. Next was the mild. When I tried that, tears rolled from my eyes, and I decided I was happy to end there.

Most of us quit at that level, but the four challengers and Juan kept going. But as the temperature increased, one by one the challengers, eyes watering, dropped out. There were still three heat levels left when the last challenger conceded victory to Juan. As each person reached their hottest level, there would be lots of gulping of pop or anything to try to wash away the burn, and Juan would point at the person and say, "Gringo," and laugh.

After the last challenger dropped out, all pitched in and bought a platter of "hot death," and Juan, to our great admiration, ate every wing on it.

Juan's victory was the talk of our meetings for about a week. Then, one day, Donaldson received a package from home. In it was a note from his mother to share it with all of us. It was full of cookies and something else that Donaldson said was his favorite treat. There were 12 small vials of sweetened cinnamon and a package of toothpicks. Donaldson showed us that he loved to dip the toothpick into the cinnamon and then lick it.

We each took our cinnamon and followed his lead. It was really good, and soon we were all licking our cinnamon toothpicks. But that was when something interesting happened. Juan licked his the first time, and his eyes grew wide, and he started to scream. He rushed to the kitchen sink and started

gulping water and trying to rinse his mouth. Finally, he turned to us. "You trick me!"

"It's just cinnamon oil," Donaldson said, dipping a toothpick and licking it off.

Juan walked over to Donaldson and jerked the bottle from his hand. He picked up a new toothpick, dipped it in the cinnamon, and licked it. Again, his eyes grew wide, and he screamed and ran to the kitchen sink. He still thought it was a trick, so after Donaldson showed him again, and licked off a toothpick, Juan grabbed the toothpick out of Donaldson's mouth, and to our disgust, licked it, too. Once more we watched Juan scream and run to the sink.

"It must just be a difference of spices that we are used to in our culture," I said.

When Juan finally pulled his mouth away from the water faucet, Donaldson pointed at him and said, "Non-gringo," and we all laughed.

So Donaldson had an extra container of cinnamon for himself, and Juan never teased us again.

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American Legion Post 108 Ladies Auxiliary. 4 p.m., 287 Hermosa St.

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

Adult Education. 4:30-7 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-

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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.

PSHS Volleyball Program Coed 4s. 6-8 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Open gym during the month of April. Tuesday and Thursday nights. All skill levels welcome. You may come as a team or individual. Must be in high school or older to play.

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Country band Farewell Angelina set to put on a show April 14 at the Community Concert Hall

By **Indiana Reed**
Special to The PREVIEW

As part of the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College's "Artists You Need to Know" series, Farewell Angelina will take the stage on April 14.

Opening for the country quartet at 7:30 p.m. is local favorite The Cannondolls.

Named after a haunting Bob Dylan song, Farewell Angelina is an all-female country group featuring four powerhouse vocalists who are equally dynamic songwriters and talented instrumentalists: Nicole Witt, Andrea Young, Lisa Torres and Lauren Lucas.

As described by Dylan, "Farewell Angelina ... The bells of the crown ... Are being stolen by bandits ... I must follow the sound ..."

Singer, fiddle player and songwriter Witt and renowned fiddle/mandolin virtuoso Young first teamed up with noted Nashville harmony singer and solo artist Torres in late 2014. Their writing chemistry, creative drive and enticing performance soon caught the ears and eyes of producers Jen Ketner and Keith Stegall (Zac Brown Band, Alan Jackson, Darius Rucker). Mid-2016 saw the release

of the self-titled debut EP on Stegall's Dreamlined Entertainment — and appearances at the ACM All-Star Jam, CMA Fest, festival dates at Creek Fest and Trails West followed.

In late summer 2016, ACM and Tony Award nominee Lauren Lucas joined the band, adding yet another lead vocalist and talented guitarist to the mix. Farewell Angelina's single "If It Ain't With You" has proven popular on radio playlists across the country and has become an in-demand wedding song for country fans.

Farewell Angelina has been named among Rolling Stone's "New Artists You Need To Know" and Roughstock's "Ones to Watch." Members have had their songs recorded by artists ranging from George Strait to Lee Brice, and their instrumental and vocal talents have graced and enhanced country stars such as Jason Aldean, Trace Adkins, Josh Thompson, Jana Kramer, Frankie Ballard and Jerrod Niemann. Onstage, they've opened for Blake Shelton, Rascal Flatts, Dierks Bentley and a host of others.

View a performance video of Farewell Angelina performing "If It Ain't With You" at www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zvp2xPh8PQ.

The Cannondolls, with a shared passion for beautiful melodies and deeply honed lyrics, was originally formed by Caitlin Cannon and Kate Willyard, with fiddle player Alissa Wolf joining the group in 2015. The band's original songs conjure the ghosts of Hank Williams, Woody Guthrie and Patsy Cline with inspiration from contemporary artists such as Jason Isbell and Shovels and Rope. Songs are said to parse the human condition with writing that is consistently fresh and relevant, often darkly humorous,

yet disarmingly relatable.

Known for intricate harmonic vocals, The Cannondolls' eclectic sound draws a wide range of fans. At live performances, the band offers glimpses into the quirky vulnerability and humor inherent in the members' optimistic and refreshing musical process, often treating audiences to impromptu giveaways of handmade jewelry crafted from spent bullet casings, freshly baked cookies or knitted coozies for a coffee cup.

View The Cannondolls perform-

ing live at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kk8ehSVpnQ>.

Tickets for Farewell Angelina with special guest The Cannondolls (\$24-\$34) are available online at www.durangoconcerts.com, by calling 247-7657 or visiting the ticket office inside the Durango Welcome Center at 8th Street and Main Avenue in downtown Durango. Ticket Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Orchestra pit seating is available. All sales are final.

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There is a \$5 admission each night, and all proceeds support the Pirate Volleyball Program.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn the versatile rumba. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

Wednesday, April 11

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Flow Yoga Class. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

Free Blood Pressure Checks. 10:30 a.m., Senior Center.

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

Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

Teen Writers. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Calling all teen writers: stories, poetry, graphic novels, fan fiction, it's all welcome. We will meet in the large meeting room. Call 264-2209 for more

information.

Yoga. 4-5 p.m., Community Center.
Zumba. 5:30-6:30 p.m., Community Center. Open to all abilities and ages.

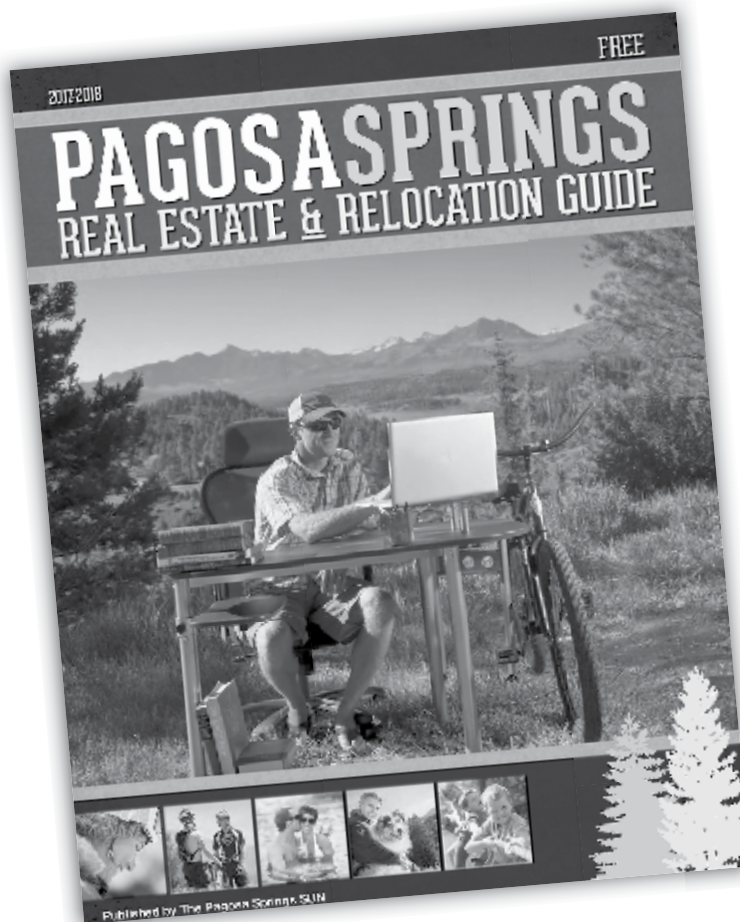
Pagosa Springs Photography Club. 6:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Join us for socializing at 6 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting. Long-time photographers and those just starting out are welcome. The meeting will feature Doug Combs. Combs will discuss the Lightroom catalog, exporting from the catalog to various file formats. Additionally, he will show how to export from initial catalogs made on a notebook computer. Finally, he will show a free Windows backup. For more information, call Andy Butler at (512) 581-1470 or visit pagosaprinphotoclub.org.

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.

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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September lecture announced: ‘Ötzi, the 5,300-year old Tyrolean Iceman Mummy and the World’s Oldest Tattoos’

By Janice Sheftel
Special to The PREVIEW

Tickets will go on sale April 9 for the second annual John W. Sanders Lecture on “Ötzi, the 5,300-year old Tyrolean Iceman Mummy and the World’s Oldest Tattoos,” by Aaron Deter-Wolf, prehistoric archaeologist, of the Tennessee Division of Archaeology.

Sponsored by the San Juan Basin Archaeological Society (SJBAS), in conjunction with the Fort Lewis College (FLC) Anthropology Department, the lecture will be held in the FLC Ballroom on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m., preceded by a cookie reception at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the lecture, at a cost of \$10 plus convenience fees, will be available at the Durango Welcome Center, by calling 247-7657 or at www.durangoconcerts.com. Tickets, if still available, may be purchased at the door, starting at 6 pm. at a cost of \$13. One-half of the ticket price will support the SJBAS Internship and Education Fund, which provides two FLC student internships at the

Center of Southwest Studies annually and scholarships for the FLC summer archaeology field school.

The ice mummy known as Ötzi, since his recovery from an Alpine glacier in 1991, has come to represent a triumph of modern scientific analysis. After nearly three decades of research, scientists know more about this 5,300-year-old man than perhaps any other ancient human. Studies have examined the tools he carried, the clothes he wore, his health conditions, the ingredients of his last meal, deciphered his complete genome and even identified the bacteria that inhabited his gastrointestinal tract. Analysis has also shown that Ötzi’s body was adorned with at least 61 tattoos, the oldest preserved examples of this behavior discovered to date.

For the past decade, archaeologist Deter-Wolf has been studying the archaeological evidence for tattooing. He is co-editor of the new volume “Ancient Ink: The Archaeology of Tattooing,” has authored multiple book chapters and articles on tattoo archaeology, and in 2016

appeared in a NOVA documentary discussing Ötzi’s tattoos.

Join us on Sept. 15 for a program in which Deter-Wolf will discuss Ötzi’s life, death and discovery, and what 5,300-year-old tattoos can tell us about human behavior and the ancient world.

Deter-Wolf will also be part of a panel discussion, together with Dr.

Jesse Tune of the FLC Department of Anthropology and other FLC faculty, about “Frauds, Myths, and Mysteries in Archaeology,” tied into today’s conversations around the notion of “fake news,” at 7 p.m. on Sept. 17 at a location to be determined.

This panel discussion will be free and open to the public. The many examples of fringe theories

in archaeology range from a race of giants building mounds to aliens and pyramids. Many honest archaeological ideas, like the Solutrean hypothesis (first Americans coming from Europe via boats 20,000 years ago), have been used by groups to justify fringe agendas.

So, save the dates: Sept. 15 and 17.

Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Charles Martinez

This week’s Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the American avocet.

In the shallows along the shores of our local ponds and lakes, you might see a long-legged, stately looking, medium-sized shorebird — the American avocet — known by its scientific name *recurvirostra americana*. Distinguished by black stripes on its outermost wing feathers and middle of its back; its white underparts; rust-colored breast, head and neck during breeding season; and bluish legs, the American avocet is often noted for its elegant appearance. Found singly or in small flocks of 10 to 20 birds, the American avocet feeds by moving its slightly upward, curved bill back and forth in the softened mud of its preferred habitat. This allows it to collect small invertebrates and seeds buried in the mud, but they may feed on small fish as well.

Most distribution maps show their nearest breeding grounds to our east in the San Luis Valley. If you were to come upon their nest, it would be very nondescript, just a shallow depression in the soil lined with some pebbles and feathers. Their offspring are precocial, meaning that within a few minutes of hatching, they are able to scurry about to avoid predation. After experiencing a decline in population numbers during the 1960s and 1970s, currently the American avocet is doing reasonably well. However, a decline in wetlands across North America represents a challenge for this beautiful member of our bird community.

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