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Rise Above Violence: support and service to survivors

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

"I truly, truly believe that I don't think that I could be doing this kind of work if I didn't believe that sexual and domestic violence could end," Carmen Hubbs said.

She added, "And it can." Hubbs is the executive director of Rise Above Violence, a support organization for victims of sexual and domestic violence.

Hubbs has big eyes, an easy smile and strong voice. She has an ease about her, a calming presence that puts you comfortably into

■ See Rise A19



Locals gather around the bell tower on Wednesday to show support at the annual Denim Day walk. Rise Above Violence is a local non-profit supporting survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. You can contact the organization's hotline at 264-9075 or visit www.riseaboveviolence.org.

SUN photo/Avery Martinez

County to consider updated short-term rental regs Tuesday

By Avery Martinez
and Randi Pierce
Staff Writer

Short-term rentals (STR) in Archuleta County received a spotlight at the joint meeting of the Pagosa Springs Town Council and Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on April 24.

The main discussion centered around the BoCC's upcoming decision on updating regulations around STRs in Archuleta County.

The BoCC will discuss the proposed changes to STR regulations at its next regular meeting at 1:30

■ See Rental A8

Courts outline conditions for courthouse reoccupation

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

The Archuleta County Courthouse may yet again house court activity, as talks between the county government and the courts continue.

The apparent headway came in the form of a letter from Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson, which stated, "The Sixth Judicial District agrees to reoccupy the courthouse if and when all of the following condition precedents have obtained ..."

The letter outlined several stipulations for reoccupation of the courthouse.

The letter was discussed by the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), on Tuesday morning.

"I think it's a step towards agreement," Bentley Henderson, Archuleta County administrator, said about the letter.

The letter contained nine different conditions for Archuleta County to adopt and implement for the courts to move back into the courthouse, Henderson explained.

The letter requirements

In the letter, Wilson states the courts will reoccupy the building if the conditions stated in the letter are addressed and fixed.

- Those conditions include:
- A feasibility study of the entirety of the structure.
 - Archuleta County's agreement to pay half of the study's total cost.
 - Mold studies be performed on

■ See Courts A8

Nystrom pleads guilty to manslaughter

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer



Nystrom

The sentencing for Chad Nystrom, the man accused of killing Richard "Dick" Isaacs, will be held on May 30.

"He plead guilty to manslaughter," explained 6th Judicial District Attorney Alex Lowe. "It's a class 4 felony."

Lowe went on to explain that Nystrom could be sentenced to up to six years in the Colorado Department of

Corrections.

The original jury trial for Nystrom ended in a mistrial as the result of a hung jury on March 22.

During a preliminary hearing in October of 2017, Nystrom entered a not-guilty plea to the charge of first-degree murder, a class 1 felony.

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

Charges against Charlotte Benally, who was originally charged with being an accessory to first-degree murder, were later dropped, as well.

The shooting of Isaacs, 65, oc

■ See Manslaughter A8

Drought management plan outlined, special meeting scheduled for May 1

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

With dry conditions persisting around Pagosa Springs, a course of action for the summer, as well as a possible drought management plan, were discussed by the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board at its regular meeting on April 19.

PAWSD District Manager Justin Ramsey explained during the meeting what PAWSD's plan will be for the upcoming summer.

"I think we should also mention, everybody is aware of our snowpack this year. And due to that, we're planning on running a lot more water out of the San Juan plant," Ramsey explained.

PAWSD will be pumping water from the river to Lake Forest and back out again, Ramsey added.

"That treatment plant is significantly more expensive to operate than Hatcher or Snowball, but we're going to really run that because our water was turned off on Fourmile on Monday," Ramsey said.

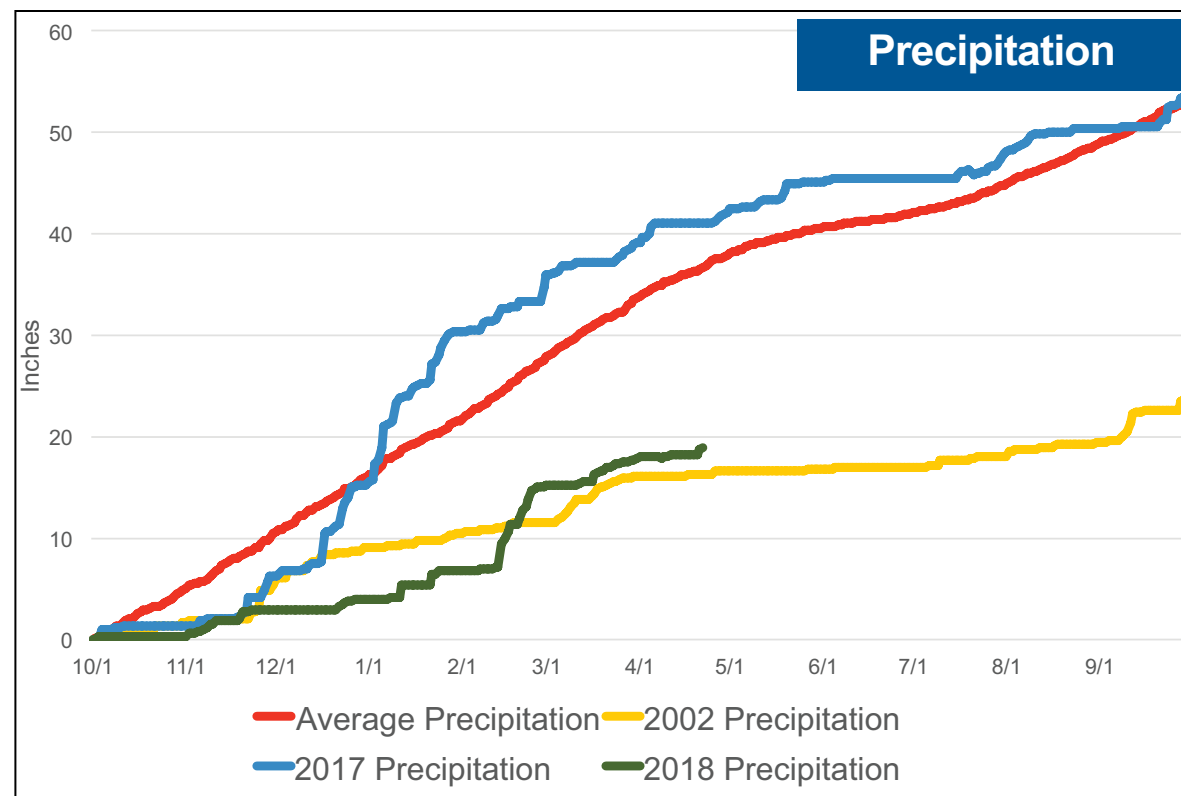
Regardless, there's no doubt there is going to be a budget hit because of this," Ramsey added later.

Hatcher Lake is currently full, Ramsey added later, while Stevens Lake is about 2.5 feet from being full. "I don't think we have any choice but to operate it this way," Ramsey said.

"We're going to have years like this," PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh said.

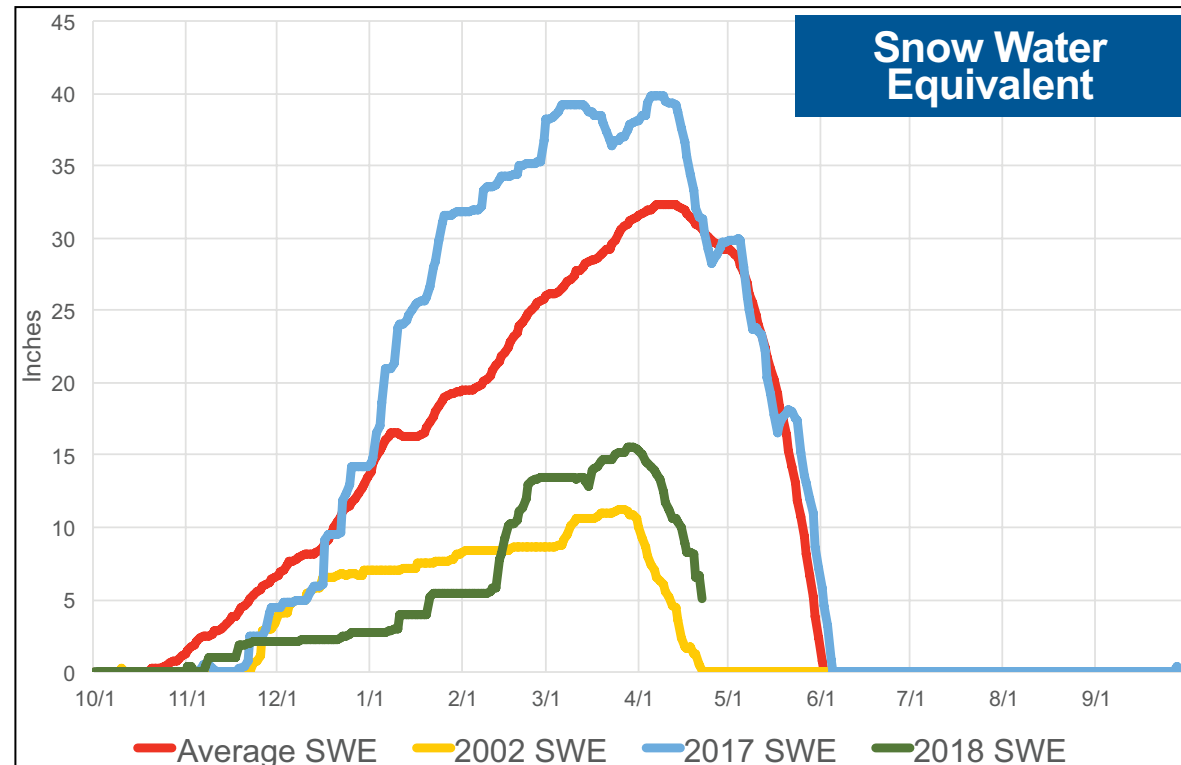
Later in the meeting, a drought management plan

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Graphs courtesy PAWSD

The above graph shows precipitation data over the course of a year gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service SNOTEL Site Upper San Juan Number 840. This site is located near the top of Wolf Creek Pass, just this side of the Continental Divide. The below graph illustrates the snow water equivalent, or amount of moisture in the snow, at the same site. Both graphs begin with October on the left side of the bottom axis.



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EDITORIAL

Playing with fire

"Fueled by fire. Driven by courage." That was the theme of the 2015 mill levy campaign of the Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD). A lot has changed since then.

We saw a significant piece of Pagosa Country history destroyed when the historic Adobe building on Lewis Street went up in flames nearly a year after that mill levy campaign was voted down at the polls. Approximately 15 businesses were gutted in the fire. The Pagosa Fire Protection District staff and volunteers poured their heart and soul into fighting the devastating fire. They doused the flames with 1.5 million gallons of water.

Firefighters prevented the fire from spreading or damaging nearby buildings. Had the fire jumped to buildings across the alley, the entire 400 block of Pagosa Street could have potentially burned. And most importantly, no life was lost and no one was injured in the blaze. The PFPD serves a vast area consisting of approximately 317 square miles. They respond to emergencies and serve our community 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They respond to over 600 calls per year.

Those emergency calls include ones for things such as rescuing a calf that fell into a well, cats that were stuck up trees, and horses and dogs that fell through the ice on ponds and lakes. Other services the PFPD provides include structural firefighting, auto extrication, wildland firefighting, ice rescue, swiftwater rescue, hazardous materials response, disaster response and risk management. They provide public assistance with smoke detectors and alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. PFPD provides public education regarding fire prevention and safety. Firefighters visit our local schools to teach our children fire safety.

These firefighters roll to the scene when a smoke alarm or carbon monoxide detector goes off. They respond to these seemingly minor calls as if they are true emergencies, even when, often, they are not. They always put their concern for human life and safety at the forefront.

They've even helped to remove people's belongings from homes and businesses when the danger of the fire has subsided and they could provide compassionate care in another manner.

The majority of our dedicated firefighters are not paid a dime for their selfless commitment to our community.

The PFPD is asking voters to approve an additional 3.783-mill increase. Currently, the district's mill levy is 4.067. Of that, .5 mills are mandated for the volunteer pension fund. That leaves 3.567 mills remaining for the general fund, or operations.

The first priority of the district will be 24/7 paid staffing with a focus on local recruitment. The use of volunteers will continue to be valued and utilized by the district.

The PFPD plans to establish a schedule for equipment replacement and maintenance and create a reserve fund with the additional funding. Replacing fire engines, aerial apparatus, protective clothing, self-contained breathing apparatus and extrication tools such as the "Jaws of Life" is costly. And, these tools are used on a regular basis by our specially trained firefighters.

Not only is our community growing by leaps and bounds, but Archuleta County is experiencing extreme to exceptional drought and the PFPD has already responded to several fires this spring. It's time we put some funding into this fire district that gives back to this community in a multitude of ways.

We support the PFPD's request to increase the mill levy. If we don't, we could be playing with fire.

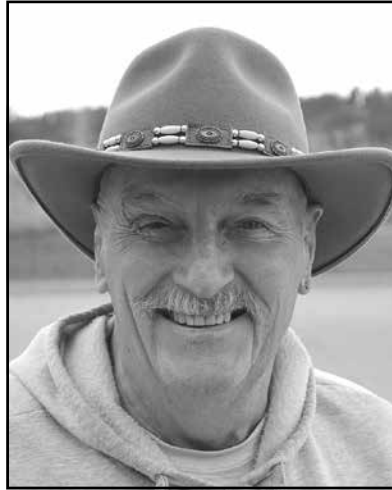
Terri Lynn Oldham House

WHADDYA THINK?

Should the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association purchase the golf course?



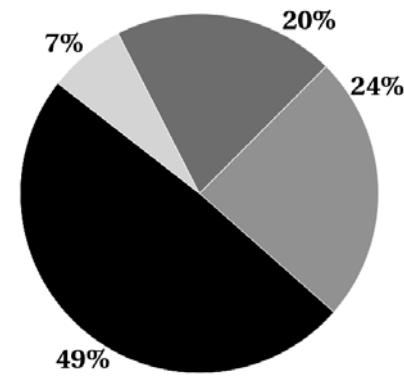
Ben Lynch
"Yes, but they're not going to."



John Chrzanowski
"No. I think they've got enough going on. It's costing us too much."



Mike Hodgson
"It's not my decision. It's theirs."



Poll results (246 Votes)
Yes. — 24 percent
No. — 49 percent
I do not know. — 7 percent
I do not care. — 20 percent

This week online: Do you plan to vote in the upcoming fire district election?
Vote at www.pagosasun.com

LOOKING BACK



From the May 1, 1975, Pagosa Springs SUN. WINNERS AT ADAMS STATE — Spanish II students from Pagosa Springs High School who participated in the annual Pan American Days at Adams State College last weekend were, back row, left to right, Carmen Medina, Betty Martinez, Ramona Ribera, Dorothy Gallegos, Allen Lucas, and Mike Lister. Bottom row, left to right, Mary Kay Marquez, Irene Ribera, Marcia Valdez and Ignacio Chavez.

LEGACIES

By Shari Pierce

90 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 27, 1928

The brown cub bear, which took up his abode last fall at the Elmer Dutton ranch, has been sold by Mr. Dutton to the mayor of Albuquerque, N.M.

The local schools are observing Arbor day, field day and Forest week with a program and track meet this afternoon, all of which are largely attended.

The county examination for 7th and 8th grade pupils will be held throughout Archuleta county schools on Monday and Tuesday, May 7th and 8th. The questions are prepared by the state superintendent of public instruction, and submitted to the various schools by County Superintendent Myrtle DeFoe.

The Valdez 4-Piece Orchestra will play at Carlsbad Lodge Tomorrow night.

75 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 30, 1943

A business deal was completed Wednesday of this week, whereby W.H. Diestelkamp became the owner of Joy's Grocery and Market. The store will be closed all day Friday of this week for inventory and Mr. Diestelkamp will open "Dee's Grocery and Market" on Saturday, May 1st.

Fred Youngblood and Mark Amyx drove Mr. Youngblood's cattle from their winter range at Arboles to Pagosa, arriving Tuesday, after a 3-day trip.

Reports are that fishing for yellow suckers is good. Mrs. Pearl McComas came home Friday from Oklahoma and other points in Colorado where she had spent the winter with relatives. She had a most enjoyable visit, but is glad to be home.

50 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 25, 1968

Rod Blacker, San Juan National Forest Supervisor, announced last week that bids are being called for on a new office building in Pagosa Springs. The new building will house the combined offices of the Pagosa and Piedra districts. It is to be located at the site of the old ranger office in east Pagosa Springs. A new garage has already been constructed just across the alley. The present Forest Service office has been sold and will be moved. A residence, just east, was purchased and torn down to make room for the larger building.

The appointment of Ben Gallegos as a school board member to fill a vacancy was made by the school board last Thursday. He will fill the position left vacant when Mrs. June Lynch resigned.

25 years ago

Taken from SUN files of April 29, 1993

A fire last week at the county landfill proved a pesky problem for facility managers and personnel, but efforts over six days apparently have quenched the smoldering trash.

With the arrival of warm spring weather, the above-average snowpack in the high country is starting to melt, and increased volumes of water are running in the streams and rivers, and local lakes and reservoirs are filling. The Colorado Office of Emergency Management is concerned about the high potential for flooding this spring, and is issuing warnings to homeowners to prepare for flood season. The Bureau of Reclamation is preparing for the possibility of major runoff by releasing additional amounts of water from dams in the region.

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4/19	63	26	-	-	-
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4/21	60	28	S	T	T
4/22	66	28	-	-	-
4/23	69	30	-	-	-
4/24	67	32	-	-	-

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WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU REMEMBER IT BEING THIS DRY?

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AMY NEESIA



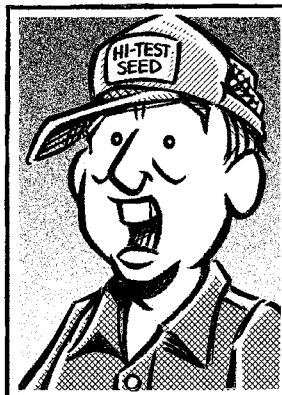
"Dunno — I can't remember it ever being this dry before!"

ERLY TRUBBLE



"Back in '37, when th' wells in these here parts all dried up!"

I. B. ESSER



"In 1981, when there wasn't even a bucket of water fer irrigation!"

J.P. DOODLES



"Yesterday — when I emptied th rain gauge with a dustbuster!"

Letters



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Embarrassing

Dear Editor:
Embarrassing thoughts ... "only from the wrong answers can truth emerge." Francis Bacon.

Before the current Trump cult started masquerading as the old GOP, to be a Republican conservative meant embracing American exceptionalism in forceful moral leadership of the world, free markets, fiscal conservatism, family values, modesty in approaching government, humility about governance and a reliance on the structures of the Constitution to preserve while keeping central government from getting to be too powerful. Leadership ... hmmm, Ryan couldn't do where Boehner failed as they were attempting to herd a disparate group of cat-like monologue ideologues. Moral of the story is you can't be willing to sacrifice your primary integrity and ethics without sacrificing your right to lead.

Factoid ... like it or not, we are all racist to some degree. "Still, Republicans needn't despair. After all, they'll always have racism to fall back on. And with the tax cut fizzling, The GOP will be pitching to our implicit — even explicit — racism in the months ahead." And guess what, some of us will repeat their hate mantra as if it made practical sense.

"Mad humanity, which nothing could free from itself," Andre Malraux.

Dave Blake

We need Bob

Dear Editor:
Regarding the election of Directors of our LaPlata Electric Association.

"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread" — an old saying I've heard all my life that comes to mind as I

think about our upcoming election. I certainly call no one a fool nor an angel. I do suggest that experience, careful research and steady thoughtfulness are prerequisites to good decisions.

Those are the kinds of decision we have learned to expect from Bob Formwalt during his service to us as Director of LaPlata Electric Association. Bob's in-depth understanding of the rapidly changing world of electricity production, coupled with his great record of sound, experienced based decisions made for us as LPEA members, gives a clear picture of his service.

We should thank him for his service to us, and re-elect him to continue making thoughtful, informed, experienced based decisions on our behalf. We need Bob Formwalt to represent us on the Board of Directors of our electric co-op.

Gayle Broadbent

STR issue

Dear Editor:
Nearly all the discussion at the county level about STRs' negative impacts have been about the problems caused by inconsiderate vacationers. This is for sure a serious issue, and the county has proposed regulations that they believe will eliminate that problem. I have my doubts that they will succeed, but let's assume they do. Even if all the vacationers are well behaved, too many STRs will still have a negative impact on our neighborhoods. People have purchased property in residential zones for generations feeling safe in the fact that they would be surrounded by other residences, not lodging businesses, or any other business for that matter. We want our neighbors to be other residents that we can become friends with and do all the neighborly stuff with, not transient vacationers. Throwing the door wide open for unlimited numbers of STRs in residential zones would be irreversible and would forever alter the character of residential zones.

I know this is America and I do believe in capitalism, but must everything always be about money? It seems in the deliberations so far that those who make money from STRs have been given the most consideration. It is not right to forever abandon the concept of residential neighborhoods to allow for the financial gain of a few.

So far county residents who stand to be harmed by STRs have been mostly silent, I suppose because you have not yet been directly affected by one. But you will be. If you want to save your neighborhood, you need to speak up before it is too late. Call or email the county commissioners, or speak at their meetings, whatever you are comfortable with. All their info is on the county website. The BoCC is scheduled to discuss the proposed regulations next at their May 1 meeting at the county extension building. You snooze, you lose.

Mike Dallam

Skeehan for LPEA

Dear Editor:
We would like to recommend Kirsten Skeehan for our LPEA board.

We appreciate Bob Formwalt's service with LPEA and Archuleta County Commission; but we think it is time for other folks to have a chance to work for our district.

Thank you.

Jeff and Addie Greer

PFPD mill levy

Dear Editor:
Pagosa Fire Protection District's (PFPD) Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating is used by your insurance company to determine the rate they charge for fire insurance on your house. Previously, all Stations were rated by ISO as a Class-5/5. The first number is the rating for structures within 5 road miles from a station and within 1000' of a fire hydrant. The second number is the rating for structures within 5 road miles but farther than 1000' from a hydrant. All structures more than 5 road miles from a station receive a rating of 10.

That rating was recently changed to a 4/6 for structures within the 5 road mile distance. To achieve this rating, PFPD was audited by ISO in multiple ways. First, the fire department had to prove its capability of fighting fires if a fire hydrant was available within 1,000'. Second, the fire department had to shuttle water to properties located beyond 1,000' from a hydrant using a network of water-hauling tankers whose measurable flow rate had to be comparable to a normal hydrant flow. Also critical to this rating was the response time for a crew and truck to get to the structure 5 miles away. According to Chief Larson, PFPD was very close to getting 3/6 or maybe a 3/5 rating and that the critical factor was response time, which would be improved with a full-time crew at Station 1.

Please look at your property tax bill and see what you are actually paying for having PFPD ready to come to your house. Compare that to your home insurance bill and see which one has gone up in the last 20 years since PFPD's mill levy was set. Also, on my tax bill, I show the Upper San Juan Health levy as 3.889 and the Upper San Juan Library levy as 1.502 — combined that is 5.391, 1.318 more than PFPD's levy. Don't get me wrong, I love the library and have used San Juan Basin Health, but neither of them is going to try to keep my house from burning down if I have a fire.

I have been following Bill Hudson's series on 'Selling the Next Tax Increase' in which he repeatedly criticizes PFPD for not using the available media to get the word out, waiting until the last minute, or leaving him in the dark about why PFPD wants the extra money. In reviewing Pagosa Sun articles about this, I find the first Sun article about a PFPD mill levy increase on 12 October 2017 (www.pagosasun.com/pfpd-considering-asking-for-mill-levy-in-2018/). This was followed by articles on 21 December about the PFPD Board meeting, on 11 January 2018 about approving the mill levy ballot measure (www.pagosasun.com/fire-district-seeks-mill-levy-increase-2/), followed on 8 March and 19 April about public meetings to explain to those interested what PFPD wanted to do and why it was needed.

Maybe Bill would be better informed if he read the Sun?

Jim Huffman

Loma Linda HOA

Dear Editor:
Congratulations and thank you to The Pagosa Springs Sun for being awarded the Colorado Press Association's Service to the First award. We value our small town, small local paper's diligence in doing its part to ensure our elected officials and governing bodies operate according to the statutes and rules

they are bound to.

It is often said that, "charity begins at home." So, too, does the exercise of constitutional and political rights and freedoms. Our small governing bodies are often a microcosm of the larger national and international political scene, and provide a first-hand view into how governance can be done well, or not so well, openly or honestly. Home, community and the place we live is where we first learn to participate in the processes that govern our lives and experience how to hold our governing bodies accountable.

In light of this award and of the stories The Pagosa Springs Sun has reported that resulted in its being awarded this honor, property owners and residents in Loma Linda subdivision may want to pay more attention to what its Board of Directors is doing, and how.

At its March 12, 2018 board meeting, the Loma Linda Subdivision Homeowners Association (LLSHOA) board voted two to one (President Mark Douglass and Treasurer Don Haywood in favor; Vice President Bill Trimarco opposed) to obtain a legal opinion as to whether the board president can seek legal advice without prior board approval. This vote overturned a board decision made at its September 11, 2017 meeting, when the same board voted unanimously to contract its law firm with the stipulation that they would only contact the law firm as a board, not individually, and that any decisions

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to contact the law firm would be made in public board meetings.

The board has not provided any explanation as to how or when they will inform property owners of its legal expenses, nor what prompted this sudden desire for secrecy. Incidentally, the board first hired this law firm to provide “canned” board policies that the board could “tweak” (September 11, 2017 meeting minutes) to meet its needs. It appears that the board did obtain and adopt these policies hurriedly, with the result that some policies now in place contradict or at best confuse the Association’s governing documents (Bylaws and Codes, Covenants and Restrictions).

The board has told me they will review the policies again, but has provided no information regarding legal expenses or activities. Subdivision property owners do not know how much of our money this board is spending on legal expenses, or what these expenses are for.

Thank you again to The Pagosa Springs Sun for holding a light to the activities of our local governments, associations and non-profit organizations. In the past, some Loma Linda subdivision property owners have questioned whether the press has a right to attend LLS-HOA board meetings. As we know, these meetings are open to the public and the press has the highest right in the land to be present and to report.

Lisa Jensen

Vote for Skeehan

Dear Editor:
Dear Readers, I got my LPEA ballot in the mail last week. I also got my electric bill. As a business owner I am all about reliable, affordable electricity. I would love to see more sustainable sources of energy in the mix. I understand from a discussion at Earth Day this last weekend that Solar and Wind

Energy efficiency audits and upgrades available through CARE program

By Laurie Dickson
Special to The SUN

The Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE) is offering energy efficiency audits and upgrades through Energy Outreach Colorado and its CARE program for income-qualified households.

Black Hills Energy customers in Archuleta County and Pagosa Springs are encouraged to contact 4CORE to apply for free energy audits and upgrades. Call 4CORE at 259-1916 or visit www.fourcore.org for more information and an application.

power are getting less expensive all the time. I think we should pursue those sources — for economic reasons and for environmental reasons. I think with Kirsten Skeehan, (disclaimer: my life and business partner) on the LPEA board, we can move safely and smartly toward a greener mix of electricity.

Kathy Keyes

Electric fund

Dear Editor:
I was pleased to see the article in the Sun about the Fairfield bankruptcy Electric Settlement Fund, as well as a display of community interest via the letter to the editor from Lynn Richert. I worked on this issue over the past 4 or 5 months. I researched the situation, uncovered the pertinent documents and notified the Archuleta County BoCC, County Administrator and County Attorney of the facts (and decades long misunderstanding) surrounding the court order for the Electric Fund usage, at their 2/6/18 meeting — which is what led to the Sun article. I also presented the PLPOA board of directors with this information at their March 8 meeting.

If anyone in the community is interested in discussing the history, details and facts I discovered, I would be happy to share what I have. I have no official capacity and no legal authority. I am just a concerned Pagosa property owner. I may be contacted at (719) 244-0439 or cm.maier90@gmail.com.

Charlotte Maier

Shore up police

Dear Editor:
Help the Pagosa Springs Police Dept.

With the current crime rate having doubled or tripled in the last few years, it is incumbent on the city of Pagosa Springs to continue protecting its citizens. The city’s first step should be to significantly increase the salary and benefits of the people now working in the police department. These dedicated public servants are asked to work incredible hours being called out at all hours of the day or night and often working six days a week. Many of these work days are 12 to 14 hours long. How much longer before these experienced professionals decide its not worth it and leave? Because of inadequate pay and benefits, the city would have a very difficult time replacing them. The second step the city should take is to increase the number of people on the police force.

The city, of course, may claim there is no money for this. If that happens, one suggestion would be an Archuleta County tax on marijuana sales, with a big portion going to Pagosa Springs. But in any event, where ever the money comes from, the citizens of Pagosa Springs deserve continued protection. They are not going to get it by the city paying substandard wages and only offering expensive medical coverage to personnel in the police department.

If this crime wave continues, it’s only a matter of time before people start reading headlines like “Tourists killed in Pagosa Springs.” Once that moniker is attached to the city, you can kiss all the summer tourist revenue goodbye. I urge the city to take action quickly to shore up the Pagosa Springs Police Dept. before its too late.

Charles Newton

LPEA election

Dear Editor:
Yes another LPEA Board of Directors election is upon us. And yes, Bob Formwalt is running again (Thank you Bob) as one of our representatives for District 1. Bob’s 21 years on the Board provides the Board with invaluable insight as to how to best meet the objectives of the LPEA Mission Statement.

In case you are not aware, Durango “progressives” and “big money” want to stack the Board with like-minded members. They do this by supporting candidates that will vote with them on issues before the Board. Just watch for letters appearing in this paper and mailers pinned by Durango supporters.

Bob has been supportive of renewable energy when it makes sense, such as net metering. LPEA is a distributor of electricity and can only self-generate up to 5% of its total usage per a thirty year contract with the only supplier available to it, Tri-State Generation. Tri-State is already generating up to 30% renewable energy. Reference: <http://www.tristate.coop/renewables>

There may be other ways in the near term/future that the Board may be able to reduce members cost and I am certain that Bob would support them as long as they are legal and ethically viable.

What the District 1 members do not need is a new representative that would be supportive of a “geothermal like” project. \$520,000 of the taxpayer’s money of Archuleta County and the Town was spent supporting the now defunct geothermal exploration managed by Bob’s opponent.

Bob, is well known in the community, he is honest, conservative, served 7-3 year terms, and has the members best interest at heart. You can’t go wrong voting for Bob Formwalt. I, proudly, will vote for Bob. This will undoubtedly be a close election and Bob Formwalt needs your vote for LPEA Board of Directors, District 1

Lin Stewart

Excellence

Dear Editor:
Congratulations and thank you... to the editor and staff of The Pagosa SUN for the recent national recognition for excellence. Pagosa Country is so fortunate to be represented by professional reporters who represent our community and surrounding area. I have read other small-town newspapers when we travel and have never found one that offers so much information in such a positive way. In this age of “instant info,” I

believe The SUN has survived with a huge number of subscribers and newsstand customers because folks are starving for something positive to read and focus on. Keep up the good positive work on behalf of our citizens and tourists — We truly appreciate your efforts.

Patty Tillerson

No candidate

Dear Editor:
59th House District Republican Assembly was called on March 31st in Durango. No Candidate had submitted their name to run for the seat as of the date of the Assembly. At the Assembly, Joe Jack Brinkerhoff announced that he would run, if someone would nominate him, there was a nomination from the floor. Following procedure, a vote was taken and Mr. Brinkerhoff did not receive the confidence vote of the delegates present however, because he received a percentage admissible to the ballot. Procedure to certify the candidate was followed. It was determined by Voter Records that Mr. Brinkerhoff was not registered as a Republican on the day of the Assembly. Voter records show that on March 27th Mr. Brinkerhoff was registered to vote in the Green Party. Therefore, he was not eligible for the party to put forward as a candidate for the Republican Party for the Colorado State House Seat for District 59. Per the Secretary of State Records, on April 10, Mr. Brinkerhoff filed a Candidate Affidavit. This was not certified by the Party, the Certificate of Designation by Assembly was not filed with the Secretary of State or to the State Party as the Republican Assembly for HD 59 did not and does not have a candidate for the November Election. Mr. Brinkerhoff’s claim of an error and that he “was nominated to run during the 59th House Republican assembly in late March. But a clerical error in his voter registration and trouble communicating with the Colorado Republican Party delayed the announcement of his candidacy” is not accurate. The House District 59th Republican Assembly did not put forward a candidate and requests that the accurate information is provided to the public.

Ronnie Zaday
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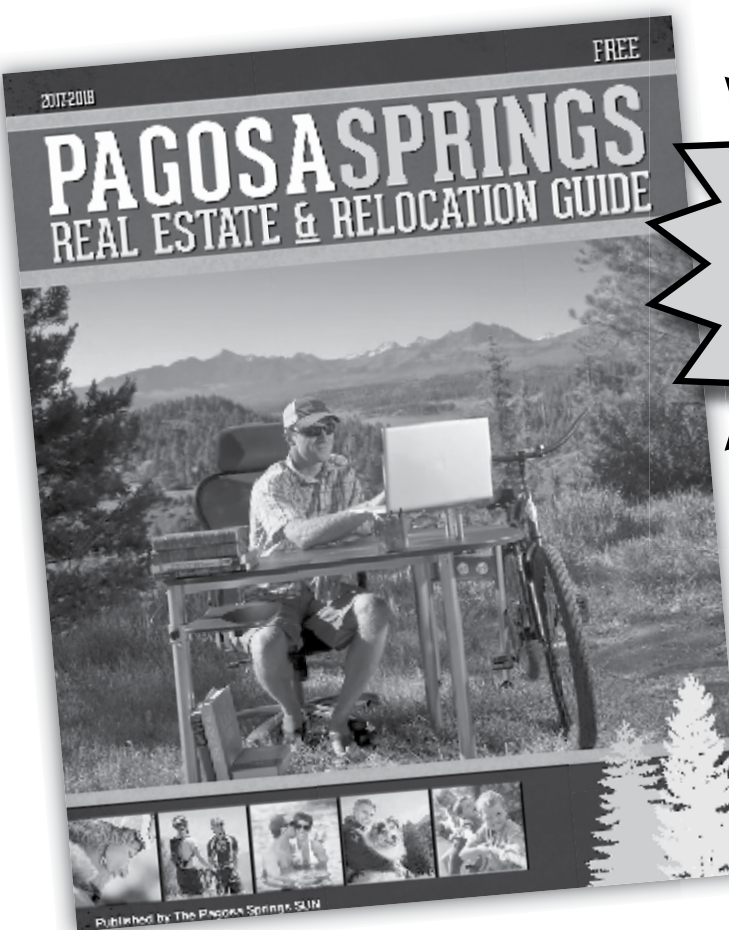
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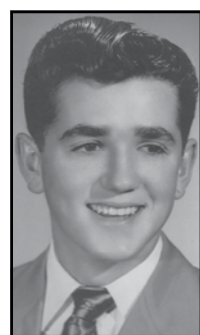


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Obituaries

Leon T. Bramwell

Leon T. Bramwell, of San Diego, Calif., was called home to be with the Lord on April 4. He was 85 years old. He is survived by his three sons: Chad Bramwell and Chris Bramwell, both from San Diego, Calif.; and Clifford Bramwell, of Denver, Colo. He also leaves behind seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Betty Lou (Unger) Bramwell.



Leon was born on Jan. 17, 1933, in Pagosa Springs, Colo., to Carl and

Emmadell (Armstrong) Bramwell. He moved to San Diego when he was 15 years old to live with his grandmother, Anna (Montroy) Kingsley, who was a great influence in his life. He later met the love of his life, Betty Lou, and the two were married in 1952. They eventually settled in San Diego, Calif., and in the 1970s built a home in the neighborhood of Eucalyptus Hills. The street they lived on was named Pagosa Lane in honor of Leon's hometown.

He attended Grossmont High School and graduated in 1951. He went on to earn a bachelor of science degree from San Diego State College (now known as San Diego State University) in 1959, attending night classes while working full time during the day. He was a medical representative for Gerber Products for over 30 years, calling on doctors and hospitals selling

baby products, before retiring in the early 1990s as one of their top salesmen.

Leon always held tight to his roots in Colorado. In 1972, he began construction on a log cabin in Pagosa Springs and he and his family vacationed there every summer until the late 1990s. He was also a descendant of the Montroy family and over the years remained close with his aunt and uncle, Leon and Margaret Montroy. They were notable role models in his life and helped inspire his family values. During their many visits to Pagosa Springs, Leon and Betty Lou would visit his cousins Jake Montroy, Judy (Schofield) Montroy, and Gary and Faye Bramwell. Over the last several years, Leon maintained strong friendships with his cousins, Carla Kinser and Ron Turner.

Leon had a passion for wood-carving and immersed himself in it after his wife passed away in 2003. Over his lifetime, he completed over 40 wood carvings and favored biblical figures, such as the Madonna and Child and the Virgin Mary.

Services were held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Lakeside, Calif., on April 14. Cards or condolences may be sent to: The Bramwell Family, P.O. Box 1490, Lakeside, CA 92040.

Sadie Archuleta Mares

Sadie Archuleta Mares, 68, of Aztec, passed away April 17. She was born Nov. 17, 1949, in Pagosa Springs, Colo., to Mary Sisneros Archuleta and Charlie Archuleta.

She grew up in Pagosa and lived in the Four Corners area most of her life. She worked in nursing homes in Durango, at Tamarron Resort as house-keeping supervisor and at Fort Lewis College.



Sadie was a loving and loyal friend. She was a great cook and was especially proud of her first-place win at the Fort Lewis College Green Chile Cook-Off several years ago. She enjoyed cookouts and get-togethers with her extended family. Sadie was an accomplished angler who loved to fish at Groundhog Lake in Colorado and at Lake Powell in Utah.

Sadie was preceded in death by her first husband, Laverne Hunter; parents Mary Sisneros Archuleta and Charlie Archuleta; and brothers James and Ted Archuleta.

She is survived by her loving husband, John Mares; son Robert Abeyta; daughters Mary Ann Abeyta Anchondo and Yvette Abeyta; step-daughter Tracy Hunter; brothers Dan Kingsley and Ron Archuleta; sisters Alice Chavez, Lala Dunlap, Berlinda Vorhies and Lovetta Vigil; grandchildren Rayanna and Ray; and several great-grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service for her on Friday, May 4, at 1 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Pagosa Springs.

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First responders

First responders appreciation banquet at Centerpoint Church

We would like to express our appreciation to all of the first responders who attended the April 6 banquet in their honor. We so appreciate the faithful, diligent, sacrificial and consistent service that each and every member offers to our community on a daily basis.

The Centerpoint Church family did a marvelous job of being sure that our First Responders enjoyed a delicious meal, that they felt honored and appreciated and that they were encouraged by Mayor Don Volger's timely words of praise and appreciation.

Thank you to all who attended, to all who served the first responders and to all who played a part in this attempt to love on our public servants. May God bless them, protect them and use them to keep us safe in the days ahead. May God bless Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County.

Town plan

Town Council adopted the Comprehensive Plan which would not be possible without the time and dedication of a core group of Steering Committee members: Linda Reed, Mike Davis, Chris Pitcher, Mike Heraty, Mike Musgrove, Rod Proffitt, Andre Redstone, Mary Jo Coulehan, Jason Cox, Peter Adams,

Colorado to receive \$7.8 million to combat opioid epidemic

Special to The SUN

Last week, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced 2018 grant funding to assist each state and territory in combating the opioid abuse epidemic.

Of the \$485 million in funding being distributed, Colorado will receive \$7,869,651. This grant is the result of the 21st Century Cures Act, which was signed into law in 2016.

"This second year of funding is welcome news for Colorado and those who are working to fight opioid abuse in our state," said Rep. Scott Tipton. "The main concern I hear from impacted communities is that they need more resources for treatment, education and prevention programs to end abuse and save lives. These funds will help meet those needs. I urge Gov. Hickenlooper to ensure that communities in the 3rd District, which has been hit particularly hard by this epidemic, receives a meaningful portion of these resources."

These grants are overseen by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration within HHS and can be used for opioid prevention, treatment and recovery services.

Colorado received the same amount of grant money in 2017.

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David Schanzenbaker and Brad Ash.

VMP fundraiser

A special thank you to all who attended the Veterans Memorial Park talk and showing on Friday evening, April 6, of Christo's Running Fence project in California. We especially thank PLPOA for the use of their clubhouse and projector equipment, and the many businesses that supported us.

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Wildfire



LPEA implements seasonal fire prevention measures

By Indiana Reed
Special to The SUN

With current and pending future dry conditions, as well as high temperatures and blustery winds present in the region, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) has implemented enhanced safety measures, helping ensure that electrical equipment damage or repair efforts don't contribute to fire danger.

"Safety is a No. 1 priority for LPEA and our crews," said Justin Talbot, manager of operations. "This is two months earlier than we typically start enforcing fire safety measures, but we are being proactive. What this may mean is that, with our safety steps and checks, in the event of an outage, it will take us a little longer to restore power and we hope our members will understand."

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

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

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

LPEA has line personnel on

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

"We coordinate closely with county emergency personnel so we can be ready and in place if a fire approaches our electrical system, such as a distributor line, transmission line or substation," said Talbot.

"We're also asking our customers to be aware—be our eyes," said Curt Marlatt, line superintendent.

"If you've got an outage, go outside and survey your property, as well as your neighbors', for downed power lines, smoke or a visible fire. If you see anything, call 911 immediately—then call LPEA at 247-5786, and, please, stay away from all downed powerlines."

In an associated effort, LPEA's contracted tree-trimming crews, which are currently working in La Plata County and moving to Archuleta County in coming weeks, have been asked to remain in their work areas following the last use of a chain saw to make sure no fires have been sparked.

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

"This is two months earlier than we typically start enforcing fire safety measures, but we are being proactive."

**Justin Talbot,
LPEA manager of operations**

Evening of short films and discussion planned for wildfire preparedness

By Bill Trimarco
Special to The SUN

The first Saturday in May is Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. All across the country, people are getting together to take on projects that will help their community be better prepared for the wildfire season.

Here in Pagosa Springs, we plan to gather at the Liberty Theatre on Wednesday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of short films and discussion with forest managers, community leaders, wildland firefighters and concerned residents.

The snowpack in our area is much lower than average. Our drought category has just been declared to be

extreme. The last time that it was this dry was during the 2012 and 2013 drought, when almost 1,000 homes were lost in Colorado and hundreds of thousands of acres succumbed to wildfires.

Right here in Archuleta County, we have already seen wildfires just a few weeks ago. Wildfire is the greatest natural threat in this part of the world. Are you ready? Could your home survive a fast-moving wildfire? Remember, over 85 percent of the homes lost to wildfire are never touched by the flame front, but rather are vulnerable to the blizzard of embers that are blown sometimes miles ahead of the fire. A lack of trees around your

home is no guarantee when a large fire is threatening.

We will be showing some films that highlight what can happen when wildfire comes close to a community like ours and some methods employed to minimize that risk. There will be time to discuss what we've seen and what is being done to make our homes and landscape safer for us and our families.

Members of a TRES team will be joining us at the theater. They are part of a prescribed fire training exchange that will be conducting operations in the Chama area from April 30 through May 6, conditions permitting. They will hold an information session on April 30 at 5:30

p.m. at the Chama Senior Center. These exchanges are open to all and attract professionals and novices from around the world who wish to learn and practice using fire to cleanse the landscape in efforts to prevent large catastrophic fires. It is a special treat to also have them in Pagosa Springs for our movie night.

Come join us for an interesting and informative evening. If you have questions about wildfire, what is being done and what you can do to minimize the risk, this is an opportunity to be heard. There will be door prizes, too.

For more information, contact FireWise at 398-0305 or archuletafirewise@gmail.com.

Wildfire activity highlights need for homeowners to address risk

By Ryan Lockwood
Special to The SUN

With wildfires burning homes and causing evacuations throughout Colorado last week—in addition to statewide snowpack levels being below normal, with much of southern Colorado under extreme drought conditions—the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) wants to remind homeowners living in the wildland-urban interface to prepare for wildfires before they arrive.

While there is no guarantee firefighters will be able to save a home from a wildfire, the odds increase if homeowners and communities take proactive steps to reduce their fire

risk, said Lisa Mason, CSFS forestry education specialist.

"Fire risk reduction efforts are much more effective when neighbors work together to reduce hazardous fuels around their homes and throughout the community," Mason said.

The CSFS offers numerous resources to help private landowners reduce wildfire risk, with specific recommendations including:

- Remove all flammable vegetation within at least 15 feet of any part of a home or other structure, including decks.
- Reduce the density of standing trees within 100-200 feet of all structures.

- Ensure adequate access for fire and emergency equipment and be sure that the house number is posted and easily visible to emergency responders.
- Keep grasses and weeds surrounding the home mowed to a height of less than 6 inches through regular and ongoing maintenance.
- Regularly clear pine needles and leaves from gutters and decks, and trim overhanging branches.
- Stack firewood and locate propane tanks at least 30 feet from and uphill of structures.
- Have an evacuation plan and a designated meeting place that all family members are familiar with.
- Prepare a "grab and go" disaster

kit with necessary family/pet items including important documents/photos, clothing, medications, food/water, phone charger, etc., so you are ready for immediate departure.

• Contact your county sheriff's office and ensure that your telephone number appears in the emergency notification database.

"Remember that addressing wildfire risk is not a onetime effort, and that flammable vegetation grows back over time," Mason said.

For information and resources on protecting homes and communities from wildfire, including how to become a Firewise Community, visit csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation or call a local CSFS field office.

Forestry workshop set in celebration of Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

By Laurel Sebastian
Special to The SUN

In celebration of Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, several Pagosa Springs partners are hosting a public forestry workshop to improve local forest health and protect local communities from wildfire.

The workshop will be held May 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Turkey Springs Trailhead, Piedra Road.

Workshop participants will meet leaders at the Turkey Springs Trailhead at 10 a.m. before carpooling to a research area near Middle Mountain.

The workshop will begin with a presentation by Matt Tuten, (forest/silviculturist for the San Juan National Forest) and Emily Hohman (executive director of the Chama Peak Land Alliance) on research conducted in the area, methods for marking trees for removal, and the importance of tree thinning and prescribed burning for forest health.

After a lunch break, participants will get a chance to mark trees that should be cut to improve the health and safety of the forest and surrounding communities.

Interested participants can also

learn techniques for assessing the effectiveness of their marking at the end of the day. This is a great opportunity to get an inside look at what foresters do on a day-to-day basis to manage our local public forests.

Please bring a lunch and sturdy shoes. Snacks, forestry equipment and safety equipment will be provided.

As we head into the fire season with extremely dry forest conditions, local land managers, organizations, businesses and community members are looking closely at what we can do to prepare our communities

for the possibility of fire. One tool land managers use is thinning trees in dense forests to reduce the possibility of intense and destructive fires.

We invite the public to join us for a presentation, tour and hands-on tree marking with local foresters in one of our gorgeous local forests. Trees marked by volunteers will be removed later to improve forest health.

Participating partners include San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership, San Juan National Forest, Mountain Studies Institute, Chama Peak Land Alliance, and Prescribed Fire Training Exchange.

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Public Meetings

The following meetings are subject to change.

Tuesday, May 1

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., CSU Extension Building, 344 U.S. 84.

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

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District discussion of the draft Drought Management Plan. 5:30 p.m., 100 Lyn Ave.

Wednesday, May 2

Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board. 5 p.m., Town Hall council chambers, 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

Tuesday, May 8

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

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

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

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

Archuleta School District Board of Education special meeting. 6 p.m., Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

Pagosa Fire Protection District Board of Directors regular meeting. 6:30 p.m., Station 1, Training Room, 191 N. Pagosa Blvd.

Wednesday, May 9

Pagosa Peak Open School Board of Directors school tour with the Colorado League of Charter Schools. 12:30 p.m., 7 Parelli Way.

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) annual meeting. 5:30 p.m., Ecoluxe Conference Room at The Springs Resort and Spa, 165 Hot Springs Blvd.

Monday, May 14

Archuleta School District Board of Education notice of gathering. 8 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School, 800 S. 8th St.

Archuleta School District Board of Education work session and regular meeting. 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, Pagosa Springs Middle School library, 309 Lewis St.

Tuesday, May 15

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.

Thursday, May 17

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.

Tuesday, May 22

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, May 23

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

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

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

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filename=board%20application%20for%202018.pdf&doc_id=1957107&print=1, picked up at the association office located at 230 Port Ave., by emailing plpoa@plpoa.com, on the website plpoa.com or telephone 731-5635, ext. 210.

Application and petitions must be returned to the association office by 5 p.m. on May 14. Petitions must be signed by at least 25 members in good standing. More information will be provided if you apply to run for the board.

Saturday grass fire burns one acre

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) responded to a grass fire that burned a little over an acre on Saturday, April 21.

According to PFPD's Thad McKain, the fire was off of Perry Drive and started when a burn barrel accidentally tipped over.

He said that the fire threatened several small structures, but that the PFPD contained the fire before it could actually ignite the structures.

PFPD dug containing lines around the fire, and then used water to get it under control.

McKain estimated that the PFPD used 6,000 gallons of water in order to get the fire under control.

The PFPD dispatched an engine, a tender truck, three brush trucks and three command vehicles, McKain explained, adding that one Archuleta County engine also arrived to the scene.

He stated that PFPD was dispatched to the scene at 2:30 p.m., and that the fire was contained and under control by 6:30 p.m.

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New insurance rating could change rates

By Marshall Dunham
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The Pagosa Fire Protection District (PFPD) received a new Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating, which could modify insurance rates for citizens residing in the district.

According to a press release dated April 16, residents living in the Pagosa Springs core area now have a rating of 4/10. Previously, the rating was 5/10.

Residents in the Chromo area now have a 6/6x rating.

"Any house within a 5-mile radius of a fire station is 4/10. Anything past 5 miles is a 10," explained PFPD Deputy Chief Karn Macht, adding that, essentially, the lower rating out of 10, the better.

"In November 2017, Pagosa Fire Protection District completed its most recent Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey in," reads the press release. "Changes from that survey became effective March 1, 2018."

"Insurance Services Office, Inc's (ISO) completed PPC surveys contribute to the underwriting process at most U.S. insurance companies by providing current

fire suppression ratings of local fire departments and protection districts," reads the press release. "Ongoing research and loss experience analysis help to determine fire loss predictive values, which lead to premium determinations by insurance companies."

The press release goes on to explain that fire department response capabilities along with area emergency communication systems and local water supply are all combined to produce a final survey score.

"PFPD received a total survey credit of 68.82 points out of a total possible 105.5 points," reads the

press release. "Even with an improvement over the last PPC survey, PFPD is always looking for ways to make the department stronger and provide exceptional response when an emergency call is made. Officer training, driver/apparatus training and up to date standard operating procedures are continually improved to allow for the most current techniques to be implemented."

The press release goes on to read, "Contact your insurance company to determine if the new, improved ISO rating will modify your insurance."

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Drought

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2018 Drought Management Plan

Ramsey noted that the 2018 Drought Management Plan is based on the 2012 Drought Management Plan.

Ramsey explained that, in the 2012 plan, a lot of discussion centered around watering done at the golf course.

"We have a contract with the golf course, or an agreement, that we will always provide them a minimum, or up to, 300 acre feet of water," Ramsey explained. "The rate that they pay will increase if we go into one of these drought-management levels."

Other raw-water customers are covered in the new drought management plan.

Ramsey added that the golf course only usually uses around 200 acre feet of water.

Once a certain drought level is reached, PAWSD applies a surcharge.

In 2012, the surcharge was \$5.25 per household and it was based on the increased cost of pumping.

This year, under certain drought conditions, the surcharge, if adopted, could be \$7.64 per household starting in June, Ramsey noted.

PAWSD board member Blake Brueckner raised a question on whether those surcharges would be enough to cover the cost of running the San Juan plant.

"That's exactly how we calculated

it," PAWSD Business Services Manager Shellie Peterson said.

"Politically, it's kind of nice to allow the program to take effect and not be voting on implementation of various stages of it," PAWSD board member Glenn Walsh said. "Are there certain points here where the board is simply going to have to ratify that we're moving?"

The first step is to accept the drought management plan, and movement to subsequent stages of the drought management plan would require a special board meeting, Ramsey explained.

Customer approval does not influence a special meeting, Ramsey noted.

Being politically prudent with customers would be for PAWSD to have public hearings regarding the drought management plan, Peterson said.

"So that the public is aware that, not only are we looking at and talking about what the snowpack is doing and being concerned about it, but we're trying to preserve the water in the reservoirs and this is the plan," Peterson added.

Stage drought program

"There's five levels ranging from voluntary, low, moderate, serious and severe," Ramsey said.

The voluntary stage is purely just public education and awareness, Ramsey added.

Currently, PAWSD is in the voluntary stage, Ramsey noted.

Where irrigation is allowed, level

two and below is what PAWSD now measures, Ramsey explained.

In 2012, individuals were allowed to irrigate from 6 p.m. to 9 a.m., Ramsey added.

"We've changed that to 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. to really push it into the evening," Ramsey said. "Once you get to level three, it's odd- and even-based, depending on your address."

Level four of the drought plan only allows people to water once a day and level five means no irrigation at all, Ramsey clarified.

"The triggers for this is based on the sum of the volume that we have in our reservoirs plus the water we're pulling out of the river," Ramsey said.

You then compare that number as a ratio to PAWSD's water use, Ramsey explained further.

"So, for instance, this year we've used 2017's water use. And we look at that ratio," Ramsey said. "Once you get to the 90 percent, then we hit the voluntary. Once you hit 70 percent, you're level two and you work your way down."

Ramsey noted that he was uncomfortable with these triggers.

"There's a couple reasons why I'm uncomfortable with it. There's no timing associated with it. What if we hit 90 percent in January? We're in trouble. If we hit 90 percent in December, who cares?" Ramsey described. "It seems like, somehow, we should come up with a time of year that we're seeing these flows."

"Once you get into level three, level four, level five, then there starts

to be a tier increase, as well," Ramsey said.

These costs are for anything over 8,000 gallons, Ramsey added.

Any use of zero to 8,000 gallons in the 2012 Drought Management Plan incurred no increased cost outside of the surcharge, Ramsey explained further.

"To me, 8,000 seems like a lot. Seems like we should change that to four or somewhere in there. Eight, that's just a lot of water," Ramsey

Courts

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the roof, foundation and all walls of the courthouse.

• A work contract addressing the previous nine concerns listed in a Feb. 23 letter to the BoCC.

In the Feb. 23 letter, the concerns of the court about the courthouse center on the building's structural integrity, air-quality control, electric and plumbing systems, structural layout, ADA compliance and several other concerns resting on space, height and security.

Further, the letter states that, while the study is conducted, all forms of communication with the tester must include representatives from the Sixth Judicial District, the BoCC and the State Court Administrator's Office.

"Please note that, at this time, the Sixth Judicial District cannot and does not agree to reoccupy the existing courthouse during any renovation," the letter said.

The letter ends with, "... we look forward to receiving your response to this letter."

Concerns over conditions

Both Henderson and Todd Starr, the Archuleta County attorney, agreed that some of the conditions were not perfect, and that some discussion would be had about certain stipulations and the time-frame of the requests.

"One of them is that the board by certain dates agree to do things. The biggest challenge we have is one of the dates is Friday," Henderson explained.

One of the stipulations described by Henderson was that the BoCC take an official action by Friday, April 27, about the letter; however, Henderson explained, there is no official meeting of the BoCC before Friday and this requirement could not be met.

"I'm not sure if ... these kinds of decisions A) need to be made that quickly, and B) rise to the level of a special meeting to be determined," Henderson explained.

Starr then said he agreed with Henderson, and next to talk with the attorney general and begin negotiations.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez explained that his main concern with the letter was that the timeframe and deadlines described in the matter were nearly unreachable.

Maez then suggested that the BoCC prioritize the conditions of the letter for what the BoCC believes is important.

Henderson explained that without a regularly scheduled meeting, the first two requirements of the letter were nearly impossible without calling a special meeting of the BoCC.

Mainly, according to Henderson, this is because one of the requirements would be to allot over \$80,000 to the project, and he did not feel comfortable with taking such an action in a special meeting.

"People don't expect us to spend

paid. "Because I think it's fair that we don't want to raise the rates, we still want people to brush their teeth and have personal hygiene and all that stuff, so you don't want to raise the rates on those real basic needs that people need."

Personally, Walsh indicated that he would be in favor of cutting residents usage to 4,000 gallons and commercial businesses to 6,000 gallons.

"The last thing we want to do is

that kind of money outside of a regular meeting," Henderson said.

Henderson pointed to another item in the letter requiring action by May 16, and added that action on that item would require another special meeting.

"If we're going to hold a special meeting," Henderson said, "Let's do it to approve a liquor license."

"There are some content issues," Starr said.

BoCC Chair Steve Wadley expressed his personal belief that there was no reason for the courts not to be in the courthouse currently.

"I think what's important is to keep the dialogue moving forward with the attorney general right now," Commissioner Michael Whiting said.

Whiting said they would move forward prioritizing the items, and finding and identifying "deal-killers" as they went.

Whiting told his fellow commissioners that eliminating "deal-killers" allowed for more useful talks between the courts and the county.

Whiting explained further that he did not want to negotiate about one issue if another issue was going to be a "deal-killer."

"If we can't solve those, then there's no point in putting a new coat of paint on the deck of the Titanic," Whiting said.

"I think there needs to be recognition throughout of [the BoCC] meeting schedule, and [BoCC] timing of when they can do things," Henderson added.

Henderson explained that he felt like this consideration was missing from several of the conditions in the letter.

"And that's a big deal because we're already pushing up against the very first deadline in the very first sentence of condition No. 1," Henderson said.

Whiting noted he thought that Henderson was on target, and that there is a pace at which the county operates.

Forced into negotiation

Whiting stressed the fact that there is nothing currently wrong with the building, and that reoccupation of the building was feasible.

"This is a negotiation that we are being forced into — because of a flat refusal by the courts to recognize the facts in this matter — which is that the building is safe for habitation, right now," Whiting said.

Wadley added that the courts had refused to respect the authority of the BoCC, which Maez described as the sole authority of what is and is not adequate in county buildings.

"All this expense, and all this extra time, and all this extra negotiation, is because of the courts' refusal to recognize the facts in the matter," Whiting said, "That the building is safe and ready for use, and they've chosen not to."

Whiting further described the negotiation as a "concession" and that it was the BoCC's concession to get

drive business away. Especially at drought time," Brueckner said.

May 1 special meeting

The PAWSD board decided to hold a special meeting to consider approving the 2018 Drought Management Plan.

The meeting will be held for public comment on the drought management plan and is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1.

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the courts back into the courthouse.

"That's what the public needs to know, is that the expense and the time is not of [the BoCC's] choosing," Whiting said.

"We would much rather negotiate this than litigate it if we can," Wadley said.

Impact to Archuleta County

Wadley mentioned that part of the BoCC's responsibility lay in the travel time and expenses to and from Durango for court.

Henderson said that the impact on the Archuleta County Department of Human Services is significant.

"It's generated a lot of challenges for us," said Henderson.

Henderson explained that a big challenge lay in the fact that the workers for Archuleta County were in La Plata County, and therefore not quite able to accomplish their jobs.

"Their jobs are in Archuleta County; they're not in La Plata County," Henderson said.

"One of the most important factors here is the citizens are paying three or four times over for all of this," Maez said.

Maez described problems with timing of having to go to Durango, the testing costs and that it all came from the taxpayers' money.

"Let's consider the conditions and prioritize," Maez said, "... and work this out."

Henderson explained that communication would be had with the attorney general about correcting the timeframe and addressing concern.

"Is this positional negotiation, or what are we doing here? I don't want to waste anymore of anyone's time with this slap-and-tickle stuff we've been going through," Whiting said.

Hope for the future

"If we acquiesce to these nine conditions, then for the most part, they will have a level of confidence that they can move into the building," Henderson said.

Henderson further explained that if any one of the nine is not fulfilled, the courts may not reoccupy the building.

Starr told the BoCC that he viewed the document as a letter that promises moving back into the courthouse based on the performance of the stipulations.

Starr further explained that this should open up discussions on how to meet those stipulations and move forward.

"We asked for a commitment that they move back in under these conditions, they gave us that exhibit, and now we got to work out the conditions for moving forward," Starr said.

The BoCC decided to have an executive session to discuss this letter and future actions at the end of the BoCC's meeting at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds on May 1.

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p.m. on May 1.

"We need to hear from the community," Whiting said, "We need to make clear where we're headed so that the community has time to look at our decision."

Whiting expressed to both groups the importance of community input for the changes to STR regulations.

"We are getting ready to make law on this," Whiting said.

Whiting further expressed the need for communication with the community.

"We can certainly speak to the general terms and listen to anybody in the community on general terms on how we might handle [STRs]," Whiting said.

Archuleta County Administrator Bentley Henderson told both boards that the BoCC expected a large crowd of people when the BoCC speaks about STRs next Tuesday.

In fact, according to Henderson, the BoCC has planned to hold its meeting on May 1 at the CSU Extension Office at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds to accommodate the expected crowd.

Current STRs in county

Henderson explained to the two groups that currently there was a misconception that the county does not allow STRs at this time.

"That's not correct," Henderson said, "There are locations within the county where [STRs] are permitted right now."

Henderson stated that the current decision was if STRs are a use by right in every county zone minus commercial and industrial.

"It only makes sense that you have a second look at establishing residential uses in commercial or industrial zone districts, in my own opinion, anyway," Henderson said.

Henderson further added that the number of STRs in Archuleta County is not high.

"The interesting thing is, right now, we have regulations in place to permit them, but we don't have one single unit permitted," Henderson said.

Henderson explained that was a challenge for the county, and cautioned the BoCC that even though they are expanding uses by changing regulations and opportunities to legitimize, "There's no guarantee they will."

Current regulations

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

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

"Lodging Units, 3 or fewer" are allowed with conditional use permits in Agricultural Estate and Commercial zones, and as a use by

right in Agricultural/Forestry and Agricultural Ranching zones within the unincorporated county.

After the matter was brought to the BoCC, the board directed planning department staff to look into the issue and regulations.

Proposed regulations

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

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

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

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

At the joint meeting of the BoCC and town council on Tuesday, Whiting expressed his desire to have the town and county STR applications and forms overlap.

"There's no reason why our regulations and our paperwork should not be in very close alignment," Whiting said.

Whiting said he did not think it made sense to make the regulations any other way.

Whiting asked that the regulations make the "lightest footprint" possible on people trying to make a living in this community, but also, if the plan was to regulate, do so correctly.

To obtain the necessary land use permit, the proposed regulations include several necessary things:

- A local owner representative, (either the owner of a vacation rental or a manager/representative) required to be within an hour's distance (generally 50 miles) when the property is occupied.

- Contact phone numbers will be shared with the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office for resolution of nuisance complaints. The contact phone numbers will also be available upon request.

- Land use permits would have to be updated within 10 days of any ownership or management change.

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

- Proof of wastewater compliance, either with an onsite wastewater treatment system permit, or sewer service provided by centralized system or sewer district.

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

- Property owners' association

notification.

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

Noncompliant properties

Henderson expressed several concerns that, even though the permit process may change, there is no guarantee that noncompliant properties would make the switch to compliance.

"The regs were there all along, and people chose not to [comply]," Henderson said, adding, "I'm not sure there will be this influx of people [to comply]."

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

The annual review will include a review of complaints related to a failure to respond to issues, with three complaints of failure to respond to problems resulting in nonrenewal.

Commissioner Ronnie Maez added that the "teeth" for noncompliant properties was nonexistent.

Todd Starr, the Archuleta County attorney, explained to Maez that as a violation of land-use codes parties caught in violation could be shut down.

"Enforcement is going to be a big piece of this," Henderson said.

Henderson explained that the county did not have the capacity to send out staff looking for noncompliant properties.

Starr explained that enforcement would be on a complaint basis.

"Assuming we have the political will to stay with it, we could shut [noncompliant properties] down within 30, 40 days," Starr said.

Henderson asked that, if the noncompliant properties were not worried about someone coming to the property, what was to entice them to follow the rules?

Andrea Phillips, Pagosa Springs town manager, suggested using an STR helper website that searched for and even sent out letters to noncompliant properties.

Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger said that he felt this was close to the way the town dealt with nuisance complaints.

Volger further explained that, depending upon the weight of the complaint, it may make its way to the top of the list.

"But who's going to [check non-compliance], what's our personnel options?" Volger asked.

Volger further explained that the county and town want to be reasonable, and both sides had legitimate issues.

"We want to do something that is reasonable, and do something that is going to be minimal," Volger said.

Volger explained this was not an easy decision, and it was a problem for communities across the country.

"It's not a slam dunk for us," Vol-

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no law enforcement was on scene yet, and it had not been verified, but the deceased would be found in the scrub oak brush in the backyard ..."

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

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

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

Statements included in the nar-

Manslaughter

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occurred in May of 2017 in the Aspen Springs subdivision.

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

ASO deputies and CSP troopers responded to the scene and confirmed that the individual was deceased."

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

"NYSTROM apparently told CSP dispatchers that he shot and killed his neighbor," reads the arrest narrative. "The dispatcher told me that

rative from witnesses at the get-together allege that Isaacs was in the bushes behind Nystrom's house, roughly 50 to 60 yards away, and also allege that Isaacs may have had something in his left hand that looked like a shotgun.

Archuleta County Coroner Dan Keuning previously explained that he pronounced Isaacs dead at 12:23 p.m. on May 14, 2017, and that the approximate time of death was between 4:30 and 6 p.m. on May 13.

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

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

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

Business

Fourth quarter report of Archuleta County reveals 'clouds on the horizon'

By Avery Martinez
Staff Writer

Larry Walton, Archuleta County finance director, made his report on the 2017 fourth-quarter finances to the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) on March 20.

While the report pointed to many instances of savings and only nine categories being over budget, Walton's presentation hinted toward "clouds on the horizon" with regards to Archuleta County's economic future.

"Quick recap, processing went well, budgeting was higher, slightly higher than we budgeted ... expenses were kept under control for the most part," Walton said.

"This is a repeat of some good years that we've had previous to 2017, but we're a little bit concerned about the future," Walton explained.

Goals and targets

"Just a quick reminder, since it is the last [report] of the year, it's kind of a report card time for us, and I thought we would take a look at some recurring goals," Walton said.

Those goals Walton described in the presentation as to have a clean audit, have the budget out on time and timely processing of core processes.

Walton also listed several recurring targets: keep expenses in budget by fund and have revenue that is equal to or above budget.

"So as far as meeting those 2017 goals, the audit was clean ... the budget was prepared on time ... all done consistently on time and with some considerable attention to detail and accuracy," Walton said.

Walton considered that to be a significant accomplishment " ... because there's two different positions that execute those things and both of those turned over in 2017."

Revenue performance

Walton characterized the county's revenue performance as good.

The presentation notes the proprietary funds — airport, solid waste and fleet fund — came out about 102 percent of the 2017 budgeted revenue.

In an email to The SUN, Walton explained, "With regard to the county's funds, 'proprietary' means funds (or 'sets of complete books

and/or financial statements'), that are of a commercial nature."

In short, Walton said that the budget was close to what had been expected.

All the governmental expenses produced higher revenue than was anticipated except for the Department of Human Services (DHS), Walton said.

In the fourth quarter report, it is explained that DHS funding comes from the state.

The state, according to the report, allows allocations for different programs, and, "In the typical year, not all of the funding is needed."

Walton also said that the proprietary funds received slightly more revenue than had been budgeted.

Expense control

Expenses, which vary, were about 83 percent of what the budget was, Walton explained.

"In expense control, there are 71 categories that we look at particularly closely, and 62 of those were under budget, either slightly or significantly, nine of them were over," said Walton.

In Walton's presentation, he explained that about \$88,500 was expended in excess of budget within those nine categories, out of the over \$29 million expense budget.

"Nine out of 71 sounds like a lot, really it's like almost 13 percent of the total categories we'd be monitoring closely," Walton explained.

He added, "But in dollar terms [the over-budget amount] wasn't a lot ... about \$88,000 in those nine categories that went over. But that's out of a \$29 million expense budget. So, that's about three-tenths of a percent."

Walton, in his presentation, identified the overspending in the total expense budget as:

- General Fund, six departments over budget at \$77,348, out of a total budget of over \$12 million.

- DHS, one category over budget by \$6,365, out of a total budget of over \$4 million.

- Airport, a proprietary fund, two categories over budget by \$4,857, out of a total budget of over \$600,000.

"Even though 9 categories were over budget, 62 were under budget, and some of them by significant amounts," the presentation notes, adding, "As a result, total expenses were under budget in every fund."

The governmental funds came in around 16 percent under budget, and proprietary funds were around 18 percent under budget, Walton explained.

Variance from budget plan

However, on the expense side, Walton continued, " ... we were low about \$532,000. Most of that was unused contingency budgets that we have there in case something happens."

Walton's presentation noted that in the General Fund, revenue was up around \$300,000 due to a onetime transfer of monies, while expenses were under budget by a little over \$500,000.

The presentation explains that the expense was low because of unused contingency budget (about \$412,000) and unused district attorney funds.

That unaccrued expense for the district attorney was around \$120,000 and will go mostly to savings, Walton noted.

The report accompanying Walton's presentation notes that it is "primarily due to unanticipated revenue for that department."

The Road and Bridge Fund came in more than \$2 million low on expenses, the presentation notes, due to lower consumption of fuel and the postponement of two large capital improvement projects (which were shifted to 2018).

The Solid Waste Fund, according to the report, had a higher revenue than planned in the amended budget by over \$60,000.

The revenue was higher in the first quarter, the report states.

But during May and June two "exceptional demolition projects" caused high fees, the report states.

The expenses for solid waste were lower than expected due "to annual depreciation expense and unused contingency for an adjustment to the accrual of landfill closure costs," the report states.

Solid waste fees were over budget in the beginning of 2017, when there were many projects, but in the second half of 2017, when the projects were over, the department was under budget, Wadley said.

The Airport Fund was higher than budgeted by almost \$1,000, the report states.

Total expenditures were nearly \$32,000 under the budgeted amount, the report notes, due to

lack of snow-related costs and personnel absences.

Sales tax within the Airport Fund was half of the budgeted amount.

"It should be noted that during 2017, a new rule required that a portion of Sales Tax be shared with the Airport fund. The County modified its allocation process in 2017, as an 'early adopter' of the rule. Sales Tax revenue is shared 50/50 with the Town. The Town was not required to share their portion until 2018 and they chose not to adopt in 2017. The budget was based on receiving both the County and Town share. Therefore, this revenue was lower by 50% (\$11,546)," the report states.

Revenue, however, was higher than expected in two categories, according to the report: intergovernmental by nearly \$900 and charges for services by a little less than \$12,000.

The Fleet Fund expense was low, and over \$170,000 was saved in material and services, specifically tires, fuel and repairs, the report states.

The revenue in the fund was under the budget by about \$22,000.

The report states that this was due to lower-than-expected fuel costs.

"Kudos to those that made that happen," Walton said.

Walton added, "Most revenue came in close overall to what we budgeted."

Revenue trends

'Clouds on the horizon'

Walton said that while 2017 was a continuation of good years in the past, that his office was "a little bit concerned about the future."

"We do a lot of projecting, and we see some clouds on the horizon," he said.

The "clouds" that Walton referred to mainly were centered around sales tax.

Walton's presentation noted that sales tax revenue, which is the county's largest steady source of revenue, had grown "dramatically" in the last few years, but the growth

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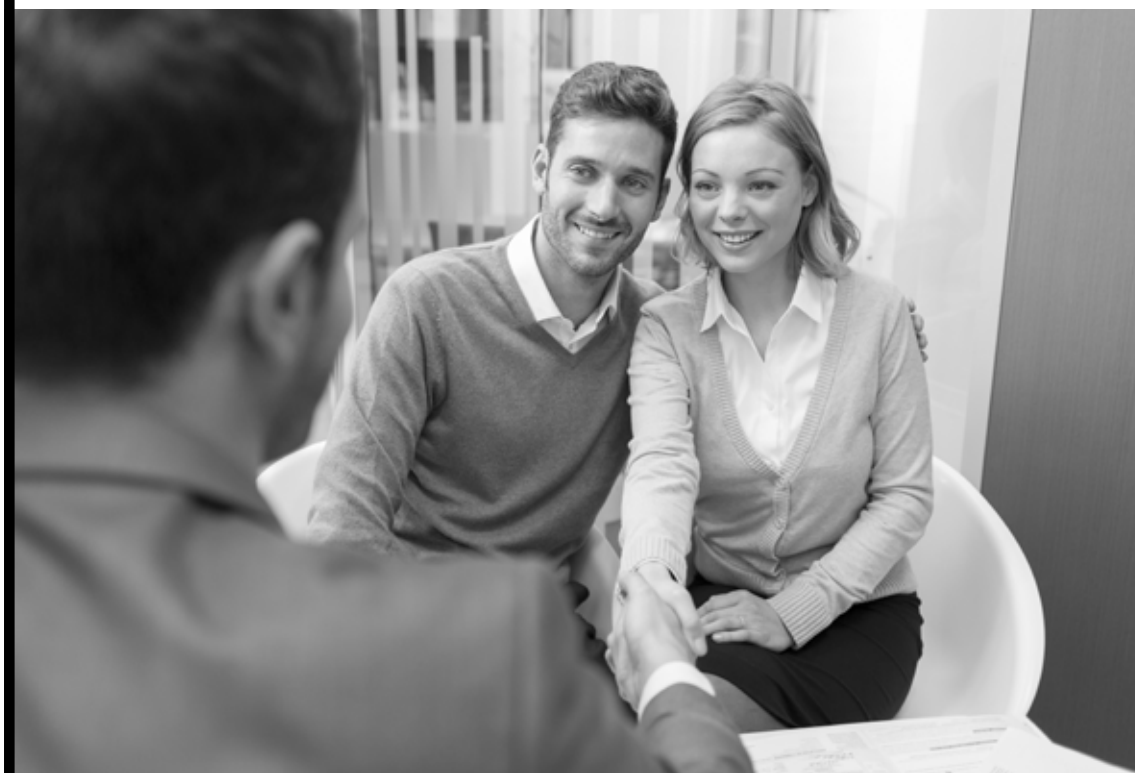
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February sales tax 12.9 percent ahead of last February

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Sales tax information for February 2018 has been released, with sales tax collections coming 12.9 percent higher than February of 2017.

The total sales tax collections in February for Archuleta County was \$653,307.78, according to a report issued on April 20 by Archuleta County Finance Director Larry Walton.

The town and county each re-

ceived \$325,968.89.

"The month of February 2018 was about 12.9% (\$156,443) higher than February of 2017. As mentioned last month, a single month, or even a couple of months, is not a good indicator of overall trends, due in part to pay cycle variations and occasional late payments, which can distort 'month to month' comparisons by material amounts," reads the report. "It is unlikely that we will see any clear 2018 trends until we have accumulated 1 or 2 more

months of data, and reported a comparison of equivalent 'year-to-date' data."

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

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

Retail increased 19.4 percent, or \$120,818.

The "miscellaneous" category increased 11.5 percent, or \$24,872.

Construction increased 58.9 percent, or \$9,531.

Manufacturing increased 2.9 percent, or \$1,439.

The "other services" category increased 12.9 percent, or \$2,333.

The following categories were down over the same period in 2017.

The real estate and rentals category decreased 5.2 percent, or \$1,899.

Accommodation and food service decreased .2 percent, or \$471.

Professional, scientific and technical services decreased 21.1 percent, or \$665.

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County unemployment rate drops to 3.5 percent in March

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate for Archuleta County decreased to 3.5 percent in March, with 6,462 people in the labor force and 224 of those claiming unemployment.

In February, there were 6,413 people in the county's labor force, with 250, or 3.9 percent, claiming unemployment.

The total workforce gained 49 people over the month of March while the number of unemployed people decreased by 26, causing the unemployment rate to decrease to 3.5 percent.

In March 2017 there were 6,372 workers in the county, of which 217, or 3.4 percent, were unemployed. March 2018's rate is up .1 percent by comparison.

Looking at March 2018's em-

ployment situation for the rest of the state, Huerfano County had the highest unemployment rate for the month at 6.4 percent, and Summit County had the lowest rate at 1.5 percent.

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

The number of people actively participating in the labor force increased 7,400 over the month to 3,049,300 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 9,200 to 2,958,700, causing the number of unemployed to decrease 1,900. However, due to rounding, the unemployment rate was unchanged from February at 3 percent.

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

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

However, nonfarm payroll jobs estimates are based on a survey of business establishments and government agencies, and are intended to measure the number of jobs, not the number of people employed.

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

Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by worksite and the other measuring persons employed

and unemployed by household, estimates based on these surveys may provide seemingly conflicting results.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 62,200, with an increase of 58,200 in the private sector and an increase of 4,000 in government.

The largest private-sector job gains were in trade, transportation, and utilities, leisure and hospitality, and construction.

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

In March, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 32.9 to 33.4 hours, and average hourly earnings increased from \$27.26 to \$28.38.

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CHAMBER NEWS

Tenth annual Car Show set for June 8 and 9

By Mary Jo Coulehan
SUN Columnist

The Pagosa Springs Car Show celebrates its 10th anniversary this year on June 8 and 9. Due to the construction improvements on Hermosa Street, the car show festivities will be held on Lewis Street both days.

Register your car now, as early-bird pricing ends Tuesday, May 1, as well as complimentary T-shirts are limited to the first 100 registrants. The first 150 registrants also get a free dash plaque.

Registration is made easier this year as you can complete the form located on the Chamber website at www.pagosachamber.com. This year, we are also offering discounts for multiple cars entered.

On June 8, registration begins at

4 p.m. Music, food, beer garden and entertainment will begin at 5 p.m. and will continue until about 8 p.m. This is an opportunity for people to get their first look at the stunning cars, motorcycles and trucks that will be on display. Bring the family out for an evening of food, live music and car viewing, all in a relaxing atmosphere.

On June 9, the show continues and the festivities expand again on Lewis Street. The show opens to the public at 9 a.m. and continues all day until 3 p.m., when the car show awards will be given out. There are close to 17 different award categories, including People's Choice and Best of Show. Live music, food, the beer garden and vendors will all be out in force.

Added to Saturday's festivities

will be an area for children to get exposure to car fun. Crafts and hands-on activities will be offered. After the show, many of the cars' entrants will participate in a car cruise. If you missed the downtown show, come out and see the cars cruise on the west end of town. Stay tuned for the exact location of the cruise.

If you would like more information on the car show, visit the Chamber's website or contact Katie Dobbins, event coordinator, at 264-2360.

Membership news

We have two new members to welcome to the Chamber this week: Stonewall Plumbing and Archuleta Housing Inc.

We are currently sold out of flower baskets. We congratulate

everyone who got their orders in. Twelve-inch baskets will be available on May 25 and the 16-inch baskets the following week. Stay tuned for more delivery information.

Businesses and nonprofit agencies are also encouraged to put their names in the drawing for a bike planter that they can locate in front of their business and then decorate. Special license plates will be attached to the bikes and locals and visitors can write down the license plate numbers, figure out the puzzle and then come to the Visitor Center to spin the prize wheel for some fun Pagosa giveaway prizes. Lottery entries need to be in by May 4.

Bring the family out for a day of community cleanup and beautification on May 12 at noon at the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. Enjoy a barbecue, announcement of the bike winners and other festivities. Contact 585-1200 for more information.



Photo courtesy Jon Duncan

Centerpoint Church held an appreciation banquet for local first responders (law enforcement and fire) on April 6. In addition to a delicious meal, the first responders in attendance were treated to words of encouragement from Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger.

Report

Continued from A9 is slowing down and could become flat in 2018 or 2019.

"The last three years have been amazing in terms of growth in sales tax, but that growth has been slowing. Last year was roughly half the rate of growth as the year before, which was roughly half the rate of growth for the year before that," Walton said.

Walton explained that the rise that was seen in the past was slowly starting to flatten out.

"I don't know if it's going to be flat in '18 or flat in '19, but there

just doesn't seem to be anything on the horizon that would drive it to be a significant increase," Walton said.

Property tax has also been flat, Walton explained, which fell off steeply during the last recession and has made a slow recovery and showed no signs of going up.

Other revenue trends noted in Walton's presentation concerned solid waste fees and lodging tax.

Solid waste fees, the report indicates, were lower than budgeted in the second half of the year and may only grow modestly in 2018, if at all.

The lodging tax, the presentation notes, grew in 2017, but at about half the expected rate.

The report further states that the growth in revenues in recent years allowed the county to build reserves and address deferred capital replacements, especially equipment, but that the growth was not sufficient to fund major building replacements.

"The growth we have experienced in recent years is slowing, and may vanish by 2019," the report states.

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Town council takes action on short-term rentals

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

During its regular meeting on April 19, the Pagosa Springs Town Council voted to enter into an agreement with a company that monitors short-term vacation rentals.

The council also instructed staff to return with an ordinance to implement annual vacation rental licensing.

"The issue of vacation rentals (or short-term rentals) has been discussed at two previous Council meetings," reads agenda documentation to be used at the meeting. "At its special meeting on April 4, Council heard public feedback and discussed research provided by staff on how other communities are seeking compliance and better regulation of STRS."

The agenda documentation goes on to explain that potential solutions are divided into two different forms, with one being compliance/monitoring companies, and the other being short-term rental licenses.

Compliance/monitoring companies

"Staff has received quotes and tutorials from three companies that provide auditing and monitoring services to track vacation rentals being advertised online through booking services (there are at least 50 different booking sites currently)," reads the agenda

documentation. "These companies help governments ensure that the rentals are operating with a permit and complying with local land use laws, and state and local tax laws."

The documentation goes on to explain that town staff feels that gaining better compliance with existing vacation rentals is an important step.

The town received three quotes from companies that monitor vacation rental compliance, with two quotes coming in around \$13,500, and another coming in at \$7,500.

The \$7,500 quote was offered by a company called STR Helper.

"Staff's suggestion is that the cost of monitoring should come from the general fund (for sales tax compliance) and in the future, from the lodger's tax fund (for lodging tax compliance)," reads documentation. "In addition to utilizing a firm that will help with address verification and monitoring, the town could maintain a list and/or map of licensed rentals that is available to the public and require that all vacation rentals have their license posted on site with a unique permit # to identify them."

The documentation explains that staff suggested entering into an agreement with STR Helper for an amount not to exceed \$7,500.

"There is an assumption that the costs will be offset by additional tax revenues," reads the documentation.

Vacation rental license

"Almost all communities that allow vacation rentals require some type of land use permit and/or business license for the unit," reads agenda documentation. "Typically these are issued and renewed on an annual basis and are non-transferable. Through the license, regulations such as parking requirements, noise, operating hours and occupancy limits may be addressed."

The documentation goes on to explain that, currently, short-term rentals require a conditional use permit, which is approved by the planning commission.

"The town's Conditional Use Permit application includes a \$100 one time application fee. A vacation rental is defined as 'the renting out of a furnished dwelling unit on a temporary basis.' Most communities define this as 30 days or less," reads the documentation. "Hotels, motels or lodge rooms are not considered vacation rentals. Vacation rentals are required to have a town business license (\$25 annual fee) and have an inspection by the building department. They must pay lodging and sales tax."

The documentation goes on to explain that there are 48 licensed lodger companies and individuals that provide short-term rentals, but it points out that the number of properties that have vacation rentals is likely much higher.

The documentation goes on to

list common elements of vacation rental licenses in other Colorado communities.

These elements include:

- an annual application.
- a requirement to post the license on site in a visible location.
- a property manager or person responsible for contact information and response time to handle complaints.

- making application fees non-refundable.
- making the licenses nontransferable.

• a self-inspection or town-provided inspection for compliance of basic standards, like smoke detectors and parking.

Council member Mat deGraaf made a motion on the matter.

"I move to approve entering into an agreement with STR Helper with attorney review for vacation rental compliance for an amount not to exceed \$7,500, utilizing \$7,500 from General Fund reserves and directing staff to bring back an ordinance to implement an annual vacation rental license at the next council meeting," deGraaf said.

Council member David Schanzbaker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, although council member Clint Alley was absent from the meeting.

The next town council meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 1, at the Pagosa Springs Town Hall, located at 551 Hot Springs Boulevard.

CDOT survey reveals new insight on marijuana and driving

Special to The SUN

Preliminary data from the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) Cannabis Conversation shows that 69 percent of cannabis consumers have driven under the influence of marijuana at least once in the past year — with 27 percent admitting they drive high almost daily.

Forty percent of recreational users and 34 percent of medical users said they don't think being under the influence of marijuana affects their ability to drive safely. About 10 percent of all users think it makes them a better driver.

As part of a statewide initiative to gather feedback about marijuana-impaired driving, CDOT collected survey responses from more than 11,000 anonymous marijuana users and non-users who shared their opinions, habits and behaviors on the topic.

"What this information tells us is that Colorado still has a lot of work to do in order to change behavior," said Sam Cole, CDOT communications manager. "CDOT has been successful in raising awareness about the laws and consequences of driving high, but now our big focus is on how we can turn that awareness into action and increase safety on our roadways."

Colorado continues to see marijuana-involved traffic crashes that result in serious consequences. In

2016, there were 51 fatalities that involved a driver with active THC in their blood above 5 nanograms, the legal limit.

In February, CDOT, together with partners across the state representing the marijuana industry, community nonprofits, universities, law enforcement and others, launched The Cannabis Conversation to gain a better understanding of public perceptions, social norms and behavior patterns surrounding marijuana use and driving. CDOT opened an online survey as part of this research, as well as conducting a series of public meetings, events and interviews to talk directly with people in the community.

"This is a complex issue, evidenced in the fact that we're seeing quite a few mixed messages from our outreach," said Cole. "While 40 percent of recreational users said they don't think being under the influence of marijuana affects their ability to drive safely, almost half of all survey participants said driving under the influence of marijuana puts people in danger."

Other key findings from the survey include:

- More than two-thirds (69 percent) of all respondents know that if you drive high, you can get a DUI.
- Half of all cannabis users surveyed say they consume less cannabis when they know they will need to drive.
- Of people who have consumed

marijuana within the last year, 56 percent say they drive themselves to get around when they're under the influence of marijuana. Walking, getting a ride from someone sober and using Uber or Lyft were the next most common ways people get around when high.

• Among non-users, 35 percent say they have been a passenger with a driver who is under the influence of marijuana.

All of the survey results are available to view online at ColoradoCannabisConvo.com.

Prevalent issues that rose to the top during CDOT's public meetings and in-person interviews include the need for better research and testing for measuring marijuana impairment. Participants also agreed that dispensaries are a trusted source of information and should play a key role in educating marijuana consumers about the laws and dangers of driving high.

"This isn't something that law enforcement can solve, or something CDOT can solve, or something the marijuana industry can solve. We have to work together and be honest with each other about the challenges," said Todd Mitchem, managing partner of Dacorum Strategies, a Denver-based government affairs and community outreach firm for the cannabis industry that has partnered with CDOT on this campaign.

"It's important to figure this

out together and I think we're on the right path by doing things like this that keep an open dialogue among the public, the industry and government. We must commit as a culture to working together and holding each other accountable regarding impaired driving," added Mitchem.

CDOT plans to use what it learns in The Cannabis Conversation to develop more effective education and awareness campaigns in the future that will help curb marijuana-impaired driving and improve safety on Colorado's roads.

The survey will remain open through early summer, so the public still has time to voice their opinions by visiting ColoradoCannabisConvo.com. These are preliminary results and a comprehensive report will be available in summer 2018.

To learn more about The Cannabis Conversation and Colorado's drugged driving laws and to view preliminary survey results, visit ColoradoCannabisConvo.com.

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See you all next year!

Outdoors



Photo courtesy Josh Kurz

Last Friday, Pagosa Springs High School global science students toured the Blanco Diversion and Tunnel, located in the Upper Blanco Basin. The tour was hosted by Carolyn Donnelly and Dagmar Llewellyn out of the Bureau of Reclamation's Albuquerque office. Also on the tour were hydrologists, engineers, water managers and climate scientists from around the west. The Blanco Diversion and Tunnel are part of the San Juan-Chama Project, which redirects water under the Continental Divide and eventually to Albuquerque, N.M., and the Rio Grande Valley.

BLM seeks nominations to Resource Advisory Councils

Special to The SUN

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking public nominations for positions on 30 citizen-based sounding boards for BLM initiatives, proposals and policy changes.

Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) provide advice and recommendations for the BLM to consider on a range of resource and land management issues.

The BLM maintains 37 such chartered advisory committees located in the West. Of those committees, 30 are RACs. Each council consists of 10 to 15 members from diverse interests in local communities, and they assist in the development of committee recommendations that address public land management issues. Established by charter, RACs are critical in assisting the BLM in continuing to be a good neighbor in the communities that the agency serves.

"Community input is a key component of public land management," said acting BLM New Mexico State Director Aden Seidlitz. "The BLM Resource Advisory Councils are an important forum for ensuring that local voices are heard. RAC members, through their variety of perspectives, provide a valuable service to the BLM by delving into issues and proposing solutions on a wide variety of land and resource management issues."

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on a council. Nominees, who must be residents of the state or states where the RAC has jurisdiction, will be reviewed on the basis of their training, education and knowledge of the council's geographic area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision-making. Letters of reference must accompany all nominations from any represented interests or organizations, a completed RAC application and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Each of the 30 RACs has different positions open in the following categories:

Category One — Public land ranchers and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, the commercial timber industry, transportation or rights of way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation.

Category Two — Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations.

Category Three — Representatives of state, county or local elected office; representatives and employees of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources; representatives of Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, Alaska natives as appropriate to the state of Alaska; representatives and employees of academic institutions who are involved in natural sciences; and the public at large.

The BLM will consider nominations until June 4. For more information, please contact Allison Sandoval at (505) 954-2018 or a-sandoval@blm.gov.

Forest roads and campgrounds statuses

By Elizabeth Reid
Special to The SUN

To protect road surfaces and for public safety, forest roads are seasonally closed to wheeled motorized vehicles, except snowmobiles operating on snow. They are open to nonmotorized uses, including bicycling, hiking and horseback riding. Roads will remain closed until most of the road surface can withstand traffic without damage. An open gate does not give permission to damage roads. Damage is defined as: ruts 1 inch deep or deeper on gravel roads, or 4 inches deep or deeper on native surface roads. Do not go off roads, except to park adjacent to the road on dry ground.

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Roads

The following road statuses were released on April 20.

- Black Mountain, No. 661, closed.
- Blanco River, No. 656, open.
- Blue Creek, No. 012, and Big Branch, No. 664, closed.
- Buckles Lake, No. 663, closed.
- Burns Canyon, No. 649 (to

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- Castle Creek, No. 660, to Opal Lake Trailhead, closed.
- Castle Creek, No. 660, to Fish Creek Trailhead, closed.
- Chris Mountain Road, No. 681, open.
- Devil Creek, No. 627, to State Wildlife Area, open.
- Devil Mountain, No. 626, closed.
- East Fork, No. 667, open to Quartz Meadow.
- East Toner, No. 637, open.
- Echo Canyon, No. 029, open.
- Eight Mile Mesa, No. 651, closed.
- Falls Creek Road, No. 039, closed.
- Fawn Gulch Road, No. 666, open.
- First Fork, No. 622 (main gate), open.
- First Fork, No. 622 (gate at Sheep Creek), open.
- Fourmile Road, No. 645, open.
- Jackson Mountain, No. 037, open.
- Jack's Pasture, Road No. 746, open.
- Kenney Flats, No. 006, open.
- Lefthand Canyon, No. 024, closed.
- Lower Piedra to campground, No. 621, closed.
- McManus, No. 633 (at Plumtaw intersection), open.
- Middle Fork, No. 636, open.
- Monument Park East, No. 630, open.
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Water back on at Navajo State Park

By Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Special to The SUN

Repairs to the water system at Navajo State Park have been completed and water is again available throughout the park and to all campsites.

The system was shut down in January after the pump and casing of the main well failed. Those were replaced with new components. A second well is also being repaired.

Salt Creek, Utah, slide show set for May 3 Outdoor Club meeting

By Sue Fischer
Special to The SUN

At the May 3 meeting of the San Juan Outdoor Club, Bill Milner will show slides taken while backpacking Salt Creek in Utah's Canyonlands with his wife, Jacquie.

This part of Canyonlands offers spectacular views, deep canyons, many ancestral puebloan ruins and

associated rock art.

Milner was a commercial photographer in Salt Lake City, Utah, for 35 years, but is now retired and has been living part time in Pagosa Springs for four years.

The presentation will be held at the PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave.; social time begins at 6:30 p.m. with the presentation following at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

San Juan Basin Public Health reminds residents to take precautions to prevent rabies exposures

By Claire Ninde
Special to The SUN

During the 2017 summer season, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) submitted and tested 11 bats for rabies, one of which was positive. SJBPH also tested seven skunks, three of which were positive. So far in 2018, 131 animals (130 skunks and one alpaca) from Colorado have tested positive for rabies. Of those, 44 rabid animals were known or strongly suspected of exposing 103 domestic pets, 55 livestock animals and 13 people. All 131 animals were located on the Front Range.

Humans get rabies from the bite of a rabies-infected animal (rabid animal). Any wild mammal, such as raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote or bat, can have rabies and transmit it to humans through a bite. In 2017, five people in southwest Colorado received the rabies post-exposure treatment due to contact with wildlife.

It is important to keep vaccinations current for cats, dogs and other domesticated animals. According to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Rabies Prevention and Control Policy, precautions must be taken if there is suspicion that a pet has had sufficient contact with a wild animal that is unable to be tested or has tested positive for rabies.

Bats are very common carriers of rabies in Colorado. When a potential bat exposure occurs, SJBPH has strict guidance when recommending postexposure treatment. If a bat has been present in a room in which people have been sleeping, it is important that the bat is safely trapped and tested for rabies. If a bat cannot be tested or there are multiple bats in the home, postexposure treatment of anyone living in the home is recommended.

Please contact SJBPH for guidance on safe capture, testing of bats, and follow-up.

Tips to protect yourself:

- Do not touch live or dead wild animals.
- Ensure your residence is "bat proof." Keep your doors and windows closed. Make sure your window screens don't have holes, and keep your attic free of bats by making sure all vents are properly screened.
- Seek professional animal control if your work or home is inhabited by bats or skunks.
- Do not feed wildlife.
- Individuals are urged to keep their pets and livestock current for rabies vaccination to protect them and your family.

To report an encounter with a suspect animal, please call SJBPH at 247-5702.

Learn more: To learn more about rabies and precautions, visit www.cdc.gov/rabies.

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Search and Rescue locates couple who spent night in backcountry

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

The Upper San Juan Search and Rescue Team (USJSAR) team responded to an incident where a couple got lost and ended up spending the night in backcountry on April 19 and 20.

According to Archuleta County Director of Emergency Management Mike Le Roux, the couple got lost between the Fourmile and Anderson trails.

He explained that the couple were a husband and wife from Oklahoma.

"They were in between the two trails approximately 2 miles in," Le Roux said. "We got the call around 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 19."

Le Roux said that the couple had cell coverage and called explaining that they had taken a wrong turn and didn't know where they were.

"They'd indicated that they had gone up what they thought was the Fourmile Trail, and they were headed to the Fourmile Falls," Le Roux explained. "They had said they'd reached the falls, but from there they didn't really know where they were at."

Le Roux explained that it was later discovered that the couple hadn't reached the falls, but thought they had.

He added that, with the 911 call, personnel tried to "ping" the location of the call, but technical issues resulted in inaccurate information on where the couple was located.

Le Roux explained that, because the couple had enough gear to wait out the night and because no one was injured, it was decided to begin the search the following morning on Friday.

"I made contact with Civil Air Patrol, and once they get the name,

phone number and carrier, they were able to ping the original 911 call and they gave us a location that was consistent with the couple's report of where they headed out," Le Roux said. "It was a lot closer than the falls, between the trailhead and the falls, so we knew that they were in a 2-mile radius of the Fourmile Trailhead."

Le Roux went on to explain that it turns out the couple went up the Anderson Trail, got stuck in a gully that goes across the trail, and thought that was the way to the waterfall.

"They got turned around and somehow got stuck between the Anderson Trail and the Fourmile Trail," Le Roux explained. "We approached them from the Fourmile Trail, got to the drainage and followed the GPS coordinates up to them and then we hiked them out."

Le Roux added that the couple was a little cold from spending the night, but were otherwise uninjured.

The search mission finished up around midday, Le Roux said.

Le Roux went on to suggest that people who plan on adventuring in the backcountry get an application on their phones that supplies them with their GPS coordinates.

"It can be the cheapest ... app, that actually just gives a set of coordinates," Le Roux explained. "They don't need to carry a GPS with them, they just need to be able to know where they're at, because we can find anybody once we have that."

Le Roux explained that the ability to provide coordinates could mean the difference between staying the night in the wilderness or being found much sooner.

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Juvenile hit by truck, Subaru rolls on U.S. 160 in separate accidents

By Marshall Dunham
Staff Writer

Emergency personnel responded to several vehicular accidents over the course of the week, including an accident where a juvenile female was hit by a truck.

Juvenile hit

Colorado State Patrol (CSP) responded to an accident where a juvenile female was hit by a truck on Sunday, April 22.

According to CSP Trooper Aaron Lupton, the incident occurred at the intersection of Canyon Circle

and Highland Avenue.

He stated that the female was riding a mini bike and failed to yield to a stop sign.

A Ford F150 was crossing the intersection, and it struck the juvenile.

The juvenile suffered incapacitating but non-life-threatening injuries, Lupton explained, adding that she was transported to Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) by PSMC EMS.

Lupton added that no charges would be pressed against the driver, and that the identity of the driver would not be released due to

the nature of the accident.

Two-vehicle accident

"The Pagosa Springs Police Department responded to a two vehicle crash at Highway 160 and Pagosa Blvd at approximately 7:10 am," reads a press release from Pagosa Springs Police Department (PSPD) Chief Bill Rockensock.

The crash took place yesterday, April 25.

"A 2006 Ford Ranger driven by Kaleb Potter was driving west on Highway 160 at a high rate of speed failed to yield the right of way, to a 2015 Subaru outback driven by

Debra Tautges of Pagosa Springs, as she was driving south through the intersection," reads the press release.

It goes on to explain that the truck collided with the rear of the Subaru, which caused it to spin out and roll over once.

Both drivers were taken to PSMC for injuries, the release notes, adding, "There were no other occupants of either vehicle. Update on injuries is unknown."

The release concludes explaining that charges are pending for Potter.

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The Blotter

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Archuleta County Sheriff's Office

April 9 — Drove vehicle without valid driver license, expired license plates, owner operated or permitted operation of vehicle without liability insurance, Talisman Drive.

April 10 — Warrant arrest, County Road 600.

April 10 — Warrant arrest, Eaton Drive.

April 10 — Noise regulations, Bill's Place.

April 11 — Violation of bail bond condition-misdemeanor, County Road 600.

April 11 — Animals running at large, River Run Drive.

April 11 — Information only, Country Meadows Place.

April 13 — Violation of restraining order, Granada Drive.

April 13 — Third-degree assault-simple assault, domestic violence, San Juan Street.

April 13 — Second-degree burglary, East Golf Place.

April 14 — Criminal mischief, U.S. 160.

April 14 — Domestic violence, harassment-follows in public place, County Road 600.

April 16 — Information only, Brookhill Drive.

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April 16 — Criminal mischief, Eight Mile Loop.

April 16 — Agency assist, East Pagosa Street.

April 16 — Criminal mischief, theft, second-degree burglary, Canyon Circle.

April 16 — Criminal mischief, Twilight Court.

April 16 — Theft, County Road 973.

April 17 — Littering of public or private property, Squaw Valley Place.

April 18 — Warrant arrest, Great West Avenue.

April 18 — Second-degree burglary, County Road 500.

April 18 — Information only, San Juan Street.

April 19 — Second-degree burglary, Ace Court.

April 20 — Identity theft-intent, Cloud Cap Avenue.

April 21 — Agency assist, Eagle Drive.

April 21 — Agency assist, Aspen Village Drive.

Town of Pagosa Springs Police Department

April 9 — Agency assist, South 10th Street.

April 13 — Agency assist, East Golf Place.

April 13 — Harassment, Aspen Village Drive.

April 13 — Third-degree assault, San Juan Street.

April 14 — Shoplifting, Aspen Village Drive.

April 14 — Criminal mischief/third-degree assault, North 8th Street.

April 16 — Found property, Talisman Drive.

April 16 — Agency assist, Eagle Drive.

April 16 — Harassment, South 8th Street.

April 16 — Third-degree assault, North 7th Street.

April 16 — Third-degree assault, East Pagosa Street.

April 16 — Child abuse, North 5th Street.

April 17 — Violation of custody, South 10th Street.

April 18 — Found property, Hot Springs Boulevard.

April 21 — Violation of protection order/warrant arrest, Eagle Drive.

April 21 — Traffic/moving, Aspen Village Drive.

April 22 — Traffic/moving/license/insurance, San Juan Street.

April 22 — Menacing, Great West Avenue.

Pagosa Springs Municipal Court: Judge Brett Van Winkle

April 11 — Richard Campbell, driver operated vehicle without insurance, four points, fines and costs — \$335.

Archuleta County Court: Judge Justin P. Fay

April 12 — Brandon Tate Miller, driver's license-driving without, fines and costs — \$307.50.

April 12 — Luke Allen Erdman, reckless driving, reckless endangerment, lane usage violation, 50 hours community service, 36 months probation, fines and costs — \$2,226.50.

April 12 — Jason Christopher Weeks, reckless endangerment, public indecency-expose genitals, four years probation, fines and costs — \$269.50.

April 18 — Joshua Lee Soniat-Dufossat, harassment-insults/taunts/challenges, 18 months probation, fines and costs — \$1,231.50.

April 18 — Cami K. Benvenuto, child restraint not used, fines and costs — \$172.50.

April 18 — Zachary Gray West, stop sign-fail to stop, fines and costs — \$172.50.

April 18 — Erne Stu Moreno, speeding 20-24 over limit, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$433.50.

April 18 — Emanuel Morales Dectet, speeding 20-24 over limit, fines and costs — \$339.50.

April 18 — Jessica M. Erickson, speeding 10-19 over limit, fines and costs — \$258.50.

April 18 — Garland N. Endicott, two counts seat belt not used, no insurance-driver, license plates-expired, fines and costs — \$1,007.50.

April 18 — Justus D. Logan, registration-unregistered vehicle, fines and costs — \$138.50.

April 18 — Michelle Lynn Ebero, driving under restraint, fines and costs — \$279.50.

April 18 — Jozlyn Rey Padilla, marijuana-under 21 possess/consumption, marijuana paraphernalia-under 21, fines and costs — \$146.

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April 18 — Brendan Owle, driver's license-driving without, marijuana-under 21 possess/consumption, marijuana paraphernalia-under 21, fines and costs — \$387.50.

April 18 — Merenda Renae Romine, harassment-strike/shove/kick, 12 months diversion program.

April 18 — Megan Celeste Marez, dog at large (first offense no injury), fines and cost — \$76.

April 18 — Daniel L. Hansen, speeding too fast for conditions, fines and costs — \$152.50.

April 18 — Ben L. Franklin, stop lamps-defective, signaling violation, fines and costs — \$125.50.

6th Judicial District Court: Judge Jeffrey R. Wilson

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April 17 — Matthew K. Barnes, theft-\$5,000-\$20,000, three years probation, 48 hours community service, fines and costs — \$2,273.50.

April 17 — Jesse Ray Maez, controlled substance-possession schedule 1/2/FL/KT, carrying a concealed weapon-knife/gun, 18 months probation, 80 hours community service, fines and costs — \$2,986.50.

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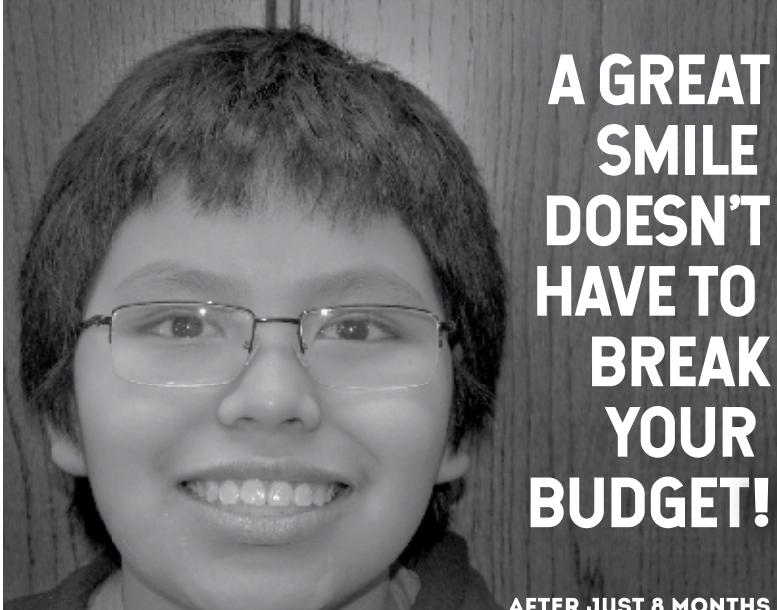
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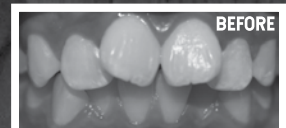
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- Snow Ranch, No. 628, open.
- Trail Ridge, No. 639, closed.
- Turkey Creek, No. 647, open.
- Turkey Springs, No. 629 — lower/middle gate, closed.
- Turkey Springs, No. 629 — up-

per gate, open.

- Valle Seco Upper, No. 653 to private property, closed.
- West Fork, No. 648, open.
- Williams Creek, No. 640 (from gate to lake), open.
- Williams Creek, No. 640 (to Palisades HC), open.
- Wolf Creek Road, No. 725, closed.

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BASEBALL

Pirates look to finish league play with pair of wins at Centauri

By **Randi Pierce**
Staff Writer

The Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) Pirate baseball team walked away from Saturday's doubleheader with a sweep of the Monte Vista Pirates in which Pagosa scored 35 runs.

The sweep also means the PSHS baseball program is having its best season in at least 10 years, with a 10-5 overall record. The pair of wins came in commanding fashion for Pagosa, 20-8 and 15-8.

"We're doing pretty good right now," coach Jim Fait said, adding, "Scoring 35 runs in two games, I think the bats are waking up right now. ... We hit the ball pretty well."

Pagosa jumped to an early 10-run lead in the first inning of the first game.

"They weren't chintzy base hits, they weren't bloopers; they were line shots," Fait said. "So, you know, they were hittin' the ball really well, really smackin' the ball well. ... I was real happy to get that 10-run first inning, but unfortunately then we gave some of them back."

Monte Vista gained one run back in the bottom of the first, and Pagosa tacked three runs on in the top of the second, giving Pagosa a 13-1 lead.

Monte Vista, however, rallied for seven runs in the bottom of the third to make it a 13-8 game.

Pagosa's pitching was able to shut down Monte Vista for the remainder of the game, but Monte Vista was unable to do the same to their visitors.

Pagosa logged one run in the third inning before breaking out for another six in the fourth.

The Pirates claimed the 20-8 victory at the end of the fifth inning.

Fait indicated that the win was a true team effort, with hitting and pitching both key in the win.

Nine different Pagosa Pirates contributed offensively in the game, in which Pagosa recorded 12 hits.

"Yeah, the kids were hittin' the ball, hittin' the ball really well," Fait said. "So, I was real happy with that."

Zach Haines put up a 3-for-4 effort in the game, notching two RBIs and three runs scored.

DJ Day knocked two hits, tallied a pair of RBIs and one run, and Keaton Laverty added two hits, an RBI and three runs scored.

Hunter Bailey had a double, three runs scored and three RBIs, while PJ Bailey had a double, RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases in two attempts.

Liam Doctor notched a hit and three runs scored.

Jesse Laverty and Tanner Evans each also contributed a hit, which they both complemented with a pair of runs scored.

Eric Huddleston added two RBIs and a run scored.

Pagosa had four hitters reach base after being hit by pitches in the game, and three others walk.

Shane Miller started the game on the mound for Pagosa, pitching one and two-thirds innings, while Keaton Laverty pitched three and a third innings in relief.

"Keaton came in and shut it down. He did, Keaton did a great job ... pitching," Fait said.

The pair combined to allow five earned runs on six hits while striking out five and walking two.

"I was real happy with game one and how it went," Fait summarized. "Well, anybody would be scoring 20 runs, I guess."

The Pirate teams were back at it again later that afternoon, with Pagosa surviving four lead changes to record a 15-8 win.

"Game two, we did well by that, too," Fait said, adding, "We got off to a start and ... PJ started that game and I think he threw 96 pitches, but he did excellent. We were ahead in that game, too, so it's nice to get ahead in games."

Like game one, Pagosa was able to score in the first inning, this time bringing a pair of runs across the plate.

Unfortunately, Monte Vista countered with four runs in the bottom of the inning.

Not content to fall behind their hosts, Pagosa notched three runs in the top of the third and were able to keep Monte Vista scoreless in the bottom of the inning.

Monte Vista then kept Pagosa scoreless in the top of the third

while pushing two runs of their own across the plate in the bottom of the inning to take a 6-5 lead.

In the top of the fourth, Pagosa took the lead for the final time, scoring three runs.

Monte Vista countered with a run in the fourth, but Pagosa put up three in the fifth, two in the sixth and 2 in the seventh.

Monte Vista tacked on one run in the bottom of the seventh, but it was too little, too late, and Pagosa swept their hosts with a 15-8 win in the second game.

"They didn't get their heads down, and they got behind and they kind of, they rose to the occasion to get ahead," Fait said. "Because they weren't going to lose those games. They know that we need these league games, and I just felt like after they got down they got right back on offense and started doing well and smackin' the ball again. ... They went forward instead of backwards."

And, again, Pagosa's offense was spread out across the team, led by Keaton Laverty, who went 4-for-4 in the game (including a triple) with two RBIs and four runs scored.

"Keaton's hitting the ball so well right now," Fait said, drawing attention to the senior's .550 average.

Hunter Bailey knocked two hits (including a double), tallied three RBIs and scored one run.

Jesse Laverty notched two hits and scored three runs, Doctor had two hits (including a double) and two RBIs, and Evans had two hits and a run scored.

Huddleston had a double, an RBI and three runs scored, while PJ Bailey had a hit and two runs scored and Haines had a hit and a run scored.

Taylor Cotts also had two RBIs in the game, and Day had an RBI.

Pagosa batters were hit by a pitch twice in the game and walked five times.

Pagosa was aggressive on the base paths in the game, with six stolen bases: two by Jesse Laverty, and one each by Huddleston, PJ Bailey, Hunter Bailey and Evans.

PJ Bailey started the second game on the mound, pitching four innings, while Huddleston pitched

three innings in relief.

The pair combined to allow eight runs (all earned) on 10 hits while walking five and striking out eight.

"And like I said, pitching. Pitching was good in that game," Fait said, highlighting Huddleston's relief effort.

The pair of wins improved Pagosa's record to 4-4 in the Inter-mountain League (IML).

"We're on a roll right now, which is a good time to be on a roll, with four left," Fait said.

Alamosa remains at the top of the IML standings with an 8-0 league mark (10-4 overall), followed by Bayfield with a 5-3 IML record (8-7 overall).

Pagosa sits third, while Centauri follows with a 2-4 IML record (8-7 overall), Monte Vista sits fifth with a 2-6 league mark (4-11 overall) and Montezuma-Cortez rounds out the standings with a 1-5 league tally (2-8 overall).

Further painting a potential postseason picture is the fact that Pagosa is sitting as the No. 22 team according to the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI), which helps determine postseason seeding for the 32 teams who advance.

Alamosa is currently the No. 8 team in the RPI rankings, while Centauri is the No. 23, Bayfield is the No. 27, Monte Vista is the No. 38 and Montezuma-Cortez is the No. 49.

Pagosa's Pirates will round out their league action this Saturday in La Jara against Centauri.

"They're looking forward to the challenge, I think," Fait said of his players, "Because we said we have to win out."

Fait explained that, when the team was 5-5 after dropping back-to-back league doubleheaders, they knew they had to win the rest of their games in order to make the postseason.

The keys for the game, the coach noted, are to continue hitting and scoring runs, continuing timely hits to not leave people on base, playing error-free ball and continuing to not walk many batters.

The first half of the doubleheader is slated to begin at 11 a.m. randi@pagosasun.com

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TRACK

Pirates chalk up more personal records at Aztec meet

By **Marshall Dunham**
Staff Writer

On April 20, the Pagosa Springs High School track athletes competed in the B&B Aztec Invitational.

The girls' team placed third out of nine teams, and the boys' team placed fifth out of nine teams.

"I thought they did really well," explained coach Connie O'Donnell. "We had several personal records."

In the girls' 400-meter, Mackenzie Wedemeyer placed second with a time of 1 minute, 1.48 seconds.

"Mackenzie Wedemeyer is ranked 13th in the open 400 because she ran a really good race," O'Donnell said.

In the 800-meter, Emma Heidelberg placed eighth with a time of 2:37.43.

In the 3,200-meter, Megan Greenly placed fifth with a time of 13:32.24.

Ivory Carpenter placed seventh with a time of 15:16.10, and Megan Foster placed eighth with a time of 15:40.98.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Amy Jones placed ninth with a time of 18.30.

The girls' 4x200-meter relay team, consisting of Jones, Wedemeyer, Daily Valdez and River Pitcher, placed seventh with a time of 1:59.27.

The girls' 4x400 meter relay

team, consisting of Heidelberg, Wedemeyer, Valdez and Pitcher, placed second with a time of 4:28.88.

"Our girls' 4x400 is ranked 18th right now, so we do need to take off some time," O'Donnell said. "But it was fun to run for the first time this year, and the girls just kind of fed off of each other."

Pitcher placed sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 30 feet, 6 inches.

In discus, Keena Murphy placed first with a distance of 123-10.

Alondra Hernandez placed fifth with a distance of 101-6.

In the boys' 800-meter, Cade Cowan placed seventh with a time of 2:04.38.

The boys' 4x400-meter relay team, consisting of Cam Hinger, Isaac Munoz, Cowan and Michael Wedemeyer placed fourth with a time of 3:39.21.

"They didn't get as fast of a time as they did in Bayfield, but I think there's a lot of potential there."

In the long jump, Michael Wedemeyer placed sixth with a distance of 19-6.

In the triple jump, Michael Wedemeyer placed first with a distance of 42-3, beating his personal record.

O'Donnell explained that Michael Wedemeyer taking first was a really exciting part of the meet,

and that now he's seventh in the state rankings.

Cowan placed sixth with a distance of 38-5.

"Over the next couple weeks I think we're really trying to get Cade's 800 time down, getting long jump and triple jump a little bit better," O'Donnell said. "River Pitcher, her (long and triple) jumps are close, so we're trying to get her a little better, too. Alondra Hernandez, in discus, has been improving like crazy. She threw over 100, and I think if we could get her to improve just a little bit more than she'll be up in the rankings, too."

This Saturday, the Pirates will run in the High Altitude Challenge

in Alamosa, with action starting at 9 a.m.

"It's going to be really hard because it's prom, and the girls' 4x400 is the last event, so it depends on if we can keep those girls there or not," explained O'Donnell. "Centauri and Alamosa are ranked ahead of us, and they'll both be there, and that'll be really helpful, I think. It'll give us somebody to chase."

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Pirates downed by Mean Moose, play two home games this weekend

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A trip over Wolf Creek Pass did not prove to be fruitful for the No. 30 Pagosa Springs High School Lady Pirate soccer team, as they lost the regular season series to the No. 8 Alamosa Mean Moose 1-0.

Alamosa's lone goal came in the first half with eight minutes remaining on a shot by Devyn Mitchell.

The Pirates recorded eight shots in total on net against the Mean Moose.

Alannah Gallegos led the team with four shots while Alyssa Lewis, Nicole Bartz, Isabelle Pajak and Tesla McConnaughey all added one shot apiece.

Diana Scott was able to make 15 saves against Alamosa.

This is the second time the Pirates have lost in this fashion to the Mean Moose.

Pagosa also dropped its home matchup against Alamosa 1-0 on April 6.

"Our team played really hard and really well. Our defense clamped down on their attacking players for much of the afternoon. Our center mid-fielders, Alanah

Gallegos and Morgan Thompson, continue to direct and facilitate our passing possession," coach Scott Galabota wrote in an email.

Alamosa plays a game in which they utilize a lot of long and high balls, but Galabota explained that Gallegos and Thompson were able to win most of them, putting the Pirates in good position.

"Unfortunately, we weren't able to capitalize on that excellent position for many good shots," Galabota wrote. "Alamosa plays a very defense-heavy game, with large numbers of quality defenders left back."

The Pirates tried to counter Alamosa's defensive strategy by attempting numerous shots over the top of defenders, but Galabota explained that this strategy was not met with much success.

Gallegos was nominated by Galabota as the player of the game against Alamosa.

Gallegos' quality outside shots, leadership, passing and winning balls in the air received praise from Galabota.

The loss drops Pagosa's overall record to 5-6 and their league record to 3-3.

Pagosa still remains in second

place in the Region 5 standings for the 3A classification.

Pagosa and Bayfield currently have the same overall record, but because Pagosa has a 3-3 league record, as opposed to Bayfield's 2-3 record, the Pirates get the nod in the league standings.

Alamosa remains at the top of the Region 5 standings, riding an eight-game win streak while also posting a 10-1 overall record and a 5-0 league record.

In regard to the rest of the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) ratings, as mentioned, Bayfield sits at No. 25.

Kent Denver holds the No. 1 spot in the RPI ratings, with Colorado Academy, Jefferson Academy, The Academy and Lutheran rounding out the top five.

Home games

The Pirates will be back home this weekend for a pair of games against two of the top three teams in the Region 4 standings for the 2A classification.

Starting on Friday at 6 p.m., Pagosa will face the Telluride Miners (7-2 overall, 7-2 in league play) for Senior Night.

The Senior Night recognition will begin at 5:50 p.m.

The JV matchup against Tellu-

ride has now been moved to 4 p.m.

Telluride is currently second in the Region 4 standings.

This will be the first time this season the Pirates have faced off against the Miners.

Since 2009, in 16 matchups with the Miners, Pagosa is 1-12-3 against Telluride.

In those 16 games, Pagosa has been outscored 48-13 by Telluride.

This season, Telluride currently is No. 5 in the 2A RPI standings.

Next, on Saturday, Pagosa will play host to the Ridgway Demons (6-4 overall, 4-3 in league play).

Game time for the matchup against Ridgway is 11 a.m.

The Pirates are 9-6-1 overall in their last 16 matchups against the Demons since 2009.

Pagosa has outscored Ridgway 38-18 in those 16 games.

This season, Ridgway currently is third in the 2A Region 4 standings.

Additionally, Ridgway is currently No. 10 in the 2A RPI standings.

"We are looking forward to good competitive matches against Telluride and Ridgway this weekend," Galabota added.

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Join students for National Bike to School Day

By April Rossetti
Special to The SUN

Does riding your bike to school with your friends sound like fun?

Join Retro Metro Kids-Safe Routes To School (and thousands of other kids all around the country) for National Bike To School Day on May 9.

Come out to get some fresh air and enjoy a bike ride before the

bell rings.

There will be adults leading both rides, one to the elementary school and one to the middle school. Parents may drop off kids for the bike ride, but are also more than welcome to join the ride. Helmets are required. Drinks and snacks will be available to enjoy before the ride begins.

The first-ever National Bike to School Day took place on May

9, 2012, in coordination with the League of American Bicyclists' National Bike Month. National Bike to School Day provides an opportunity for schools across the country to join together to celebrate and to build off of the energy of National Bike Month.

The event is open to Pagosa Springs elementary and middle school students. Participants will meet at 6:45 a.m. at Yama-

guchi Park. The ride begins at 7:15 a.m.

Bring your bicycle, helmet, gloves and warm layers.

Volunteers needed

We are aiming to have a 3-to-1 ratio of kids to adults to ensure safe riding on the road. To sign up, please email arossetti@pagosa.k12.co.us or agadomski@pagosa.k12.co.us.

Good riddance to an outdated tax code

This year, April 17 marked a day each American dreads: tax day. In the weeks leading up to this day every year, Americans scramble to fill out complicated tax forms with the hope that some of their hard-earned money will be returned by the government.

Filing taxes this year was the same old unpleasant and time-consuming process that it has been for decades. However, the good news is that this was the last year that Americans will have to file their taxes under the broken and complicated system. We are saying goodbye to an outdated and burdensome tax code and welcoming one that finally works for the American people thanks to Congress passing and the president signing into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

In conversations with people across Colorado's Third District, I

am often asked how tax reform will help them. The answer is that the majority of taxpayers in the Third District and across the nation will now keep more of their hard-earned wages and the process for filing returns next year will be simpler and take less of their valuable time.

The next time Coloradans file their taxes, they will see the standard deduction double to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for married couples. This change means that the 70 percent of people in Colorado's Third District who claim the standard deduction will



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see in an increase in their paycheck and less of their money going to Washington. Colorado's families will also continue to benefit from the Child Tax Credit, which will increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

With a simpler tax code, Coloradans will be able to file their taxes on a simple, short form — saving hours of precious time. To top it off, the individual health insurance mandate will be gone, meaning that if you don't want to purchase a government health insurance plan, you will no longer be punished. The IRS will be out of the health insurance business once and for all.

Tax reform is already improving the lives of millions. Four million to be exact. Since the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was signed into law, hundreds of companies across the nation announced that they would be investing back into their employees through bonuses and increased

benefits. So far, 4 million Americans have collectively received \$4 billion in bonuses.

I could not disagree more with House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's characterization of these bonuses as being "crumbs." She's obviously never met the hardworking Coloradans who have suffered under a depressed economy for far too long. Many families know that an extra thousand dollars is often a lifeline during tough times. These so called "crumbs" are now being used by many who have been struggling to pay an overdue bill, pay down credit card debt, treat their family to something special or put away money for retirement.

As we say goodbye to the old, broken tax code, we celebrate this new and exciting chapter for the American people — one that will deliver bigger paychecks, more jobs and an economy that continues to prosper.

Colorado food assistance program raises nutrition standards

Special to The SUN

A state health department food assistance program has implemented changes to 30-year-old nutrition standards to provide healthier meals for Colorado children and adults who participate.

"Many low-income Coloradans depend on the nutrition services

we provide," said Brittney Rodgers, nutrition consultant for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. "We want to make sure they get the healthy food they need."

The Child and Adult Care Food program (CACFP) plays a critical role in supporting the health and wellness of 43,800 Coloradans each day. The new, healthier meal stan-

dards implemented October 2017 are based on Dietary Guidelines for Americans, National Academy of Medicine recommendations and input from program participants.

These new meal patterns provide a wider variety of vegetables and fruits, more whole grains, and less added sugars and saturated fats. New standards eliminate sweetened

grains, such as cookies, pastries and breakfast bars, and limit sugar in breakfast cereal and yogurt.

Program changes support breastfeeding and allow parents of infants to gradually introduce solid foods, as developmentally appropriate.

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<p>April 25 Snow Crab Legs</p> <p>all you can eat \$30</p>	<p>May 2 Oysters</p> <p>raw/Rockefeller/deep fried \$40</p>

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Americana Project



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Several students from the Americana Project class at Pagosa Springs High School performed to open the classes' spring guest artist concert on April 17. The students, performing a mix of cover and original tunes, opened for singer/songwriters Anna Tivel and Jeffrey Martin.



Highway and safety improvements to begin Monday on U.S. 160 between Pagosa Springs and Treasure Falls

Special to The SUN

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and contractor will begin a project on Monday, April 30, to resurface a 14.3-mile stretch of U.S. 160 from Pagosa Springs, at the U.S. 84 junction, mile point (MP) 144.29, to east of the Treasure Falls turnout, MP 158.56.

The roadway will receive a 2.5-inch surface treatment (including a 1-inch leveling course of asphalt mix to address imperfections, followed by a 1.5-inch overlay of new asphalt).

During the project, scheduled for completion by early September 2018, crews will also be:

- Upgrading guardrails.
- Making improvements to three bridges (including new bridge rail, resurfacing, waterproofing and one expansion joint repair).
- Patching and/or milling and resurfacing damaged sections of roadway.
- Widening truck chain station

areas.

- Making embankment, culvert and ditch improvements.

This highway resurfacing and safety-improvement project was contracted for \$7.5 million.

Travel impacts

Work hours during the entire four-month project on U.S. 160 will take place Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. During the first two weeks of the project, motorists will encounter single-lane, alternating travel through three short work zones (two of the bridges, at MP 153.9 and MP 149, and the chain station at MP 157).

Starting in mid-May, the lane closures will be longer and, at times, there will be 15-minute full traffic holds through the work zone. Please note, during full traffic holds, actual travel delays will likely exceed 15 minutes as traffic queues are cleared in each direction and as summer traffic volumes increase. Work zones are expected to be 1.5

miles long to accommodate resurfacing work.

A temporary width restriction will be in place 24/7 from May 14 to July 27 (this restriction may be lifted sooner). The restriction, in place between MP 149 and 158.5, will be 12 feet wide initially, and will decrease to 11 feet wide, likely in June. Those with wide loads should contact CDOT's Permits Office at (800) 350-3765 for updates and detailed information.

The speed limit will be reduced to 40 mph through the work zone for everyone's safety. Please avoid distractions as you travel through the work zone and go "Slow for the cone zone."

Stay connected

Those with questions or comments regarding the work can log onto the project website at <https://www.codot.gov/projects/us-160-treasurefalls>, call the project information line at (970) 317-8636 or email the project team at us160treasurefalls@gmail.com.

in teens and young adults.

Having HPV puts a woman at increased risk for cervical cancer. Only regular pap tests can detect abnormal changes in the cervix years before any cancer actually exists.

SJBPH offers free cervical and breast cancer screenings for those who qualify through the Women's Wellness Connection.

To schedule an appointment for a well woman exam and for more information about the HPV series, call the SJBPH Sexual Health Clinic at 335-2015. More informa-

tion about the clinic is at sjbpublichealth.org/sexualhealthclinic/. To learn more about the HPV vaccine, visit cdc.gov/hpv/parents/vaccine.html.

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2018-002

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On January 25, 2018, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Archuleta records.
Original Grantor(s) BRADLEY J BURTON AND LACEY C BENZ
Original Beneficiary(ies) WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Date of Deed of Trust January 04, 2008
County of Recording Archuleta
Recording Date of Deed of Trust January 09, 2008
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/ Page No.) 20800180
Original Principal Amount \$229,500.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$159,496.10
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK 21, ASPEN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION NO. 4 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 20, 1971, AS RECEPTION NO. 74785, IN HTE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER, ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO. Also known by street and number as: 163 DYKE BLVD, PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147.
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By: /s/ Betty A. Diller, Public Trustee
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Attorney File # 16-011735
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Peregrine Townhouses Property Owner's Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
v.

Carroll E Stalon, et al
Defendants
Case No.: 2018CV030003
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):
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filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an in rem action of judicial foreclosure on your timeshare interest(s) located at Peregrine Townhouses for failure to pay assessments to Peregrine Townhouses Property Owner's Association, Inc. ("Association"). The legal description for your real property is below.
Plaintiff Attorney: Christopher B. Conley, Attorney at Law, Reg. No. 51651, 700 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

Defendant(s) / Legal Descriptions:
Danaida D Marcos & Carroll F Waller
Building Number: 7 & 8
Lot (Unit) Number: 7813-7816
UDI Points: 259,000

of Peregrine Townhouses Phase III, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 173555, subject to Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 173556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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

Lien No. Lien Date
21800424 01/18/2018
Rosemary E Slaten & Kenneth R Slaten
Building Number: 7 & 8
Lot (Unit) Number: 7813-7816
UDI Points: 49,000

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Eloyce Jones Fleming
Building Number: 9 & 10
Lot (Unit) Number: 7817-7820
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Lien No. Lien Date
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Betty H Mautz
Building Number: 16
Lot (Unit) Number: 7831-7832
UDI Points: 49,000

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Lien No. Lien Date
21800425 01/18/2018
Shirley Ann Ethridge-Pratt & Ann Ethridge-Pratt
Building Number: 11
Lot (Unit) Number: 7821-7822
UDI Points: 154,000

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Lien No. Lien Date
21800425 01/18/2018
Robert J Buffa
Building Number: 20
Lot (Unit) Number: 7839-7840
UDI Points: 154,000

of Peregrine Townhouses Phase V, as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99006555, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Lien No. Lien Date
21800426 01/18/2018
John Anderson & Linda Anderson
Building Number: 29
Lot (Unit) Number: 7857-7858
UDI Points: 336,000

of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99011974, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Lien No. Lien Date
21800427 01/18/2018
Shannon L Guy
Building Number: 29
Lot (Unit) Number: 7857-7858
UDI Points: 336,000

of Peregrine Townhouses Phase VI as depicted on the Plat recorded in Reception Number 99011974, subject to Second Supplemental Declaration of Protective Covenants and Interval Ownership for Peregrine Townhouses recorded at Reception Number 99006556, and any amendments and supplements thereto, all in the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder in and for Archuleta County, Colorado.

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Lien No. Lien Date
21800427 01/18/2018
Jeremiah Campbell & Cassie Campbell
Building Number: 43
Lot (Unit) Number: 7883-7884
UDI Points: 49,000

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SJWCD gets into heated discussion over possible board appointment

By Chris Mannara
Staff Writer

A potential director appointment was a point of contention during a lengthy board meeting of the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) on Monday night.

The discussion primarily centered around the appointment of Bill Hudson to the SJWCD Board of Directors.

Initially, SJWCD had requested for additional time from the courts in order to respond not only to Hudson's appointment, but Candice Kelly's as well.

That request was reported on in the April 19 issue of The SUN.

"The judge has indicated he is going to approve them unless we express an objection," board member Matt Roane explained at the meeting.

Barring any action by the SJWCD, Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Wilson will approve both Hudson and Kelly to be on the board, Roane explained further.

When it came time to discuss a motion related to these board appointments, SJWCD chairman John Porco raised issue with Hudson being appointed to the board.

Porco's position

"I will start the discussion by saying I am very strongly opposed to having Mr. Hudson serve on our board of directors," Porco said.

Porco explained that much of his objection to Hudson being on the board of directors came from comments Hudson made in his online community magazine, the Pagosa Daily Post.

"And, Bill, let me say, when I objected this past week, or in the last two weeks, when I said, I found your attacks on my integrity and my character because I happen to be a, quote, friend of Rod Proffitt without showing anything, without proving any actions that I have taken that would have been affected by that friendship, I found that, personally, highly offensive," Porco said.

The articles that Hudson had written in the Daily Post could create, according to Porco, "a significant adverse affect on someone in the community."

The fundamental problem for Porco in regard to Hudson is "more than a decade of consistent and varying objections to the district."

"In going back through a lot of Mr. Hudson's postings, I haven't really found a single instance, and maybe I missed it — I didn't read every single thing, I didn't have time to do that — I didn't find a single instance where there was anything positive said about the district," Porco said.

Porco noted that Hudson had also attacked not only former SJWCD board president Rod Proffitt, but Porco himself and SJWCD

board member Ray Finney.

Reading from a prepared statement, Porco added that "Mr. Hudson erroneously claims that the Colorado Supreme Court rejected the project out of hand, when, in fact, just the size of the reservoir was reduced in the case before the court."

Porco went on to read that Hudson has a "fundamental misunderstanding" of the mission and duties of the SJWCD.

Porco also added that Hudson had used innuendo to "sow doubt upon the financial legitimacy of the district because no full-scale audit has been done since 2010."

Hudson has not only questioned the integrity of the SJWCD and its board members, but multiple other people, Porco explained.

"Steve Harris, who is a respected, professional water engineer, is he perfect? No. He is a respected water engineer," Porco said.

Hudson has also questioned the integrity of former Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Greg Lyman, the Colorado Water Conservancy Board and the Western Land Group, Porco added.

"Mr Hudson's absolute and unequivocal opposition to the district's reservoir project and his clear disregard for the possible future of Colorado's water needs, as displayed in his articles and in statements made at public meetings, make him unsuitable for the position of a director of the board," Porco read from his statement.

Porco went on to read that Hudson has not been supportive of the goals of the SJWCD and "has demonstrated a distinct lack of objectivity in regard to the district and its constituents."

"My view is that the appointment of Mr. Hudson to the board of directors will be harmful to the district itself and its constituents and counter-productive to its ability to fulfill its statutory mission," Porco read.

Finney commented that he felt like Hudson is a "one-issue candidate."

"He wants to be against whatever dam is built, no matter what. There's a lot of other pieces to our puzzle," Finney said. "You know, I feel sad that Bill would put out as much misinformation as he has and can be so negative on one aspect of what we're doing."

Finney later noted that Hudson had been an adversary to the SJWCD on most issues.

SJWCD board member Stacy Thompson added that having someone on the board who "is already going to undermine you, it's going to be hard to make any decisions."

Audience member Michael Whiting noted that Hudson has a right to his opinions.

Whiting went on to explain that

he had asked Hudson to participate in various projects.

"He's been an exceptional partner in those efforts," Whiting said. "I've found a way to appreciate what he has to bring to the table."

Compiling a board that can work together is important, SJWCD board member Doug Secrist added.

"I value what your concern is and I value your opinions, and your objections, but at the same time, we've got to figure out how we can work together as a board, too," Secrist said.

SJWCD board member Susan Nossaman also objected to having Hudson on the board.

"Part of that is because last year when we were trying to get our mill levy increase passed, everything I read about that was negative," Nossaman said.

Roane, who noted he was speaking as an individual, began his comments by apologizing to Hudson.

"I apologize. That is not how you treat a member of the public who's come to a meeting and has offered to volunteer his time," Roane said. "I hope we change our personality moving forward."

Speaking to the board, Roane praised Hudson for being highly intelligent and "highly literal."

Hudson also knows a lot about water law and the history of the SJWCD, Roane added.

"If we've got a lot of issues, then he's got a lot of other things to offer," Roane said. "He has been the biggest disseminator of information of anybody in this community, and you may not like it because it makes our job more difficult, but that is part of our job."

Hudson responds

After much discussion on his history with SJWCD and why he writes the things he does within the Daily Post, Hudson was able to comment on what he could bring to the SJWCD board.

"I want to step up, join your board, share my perspective of 13 years writing for the Daily Post talking to people, reading everything I've been reading, doing research. I want to share that with this board so you have another perspective besides the one that has been driving this board for the last 20, 30 years," Hudson said.

After more discussion among the SJWCD board and Hudson, Pfister noted that Hudson's critical look at things could be valuable to the board of directors.

"So, I guess that is where I look at Bill's critical look at our operations as a potential valuable asset," Pfister said.

Thompson later asked Hudson if he would be opposed to helping SJWCD re-brand itself.

"We want to be a part of something that makes a difference in the community or we wouldn't be

here," Thompson said. "Are you also going to be a part of re-branding and bringing us up instead of down when we do things right?"

Nossaman posed a question which centered around educating Hudson on issues surrounding SJWCD and whether or not it would be published in the Daily Post.

"If you were to become a member of the board and we provide you with the information that we currently have about the size of our reservoir and the fact that none of us, I don't believe, are involved in any type of corruption in pushing it through, would you be printing that in your paper? That you found new information and you want to enlighten the public about what you've learned?" Nossaman asked.

Hudson did not directly respond to the questions by Thompson and Nossaman.

Bringing in different perspectives to create a different future for SJWCD could be valuable, Roane added later.

Secrist then asked Hudson if he could "let go" of the history of SJWCD's past.

"But, can you separate yourself from the past to start moving forward in a progressive manner?" Secrist asked.

"Absolutely not," Hudson responded. "I cannot let go of what I know about this community's mistakes that they've made around water policy."

Board decision

After another discussion, the board decided to make separate motions regarding Hudson's and Kelly's appointment.

"I believe the board needs to act or not act, is your decision, if you do not act then the appointments will occur," SJWCD's legal counsel, Kent Holsinger, participating by phone, said. "The past practice of the court has been not to act at all without a motion from the district."

The board voted unanimously to approve Kelly to serve on the board.

"We'll have to submit a motion to the court supporting Candice's appointment to the board," Porco said.

The board then voted on Hudson being appointed to the board, with Hudson losing in a 4-3 vote.

Those who voted in favor of Hudson were Roane, Pfister and Thompson.

Finney, Secrist, Porco and Nossaman all voted against Hudson.

"We will ask Kent to prepare the proper paperwork to submit to the courts," Porco said.

The board also agreed to include the vote count for each candidate in the motion to be submitted to the courts.

Ultimately, appointments for the SJWCD board are made by Wilson.

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Matt Roane



Stacy Thompson

SJWCD adds two new faces to its board

By Chris Mannara
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Two new board members were appointed to the San Juan Water Conservancy District's (SJWCD) board of directors at a regular meeting on Monday.

Matt Roane and Stacy Thompson's appointments now raise the board's director total to seven.

"Mr. Roane went to a notary and got his taken care of, so he's already sworn in," SJWCD chairman John Porco explained.

During the regular meeting, Thompson was sworn in by Porco.

"There was some question about who can administer oaths, but our attorney made it very clear that the chairman of the board and president can," Porco said.

Roane's, Thompson's visions

In a follow-up interview, Roane commented on what he hopes to bring to the SJWCD.

"I'm obviously really looking forward to it. I do believe that this board needs to better define what it hopes to accomplish," Roane said.

Roane expects there might be some disagreement from the SJWCD on his philosophy, but ultimately believes it is what the district needs.

Roane also spoke on changing SJWCD's image and perception in Pagosa Springs.

"I hope to be able to show to the people that we serve that we are solving a problem that we're all going to have in the future, if we're going to have one," Roane said.

Having the community's faith restored that SJWCD is actually dealing with water is another hope for Roane.

"When I go back through the minutes of the past years, they are always dealing with board issues and administrative issues," Roane added. "I want to restore their faith that, actually, we're spending our time solving their issues and making their situation better and not just spinning our wheels in the mud."

SJWCD needs to produce for the members of the district, Roane added.

Roane added that he wants the SJWCD to take a step back, collectively, and figure out what projects are needed.

"There's a real reality to what we're capable of accomplishing. And I don't know what that is, but I don't think anybody else on the board does either, because the question has never been asked," Roane stated. "And that's exactly what we need to identify."

Thompson added during a follow-up interview that she would like to get projects done as a part of the SJWCD board.

"I just think that some of the projects that they're going off of can be done differently," she said.

Thompson also explained that she would like to SJWCD "re-brand." "And I don't think that can be done unless we get more new board members that are on board," Thompson said.

Starting a campaign with simple solutions is something Thompson would like to create.

"Re-brand us in, like, trying to conserve water. That's our job, really, and to educate the public on just different ways to do that," she added further.

Thompson echoed Roane's sentiments by explaining that the SJWCD board should take a step back and think about what it hopes to accomplish in the future.

"I think that a lot of people have a 10-year plan but they don't come together," she explained.

In regard to how she feels being on the board of directors, Thompson explained that there is a lot of progress to be made.

"I feel like our work's cut out for us. I feel a little bit behind the ball," Thompson said. "I don't know all the personalities. I really don't understand why personalities are brought into it. I think that we owe it to Pagosa to have things on the agenda, get them accomplished and nothing personal should be in there."

Later on, Thompson listed more personal goals for herself, but also for the SJWCD.

"I just want to be educated. I want to figure out what we can do and what we can't do, what projects are viable, which ones are not viable and what really helps the town, because water is the biggest issue right now and if we get it wrong, we're not going to pay the price but the next generation will pay the price," she said.

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Walsh appointed to PAWSD board

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A vacancy on the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District (PAWSD) board was filled at its regular meeting on Thursday evening.

With a quorum of the board present before the meeting was called to order, there was a discussion regarding the timing of filling the board seat vacated by Mike Church. Glenn Walsh was present in the audience.

Once the meeting was called to order, Walsh was appointed to the board via a unanimous vote.

The board had also received a letter of interest from Michelle Chapman, who, at the time of Walsh's appointment, was not in attendance at the meeting.

PAWSD board member Blake Brueckner then read to the rest of the board Walsh's letter of intent.

"I don't imagine I can replace Mike Church. His six-year tenure at PAWSD resulted in a series of fiscally conservative successes which have

benefited customers and staff," Walsh's letter of intent reads.

Customer control of proposed debt flat rates, merit-based pay as well as the use of a "long-term contract to evade the Dry Gulch disaster" were other accomplishments by Church that Walsh described in his letter of interest.

"Despite you attributing everything you did to Mike, you and Mike really worked as a team for most of that," PAWSD board member Gordon McIver said.

Walsh explained that he does not bring engineering expertise to the board.

"I'm not a water engineer, but I think there's a place in an organization for someone who is a real customer advocate," Walsh said.

"I'd like to make a motion that we replace Mike Church with Glenn Walsh. His years of experience and service come in handy," PAWSD board member Paul Hansen, participating in the meeting via telephone, said.

"Let's also bear in mind that this is to fill out a term. So, this term will be coming up

again," McIver noted.

Church's term was set to expire in May 2020.

Due to her qualifications listed in her letter of intent, Hansen noted that it might be beneficial to the PAWSD board to remember Chapman's name for future reference.

"I know Glenn, worked with Glenn and I'm happy with Glenn as an interim replacement," McIver stated later.

Several minutes after Walsh took his oath and joined the board, Chapman arrived at the meeting.

"The board moved really quickly here just in the last two minutes," PAWSD Business Services Manager Shellie Peterson said.

In an email, Walsh explained that PAWSD's focus should be for its ratepayers.

"PAWSD is a small water company whose focus should always be customer service, reasonable rates and affordable fees for the family building a home in our community. Big money state water politics is not our business," Walsh wrote.

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Glenn Walsh recites his oath of office in front of notary Nancy Stahl to serve on the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District's (PAWSD) board of directors at its regular meeting on April 19. Walsh is now serving in the vacant seat previously held by Mike Church, who resigned from the board on March 27 due to no longer owning property within the PAWSD boundaries.

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Rental

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Performance standards

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

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

Under occupancy, the proposed

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

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

"These limits do not otherwise

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

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

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

Too, a list of emergency services contacts, property manager con-

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

Signage would also be required to show the maximum occupancy and maximum number of vehicles allowed, along with a contact number in the event of a problem.

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

Rise

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conversation.

If you met her on the street, you might think that she works at a bank, hospital or store. But Hubbs doesn't work at any of those places, she deals day to day with people who are suffering, concerned or afraid of sexual assault and domestic violence.

"I mean, to me, the worst thing we're going to have happen [in a day] is a murder," Hubbs said, "And we've had them. But that's our worst day."

Hubbs carried on a conversation in detail while constantly watching the stairs for a person in need.

"My second worst day is that we lost all our funding and we can't do this anymore," Hubbs said.

While Hubbs spoke very optimistically about her job and work, the realities of sexual assault and domestic violence are prevalent in Archuleta County.

As described by Hubbs and documentation provided to The SUN, a typical day in advocacy services can involve on-scene response, answering the hotline, hospital accompaniment, helping with emergency housing/financial assistance, filing protection orders, support groups, talking to children's groups and court accompaniment.

A day could also hold a walk-in survivor, Hubbs said, since Rise Above Violence does not require appointments.

"There is always an advocate available, all the time, no matter what," said Hubbs.

And any day could contain all of those services or more, as, according to statistics provided by Rise Above Violence, in 2017 alone 3,192 hours of service were provided by nine volunteers, 409 hotline calls were received, 76 on-scene responses to crises were made, 533 legal advocacy contacts arranged and over 3,900 contacts made to the organization.

"In general terms, people respect what we do, we don't get a lot of crank calls," said Hubbs.

Sitting beside Hubbs was a blonde woman with a gentler voice and careful eyes. Her name is Ashley Wilson, and she is in charge of community connection.

Wilson is a self-described "numbers person" who talks with a very smooth flow and is careful to articulate each point. Her voice is warm and open, and her knowledge of the field would impress you.

"We had to drive someone to Farmington," Wilson said, "For the advocate, that's a very intense day."

Wilson explained that if going to Farmington gets the survivor what they need, they will do it, but that it is a taxing day for advocates.

One of the issues described by Wilson was frustration over feelings of helplessness of survivors over finding housing.

"But I think most people, when they walk through [our] door, to have someone just sit down and listen to them, they usually leave feeling pretty grateful and supported," Wilson said.

Wilson explained that supporting, listening and empowering survivors is the purpose of Rise Above Violence.

Some of the clients handled by Rise Above Violence may have only one contact with the organization or may have upwards of 40, Wilson described.

"If something comes up where they need supportive services, they can always come back," Wilson said.

Wilson added that sometimes complications from the trauma clients experience may happen years after the initial talk with the organization.

Rise Above Violence (formerly the Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program), according to Hubbs, started in the 1970s with a single police officer being worried about the people left behind when she took a domestic or sexual violence suspect into custody.

By 1998, Rise Above Violence reached nonprofit status, and has grown to six staff, Hubbs explained.

"The way the growth started was we really had a focus at the beginning of intervention services," Hubbs said.

After intervention work had been well-established, Hubbs explained, with more funding they began work on assault prevention.

"It's like that saying of getting the babies out of the river, we have to find out who's putting the babies in the river in the first place," Hubbs said.

Hubbs explained that the goal of her work is to work herself out of a job by eliminating the problem she offers support for.

"Our prevention programs have amped up a lot," Hubbs said, "And so it feels like a more equal focus."

Hubbs further explained that she was hopeful for the future by talking to younger people about assault prevention.

"We're creating that change, that sort of cultural shift," Hubbs said.

Between laughs, Hubbs said she felt like society was finally where it should be (after 20 years), in terms of attitudes toward sexual and domestic assault, especially in terms of calling the attacked persons survivors instead of victims, Hubbs described.

"It feels like we've kind of arrived," she said, smiling.

But Hubbs' smile subtly shrunk as she thought back over past years.

"When I started, you tell people, what do you do, and you say a victim advocate, and they'd say, 'Oh, that's nice.' They'd literally walk away, they were so uncomfortable with the topic of domestic violence or sexual violence," Hubbs said.

Hubbs explained that when she first started, people would become angry with her and tell her that sexual and domestic assault were none of her business.

"We were called all sorts of names, feminazis, man-haters, home-wreckers," Hubbs said.

Hubbs described the start of sexual assault and domestic violence support as underground.

"The battered women's movement started in the 1970s and everything was very underground," Hubbs said.

In those days, according to Hubbs, secrecy was key. Hubbs described the lengths at which safe houses and issues were spoken about behind closed doors and in

private.

"They clouded it around safety," Hubbs said.

Hubbs' smile shone brighter, however, describing that times have changed.

Hubbs noted that taking the secrecy out of it had helped move the conversation forward.

"And now, by opening it up, and revealing what's going on with people in their lives, and not making it such a secret, it has created some ... social norm-shifting," Hubbs said.

Hubbs smile grew again describing the changes in cultural attitude, some media and everyday life that has changed.

"Where, now, it feels like more and more people are saying we want to get involved, we want to help and what can we do," Hubbs said.

The change, Hubbs explained, has opened up new doors.

"It's not so taboo, people are really becoming more and more like, 'Yeah, this has got to stop,'" Hubbs said.

Hubbs was thankful for community help, as well.

"We as a community have a responsibility," Hubbs said.

Hubbs was excited about the recent hiring of a staff member who was bilingual in English and Spanish to better serve the needs of the community.

"That's one of our newest services available," Hubbs said.

Hubbs explained that being more diverse is something the organization is working on for the future and offering more services like a translator.

Wilson explained that the more community connection there is between survivors and supporters, the better it is for us all.

"This isn't a family issue. Before it was always like, 'Well that's just their private family issue,'" Wilson said.

But, Wilson added, when you think about all the people that the survivor of an attack has to interact with, from children to bosses, co-workers, neighbors, teachers and more that the effect of assault is far-reaching.

"It's more widespread than that nucleus family that people used to think about," Wilson said.

Wilson pointed out that this was a community issue.

Hubbs even described helping perpetrators of assault and violence.

If an offender was to walk into the office, Hubbs said, they would be offered assistance; they must be held accountable, but need assistance, as well.

"Even though that's not our mission," Hubbs said.

Hubbs described that getting a perpetrator to stop perpetrating was the way to stop assault and violence.

"We all have a voice in this," Wilson said, "And it takes community pressure to make that shift to what is considered OK."

Wilson pointed to community members not accepting certain kinds of jokes, attitudes or comments about any form of assault as a great way to cause that community shift.

"They may or may not mean it, but it's prevalent in our culture to use that kind of language," said Wilson.

Legislation aims to direct funds to advance water projects

Most people do not realize that managing water in the west is larger an effort than putting a man on the moon.

The wells, reservoirs and ditches needed to direct water for both agriculture and municipal uses have been a major feat of mankind. Many forget that the land we live on was once abandoned by civilizations because of drought.

To secure the future of water in the west, there is much more work to be done.

I am happy to be introducing legislation this year that both directs funds to the advancement of water projects in Colorado, and legislation that would allow for aquifer storage and recovery, two major components in the immediate future for Colorado water.

For years, we have been drilling wells and pulling water out of the aquifers below us. In states like California and Texas, the aquifers have been over-used, leading to compaction. This compaction destroys one of our most important natural resources. Colorado needs to work toward saving these natural reservoirs so that we can use them in the future.

Rep. Marc Catlin of Montrose and I led a very important bill when he introduced HB 18-1199. This bill is referred to as the aquifer recovery and storage bill here at the Capitol. What it creates is a process for the Ground Water Commission to approve aquifer storage and recovery plans. This is very important to offsetting how much water we are pulling from our wells and will help detour from the compaction and eventual collapse of our aquifers in Colorado.

HB18-1199 was signed by the governor on April 9.

Above the ground, Rep. Jeni Arndt from Fort Collins and I have been hard at work trying to fund water resources projects in Colorado. SB18-218 appropriates \$36 million from the Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund or the Department of Natural Resources to fund projects such as satellite monitoring systems, water forecast programs and the continuation of watershed restoration programs.

The advancement of these projects allows us to have more control over water resources in the state of Colorado, allowing for us to control our own future. This year's water forecasts are grim and are concerning to many. It is important even in years that we are fortunate to have enough water, that we continue to plan and build for the worst. Appropriating these funds will allow us to continue to do so. It will allow our cities to grow, our farmers to farm, mines to mine, and our rivers to flow.

Water is very important for the Western Slope. Multiple states, millions of people and another country rely on us being responsible with our water. This is why we work so hard to bring legislation to further our water interest and we thank you for the opportunity to make this happen.



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Jim Smith Realty, Key to Selling. Judge's comment: Simple and unique. Not like the usual real estate ads. Nice use of the key to accent the border.

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Perez Water Hauling. Judge's comment: Cute use of water drop for ad — even in B&W it looks good. Great targeted headline. Efficient use of space for ad copy and white space so it doesn't seem crowded, despite how much info is in small space.

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9 Health Fair

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Saturday's 9Health Fair to offer myriad of services, educational opportunities

By Constance d'Angelis
Special to The PREVIEW

The Pagosa Springs Town Council proclaimed, "We encourage citizens to attend to receive vital health screenings and information so that they can have healthier, longer and happier lives."

The Town of Pagosa Springs proclamation in support of the 9Health Fair was signed by Mayor Don Volger and Town Clerk April Hessman.

The health of our community has sparked a lot of attention. 9Health Fair is the largest volunteer-driven, nonprofit health program in the country. The CEO and president is coming to our fair.

The fair will be held this Saturday, April 28, at Pagosa Springs High School from 7 to 11 a.m.

This is the only time this year that you can avail yourself of this fabulous deal.

There is no need to fast. Remember to drink lots of water and take any prescription medication.

Blood tests and screenings are not just for identification of potential health problems. You can use the information for many other benefits, including your peace of mind.

You can take charge of your health. The 9Health Fair is here to help.

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- Additional blood tests are available upon request for an added cost (go to 9healthfair.org for details and cost).
- Vitamin D, vitamin B12, testosterone, colon cancer screening kit, A1c — measures average blood sugar for past two to three months.
- Free screenings: blood pressure readings; breast screenings by Susan Kuhns, CNP, and Amber Reiss-Holt, MD; spinal assessments by Scott Anderson, DC; vision evaluation by Jon Zissman, OD; hand screening, height/weight/body mass index (BMI).

Presentations in auditorium

There will be educational sessions by experts in the auditorium. The sessions will be approximately 30 minutes, with more time for questions.

8 a.m. — "Hypertension Education," Allison Dean,

RN.

9 a.m. — "Health Weight and Lifestyle," Allison Dean, RN.

10 a.m. — "Substance Abuse Education," Josh Bramble, LPC.

Education (interactive centers)

Ask a medical question and get a referral: At this station, speak one-on-one with a health professional and ask questions about any health issue for you or your family.

Chair massage: Free session for relaxation, relief of tension, back or shoulder pain.

Eyeglass recycling: Lions Club International is collecting eyeglasses to be used for children's eyesight assistance.

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Gardening Training: CSU Extension Office.

Housing: Aspen House for the developmentally challenged, Bee Hive-Assisted Living.

Yoga: Information and demo.

More information

Payment for the blood tests, either cash or check, will be collected at the door. You can also pay with a credit card online at 9healthfair.org (there will be a 20 percent discount). To pay online, go to Find A Fair, register, pay for tests, and enter the code "MyFirst9HF" for discount. Bring an extra copy of your paperwork.

The website, 9healthfair.org, also has a plethora of information.

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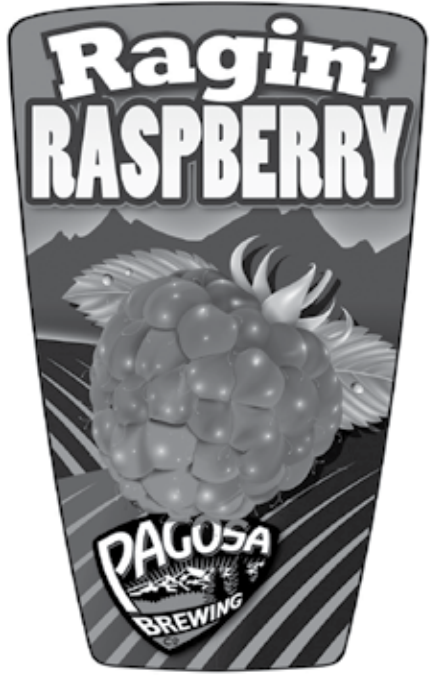
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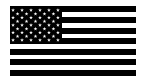
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A pair of local families pose with bags of trash they picked up along the San Juan River on Earth Day. The Dobson and Smith families picked up trash for two hours.

Unleash your creativity at Tuesday hand-drumming sessions

By Paul Roberts
Special to The PREVIEW

Join musician and music therapist Paul Roberts for a free hand-drumming class at the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association Clubhouse on Tuesday, May 1, at noon.

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

provided for those who do not have one.

The drumming class is designed as an opportunity for people of all ages to unleash their creativity through music. The class provides an innovative and easily accessible approach to the benefits of music.

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

Masonic Lodge to host presentation on Order of the Eastern Star

By Richard Wholf
Special to The PREVIEW

On Tuesday, May 1, Pagosa Masonic Lodge No. 114 will be hosting a special presentation on the Order of the Eastern Star. This will take place at the Masonic Lodge, located at 227 Lewis St.

After a brief closed lodge meeting at 7 p.m., there will be an open spaghetti dinner (no cost) in the basement recreation area followed by a special presentation by several Grand Lodge officers about this world-wide Masonic appendant body open to both men and women.

The Eastern Star Order is based on teachings from the Bible, but is open to people of all religious beliefs.

Members of the Order of the Eastern Star are aged 18 or older, men must be a master Mason, and women must have some Masonic connection, such as being a daughter, widow, sister, mother, etc. If you are interested in finding out about the Eastern Star, are a member, have been a member in the past, or are visiting or a new resident of Pagosa Springs, we invite you to come.

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Pulitzer Prize-winning 'Proof' at PSCA

By Laura Moore
Special to The PREVIEW

Thingamajig Theatre Company rounds out its 2017/18 winter season with "Proof," directed by and featuring Melissa Firlit, starring Christina Norris, Dennis Elkins and Dan Morrison. Opening Friday, May 4, at 6 p.m., it's a can't miss finale to one of the theater's finest winter seasons.

Playwright David Auburn has written a wonderfully compassionate and knowing play about a young woman, Catherine (Christina Norris), who, on the death of her father, must sort out and deal with several long-denied feelings and fears.

Catherine's father, Robert (Dennis Elkins), was a brilliant mathematician who crossed the thin line from genius to insanity several years earlier, leaving Catherine as his sole caregiver for all her adult life. Now she must adjust not only to his death, but come to grips with her fear that his mathematical genius, which she has inherited, comes with a dreadful price, that she may be fated to the same mental degeneration and insanity as her father.

In a dazzling series of scenes, Auburn gradually reveals and embellishes this situation, which is exacerbated by the presence of Catherine's



Photo courtesy Melissa Firlit

Christina Norris and Dennis Elkins rehearse a scene from "Proof," opening at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 4.

older sister, the bossy and resentful Claire (Melissa Firlit) and Hal (Dan Morrison), a former student of her father's who Catherine finds attractive, but who may only be out to further his own career.

Broadway awarded this produc-

tion with both the Tony Award for Best Play and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, in addition to six other major awards for its New York run.

"Proof" is a play you'll remember and which will haunt you forever. Make your reservations today.

Thingamajig Theatre Company presents "Proof" at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts. Rated PG-13. Running May 4-27, Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. The champagne opening will be May 4 at 6 p.m.

For tickets and information, visit pagosacenter.org or call 731-SHOW (7469).

Youth group announces community yard sale fundraiser

Special to The PREVIEW

A community yard sale fundraiser will be held on May 19 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Restoration Church parking lot.

We are accepting donations of small and light items like clothes, glasses and small electronics between May 13 and May 19.

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Get your hats ready: Rotary's Kentucky Derby Gala is just around the corner

By Lisa Scott
Special to The PREVIEW

The Run for the Roses is a thoroughbred horse race that takes you inside the winner's circle and where legends are born. One of Pagosa Springs' best parties, celebrating this spectacular event, will be held at the fabulous Keyah Grande Lodge on Saturday, May 5, from 2 to 6 p.m.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is the sponsor of the Kentucky Derby Gala and everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

The sixth annual event is filled with numerous activities and Derby traditions from the moment of arrival. Local equestrian and Rotarian Sue Walen, with her horse draped in the traditional rose garland, will greet attendees at the entrance to Keyah Grande.

You'll feel like you've walked into Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., on Derby Day: True Kentucky-style mint juleps, buffet lunch, live music by Bob Hemenger, wagering on the race with real odds and real chances to win, big-screen televisions to watch the live pre-race and racing events, trumpet entry by local trumpeter Larry Baison and standing and singing "My Old Kentucky Home" with Derby attendees just before the big race.

Everybody is dressed in their Derby-finest, including colorful and occasionally outrageous hats. Other party activities, where prizes will be awarded, include a trivia game and a men's and women's hat contest. The "Adventure Silent



Photo courtesy John Duvall

The elegant atmosphere and breathtaking views at Keyah Grande is a perfect location for an afternoon celebrating the Kentucky Derby. The afternoon includes great food and spirits, live music, raffle drawings, a silent auction, prizes for women and men in the hat contest, and betting on the thoroughbred race. The party starts at 2 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. on Derby Day, Saturday, May 5. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Auction" will feature many exciting trips and activities including a weekend stay in Ouray with lodging at a bed and breakfast and restaurant certificates, golf package at Rio Grande Country Club with an overnight in a historic hotel in Del Norte, a jeep trip, guided raft trip and other fun local experiences.

Only 250 tickets will be sold and are \$45 each. Buy tickets at EXIT Realty, Choke Cherry Tree, Happy Trails or from any Rotarian.

The Pagosa Springs Rotary Club is a diverse group of engaged individuals participating through friendship and camaraderie in opportunities to serve our community and other communities around the world. Fundraising from this event supports many projects in the Pagosa community, including annual scholarships for local high school graduates and several other projects benefiting Pagosa youth.

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Tickets for Dancing with the Pagosa Stars on sale beginning May 4

By Dee McPeek
Special to The PREVIEW

Even the kiddos at Seeds of Learning are enthusiastically breaking out their dance moves in anticipation of Dancing with the Pagosa Stars.

Our eight fabulous local stars will be revealed in next week's edition of The PREVIEW and on Seeds' website: <http://growingseeds.org/dwtps-stars/>.

Right now, you can check out our Seeds Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Dancingstarspagosa/ for bios of the amazing coaches and choreographers who have agreed to make our stars shine. Then, on May 3, we will add the bios of our brave, competitive stars so you can decide who you want to vote for.

A social, held at the beautiful home of Lisa and Dwight Peters, was the perfect place for the stars and their coaches to meet and get acquainted. Guests listened intently as Lisa, entertainment chair for the event, guided stars through dates for lessons, plans for creation of videos and all the small details that will make this a fun experience for everyone. The highlight of the evening was when Leslie Carlson, the show choreographer, paired excited stars and coaches for their dance.

Dancing with the Pagosa Stars will be held at 6 p.m. on July 14 at the Ross Aragon Community Center. Tickets for this fun, new event will go on sale at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 4. The ticket price is \$125 when paying with cash or check and \$128.50 if paying with a credit card. Ticket prices include the dance competition, dinner, drink tickets and open audience dancing while winner votes are tallied.

To reserve producer tables (seating eight) or individual tickets, call Lisa at (281) 650-0875 or Dee McPeek at (970) 317-3224, beginning May 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. No tickets will be available



Photo courtesy Seeds of Learning

Seeds of Learning kids are excited about Dancing with the Pagosa Stars, the center's upcoming fundraiser. Tickets will go on sale May 4.

for purchase at Seeds of Learning. Tickets will be sold on a first-paid basis.

There has been a great deal of early interest in this event. Because of their amazing contributions, stars are guaranteed some tables to fill, so remaining seats for sale are limited. We expect to sell out quickly, so call early on May 4 for your reservations.

Have you guessed who our stars are? Watch next week for their debut and call early on May 4 for your

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The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir will present its spring concert, "On Broadway," on Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Pagosa Springs High School.

Pagosa Springs Girls Choir spring concert date set

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

Start spreading the news. The Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) will complete its fifth year of singing with the presentation of its spring concert on Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Pagosa Springs High School.

This year's theme, "On Broadway," will feature a variety of music, including songs from favorite Broadway musicals. In addition, the choir will host a performance of the Women's Chorus, Sisters in Song, who will not only perform

its own selections, but will also sing a combined number with the PSGC. Additionally, Pagosa Brass will perform some of its favorite Broadway hits.

"Having the Sisters in Song and the Pagosa Brass perform with the girls exemplifies the phrase that music is a lifelong skill," said PSGC Director Linda Parker. "While Pagosa is full of exceptional, professional musicians, many performers have another career, but they continue to enjoy music and performing.

"It is such a great opportunity for the girls to see this as a reality so that they, too, may continue to

sing and perform throughout their life. Also, by singing a combined song with the 'Sisters,' the girls will learn to blend their voices and to interact with other musicians. With the women's chorus and the brass sharing the stage, the girls will gain another perspective on the importance of music in a person's life.

"We hope that Pagosa will come out and join us for this wonderful musical mix of impressive talent from our own community. We are so grateful for the support from these gifted musicians as well as the support and love for the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir from the Pagosa Springs community itself."

Admission to the PSGC spring concert is free. Donations that support the choir's educational and music programs are, as always, gratefully accepted.

For additional information about the concert, call Parker at 264-1434 or email singpagosa@gmail.com.

School district to host screening of 'Screenagers' Wednesday

Special to The PREVIEW

Technology has changed the way we interact with and respond to people and circumstances in our world. What kind of impact that has on teenagers is the subject of "Screenagers: Growing Up in The Digital Age," a documentary to be shown on Wednesday, May 2, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs High School auditorium.

With multiple screenings happening daily in communities across the globe, "Screenagers" is the first feature documentary to explore the impact of screen technology on kids and offer parents and families proven solutions that work. The viewing is sponsored by the Archuleta School District.

"It's not hard to notice that teenagers spend a lot of time connected to their cellphones and other

digital devices," said Pagosa Family School Coordinator Jane Parker, who is organizing the screening. "No one is quite clear how that interaction impacts their lives now or in the future. This movie helps spell out the issues and triggers the discussion about what we can do in response."

The documentary explores issues such as the use of screens in school, boys and video games, girls and social media, and the risk of addiction.

The documentary's trailer is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQx2X0BXgZg>.

A discussion about the issues and possible responses to help kids navigate the digital world will follow the film. Parents, teenagers, tweens and all community members are invited. This event is free. ■ See 'Screenagers' on page 10

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Pagosa Springs Girls Choir seeking new members for 2018-2019

By Linda Parker
Special to The PREVIEW

Auditions for the 2018-2019 Pagosa Springs Girls Choir (PSGC) have been set for May 14 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Pagosa Springs Middle School band room. The choir is open to girls who will be in the fifth through eighth grades in the 2018-2019 school year.

Audition packets for public school girls will be sent home. Any girls who are home-schooled or are in an online educational program can obtain an audition packet by calling Director Linda Parker at 264-1434 or emailing her at singpagosa@gmail.com. The packet will also be available on the choir's website, www.singpagosa.org.

The PSGC is an auditioned community choir of girls who love to sing and who would like to further their music education. The choir is a wonderful opportunity for girls to learn about vocal and choral techniques and to perform in a select choral group.

Girls will learn and perform high-quality choral music in a variety of styles, including pop, folk and country (some music will include choreography and props). The girls also have the opportunity to study with a professional vocal coach during rehearsal time where private mini voice lessons are taught. This is a service that is provided by the PSGC as part of the tuition charge.

The PSGC performs regularly throughout the school year, both for community events and organizations, and it presents its own concerts in December and in May.

Additionally, featured soloists and choral groups are invited to be a part of the concerts, giving the girls the opportunity to work and perform with other talented musicians. A highlight for the girls this year was to participate in a master class taught by professional musicians K.T. Sullivan and Natalie Douglas, both of New York City. The girls have also been featured on a Christmas CD with singer

Judy James.

In addition to performance, the girls are able to participate in summer educational trips. The girls have traveled to Santa Fe, N.M., to study opera; they spent eight days in the Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, area in June of 2015 attending performances of professional music theater; they traveled to Vail, Colo., to attend a performance of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra; and to Salt Lake City, Utah, to hear the Temple organ and the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir. To culminate its fifth year of existence, this summer the girls will visit New York City, visiting landmarks and hearing world-class performances.

Rehearsals for the choir will be held on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m. in the band room at Pagosa Springs Middle School beginning the first Monday after school starts.

There is a nonrefundable audition fee of \$10 which will be **See Choir on next page**

'Screenagers'

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Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston decided to make "Screenagers" when she found herself constantly struggling with her two kids about screen time. Ruston felt guilty and confused, not sure what limits were best, especially around mobile phones, social media, gaming and how to monitor online homework. Hearing repeatedly how other parents were equally overwhelmed, she realized this is one of the biggest unexplored parenting issues of

our time.

As a director, Ruston turned the camera on her own family and others — revealing stories of messy struggles over social media, video games, academics and Internet addiction.

We meet Hannah, a 14-year-old victim of social media bullying who struggled trying to hide her social media use from her mom. And Andrew, whose love of video games turned into an addiction, taking him from earning straight As to flunking out of college.

Interwoven into these stories are cutting-edge science and insights from thought leaders Peggy Orenstein, Sherry Turkle and Simon Sinek, as well as leading brain scientists who present evidence on the real changes in the brain when kids are on screens.

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 Young girls in Pagosa are invited to join the Pagosa Springs Girls Choir. Auditions for the 2018-2019 choir will be held May 14.

Choir

■ continued from previous page credited toward the tuition fee of \$300 per year if a girl is ultimately selected. Scholarships are available; no student will be excluded because of financial reasons, and a scholarship application is available by calling 264-1434 or emailing singpagosa@gmail.com. Up to a third of the tuition will be discounted based on each girl's participation in our fundraising. A payment plan for tuition will be available, so it can be paid throughout the year.

"Auditions this year are being held during our regular rehearsal

time. Current choir members will be on hand to help, and they will be available to sing with the girls who are auditioning. While the audition is meant to be nonthreatening, most everyone has some nerves when auditioning," said Parker. "We're hoping that having a buddy to sing with will help the girls feel at ease in a more relaxed atmosphere."

If a girl has a conflict on the audition date, please call Parker to set up an alternative day and time.

Girls should prepare the song "America" ("My Country 'tis of Thee") to sing by memory without accompaniment. Pitch matching

and echo clapping will also be part of the audition, but no preparation is necessary for that part of the audition.

"I hope the young girls in Pagosa will take advantage of this opportunity to learn about singing, to improve their own instrument and to see the possibilities that exist for them through working and performing in the arts," said Parker. "We have many very talented young girls in Pagosa, and I look forward to beginning this musical journey with them as well as continuing the journey with current PSGC members."

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13th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival set for June 8-10

By Crista Munro
Special to The PREVIEW

The 13th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival will take place June 8-10 on Reservoir Hill in Pagosa Springs. The festival will draw hundreds of people from the Four Corners region and beyond to experience live music and workshops from 15 amazing musical groups.

This year's lineup includes Australian guitar phenomenon Tommy Emmanuel; one of Nashville's finest bluegrass fiddlers, Micheal Cleveland and Flamekeeper; The Way Down Wanderers; Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley; The Luke Bulla Trio; The Giving Tree Band; Bonnie and the Clydes; Coral Creek; Caitlyn Canty; The Good Time Travelers; The Arcadian Wild; Tallgrass; FY5; Thunder and Rain; and Sugar and the Mint.

Between now and the festival, we'll feature each of the groups' bios in a story here in The PREVIEW so you can learn a bit more about them. This week we'll tell you a bit about The Giving Tree Band, Bonnie and the Clydes, and Coral Creek.

The Giving Tree Band

If music is the universal language, then musicians are agents of unity and inclusivity. On "Frequency of Love," the coming fifth studio album of The Giving Tree Band, much of their imaginative American rock 'n roll manifests from lucid dreams.

With all their instruments calibrated to sacred tunings inspired by ancient mythologies of healing and miracles, the Illinois group's new-age outlaw sound opens the heart and invites the soul to dance. Loaded with tales of transcendent love and the adventures of warriors of the light, the positive vibrations sail out in all directions carrying the sweet message of harmony and optimism.

Formed in 2004 by enigmatic brothers E and Todd Fink, The



Photo courtesy FolkWest

The Giving Tree Band will take to the stage of the 13th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival at 4 p.m. on June 9.

Austin Chronicle explains the band's sound as bringing to mind "Seventies American music with The Band and the Dead as obvious touchstones, plus the kind of country/almost-bluegrass of the Ozark Mountain Daredevils and the New Riders of the Purple Sage."

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In 2010, Nashville Metromix called The Giving Tree Band "the American answer to Mumford And Sons."

In 2012, Relix Magazine wrote "the folksy bliss is the sound of a group playing as one" and featured the band as one of its monthly artists "On The Verge." They've been the monthly "Player Spotlight" in Acoustic Guitar Magazine, while

multiple nods have come from Paste Magazine, including a No. 9 ranking on a list of "13 Emerging Bands For 2013," among other critical acclaim.

Over the past decade, The Giving Tree Band has had many unique opportunities to connect with all kinds of music lovers and grow a dedicated community of "Giving Tree-huggers."

During their November 3, 2008, appearance on WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour, host Michael Johnathon introduced them to a wide listening and television audience as having "the spirit of Pete Seeger with the musical abilities of The Band."

In 2010, their third studio album — "The Joke, The Threat And The Obvious" — climbed into the Top 40 of the Americana Airplay Chart and other roots radio reports. They quickly became a promising folk rock act to many in the country world who could appreciate the outlaw and crossover stylings of some influences like Willie Nelson,

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Kris Kristofferson, The Byrds, Gram Parsons and Flying Burrito Brothers or The Eagles.

In February 2012, The Giving Tree Band shared their rendition of the Grateful Dead's "Brown-Eyed Women," which led to features on all the Dead's official sites and social media pages praising as "beautifully executed on all counts." The accompanying music video garnered millions of views and was screened at theaters nationwide during the Dead's annual "Meetup At The Movies." The song itself was featured on The Giving Tree Band's critically-acclaimed fourth studio album, "Vacilador," and ranked No. 1 on The Austin Chronicle's "Best Songs Of 2012" list.

The band has also toured extensively over the past several years. The summer of 2012 included a tour of sold-out concert halls (including Bowery Ballroom in NYC) across eastern United States and Canada with singer/songwriter Joe Purdy. The Giving Tree Band opened each night and then served as Purdy's backing band. In the summer of 2013, The Giving Tree Band supported Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros in the Midwest and again at ESMZ's first Big Top Festival in Los Angeles.

The band has shared the stage with many other top acts, including The Avett Brothers, Trampled By Turtles, Railroad Earth and Leftover Salmon. Additionally, the band has performed at major music fests like SXSW, Wakarusa, Forecastle, Summer Camp, Philly Folk Fest and many others.

When off the road, the members of The Giving Tree Band all reside at "Crooked Creek" — their home and studio outside Chicago, Ill. There, they have meticulously honed their craft, devoting thousands of hours to practice, experimentation, and the development of a sound greater than the sum of its parts. The Brothers Fink (E, guitars and lead vocals, and Todd, banjos and lead vocals) are joined by longtime friend Norm Norman (mandolin, guitar, piano, organ



Photo courtesy FolkWest

Bonnie and The Clydes will take the main stage of the 13th annual Pagosa Folk 'N Bluegrass festival at 2:30 p.m. on June 9.

and high harmonies) and the long-haired rhythm section of college roommates, Charlie Karls and "Z", on bass and drums, respectively.

The Giving Tree Band is also known for extraordinary environmental stewardship and eco-friendly music production. They use a number of instruments that were handmade from naturally fallen trees and reclaimed woods. They have recorded with renewable energy and package all their CDs with 100 percent recycled materials. The band's second full-length album, "Great Possessions," was recorded with 100 percent solar energy at the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center in Baraboo, Wis. During the recording session, the band camped in a nearby state park and commuted more than 500 miles by bicycle. The Chicago Sun-Times has called Great Possessions the "greenest of albums." National and international environmental media, such as The Sierra Club, The Discovery Channel and Mother Earth News, have also highlighted the band's activism, with the latter referring to them as "the greenest band in the land."

The Giving Tree Band will play the festival stage at 4 p.m. on June 9.

Bonnie and The Clydes

Bonnie and The Clydes' unique

brand of music has been turning heads all along Colorado's Front Range music scene for the past seven years. Fronted by Bonnie Sims, an onstage powerhouse whose passion reaches out and grabs you every time she sings, and supported by some of Colorado's tightest musicians, they dominate stages big and small.

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Bonnie said she and The Clydes play “Rocky Mountain country soul,” their own original take on rockin’ roadhouse honky tonk, the blues, and heartfelt wailin’ shaped by the last four decades of country music.

Bonnie and The Clydes have played New West Fest, Copper Mountain Music Festival, Flat-water Folk Festival and countless honky tonks and clubs all over the American West. The band won “Best Country Band” from Denver’s Westword in 2013 and 2014.

Their fourth studio album, “Dear Somebody,” released in the autumn of 2016 earned a No. 1 People’s Choice award and was listed Country Album of the Year (2016) on Colorado Playlist.

Bonnie grew up in Texas and attended South Plains College in Levelland, 30 miles west of Lubbock, where she pursued a degree in commercial music and was awarded Best Female Vocalist two years running and Best Female Instrumentalist (mandolin) her second year.

It was there that she met Taylor Sims, who had been named Best Male Vocalist, and they began a love and partnership through music that has now blossomed into a 10-year marriage. In the years following, Bonnie and Taylor relocated to Colorado and the band began to take shape. Glenn Taylor, Jake Coffin and Caleb Roberts fill out the rest of The Clydes, each bringing decades of experience performing and recording.

Bonnie and The Clydes will take the main stage at 2:30 p.m. on June 9.

Coral Creek

Coral Creek is an Americana/newgrass band featuring the original music of Chris Thompson and Bill McKay (formerly of Leftover Salmon and Derek Trucks Band), performing a vast repertoire of original songs and Americana classics by The Band, Neil Young, Grateful Dead, Peter Rowan, Bob Dylan and more.

They play high-energy shows that appeal to audiences across the bluegrass, country-rock, blues and jam



Photo courtesy FolkWest

In addition to their main stage set at 7 p.m. on June 8, Coral Creek will perform a cover set of all Grateful Dead on the Pagosa Folk ‘N Bluegrass festival late night stage at 11 p.m. the same day.

band spectrum, performing genre-bending original music and unique renditions of traditional bluegrass tunes and Americana classics.

“The Road Ahead” (2010) and “Watch Me Fly” (2012) — both produced by Bill Nershi of the String Cheese Incident — launched Coral Creek into the heart of the Colorado music scene. Since forming in 2010, Coral Creek has performed on festival main stages, concert series and clubs across the U.S., Europe and the Caribbean.

With the addition of Bill McKay on keyboards/vocals, Coral Creek released a fresh new self-titled album produced by Tim Carbone of Railroad Earth. The album debuted at No. 3 on the Relix/Jambands.com Radio Chart and reached No. 18 on the Roots Music Report Americana-Country Album Chart.

In addition to their main stage set at 7 p.m. on June 8, Coral Creek will perform a cover set of all Grateful Dead on the festival’s late night stage at 11 p.m. the same day.

Volunteer opportunities

There are opportunities to volunteer for festival admission. For information about that, tickets, schedules and performers, please visit the website at www.folkwest.com or call 731-5582.

Bio information courtesy of The Giving Tree Band, Bonnie and the Clydes, and Coral Creek.

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Playing the conversation game

My Sweet Al says, “I run ahead of the horse. I don’t always have to be in the front row raising my hand with the answer.”

News to me. If someone else had the answer, why didn’t they speak up?

“People don’t like you when you dominate the conversation. Why can’t you sit back and let your turn come to you?”

For some of us, it’s almost impossible. We can’t wait on slow people. We have a game to play and we need to get the ball. You know how we are; a little of us goes a long way. I have been kicked from under the table many times to let me know I need to wait my turn. That’s no fun.

One day I quit apologizing for me. Though a fool, I have walked my road, played the game, the best I know how.

When I was with my California family, this fact was brought to my attention. I sat at the dining room table with my family of three introverts — our daughter, Cricket, granddaughter Tiffany and her husband, Jimmy. They didn’t say a word. Total silence hung in the air like cobwebs hanging from trees. A strong wind wouldn’t move them. I thought they had all died on me.

I finally said, “I’m out of place. I know you’re family, but I need to be with my kind of people. They know how to talk.”

They grunted, gave me a weird look and remained silent.

I said, “OK, gang, it’s this way, conversation is like a basketball game. I have the ball. I throw it to you and you say something. Then you throw it back to me and I say something. It isn’t that hard to throw the ball back and forth.”

There are five players on the court, three at this table. The ball is passed around to all the players on the team. It’s a fast game. Then someone makes the dunk, two points, and the fans yell and cheer them on.

Our granddaughter said, “I don’t like everyone talking at the same time. It bothers me. I can’t handle that.”

Then her husband offered an

Artist’s Lane

Betty Slade



explanation. “We wait for an opening in the conversation, so we can say something, but there is never an opening with extroverts. By the time we get to speak, everyone has moved on.”

Then the three nodded with an “aha” and laughed under their breath at the same time. They had agreed on something without saying anything. Then someone said, “That happens to me, all the time.” Then a quiet “tee-hee.”

Cobwebs were still growing around us and I thought it was my turn to speak. I caught the ball and was ready to make a 3-pointer. I started to say something, and our daughter raised her open palm in front of my face, “Shhh. Jimmy is still talking.”

The hand in my face put me on the defense, I grabbed the ball, “Well, boohoo. He stopped talking, it was my turn.”

Our granddaughter said, “No. He didn’t throw the ball to you, you took it away from Jimmy.”

“Lord, help us all. If he snoozes, he loses. He needs to get in the game.” I put my fingers into the palm of my hand for a time-out sign, “No one’s hurt. It’s just a game.”

My daughter looked at me in total disbelief. “Mother.”

Then our granddaughter said, “For the introverts, it’s more like playing a game of golf. It’s quiet. A whoosh and then there is one or two quiet claps.”

Oh brother, they all agreed. They had made a hole-in-one and basked in their understanding of each other. Then silence hovered over the table once again. I had been hushed, I had been kicked, I knew better than to speak. I waited for someone to say anything. Nothing but unbearable silence. I raised my hand. “May I say something?”

They all looked at me as if I had ruined their fun. I need to hang out with basketball players. They know how to play the game. I surmise that introverts are content to keep their thoughts to themselves. That sounds selfish to me. I have something valuable to say and someone might need the information.

To paraphrase Isaiah, the man of the hour with a message, who looked like a fool and ran through the town with his buttocks showing and shouting, “Whoever walks the road, or plays the game, although a fool, they shall not go astray.”

Final brushstroke: We are in the game of life and living in full play. Extroverts and introverts are both engaged and are recruited for different games. Some play basketball. They keep the ball in the air and love the roar of the crowd. Others wait their turn and enjoy a quiet game of golf, a tee-hee and a soft clap, then head back to their golf carts.



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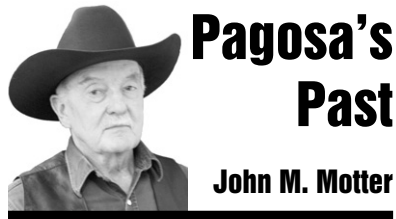
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Bullets, ballots and bloodshed continued

We are describing the battle between whites and Hispanics for political control of Archuleta County following creation of the county in 1885.

Last week, we quoted from the memoirs of a man named John Taylor describing his involvement in the bullets, ballots and bloodshed days of our county history. Continuing from last week with Taylor's narrative:

"When the next election came E.T. Walker and I were sent to Conejos. We helped to defeat the Archuleta candidate for the legislature and I put in nomination Billy Adams for his [Motter: The incumbent was A.D. Archuleta] office and he was elected. The fight in Archuleta County was fierce and hot. Maurice Brown and I on that election went to the Archuleta precinct and challenged 334 votes that lived over the line in New Mexico. Marcelone (Marcelino) Archuleta accepted them all as legal. Sheriff Dyke had deputized me to bring the box to Pagosa. To reach there we had to ford the San Juan. My horse lost his footing and in this way the ballot box was lost. It never reached Pagosa and we elected all officers except that of County Clerk E.M. Taylor, good fellow and an unbeatable politician.



Pagosa's Past

John M. Motter

"This was the election of 1886, Robert Chambers was elected County Commissioner; John Loflene (Laughlin), Treasurer; Charles Loucks, Assessor; Barzillai Price, Country Judge; Judd Hallett, Sheriff; E.M. Taylor, Clerk and Recorder.

"Previous to this, when the Commissioners were in session, 100 of us led by E.T. Walker, who carried a hat box with a rope in it, forced the commissioners to resign. The governor reappointed them. At their next meeting Benedito Martinez led a hundred armed Mexicans to the old soldier's barracks, about the same number of us were at the courthouse armed, it looked as though blood would be shed but the bravery of Sheriff Dyke led to a settlement of our differences and Pagosa has ever since been an orderly town."

Also involved in this conflict at this time was Charles A. Siringo, a detective for the Pinkerton Detective Agency.



Photo courtesy John M. Motter, Margaret Daugaard

Jose Donaciano Archuleta.

In his book, "A Cowboy Detective," he says Pagosa Springs was his first assignment by the Pinkerton Detective Agency. He says he rode the train into Durango, where he rented a horse that he rode to Pagosa Springs, where he used an assumed name to investigate what was going on in Pagosa Springs.

Next week, I'll quote from Siringo's book. There is a street in Albuquerque called Siringo Street. There is more, much more, to come.

Noxious weed of the month: common mullein

By Ethan Proud
PREVIEW Columnist

The noxious weed of the month is the common mullein.

It is a Colorado Department of Agriculture List C Weed and is listed for suppression, or a reduction of reproductive success.

Common mullein thrives in disturbed and bare ground areas and is typically outcompeted by natives in undisturbed environments. It prefers well-drained, dry soils and plenty of sun. In areas with frequent human disturbance, thick stands of mullein can form.

Each mullein plant has the capability of producing 100,000 seeds, which are viable for 100 years. In areas such as right of ways, industrial yards and more, mullein must be controlled or thinned, or a monoculture will develop and the seed bank of mullein will outlast many of the native seeds in the soil. Periodic disturbance triggers seedling establishment and, in natural environments, mullein is typically not problematic.

Common mullein is a biennial and can grow up to 7 feet tall. To reduce mullein populations, simply dig up rosettes and clip off flowering head before seed set. Herbicides must be used in conjunction with a surfactant due to mullein's hairy leaves that wick water. These hairs are an irritant to grazing animals, making the plant



Common mullein

unpalatable and, as such, grazing is largely ineffective as a control. Common mullein populations are a symptom of overgrazing.

Despite being a noxious weed, mullein has been used for herbal remedies going back centuries. It is commonly used to relieve skin, throat and respiratory ailments and is typically made into infusions or oils, poultices and teas.

Archuleta County Weed and Pest is your local resource for managing noxious weed populations and controlling other pests.

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

Medical alert monitoring systems available for seniors

By Cheryl Wilkinson
PREVIEW Columnist

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

Please call 264-2167 for more information or to sign up.

Health and wellness services

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.

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

Clinical assessment will be provided by Tabitha Zappone, FNP-C.

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

The next Health and Wellness date will be in May; stay tuned for the date.

San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging: An eight-year study

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. The Kaiser Family Foundation and University of California, San Francisco, just released a national report titled "Nursing Facilities, Staffing, Residents and Facility Deficiencies, 2009 Through 2016."

The 48-page report includes these highlights (percentages are rounded):

- The average number of deficiencies cited by the Colorado health department is 9 to 11 per facility (the same as 10 states), whereas 30 states had a lower average. In 2016 for all the states, the most common deficiencies were given for failures in infection control (45 percent), food sanitation (43 percent), accident environment (40 percent), quality of care (34 percent) and pharmacy consultation (27 percent). Deficiencies for actual harm or jeopardy in Colorado decreased

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from 42 percent to 18 percent.

- In the study's eight years, nursing facility capacity has remained flat (an average of 94 to 96 Medicaid/Medicare certified beds per home in Colorado), but occupancy rates have declined (from 82 percent to 78 percent in Colorado). This may reflect a shift from institutional to community-based long-term care.

- The number of for-profit or chain-owned facilities grew in Colorado from 62 percent to 73 percent over the period. According to the study, these types of homes are linked to "poorer quality of care," so monitoring the trend would be important to decision makers and consumers.

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

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 26 — Hot chicken salad, roasted broccoli, zucchini medley, milk, salad bar and peach cobbler.

Friday, April 27 — Baked tilapia, rice pilaf, baby beets, mango salsa, salad bar and lemon dessert.

Monday, April 30 — Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, dinner roll, milk and salad bar.

Tuesday, May 1 — Chicken or vegetarian korma, brown rice, creamed green beans, milk, salad bar and peach cobbler.

Wednesday, May 2 — Beef stuffed peppers, steamed carrots, baked red potato, milk, salad bar and yogurt with strawberries.

Thursday, May 3 — Salmon cakes, black bean and peach salsa, Mexicali corn, milk and salad bar.

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

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

Thursday, April 26

Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

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

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

Computer Basics: Transparent Language Online. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Packed full of pronunciation, speech, grammar, writing and vocabulary building lessons, Transparent Language Online provides you with a complete language learning solution. Accessible from your computer or smartphone/tablet. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Tech Time. 2 p.m.-4 p.m., Sisson Library. Drop in with your tech-

nology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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

Lifelong Learning Lecture. 5 p.m., Ruby Sisson Library. Talk by Robin Young, CSU extension director for Archuleta County. An important discussion about what you can do to protect yourself and loved ones in the event of a wildfire. Young has an extensive background in forestry and fire, and she can help you plan to reduce your risk of wildfire and loss. 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 Stargazers. 7-8:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce. We are beginning a new series of lessons on "Getting to Know Our Night Sky," taught by Professor Murphy of the University of Virginia. For more information, go to www.SanJuanStargazers.com,

email sjstargazers@gmail.com or call 731-0676.

Friday, April 27

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Independent Living Skills Classes. 9-10:30 a.m., Community United Methodist Church. For

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Bird of the Week



Photo courtesy Ben Bailey

This week's Bird of the Week, compliments of the Weminuche Audubon Society and Audubon Rockies, is the northern shoveler.

Often seen as a winter resident in ponds and small lakes in southwestern Colorado, the northern shoveler is a hardy and unique dabbling duck, complete with a distinctly and disproportionately big spatulate bill. Filtering the surface of water with their comb-like bill, these medium-sized ducks feed with relative ease on crustaceans and small aquatic macroinvertebrates. When in great numbers, they will swim in a circular pattern, flushing out food.

The male has an iridescent head for the majority of the year. Viewed in low or flat light, the head sometimes appears dark or even purple. As they near breeding plumage in springtime, the head becomes noticeably greener. Oftentimes, when approaching, one may notice the bright white of the males' breasts when tipped in a dabbling position. This white is encased by rufous brown on the flanks and belly. The males carry a stunning stacked pattern of blue, white and green on their upper wing in flight. Females appear in mottled brown plumage similar to that of the mallard. Both males and females have a brilliant green speculum (flight feathers close to body).

Look for them on the PLPOA lakes as well as the shallow ponds seen near the Ross Aragon Community Center along the Riverwalk before they head to more northern climes for breeding season.

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

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adults with disabilities looking to develop skills to live the lives they desire in their communities. These classes will be interactive, informative and fun. For more information, contact Ruthie Uhl at 903-5880 or email ruthie@swilc.org.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

Literary Ladies Book Club. 10:30 a.m., Sisson Library. We will be discussing the book "When Everything Changed." Check with the library for availability of the book. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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

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.

Push-Up Challenge. 6 p.m., Crossfit Pagosa. Fundraiser challenge to push up victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. For more information, to register or to donate, visit: <http://www.crowdfunder.com/2018pushupchallengeoriginal>.

Jeremiah Johnson. 6-8 p.m., Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Drive. Jeremiah Johnson is known as a rising prophetic voice in our nation. We welcome all who would like to attend. Child care is provided.

Saturday, April 28

9Health Fair. 7-11 a.m., Pagosa Springs High School. Get a

whole battery of tests for a minimal cost of \$35, free blood pressure check, other screenings and education.

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

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

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

LEGO Club. 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Sisson Library. For kids 6 to 12 years old. We've got the LEGO bricks, all you need to bring is your imagination. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Jeremiah Johnson. 6-8 p.m., Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Drive. Jeremiah Johnson is known as a rising prophetic voice in our nation. We welcome all who would like to attend. Child care is provided.

Sunday, April 29

Jeremiah Johnson. 10 a.m., Restoration Fellowship Church, 264 Village Drive. Jeremiah is known as a rising prophetic voice in our nation. We welcome all who would like to attend. Child care is provided.

Pagosa Uke Jam. 2:30-4:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. All levels welcome. Come sing and share the fun. Instruction for beginners provided.

Benefit Concert and Silent Auc-

tion. 4 p.m., La Taqueria San Juans. A benefit to help Suzi White's fight against acute myeloid leukemia. Musicians performing will be the San Juan Mountain Boys and Bob Hemenger, as well as other local musicians. For donations, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/suziwhite> or Citizens Bank of Pagosa Springs.

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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 30

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Wolf Creek Christian Writers Network. 9-11 a.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship. Writers are invited to hone their craft in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. For more information, email richgammill41@wolfcreekwriters.com or call 731-2040.

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

Medicare Mondays. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging office. For benefits, explanation, questions and assistance for enrollment regarding Medicare parts A, B, D and supplemental policies. Call 264-0501, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

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

Adult Education. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sisson Library. Interested in getting your high school equivalency or GED? Need tutoring or help with placement tests? Come and see how Mark can help you. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Caregiver Support Group. 11 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. The meeting is led by Elaine Stumpo, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association.

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

Bingo. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

Teen Book Club. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Join us for snacks and lively discussion of this month's book, "The Darkest Part of the Forest," by Holly Black. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Tuesday, May 1

Veterans for Veterans. 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Yoga. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center.

Tech Time. 10 a.m.-noon, Sisson Library. Drop in with your technology questions. Contact the library at 264-2209 for further information.

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

Men's PTSD Group. Noon-1:30 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Focusing on resolving anger and conflict. Contact Kevin Kelly, Ph.D., at (505) 699-0824 for more information.

Mahjong. 1 p.m., Senior Center.

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

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

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

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

is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.

Pagosa Masonic Lodge No. 114 Order of the Eastern Star. 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 227 Lewis St. After a brief closed lodge meeting, there will be an open spaghetti dinner in the basement recreation area followed by a special presentation by several Grand Lodge officers about this worldwide Masonic appendant body open to both men and women. The Eastern Star Order is based on teachings from the Bible, but is open to all people of all religious beliefs. Call Patsy Troutner at (505) 927-9182 to make a reservation as space is limited.

Let's Dance Pagosa. 7-9 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Join us this month as we learn the fundamentals of Argentine tango. Call Wayne at 264-4792 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/Lets-Dance-Pagosa> for more information.

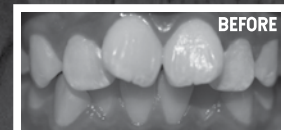
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Wednesday, May 2

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Family Storytime. 10-11 a.m., Sisson Library. Join us for great stories, fun songs, and plenty of reasons to get up and move. It's a great way for kids to have fun while building the skills they need to become independent readers. All ages. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Free Screenings. 10-11 a.m., Senior Center. San Juan Basin Public Health, screenings on total cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure checks, referrals and translations for Spanish speakers.

Flow Yoga Class. 10-11:30 a.m., Community Center. Please bring a mat and a towel. For more information, call Roz at (281) 435-0563.

Red Hat Meeting. 11:30 a.m., Boss Hogg's Restaurant.

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

Open Paint Sessions. 1-3 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. Work on your art projects in a social atmosphere. Call local artist Paula Bain for information at 731-1009.

Jelly Beans and Squiggly Things After-School Club. 3:30-5 p.m., Pagosa Springs Elementary School, room 9. For information, call 903-8104.

Spanish Instruction. 4-5 p.m., Sisson Library. Join us in this basic course to improve your ability to speak and understand Spanish. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

Role-Playing Game. 4-5:30 p.m., Sisson Library. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters in our ongoing RPG. This is a recurring program. If you want to be a part of the game but missed the last event, don't worry, you can join in anytime. For teens in the 7th-12th grades. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

The Spouses/Family of Veterans Group. 5:30-7 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. 225 S. Pagosa Blvd. Contact Dr. Sharon Carter at 398-0883 or Charlotte at 731-1025 for further information.

Screening of 'Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age.' 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pagosa Springs High School auditorium. "Screenagers" is the first feature documentary to explore the impact

of screen technology on kids and offer parents and families proven solutions that work. The viewing is sponsored by the Archuleta School District.

The Most Excellent Way. 7 p.m., CrossRoad Christian Fellowship Church, 1044 Park Ave. The Most Excellent Way offers Bible-based relief from addictions and compulsions, with men and women meeting separately for utmost confidentiality. Call 507-0123 for more information.

Thursday, May 3

Loaves and Fishes Community Lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parish Hall, Lewis Street. All are invited to enjoy a hot meal in a welcoming atmosphere.

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

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

Computer Class: Clean Up and Speed Up Your Computer. 1-2 p.m., Sisson Library. Come learn how to remove programs, manage space on your computer, speed up your browsing and more. Call 264-2209 for more information.

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

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., Ruby Sisson Library. Andrea Phillips, town manager of Pagosa Springs, will give a presentation about the importance of local government. She will describe the various projects the town is working on and has planned for the future. Phillips is a graduate of CU Boulder and the University of Ohio. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Adult ESL Classes. 5-7 p.m., Community United Methodist Church. English as a second language class. Free child care is provided. Contact ACEC-manager@gmail.com for more information.

San Juan Outdoor Club. 7 p.m., PLPOA Vista Clubhouse, 230 Port Ave. Bill Miner will show

slides taken while backpacking Salt Creek in Utah's Canyonlands with his wife, Jacquie. This part of the Canyonlands offers spectacular views, deep canyons, many ancestral puebloan ruins and associated rock art. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 4

Pickleball. 8 a.m.-noon, Community Center. Loaner paddles are available if you don't have one.

Pagosa Stitching Group. 9:30-11:30 a.m., second floor of the Pruitt building, Pagosa Springs Medical Center. Bring your stitching project and enjoy coffee and camaraderie. All stitchers are welcome.

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

Gaming. 2-3:15 p.m., Sisson Library. For all ages. Enjoy video gaming on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with all of your friends and family. Call 264-2209 for more information.

Community Prayer Event. 5-10 p.m., 755 San Juan St.

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UUs to hear from ninth-grade UU kids

By **Pauline Benetti**
Special to The PREVIEW

This is the fourth year that ninth-graders from the Front Range Unitarian Universalist (UU) churches will stop in Pagosa Springs on their way back home to share with us the message of their learning after a 10-day visit to the Hopi and Navajo nations, and it is the first year that a ninth-grader from our fellowship, Elan Ramirez, will have joined them.

Learnings from the experience will have come from having spent several days with the native peoples: three days on the three mesas of the Hopi people, attending the Kachina dances, observing and respecting an important element of Hopi religion; two days at a Navajo School in Tohaali attending classes with a Navajo student who had already become a pen pal, and participating in Navajo rituals. On the return, they will visit archaeological sites such as Canyon

de Chelly National Monument and the oldest continuously operating trading post in the U.S., the Hubbell Trading Post at Ganado, Ariz., where they will observe Navajo weavers.

That is not the end of the learning. Preparation for the trip involved attending classes on early southwestern history, Hopi and Navajo history, culture and religion, current concerns of the Native Americans of the southwest, as well as UU history.

In conversation with Ramirez prior to his departure, we learned that despite the three long weekend trips to different UU churches on the Front Range and the dawn-to-dusk hours in class, he was enthusiastic about what he had learned and the friends he had made and was really excited about the upcoming trip. Exactly how the ninth-graders will communicate their learning is always a surprise, but it will become clear that they have each had their own spiritual growth experience.

Something about the Pagosa UU Fellowship: We are a Welcoming Congregation; we invite everyone to share in our faith community. We cherish diversity and foster a safe environment for all. Service begins at 10:30 a.m. and, following that, we invite you to share refreshments and conversation. On third Sundays, our service includes Children's Religious Explorations. All youngsters ages 5-12 are welcome and there are no prerequisites. We invite parents and children to simply show up.

Find us in Unit B-15 of the Greenbrier Plaza. From North Pagosa Boulevard, turn right onto Park Avenue and right again into Greenbrier 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 always welcome.

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

The things we learned from Proverbs

By **Jeff Smith**
Special to The PREVIEW

When our kids were small, part of our bedtime routine was to discuss one or two verses from the Bible's book of wisdom, the Book of Proverbs. Later on, they made good choices, like when the Proverbs told my in-crowd daughter what a real friend was. Her real, lifelong friends came from the out crowd.

Their teenage years were so much easier on us all.

Some things I learned:

Both parents and kids want to be smart about life (Proverbs 1:4).

The Proverbs of Solomon are meant to be the best advice in the world (1Kings 3:12).

The Proverbs always bring up subjects worth talking about.

Proverbs are great for short attention spans.

A proverb has one meaning, but many uses.

A wise person uses meager assets well, such as knowledge, money, friends, power, time and strength.

The proverbs teach fair judg-

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ment. They compare wise ways with foolish ones, right actions to wrong, good to evil, and even degrees of good or degrees of evil.

They train our minds to use ethics and logic as well as faith. For instance, Proverbs 3:3 compares mercy and truth. This means I show mercy. Now tell me the truth.

They jump from one diverse subject to another, because life can throw more than one moral problem at us in a single moment.

The proverbs are not always true. This is OK. For instance, it says hard work leads to wealth (12:27), even though we can find the hard working poor and the lazy rich.

They are basic rules for good living, not blanket promises of a problem-free life.

Three thousand years ago, Solo-

mon said a woman could have "virtue." This was huge. The hero in the story is a lady, Lady Wisdom.

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New voter survey shows strong support for local libraries

By Carole Howard
PREVIEW Columnist, and the library staff

A new survey of U.S. voters commissioned by the American Library Association and its Public Library Association division offers valuable insights into current voter perceptions of their public libraries. Here are some of the key findings:

- Fifty-five percent of voters view their public library as an essential local institution, 58 percent believe public libraries advance education for any community and 44 percent view the library as a valued gathering place for community members.



- Two in three voters place high importance on basic library services such as quiet areas (67 percent), books and technology (66 percent), a broad range of materials to explore (65 percent), and access to computers and the Internet (65 percent).

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Rosa Cemetery cleanup set for May 19

By Agnes Sanchez
Special to The PREVIEW

The annual spring cleanup at the Rosa Cemetery is scheduled for May 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cemetery is located at the south end of CR 975, immediately to the left after the state border cattle guard.

We encourage anyone with

family or friends buried at Rosa Cemetery or anyone wishing to do community service to join us for the 2018 spring cleanup. Morning coffee and lunch will be provided by the Arboles Carmelitas.

If you can help, please come with rakes, shovels, Weedwackers, perhaps a riding mower and, most importantly, wearing gloves and hats. The fall cleanup is scheduled for Oct. 20. For more information, call 883-3330.

St. Peter-St. Rosa Church was built in 1978, merging the Rosa, N.M., and Arboles, Colo., churches when the two original churches were torn down to make room for Navajo Lake Reservoir and the new Rosa Cemetery, created when bodies were moved from Rosa to this new site. The church serves families in the Arboles, Allison and Tiffany area.

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Being a wise person is the second step in a two-step process. Jesus said love the Lord, then love your neighbor (Matt 23:37-39). The world around us works better after we deal with the one above us.

Its theme is one of great hope, that we can manage the part of life we have control over.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Pump, for one
- 5 Practice in the ring
- 9 Little rascal
- 14 Slow as molasses
- 15 Stubborn beast
- 16 Flamingo, for one
- 17 Coincidental
- 19 Taper off
- 20 Pragmatic one
- 21 Asylum seeker
- 22 Belief in no god
- 25 Glowing sign
- 26 Antiquated
- 29 Lacking nothing
- 31 Card game with tricks
- 33 Mendel's field
- 37 Big time
- 38 More than worried
- 40 ___ constrictor
- 41 Like many student jobs
- 43 Emotional
- 45 Playground time
- 47 Cow catcher
- 48 Old Chevy model
- 51 Bad kind of trading
- 53 In the thick of
- 55 Watch
- 59 Old photo color
- 60 Respected
- 62 Writer's rep.
- 63 Seemingly forever
- 64 Catch red-handed
- 65 The "L" of XXL
- 66 Driver's warning
- 67 Helen of ___

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- 7 Bass, for one
- 8 Clifford's color
- 9 Did some laps
- 10 Advisory group
- 11 Memorable saying
- 12 MGM opening?
- 13 Gussy up
- 18 Able to read and write
- 21 "Lose Yourself" rapper
- 23 Means of entry
- 24 Wineglass feature
- 26 Chick's sound
- 27 Mystical glow
- 28 Surgery reminder
- 30 Aromatic
- 32 Draw out
- 34 Egyptian bird
- 35 Plays for a sucker
- 36 Kind of palm

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- 1 Egg on
- 2 Put an edge on
- 3 Gumbo pods
- 4 Something to bat
- 5 #1 song

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- 39 Prayer's end
- 42 Kind of cards
- 44 Alternative
- 46 Coy expression
- 48 Twangy-sounding
- 49 Luxury watch brand
- 50 Deadly snake

- 52 Drench
- 54 Fill to the gills
- 56 Ski lift type
- 57 Miscellany
- 58 Trust, with "on"
- 60 British military org.
- 61 Swelled head

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Display advertising: Noon, Monday

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• Voters frequently visit libraries in person and online. A total of 70 percent of voters have visited a library in the last year, averaging 8.6 visits each, and 52 percent have visited the library's website in the last year, averaging 7.6 visits each.

• Interestingly, most voters are confused about library funding sources. Fifty-nine percent think most library funding comes from nonlocal sources such as state or federal. In reality, 86 percent of funding for U.S. libraries comes from local sources.

Funding for your Sisson Library comes from several local sources. Last year, 82.3 percent came from property taxes (73.7 percent) via the library mill levy (just like mill levies to support the fire department, schools, health services and other Archuleta County institutions) and vehicle ownership taxes (8.7 percent). Usually, this figure is more than 90 percent, the difference caused by an unusually large donation last year. In 2017, the rest of the funding came from local gifts and donations (12.3 percent), grants (1.7 percent), making copies (1.5 percent), in-house book sales (1.25 percent) plus several sources that were less than 1 percent each, including online book sales and the use of laminating and fax machines.

We also want to recognize the importance of contributions made by the Friends of the Library. Last year, their funds covered half the cost of the installation of the book drop at City Market, the other half coming from an LPEA grant.

• A total of 76 percent of voters support federal funding, with 38 percent saying it should increase and 38 percent saying it should stay the same.

• The majority of voters are willing to donate money to libraries, with 61 percent saying they have

either contributed to their local library or would be willing to do so.

Lifelong Learning Lecture today

The fourth presentation in our free spring Lifelong Learning Lecture series takes place today, April 26, when Robin Young will lead a wildlife preparedness workshop to help you reduce your risk of wildfire and loss from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

These outstanding talks continue every Thursday until May 17.

May presentations include Andrea Phillips, town manager, talking about local government and the town's recent and future major projects on May 3; San Juan Basic Public Health personnel discussing proper nutrition and healthy eating on a budget on May 10; and Andrew Gulliford, 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.

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.

Operation Veteran Reconnect

Next Friday, May 4, Adult Services Librarian Brad Glover will man a table at the Vets for Vets event at the high school from 6 to 8 p.m. to inform veterans and their families about the many free library resources available to them.

These include computer use, Internet access and tech support; access to health, learning and ancestry data bases to help vets find information about fallen comrades and shipmates; and our interlibrary loan service that allows vets to borrow or request almost any military-themed book or DVD.

Vets for Vets will also provide many other informational opportunities for our local veterans and their families at this special event.

All-ages gaming tomorrow

Join us tomorrow, Friday, April 27, from 2 to 3:15 p.m. for a free all-ages gaming session where you can enjoy video gaming on Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect with your friends and family.

Literary Ladies tomorrow

This free book-lovers' group — formerly the Senior Book Club — meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Tomorrow, Friday, April 27, they will discuss "When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present" by Gail Collins. Stop by the

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LEGO Club Saturday

Kids aged 6-12 are invited to bring their imaginations — LEGOs are provided — this Saturday, April 28, from 11 a.m. to noon for the free LEGO Club.

Teen book club

On Monday, April 30, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the teen book club, seventh-through 12th-graders will discuss “The Darkest Part of the Forest” by Holly Black and enjoy free snacks. Stop by the library to pick up a copy.

Spanish instruction

Join us for this free basic course next Wednesday, May 2, from 4 to 5 p.m. to improve your ability to speak and understand Spanish. We will go over expressions using the verb haber. No registration is required.

Teen role-playing

The free role-playing game for seventh- through 12th-graders takes place Wednesday, May 2, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Use your imagination to go on adventures and battle monsters. You can join this group any time.

Teen advisory board

Next Thursday, May 3, 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.

Tech sessions

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

Computer/technology classes

Join us on Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. for free sessions to learn a technology skill or application.

Today, April 26, we'll cover 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

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

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

How-to and self help

“Natural Causes” by Barbara Ehrenreich describes how we over-prepare and worry too much about what is inevitable, including aging. “The Gifts of Imperfection” by research professor Brene Brown helps you let go of who you think you're supposed to be and embrace who you are. “Eat a Little Better” by Sam Kass, former chef to the Obamas and White House food policy advisor, offers guidelines and 90 recipes to make it easier to do a little better for your diet — and the environment — every day.

Other nonfiction

“Rocket Men” by Robert Kurson explores the daring odyssey of Apollo 8 and the astronauts who made man's first journey to the moon. “Wild Moms: Motherhood in the Animal Kingdom” by Dr. Carin Bondar is a fascinating book that reveals a new perspective on the mother/child relationship. “Hunting El Chapo” by Andrew Hogan is a real-life thriller by the DEA agent

who tracked down the world's most-wanted kingpin. “Blood Moon” by John Sedgwick is the story of the centuries-long feud between two Cherokee chiefs. “Because We Are Bad” by Lily Baily is the memoir of a young woman's childhood battle with OCD. “Fascism: A Warning” by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright explains her concerns about fascism's current threat to international peace and justice. “The Dream of the Earth” by Thomas Berry, a Catholic priest, explores the human relationship with our planet. “Meghan” by royal biographer Andrew Morton is the story of the life of Prince Harry's bride-to-be.

Academy Award DVDs

“The Post” received nominations for best picture and best actress for Meryl Streep in this true story about the Washington Post's role in exposing government corruption.

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“The Cutting Edge” by Jeffery Deaver is a Lincoln Rhyme mystery. “Macbeth” by Jo Mesbo focuses

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Rise Above Violence wants you to embrace your voice

By Ashley Wilson
Special to The PREVIEW

Pagosa Springs is an amazing community. There are so many ways people are supported and so many groups doing great work. In all of these cases, thank you for embracing your voice for causes that help our town be better, do better and provide such a sense of community.

Now, embrace your voice again, not just in April, but all year, to support victims and survivors of sexual violence.

There are many ways you can use your voice:

1) Believe victims — if a friend, co-worker, child or anyone else tells you, believe them.

2) Encourage others to learn more — if you know the facts, share them with community members

who may not understand the issues.

3) Get involved — Rise Above Violence always needs volunteers; crisis hotline volunteers and special event or office volunteers.

4) Break the silence — Silence is what keeps victims living in shame instead of freedom, silence lets the abuser get away with it, silence is not part of the solution.

The solution is creating a community where violence is not tolerated, where we as individual community members hold each other accountable for things we say and actions we take. How we talk about sexual violence matters. One voice cannot change the dialogue, but all of our voices can. Most importantly, we need to give a voice to those who are too afraid to speak.

We need to give a voice to the child who is being sexually abused

at home, to the teen who is being harassed and assaulted at school or out in our community, to the women and men who do not tell because they are afraid or ashamed — we are their voice. Shout out with Rise Above Violence that our community will support survivors, that they have a place, that they have hope and that healing is possible.

If you are a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence, there is help. Rise Above Violence is a nonprofit organization that provides free services to victims and survivors. Whether it has been 10 minutes or 10 years, our advocates are here to help you. There is no obligation to report to law enforcement; our advocates will help you understand all your choices. You are not alone.

Rise Above Violence's 24-hour hotline can be reached at 264-9075.

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■ continued from previous page on a police force trying to fix the drug problem in a run-down town. "The Fallen" by David Baldacci is an Amos Decker thriller. "The First Family" by Michael Palmer is a medical political thriller.

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ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following job openings with complete descriptions located on the website www.mypagosaschools.com under District/ Job Openings tab. Elementary Special Education Teacher (2018-19), High School Special Education Teacher (2018-19), Elementary Half-Time Stepping Stones Teacher (2018-19), High School Assistant Cheerleading Coach (2018-19), High School Assistant Track Coach for Jumping, District Maintenance Technician, Sub Teachers, Sub Cafeteria Staff, Sub Bus Drivers and Sub Custodial. For more information, contact Laura Mijares at lmijares@pagosa.k12.co.us.

SPANISH LANGUAGE INTERPRETER/TRANSLATOR. The Town of Pagosa Springs is seeking a Spanish Language Interpreter/Translator to provide services to the Municipal Court and Police Department including, but not limited to, court appearances, conferences, telephone calls, and correspondence. Interpreters must possess and maintain a high level of skill, proficiency, and professionalism in interpreting. For more information about this contract position, please go to www.pagosasprings.co.gov. To apply, please submit a letter of interest and resume to Human Resources at kharker@pagosasprings.co.gov or by mail to PO Box 1859, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147.

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SEASONAL PARK LABOR. The Town of Pagosa Springs is hiring for Seasonal Parks Labor to perform maintenance of the Town's extensive parks and trail system. Duties include landscape maintenance, general repair of park equipment and facilities, assisting at special events and more. For more information and to apply, go to www.pagosasprings.co.gov or stop by Town Hall to pick up an application. Pay range between \$11 and \$14 per hour dependent on experience.

ELDER CARE. 9:30-7:30a.m. Monday- Saturday, 3 days per week, no Sundays. Work in tandem with another caregiver. No heavy housework, lifting or shopping. Prepare meals and help with mobility. Need kind, companionable person. Please call (970)799-0829 and leave message with qualifications and experience.

SEASONAL WEED AND PEST TECHNICIAN. Archuleta County Colorado is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Seasonal Weed and Pest Tech. Visit www.archuletacounty.org for job details. This is a full-time seasonal position. Wage \$14.47/ hour. Submit application and resume to Human Resources, PO Box 1507, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, fax (970)264-1879 or email to rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

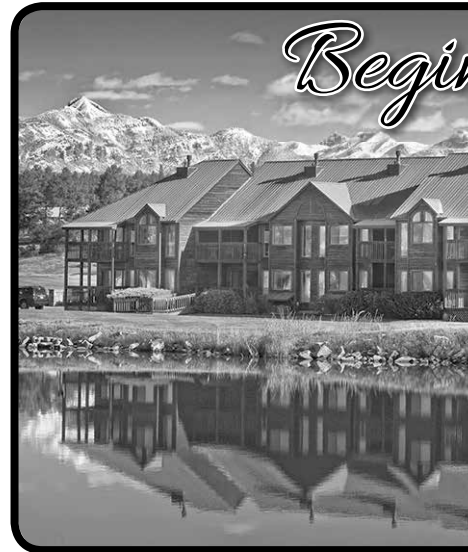
POSITION OPENINGS: PAGOSA PEAK Open School (www.ppos.co) is taking applications for the following positions. **Advisor/ Teacher Position:** (Full time). Full-time position to work with elementary-age students in a project-based learning environment. Interest and ability to move up with the students into grades 5, 6, 7, & 8 as the school becomes K-8. Experience preferred. Ability to teach Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies to a multi-age classroom. Position is part of an educator collaborative that works together to implement the vision and mission of PPOS. **Business Manager: (Part time).** Part-time Business Manager position. Leads and oversees the accounting and business functions of the Pagosa Peak Open School. Maintains accurate financial records and furnishes reports and information needed to assist and implement the efficient operation of the PPOS financial affairs. Position is part of an educator collaborative team that works together to implement the vision and mission of PPOS. **Special Education Teacher: (Part time).** Part-time Special Education teacher position to work with elementary age students in a project-based learning environment. Experience preferred. Current Colorado Special Education License or ability to secure in a timely manner. Position is part of an educator collaborative that works together to implement the vision and mission of PPOS. **To Apply: Send Letter of Interest and Resume to jlewicki@ppos.co.**

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SEEDS OF LEARNING is accepting applications for classroom substitutes. Must be 21 years of age and pass a background check. Starting pay is \$13 an hour. Call Melissa at (970)264-5513 for more information.

LOOKING FOR AN ASSISTANT lawn and garden care person. Must be hard working, dependable and have own transportation. Please call Sheri at (970)403-6490.

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HIPPIE CHICK MASSAGE is hiring 2-3 additional Licensed Massage Therapists for our busy summer season. Must give an excellent massage. Great pay, working environment and flexibility! Call Shannon (970)946-4578 hippiechickmassage@gmail.com.

PART-TIME DETENTION OFFICER. Archuleta County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for a part-time Detention Officer. Starting wage is \$18.48/ hour. Visit www.archuletacounty.org for position description or submit application and resume to rsmith@archuletacounty.org. Archuleta County is an equal opportunity employer.

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DULCE INDEPENDENTS SCHOOLS. Dulce, New Mexico. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. The Dulce Independent School District is seeking applications for the following positions for the 2018-19 SY. POSITIONS: Elementary Instructors, Middle School Instructors, High School Instructors, Educational Assistants. QUALIFICATIONS: NM teaching license. Teaching experience: Minimum of 3 years in NM (preferred). Reasonable degree of computer literacy ability to works with students with special needs. SALARY: As per board approved salary schedules for 2018-19. APPLICATION PROCEDURES: **Submit applications at www.dulceschools.com - Job Opportunities Frontline Education.** Application packet should include: Complete DISD application, letter of interest, current resume, copy of NM teaching license, official post-secondary transcripts; (3) employment or education references; satisfactory completion of background investigation. APPLICATION DEADLINE: **Until filled. SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:** Debbie Manzanares dfmanzanares@dulceschools.com or Jessica Valdez jvaldez@dulceschools.com; (575)759-2905, PO Box 547, Dulce, NM 87528. **All applications will be screened. Selected applicants will be invited for an interview. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.** The Dulce Independent School District is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, religion, age, sex marital status or handicap in compliance with federal and state laws.

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REPORTER - THE PAGOSA SPRINGS SUN is seeking qualified candidates. Must demonstrate aptitude for, and commitment to community newspaper journalism. Candidates must be prepared to handle deadlines, cover breaking news, report on sports and government and write features. Position is 30 hours a week. Send cover letter including salary expectations, resume, references and clips to Reporter Position, The Pagosa Springs SUN, PO Box 9, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or hand-deliver them to the paper at 457 Lewis St. Emailed submissions are acceptable (helpwanted@pagosasun.com). The Pagosa Springs SUN, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

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